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MODERNITE'S NEWSLETTER

A PART OF US STILL LIVES IN SCHOOL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



VINEET S. SARIN (1987)

Dear Modernite,

As the Executive committee completes its first 6 months of the 2 years tenure, there is a lot I need to share with you. As is the case every year, December 2018 to March 2019 has been a very hectic period for MSOSA, during which we have organized the Modernites Annual Sports Day, Winter Reunion Dinner, Heritage Walk, Annual Play and the Modernites Golf Tournament. To organize 5 events in a span of 4 months is by any yardstick not a small task. However, due to some very hard work put in by the Sub-committees formed for each event and ably supported by all Executive Committee members, all our events have been roaring successes breaking all past records in terms of attendance and contributions.

The Annual Sports Day, organized on December 9, 2018, saw a huge number of exuberant Modernites battling it out with the current school teams in cricket, hockey, basketball, football, badminton, squash, table tennis and tennis. It was heartening to see the Modernites lifting the winners trophy for the third time in a row after comprehensively beating Modern School teams in almost all games. The sub-committee led by Abhimanyu Garg, Convenor and Amit Bhasin, Joint Convenor deserve appreciation for a great show.

The Winter Reunion Dinner held on December 22, 2018, was a mega show as usual, with over 1,000 Modernites and their spouse attending the gala dinner. Held under the iconic banyan tree and on the adjoining front lawns of the school, the dinner was a great opportunity of Modernites from across the batches to revisit their beloved alma mater and catch up with the batch-mates and friends. The sub-committee led by Amit Bhasin, Convenor and Joint Convenor Aman Tandon worked tirelessly to make the event a great success.

The Heritage Walk at Qutub Minar held on January 20, 2019, was conducted by Ms. Beeba Sobti, a respected historian, author and committed teacher of Modern School. Over 100 Modernites participated in the walk, which was concluded by a sumptuous breakfast. Aman Tandon, the Convenor and Joint Convenors Sujata Kashyap and Kavita Verma deserve all the appreciation for the hard work they put in to organize the event so meticulously.

The Annual Play, 'Hi Handsome' was a runaway success with two shows being staged by the MSOSA Natak Mandli on February 2 and 3, 2019. Producing and staging a play is always a huge challenge. The Convenor, Aman Tandon supported by Joint Convenor, Daksha Jaidka and Co-convenors Abhimanyu Garg and Jahnavi Sharma and the rest of the sub-committee put in more than two months of real hard work to put up the 55th production. Heartiest congratulations to all of them !

UPCOMING EVENTS

**MODERNITES
CONCLAVE &
EXCELLENCE AWARDS
APRIL 27 2019**

**4TH PRADEEP V.
SINGH MEMORIAL
OPEN
DELHI STATE
RANKING BADMINTON
TOURNAMENT
MAY 14 - 22, 2019**

**GURUPRANAM
SEPTEMBER 2019**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (contd.)

In the 15th Modernites Annual Golf tournament, organized at DLF Country & Golf Club, Gurgaon, 120 Modernite golfers participated as usual. The tournament was supported by DLF Limited and I would like to place on record our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Rajiv Singh, Vice Chairman, DLF Limited, who is a Modernite also from 1976 batch, for very magnanimously supporting MSOSA each year to organize the tournament. The sub-committee led by Convenor Daksha Jaidka and supported by Advisor, Mr. Sandeep Parashar, and Joint Convenor Rohit Jain did a fabulous job to ensure a memorable tournament. MSOSA donated Rs. 3.5 lakhs to the Modernites Trust out of the surplus generated from the event.

Further to above, we have three more events lined up before the completion of the calendar for the first year of the present EC namely, The Modernite's Annual Conclave and Excellence Awards at the India Habitat Centre

on April 27 and the Annual Open Badminton tournament in the second half of May 2019. I look forward to your continuous support and active participation to make these events a great success too.

