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## A Remarkable Triumph at the NCC Awards



Modern Barakhamba achieved a remarkable milestone at the NCC Delhi Directorate Awards Ceremony held at the official residence of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi on 3 February 2026. The awards were presented by the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, in the presence of senior defence officers and principals from leading institutions across Delhi.

The school was adjudged **Best Institute in NCC, Delhi Directorate**, reflecting its continued excellence in discipline, leadership, and commitment to national service.

The award was received by the Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, along with ANO S/O Anshika Sharma and Navy Wing cadets CDT Pawani Chawla and CDT Nitika Garg.

Adding to the school's achievement, ANO S/O Nitish Singh Chandela was honoured with the **Best ANO Award** for his exemplary leadership and dedication towards training NCC cadets.

Winning both awards in the same year marks a significant achievement for Modern Barakhamba and highlights its outstanding contribution to the NCC movement.

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## An Afternoon of Fellowship

On 3rd February 2026, Ms. Mira Pradeep Singh, President of the Board of Trustees, Modern Schools, graciously hosted a luncheon for the staff and faculty of Modern Barakhamba. Conceived as an informal gathering, the occasion offered a warm and convivial platform for members of the school fraternity to connect beyond the scope of their professional responsibilities.

The gathering was graced by distinguished members of the school leadership, including Ms. Mira Pradeep Singh, President, Board of Trustees; Ms. Ambika Pant, Secretary, Board of Trustees; Mr. Aditya Gupta, Treasurer, Board of Trustees; Justice Mukul Mudgal, Chairman, School Management Committee, Modern Barakhamba; Mr. Ajay Verma, Chairman, SMC, RSJMS; and Col. Vijay Chadda, Member, Board of Trustees, along with members of the Board of Trustees staff.

Dr. Vijay Datta, Principal, extended a gracious welcome to the esteemed guests and served as the Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon. The programme was further enlivened by a delightful musical interlude, with Neha Sharma, Ms. Saira John, Sasha Banhotra, and Dharvi Nayyar captivating the audience through their melodious performances.

The gathering concluded on a note of appreciation as Ms. Ambika Pant expressed her gratitude to the staff for their dedication and commitment to the institution. The afternoon unfolded in an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie, with all present enjoying the sumptuous luncheon and the opportunity for relaxed fellowship.



## Creating Awareness on Child Safety: POCSO Orientation Session

A class orientation session on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 was conducted on 29 January 2026 for students of Classes VI, VII, and VIII. The session was facilitated by the respective class teachers, with content designed by the School Counsellor, Ms. Deepika Masiwal, in collaboration with intern Avya Mathur.

The session aimed to create awareness about child protection laws and to sensitise students towards recognising and responding to unsafe situations. Students were informed about the key provisions of the POCSO Act, which safeguards children below 18 years from sexual abuse and ensures child-friendly procedures for reporting and justice.

The orientation focused on helping students understand their rights, differentiate between safe and unsafe behaviour, and encouraged them to speak up without fear. The importance of awareness in building a safe and supportive school environment was emphasised.

An awareness video titled '*Komal: Child Sexual Abuse Awareness*' by Childline India was screened to enhance understanding through real-life scenarios, making the session engaging and relatable.

The session was well received, with active participation from students. Teachers appreciated the initiative for addressing a sensitive issue in an age-appropriate manner. Overall, the orientation was informative and impactful, reinforcing the importance of safety, awareness, and timely reporting.

## Special Assembly - Republic Day 2026

Republic Day at Modern Barakhamba was celebrated with great enthusiasm, reflecting patriotic fervour and a deep sense of national pride. The occasion brought together students and teachers in a spirit of unity and respect for the nation. The programme highlighted the significance of the Constitution and the values it upholds.

A special quiz added an engaging dimension to the celebration, truly becoming the icing on the cake. It encouraged students to actively participate and reflect on India's history, freedom struggle, and democratic ideals. The interactive format made learning both enjoyable and meaningful.

Students showcased keen interest and displayed commendable knowledge, making the session lively and thought-provoking. The celebration not only honoured the spirit of the day but also reinforced awareness about civic responsibility and national identity.

Overall, the event was a memorable blend of learning and celebration, leaving a lasting impression on all participants.



## CBSE Class XII Exams 2026: A Digital Leap in Evaluation



The Class XII Board Examinations 2026, conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), commenced on 17 February 2026 and will continue until 10 April 2026. The examinations are being held in the traditional pen-and-paper format during the morning session from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Admit cards were released on 3 February 2026 through the Pariksha Sangam portal, ensuring smooth access for students.

This year marks a significant advancement with the introduction of On-Screen Marking (OSM) for evaluation. Answer scripts will be scanned and assessed digitally, enhancing efficiency, accuracy, and transparency while reducing errors and speeding up result processing.

To support this transition, CBSE has conducted training sessions, dry runs, and provided system access to teachers. Evaluators are required to work from designated centres, follow strict confidentiality norms, and adhere to structured evaluation schedules under the supervision of Head Examiners.

In addition, the Board has ensured that all necessary technical infrastructure and support systems are in place at evaluation centres to facilitate a seamless digital marking process. Continuous monitoring mechanisms have also been established to maintain uniformity and uphold the quality of assessment across subjects. The shift to digital evaluation not only minimises logistical challenges associated with physical handling of answer scripts but also promotes eco-friendly practices.

The Principal, Modern Barakhamba extended best wishes to all students, encouraging them to remain confident and focused during the examinations. The initiative reflects CBSE's commitment to integrating technology and improving the overall assessment process.

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