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Chief Guest Shri Parvesh Verma, Honourable Minister, Government of Delhi at the Yamuna River (YaRI) Exhibition

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YAMUNA: OUR RIVER, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

YaRI Exhibition

The Yamuna River Initiative (YaRI) is an innovative educational program designed and developed by the Modern Institute for Education, for the schools in Delhi-NCR.

The initiative focuses on one of India's most significant yet endangered rivers and encourages the students to reconnect with nature by exploring the Yamuna through science, history, culture and storytelling. YaRI seeks to instill empathy, awareness, and responsibility in young learners, inspiring them to protect natural resources.

It addresses pressing challenges like freshwater scarcity and climate change, while highlighting the need to balance environmental conservation with urban development for a sustainable future.

On 26th July 2025 the students of Modern Barakhamba, organised a powerful Interdisciplinary Exhibition under the Yamuna River Initiative. Under the meticulous guidance of Principal Dr Vijay Datta, the exhibition aimed at raising awareness about the deteriorating condition of the Yamuna River. The event was graced by Shri Parvesh Verma, Honourable Minister for Water, Public Works, Irrigation and Flood Control, Government of Delhi, who has been taking up an active role in the revival of the holy river of Yamuna.

Blending art, science, and performance, the exhibition creatively depicted damage inflicted on the river due to pollution and human negligence. Students conducted in-depth research on the Yamuna River through an interdisciplinary lens, studying its economic impact on local livelihoods, psychological effects of environmental degradation, geographical changes along its course, and chemical analysis of its waters. This holistic approach reflected how various academic disciplines can come together to





understand and address real-world issues. Striking paintings and illustrations depicted the contrast between the river's past purity and its present toxicity. Students carried out compelling scientific experiments to demonstrate water pollution levels and also showcased eco-friendly solutions. Engaging performances including poetry and storytelling brought emotional depth to the issue, linking cultural reverence for the Yamuna with its current crisis. Student- made documentaries along the banks of the river further immersed the visitors in the river's journey. This initiative reflected the students' deep sense of responsibility and their innovative approach to the environmental advocacy.

ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE

On 30th July, 2025 Modern Barakhamba participated in the RS Zoom Postcard hosted by The Shri Ram School, Mousari on the theme **"Blueprints of Change: Thriving through Service"**. This 60-minute call was attended by over 200 delegates. The Modern School delegation consisted of Amaira Jain (11-I), Nandini Khanna (11-I), Fatima Khan (11-I), Avika Bansal (12-G), Arshia Jain (12-G) and Atharva Aggarwal (12-G). They were accompanied by the Modern School RS Representative Ms Shalini Dahiya.

In preparation for the session, all participants were encouraged to reflect and prepare a personal story of a small act of service, innovation or a community initiative they had led, witnessed or been inspired by; reinforcing the idea that service can be both powerful and personal. The call began with a thought-provoking student-led video presentation by the host school, showcasing a successful youth-led enterprise.

The event commenced with a short video on a student-led enterprise by the host school. Shortly after, the students were divided into breakout rooms where they dwelled further into the topic. It started off with a fun activity to break the ice. The student discussions delved deep into reflective questions like "What does it mean to thrive through service?", "What would the world look like if every person committed to one kind act per week for five years?" "Is all service visible, or can quiet, invisible acts be just as impactful?"

Students shared personal anecdotes, and the Modernites proudly talked about their selfless contributions from organizing community clean-up drives and setting up informal teaching sessions for



Round Square Delegation

underprivileged children, to launching small sustainability projects – each story reflecting the spirit of service, empathy, and responsible leadership that lies at the heart of Round Square ideals.

This conference was not just a platform to share, but also to listen, learn and reimagine how youth-led service can create ripples across societies. It reinforced the belief that true leadership begins with empathy, and the journey to thriving begins with one kind act at a time.

TOBACCO CONTROL COMMITTEE- SENSITIZATION TRAINING FOR SCHOOL NODAL TEACHERS

A Sensitization Training Programme was organised by the National Tobacco Control Programme for the School Nodal Teachers on 1st August, 2025. This Training was held at Vidya Bhawan Mahavidyalaya, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi. Ms Anuradha Maini represented Modern Barakhamba.

The key highlights of the meeting were The Introduction and overview of NTCP programme and the implementation of Tofei guidelines. The implications and ill effects of tobacco on health, economy and environment were discussed. The Behavioural and Psychological Approach for Tobacco Control in school children was analysed.



School Nodal Teachers attending the Sensitization Training

The teachers were apprised about newer smoking devices available in the markets. The teachers were also explained about Tobacco Cessation using technical approaches. The significance of the display of “Tobacco Free Education Institution” signage was understood and was made mandatory for all school entrances.

It was decided that “No Tobacco Use” should be included in the School Code of Conduct. Schools were asked to hold activities related to Tobacco Sensitization every 6 months. The schools were asked to appoint Tobacco Monitors in all classes. The teachers were informed about Tobacco Cessation Clinics where cases could be referred for Counselling. It was also reiterated that it was essential for all the teachers and educational institutions to identify any such cases and forward them to the Zonal Officers.

ZONAL ON THE SPOT PAINTING COMPETITION

The Zonal On The Spot Painting competition was held on 2nd August 2025 at the Union Academy Sr Sec School, Raja Bazar. Modern Barakhamba was represented by Aaroohi Bhadra (6-H) and Armaan (8-B) in the Junior Category. The Senior Category was represented by Aryaman Singh (9-F) and Vannyya Aggarwal (11-I).

Laurels were brought to Modern School Barakhamba as Aaroohi Bhadra secured the **1st position** in the Junior Category and Vannyya Aggarwal secured the **2nd position** in the Senior Category.