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“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
---Eleanor Roosevelt



MODERN CELEBRATES 105TH FOUNDER'S DAY

While **“Lighting the Lamp of Legacy”** the 105th Founder's Day of Modern Barakhamba, was celebrated with grandeur and reverence on **17th October 2025**, paying homage to the school's illustrious founder, **Lala Raghbir Singh** — a visionary whose ideals transcended time. His dream to establish an institution that blended Indian values with modern education has flourished into a living legacy, shaping generations of young minds and inspiring them to lead with wisdom, compassion, and courage.

“Legacy is not leaving something for people: it's leaving something in people.” : Peter Strople

Through the decades, Modern Barakhamba has remained a beacon of excellence, a symbol of holistic learning, and a place where intellect and imagination walk hand in hand. The momentous occasion was graced by the **Chief Guest, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan**, the world-renowned Sarod maestro and distinguished alumnus of the school. His presence embodied the very spirit of Modern — one that nurtures talent to reach global heights while staying rooted in humility and gratitude.



Distinguished Company: A Gathering of Visionaries

The event was further honored by the gracious presence of eminent dignitaries: **Ms Mira Pradeep Singh**, President, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools; **Ms Ambika Pant**, Secretary, Board of Trustees; **Mr Aditya Gupta**, Treasurer, Board of Trustees; **Justice Mukul Mudgal**, Member, Board of Trustees, and Chairman, School Managing Committee; **Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul**, Chairman, Managing



Committee, Modern School, Vasant Vihar; **Mr Ajay Verma**, Member, Board of Trustees, and Chairman, Managing Committee, R.S. Junior Modern School; **Dr Geetanjali Chanda** and **Col Vijay Chadda**, Members, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools; along with several members of the School Managing Committee.



"The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence." — Rabindranath Tagore

The day unfolded with the gracious arrival of the **Chief Guest** and distinguished dignitaries, warmly received by **Dr Vijay Datta**, Principal, Modern Barakhamba. Their visit commenced with an inspiring journey through the exhibition themed “**The River Chambal**”—a confluence of creativity, science, and environmental consciousness.



A Journey Through Artistic Vision of River Chambal and Yamuna

The exhibition, a thoughtful tribute to one of India's most storied rivers, sought to highlight the **ecological significance of the Chambal** and its enduring relationship with the civilizations that have flourished along its banks. Students enthusiastically shared their insights, narrating how the project had deepened their appreciation of riverine ecosystems and the delicate balance of nature.

Each gallery reflected a unique facet of innovation and learning, featuring contributions from diverse departments—**Electronics & Robotics**, **Fashion & Jewellery Designing**, **Graphics (Printmaking)**, **Home Science & Interiors**, **Paper Technology**, **Painting & Fine Arts**, **Photography**, **Pottery & Ceramics**, and **Woodcraft & Sculpture**. The exhibits transformed scientific facts into artistic expression, seamlessly blending environmental studies with creative design and technological ingenuity. The dignitaries, deeply impressed by the interdisciplinary approach, commended the school's initiative for weaving together art, geography, and sustainability into an immersive educational experience. Their words of encouragement resonated with admiration for the school's continued endeavor to foster **environmental awareness, innovation, and experiential learning**—values that lie at the heart of a truly modern education. An impressive **trophy display** followed, celebrating the school's numerous laurels in academics, co-curricular pursuits, and sports for the academic year 2024–25.

A CEREMONY OF PRIDE AND PERFORMANCE

"Excellence is not a skill; it is an attitude." — Ralph Marston

The day's formal celebrations began with a breathtaking **horse show**, where Modern's accomplished equestrians displayed unmatched precision, balance, and discipline — hallmarks of the school's ethos.



