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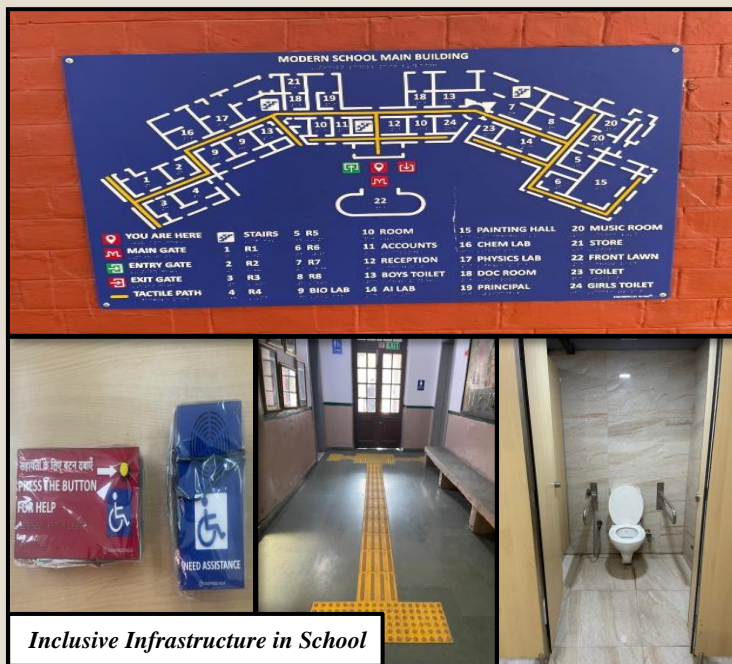
MODERN SCHOOL, BARAKHAMBA ROAD

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ENSURING ACCESSIBILITY: IMPLEMENTING INCLUSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE AT MODERN SCHOOL, BARAKHAMBA ROAD

The Special Education Department and the Administration Department of Modern Barakhamba worked together to implement key infrastructural enhancements, ensuring provisions for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in the school.



Inclusive Infrastructure in School

WHAT'S NEW AT MODERN?

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"We can teach our children to flap their wings, but conditions have to be just right for them to fly."

- Annie Campbell

- ✚ A dedicated, CwSN-compliant boys' washroom on the ground floor, adjacent to the main building's entrance/exit, featuring ample space for wheelchair/walker movement and a folding-style door.
- ✚ An emergency alarm switch installed in both boys' and girls' washrooms, activating an audio alert to summon assistance when required.

- ✚ A tactile pathway for visually impaired students extending from the main gate (Gate No. 1) on Barakhamba Road to the school's main entrance.
- ✚ Additional tactile pathways positioned strategically:
 - ✓ Outside the boys' washroom on the ground floor near the Principal's corridor.
 - ✓ Outside the transportation room.
 - ✓ Outside the girls' washroom on the ground floor near the A.I. Lab.



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- ✚ A tactile map installed near the reception at the main building entrance to assist students with low or no vision.
- ✚ Braille signage affixed to handrails on the staircase leading to the first floor near the reception and beside the Special Education Room.
- ✚ The International Board of Signage for Accessible Buildings for Persons with Disabilities installed at Gate No. 5.

EMPOWERING YOUNG LEGISLATORS: MOCK YOUTH PARLIAMENT ENGAGES STUDENTS IN DEMOCRATIC DISCOURSE

Modern School, Barakhamba Road, hosted a Mock Youth Parliament on September 19, 2024, meticulously replicating the proceedings of the Lok Sabha. The event brought together 37 students from Classes 11 and 12, who engaged in a dynamic simulation centred on the Women's Reservation Bill, 2023—a landmark proposal advocating 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies. This thought-provoking session was the result of six weeks of rigorous preparation, during which participants delved into parliamentary procedures and legislative intricacies.



Assuming roles of the Speaker, Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, ministers, and MPs, students engaged in a lively and structured debate, critically analyzing the bill's provisions and its profound implications for gender representation in Indian politics. Their arguments—both in favour of and against the bill—were insightful, well-researched, and persuasive, reflecting a commendable depth of understanding.

The extensive preparatory phase was marked by intensive study sessions, multiple rehearsals, and an unwavering commitment to mastering the protocols of the Lok Sabha. Each participant embodied their assigned role with professionalism and authenticity, navigating the complexities of parliamentary proceedings with confidence and poise. The event not only enriched their understanding of India's legislative framework but also instilled in them the spirit of democracy and informed debate.

"The object of Parliament is to substitute argument for fisticuffs."

- Winston Churchill

STUDENTS ENGAGE IN HIGH-STAKES DEBATE ON POLLUTION AT NDTV'S THE BIG FIGHT



Ms Richa Bhatia with Students at NDTV Studio

On September 27, 2024, students from Modern School, Barakhamba Road, embarked on a media odyssey, gaining a front-row seat to the live recording of NDTV's acclaimed debate show, The Big Fight. The episode, titled 'War Against Pollution', focused on the escalating air quality crisis in the National Capital Region (NCR) as winter approached.

The discussion addressed the annual challenge of deteriorating air quality, exacerbated by stubble burning, vehicular emissions, industrial pollution, and unfavourable weather conditions. The panel featured Delhi's Environment Minister, Mr Gopal Rai, alongside leading environmental experts, government officials, and public health specialists, all deliberating on the Delhi Government's newly launched 'War Against Pollution' campaign.

Seated in the audience, the students had the opportunity to engage directly with the panel, posing insightful questions that underscored the critical role of youth in addressing pollution and its impact on daily life. Their participation exemplified active citizenship, highlighting their commitment to a cleaner, healthier future.

The visit to NDTV's The Big Fight was an enriching and eye-opening experience, immersing students in a real-world discourse on environmental policy. As the episode concluded with a call to action for governments, citizens, and especially the youth, the students left inspired and determined to advocate for clean air and a sustainable future.

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."

- Native American Proverb

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