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52nd ANNUAL NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS' CONFERENCE (NPSC)

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. - Benjamin Franklin"



The 52nd Annual National Progressive Schools' Conference (NPSC) was held from 25th to 26th April, 2025. This two-day event focused on the themes of conflict resolution and peacebuilding in education. Since its beginning in 1973, NPSC has aimed to promote innovative approaches in teaching, educational policy, and overall school improvement.

Vijay Datta, being part of the Executive Committee, helped guide the proceedings. He facilitated a key session, titled "Student-Teacher Perspectives: Collaborative Solutions for Classroom Conflicts. Two of our students, Zara Javed and Devasya Agarwal, participated in this session and shared their views. Zara spoke about the pressures students face in today's world, including the need to fit certain societal expectations. She stressed the importance of empathy and life skills education. Devasya added to this by encouraging better communication and mutual respect between students and teachers to handle classroom issues more effectively.

The school choir also performed during the event. Their performance was well-received and appreciated by the audience. The conference ended with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr Datta. He thanked all the participants and speakers for their contribution to the discussion on progressive education.

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PRATAP HOUSE FUNCTION 2025



On 29th April 2025, Pratap House of Modern Barakhamba, organised an impressive and vibrant House function to celebrate the teamwork of its students.

In honour of World Dance Day, Gyana Ram delivered a spiritually uplifting dance performance that evoked reverence and grace. The cultural segment continued with a captivating musical ballet, performed by the entire cast of Pratap House, which creatively adapted the classic fairytale of 'Snow White' into a delightful theatrical spectacle. The audience was left mesmerized by the performance's energy and creativity. Following the performances, the house report was presented, highlighting the academic, co-curricular, and sports achievements of Pratap House students during the year—a moment of pride and motivation for both students and faculty.

To reinforce house spirit and unity, the house song was soulfully sung by the students of Pratap House, reflecting their enthusiasm and teamwork. The Principal, in his address, applauded the talent and effort displayed by the students and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in all fields. The function stood as a testimony to the values of discipline, creativity, and excellence upheld by Pratap House and Modern School as a whole.

INTER HOUSE DEBATE COMPETITION 2025

The Inter-House Debate Competition 2025 was organised by the Debating Society of Modern Barakhamba, on the 28th and 30th of April under the guidance of Ms. Meghna Kapoor. The event showcased the critical thinking and oratory skills of students from all Houses through three intense rounds and was judged by Ms. Mona Jayant Patras and Ms. Dimpay Mathur, esteemed teachers from Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan. The competition began with a challenging extempore round, where 32 participants spoke impromptu on a range of contemporary and abstract topics. Following a highly engaging and thought-provoking session, six Houses—Nehru, Ranjit, Tilak, Shastri, Laxmibai, and Kalam—emerged victorious and advanced to the final rounds.

Tanmay Sharma (Class 11 C) from Ranjit House and Laavanya Bhagwati (Class 11 J) from Shastri House, were declared the Most Promising Speakers in this round.

The finals featured two formats: the 2v2 debate and the dynamic block and tackle round. In the 2v2 debates, teams presented structured arguments on pressing issues, displaying strong logic, rebuttal, and teamwork. The block and tackle segment, required participants to swiftly switch between speaking for and against the motion on cue.



WINNERS – LAXMIBAI HOUSE

1. Nergis Malhotra	Class 12 I
2. Vedant Bajpai	Class 12 J

RUNNER UP – TILAK HOUSE

1. Sarthak Ranganathan	Class 12 B
2. Amiya Manchanda	Class 12 C

BEST SPEAKER FOR THE MOTION

1. Divij Wahi	Class 12 G
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BEST SPEAKER AGAINST THE MOTION

1. Nergis Malhotra	Class 12 I
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BEST SPEAKER IN BLOCK & TACKLE ROUND

1. Sarthak Ranganathan	Class 12 B
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“In all debates, let truth be thy aim, not victory, or an unjust interest.” — William Penn

MUN CONFERENCE AT SANSKRITI SCHOOL 2025

Over the course of three days 22nd April to 24th April, 2025, more than three hundred students gathered from across the nation to participate in the Thirteenth edition of the Sanskriti Model United Nations Conference. During the event, these young minds put their heads and hearts together as they deliberated strongly on the world's problems and built even stronger solutions. The delegation from Modern Barakhamba, with guidance from Ms. Sonia Kapoor (teacher in charge, MUN Society) and Principal, Dr. Vijay Datta, put their skills to the test — shining as diplomats and paving the way for change as leaders.

The school was awarded the **‘OUTSTANDING SCHOOL DELEGATION AWARD’** for its exemplary performance. Modern Barakhamba, takes great pride in acknowledging the excellent achievements of the following students:

1. 6th Lok Sabha, 1978
Divij Wahi - Best Delegate

**2. Council For Middle Eastern
Security and Cooperation**
Zara Javed - Outstanding Delegate
Amaira Jain - Honourable Mention

3. UNCA Journalists
Anahita Wadhwa - Outstanding Delegate
Ananya Rajan - Honourable Mention

4. Delian League- Semi Crisis Committee
Moksha Dhian Kochhar - Honourable Mention
Zara Vickers - Honourable Mention



5. The Pyrenean Gambit- Crisis Committee
Nergis Malhotra - Honourable Mention
Zaina Sethi - Verbal Mention

6. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
Sia Gupta - Honourable Mention
Arhaan Gupta - Verbal Mention

7. United Nations General Assembly (DISEC)
Sairaah Luther - Honourable Mention
Anuragini Verma - Verbal Mention



CREATIVE
CORNER



Aanya Gupta S2 D

Divij Malik S1 H

Aarohi Bhadra S1 H



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