A Legacy of Excellence on Display

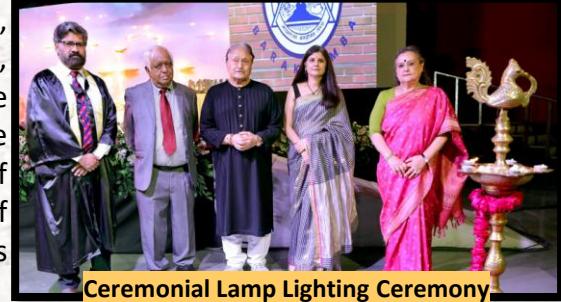


Grace in Motion: The Equestrian Display



Rhythms of pride: NCC and Scottish Band

The **Guard of Honour** by the **School NCC Troupe**, accompanied by the vibrant rhythms of the **School Band**, created a stirring atmosphere of pride and patriotism. The ceremonial **lighting of the lamp** followed, signifying the victory of knowledge over ignorance. The resonant voices of the **School Choir** filled the air with the melodious strains of the **School Song**, "Badhte Chalen Hum Sarvada," a timeless reminder of the school's spirit of progress.



Ceremonial Lamp Lighting Ceremony

REFLECTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

"The roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best that you can become."

— Harold Taylor



Honouring the Chief Guest with an Artistic Portrait

In his address, **Dr Datta** presented the **Annual Report for 2024–25**, encapsulating the institution's achievements, innovations, and new initiatives. The students: **Zara Javed (Class XII)** and **Devasya Agarwal (Class XII)** then eloquently presented the **Co-curricular Activities Report and Sports**

Modern's philosophy of holistic growth. The Chief Guest and dignitaries were honoured with mementoes, following which **meritorious students** received awards for their exceptional accomplishments across academics, arts, leadership, and athletics.



An Emotional Odyssey – THE SOUL OF THE CELEBRATION

"Creativity is intelligence having fun." — Albert Einstein

The highlight of the celebration was the enthralling in-house **musical production**, "An Emotional Odyssey" The performance traversed the landscape of human emotion — love, despair, hope, and triumph, leaving the audience deeply moved. With its exquisite choreography, evocative music, and expressive storytelling, the show conveyed a powerful message: **hope conquers adversity and the human spirit endures through compassion and courage**.

When Music Speaks: *The Emotional Odyssey* Unfolds



Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, in his address, fondly reflected on his years at Modern Barakhamba. He recounted a moment of childhood anxiety when he had confessed, *"Main Math mein fail ho jaoonga,"* and was met with the reassuring response of MN Kapur, *"Main hone nahi doonga."* He shared that the strong foundation he received at Modern has continued to empower him to meet life's challenges with confidence and grace.

The sight of the horse riders on the front lawn, he said, rekindled vivid memories of his own riding lessons. Commending the students' musical presentation, he rendered a soulful tarana and reflected, *"Swar has the power to connect us with the divine, and music unites humanity—it transcends all boundaries and religions."*



A FITTING FINALE

"The torch of learning once lit, must be kept aglow by each generation."

The celebration concluded with the **Vote of Thanks** delivered by Justice Mukul Mudgal, Member, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools, and Chairman, School Managing Committee. He lauded the Principal, faculty, and students for orchestrating a splendid event and congratulated the entire Modern fraternity for upholding the school's rich legacy with creativity and commitment. As the curtains drew to a close, the 105th Founder's Day of Modern Barakhamba, stood as a radiant testament to its timeless ideals — a legacy of learning, leadership, and love for life. It was not merely a celebration of history, but a continuation of the flame first kindled by **Lala Raghbir Singh**, a flame that continues to illuminate countless young minds on their path to success.



A Harmonious Prelude with the Distinguished Guests

BEHIND THE CURTAINS : THE MAKING OF A MASTERPIECE

The 105th Founders' Day of Modern Barakhamba reflected weeks of dedicated effort and creative collaboration. Classrooms became rehearsal studios and students were transformed into performers, united by the vision of presenting *An Emotional Odyssey*. Under the guidance of the teachers, dancers perfected every movement, while the choir, led by Ms Baisakhi Samajhdar and Mr Rais Ahmed Khan, refined harmonies that held the production together. Comperes and theatre students rehearsed tirelessly, supported by dedicated teachers who balanced academics with preparation. Guided throughout by Dr Datta's inspiring leadership, the celebration emerged as a heartfelt tribute to the school's enduring legacy.



"Every Founder's Day is not just a remembrance of the past but a reaffirmation of the future"

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