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## ROUND SQUARE DAY GLOBAL CHALLENGE



As a part of the Round Square Day Global Challenge, Modern Barakhamba Round Square Student Committee conducted a Global Sporting Challenge on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 at the school premises.

The Global challenge was flagged by Dr Vijay Datta who is also the Round Square Head of the School by cutting the red ribbon. He inspired and encouraged the students to complete the one day challenge with his kind words and indomitable spirit.

Ms Manpreet Kaur, Headmistress Middle wing, Ms Shalini Dahiya, Round Square Coordinator, Mr Sumit Berwal, Sports Teacher and Mr Gaurav Rathore, Photography Incharge were also present at the event.

The students went all out to complete 178 km in totality through swimming, marathon, cycle polo, horse riding and cycling. They also arranged a lemonade fundraiser to help under privileged students around the world.

### WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL:

1. Round Square Day Global Challenge
2. Harit Umang Olympiad 2024-25
3. Debating Society Training Session
4. Round Square Conference at Milton Abbey School, United Kingdom
5. World Environment Day Celebrations at IIT, Delhi





50 students participated in the Challenge showcasing their sporting skills. The students received a warm congratulatory message from the CEO Round Square, Ms Rachael Westgarth. She also issued Round Square certificates to all the proud participants.

## **HARIT UMANG OLYMPIAD 2024-25**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025, the delegation from Modern Barakhamba (Zara Javed Class 12I, Suhaan Gupta Class 12G, Arhaan Gupta Class 12G, Amaira Jain Class 11I and Nivaan Joneja Class 9F) emerged as the top performing school across Delhi NCR under the guidance of Ms Richa Bhatia, Teacher in-Charge, Nature Club, at the Panasonic Harit Umang 2024-25 Felicitation Ceremony. Modern School stood as the winner amongst all the participating schools of Delhi NCR while the first two positions were awarded to colleges under Delhi University. Held under the inspiring theme of “Green Impact”, the Harit Umang campaign focuses on environmental consciousness, sustainability and student led initiatives to promote a greener tomorrow.



Modern School's continued commitment and contribution towards building a sustainable and green ecosystem, has been recognized and appreciated consistently under the banner of Panasonic Harit Umang, including initiatives like Dry Cell Collection and Dialogue through Model UN on Circular Economies. The school's Nature Club impressed the jury with their creative and practical approach to environmental stewardship, showcasing innovative ideas and impactful community engagement throughout the year. This achievement not only reflects the school's commitment to sustainability and social responsibility but also highlights the leadership and initiative demonstrated by the students on a competitive inter-institutional platform.

## **DEBATING SOCIETY TRAINING SESSION**

The Debating Society conducted an engaging and insightful training session for the students of Class 11 on 16th May and 6th June, 2025 under the guidance of Ms Meghna Kapoor. The session on 16th May 2025, aimed to introduce the fundamentals of debate while equipping students with the skills and confidence to effectively present and defend arguments.

The workshop opened with a comprehensive overview of various debating formats, rules, and judging criteria. This was followed by interactive segments focusing on the essential components of a debate — structuring arguments, formulating rebuttals, and delivering speeches with clarity and persuasion.

To offer a more practical perspective, students were guided step-by-step through the debate structure and given tips on how to efficiently prepare a case in advance. Valuable insights were shared by Ishaani Aggarwal and Aarav Bajaj, former Presidents of the Debating Society, who drew from their personal experiences to demonstrate real-world strategies for navigating complex motions and responding under pressure.

Building on this foundation, an Online Intra-School Debate was held on 6th June 2025, giving students an opportunity to apply their learning in a competitive setting. The event featured two rounds- a prepared round, where participants developed arguments in advance, and an impromptu round, designed to test their ability to think quickly and respond spontaneously.

Participants were assessed on the strength and coherence of their arguments, effectiveness of their rebuttals, delivery, and overall engagement with the motion. The debate witnessed a rich diversity of viewpoints and dynamic exchanges, highlighting the participants' critical thinking and eloquence.

The session not only sharpened the students' debating abilities but also fostered a spirit of intellectual curiosity, respectful discourse, and collaborative learning.

## **ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE AT MILTON ABBEY SCHOOL, UK**



A delegation of five students and one teacher attended the Round Square Conference at Milton Abbey School, United Kingdom from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025. The theme of the conference was 'Learn Differently'.

This conference was based on outdoor workshops and activities focussing on team building, development of life skills, sustainability, leadership initiatives and creative pursuits.

The conference was attended by Yash Pratap Gaddh Class 9A, Triana Goel Class 9D, Myra Rewal Class 9D, Omyra Kathpalia Class 9D and Anirudh Gautam Tiwari Class 9F and were accompanied by Ms Indu Sreedharan.



## **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS AT IIT, DELHI**



On the 5th of June, 2025, a group of 9 students from class 11 and 12, along with Ms Richa Bhatia, Teacher-in-charge, Nature Club, had the privilege of attending the World Environment Day celebrations hosted at the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi. The event brought together young minds and eminent thinkers in an effort to raise awareness about the pressing environmental issues of our time and the importance of sustainable living.

The celebration was graced by two esteemed speakers, Professor B.J. Alappat from the Department of Civil Engineering at IIT Delhi, and Mr. B.K. Piyush, Director of the Brahma Kumaris. Each speaker brought a unique perspective, weaving together science and spirituality in a way that left a deep impression on the audience.

Professor Alappat delivered an insightful talk on understanding environmental challenges and identifying practical solutions. He addressed critical concerns such as plastic waste management, air and noise pollution, and emphasized the urgent need for conscious human intervention. His talk was not only informative but also empowering, providing students with a clear understanding of how everyday actions can contribute to positive environmental change.

Following this, Mr. B.K. Piyush shared his wisdom on living in harmony with nature. He offered a more personal, reflective approach, highlighting the small but significant lifestyle habits that help align us with the environment. From waking up early to managing screen time, cultivating concentration, and the practice of daily meditation, his message encouraged students to reconnect with their inner selves to create a more balanced and peaceful world.

The event was a remarkable blend of scientific knowledge and spiritual understanding. It left students not only more informed but also inspired to become more mindful, responsible stewards of the Earth. The experience was a timely reminder that environmental protection is not just a matter of global policies, but a journey that begins with individual choices.