Best Wishes,
Vineet S. Sarin

GURUPRANAM



GURUPRANAM is an initiative undertaken by the Modernites as a symbol of love and respect for the retired teachers and to show that **MODERNITES CARE!**

The Gurupranam team cherishes the moments spent with Mrs. Usha Bhalla, who remains one of the most affectionate and beloved former teacher of the school. She has had a long productive tenure with Modern School from 1980 till 2010 and was also the headmistress for 5 years (inset 3 & 6).

It was inspiring to meet Mr. Naresh Kapoor, who has served Modern school in the capacity of the Physical Education Teacher. He still actively coaches the students for Sports Day Celebrations (inset 4 & 7).

Oh what a feeling to have met Mrs. Jogindra and regale in the stories of school and her experiences! It was an experience for us as well. Time flew as we sat, our ears pinned to the back, and still feeling the power of her voice (inset 1 & 5).

Meeting Mrs. Anuradha Gupta was like a journey back to RSJMS in a very special way. As a parent helper to a teacher she had an exciting journey at the school (inset 2).

- Sujata Kashyap (1979)

Modern School
Barakhamba Road, New
Delhi: Bapu visited the
prestigious Modern School
at Barakhamba Road in
1935 at the invitation of
Sir Sobha Singh of the
school managing
committee and father of
writer Sardar Khushwant
Singh



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARRIAGES

1. Devika Srivastava (2011) & Raghav Goela on 17th Jan 2019.
2. Gunjan Gupta (2011) & Dhiraj Mirchandani on 6th Feb 2019.
3. Ishaan Verma (2010) & Diviani Khanna on 8th Feb 2019.
4. Nupur Lakhani (2010) & Samyak Jaggi on 9th Feb 2019.
5. Dhananjay Deepak (2005) & Jigyasa Sharma on 12th Feb 2019.
6. Manas Aggarwal (2011) & Sneha on 12th Feb 2019.
7. Nikhil Jeet (2008) & Shivani Kapur on Mar 9, 2019.
8. Anish Mehta (2011) & Prerna Chawla on Mar 10, 2019.
8. Siddhant Agarwal (2004) & Utkarsha Kohli on Mar 10, 2019.

BIRTHS

1. Ambani Shanker (2003) and wife Arushi were blessed with baby boy Rudra on 23rd Nov 2018.
2. Abhimanyu Garg (2003) and wife Preeti were blessed with baby boy Prayaan on 20th Feb 2019.
3. Abhinav Kochar (1993) and wife Rakhee were blessed with a baby boy on March 14, 2019.

OBITUARIES

1. Mr. Harkash Narang (1982) passed away on 29th Nov 2018.
2. Ms. Shivani Kumar (2013) passed away on 9th Dec 2018.
3. Dr. Sanjeev Rajpal (1968) passed away on 17th Feb 2019.
4. Dr. Gaurav Chandra Dutt, IPS (1976) passed away on 19th Feb 2019.
5. Col. (Retd.) Lalit Chawla (1956) passed away on 19th Feb 2019.

Modern School Barakhamba Road featured in the Delhi Tourism Calendar 2019.

1. Dr. Vivek Nangia (1987) was honoured with the prestigious fellowship by the National College of Chest Physicians (the largest body of the Pulmunologist in the country) at a ceremony in Ahmedabad.
2. Justice Madan Lokur (1971) retired as the second senior most judge of the Supreme Court in December 2018 after serving the court for 6 years.
3. Dare to Dream is an initiative undertaken by the Modernites Trust which aims to impact the lives of the Modernite Scholars requiring financial aid for Higher Education. This coincides with the launch of their new website www.modernitetrust.com.
4. Dr. Ishi Khosla (1981) was felicitated by the Hon'ble President of India, Ram Nath Kovind on the occasion of Rashtrapati Bhawan Diwas for a talk on eating Healthy.
5. The All India Tennis Association appointed Mr. Vishal Uppal (1994) captain of the Fed Cup Asian Team which was held in Astana, Kazakhstan in February 2019.
6. Mr. Ranveet Gill (1980) has been named Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Yes Bank w.e.f. 1st March 2019.
7. The prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke Award was presented to the short film "Ab Mujhe Udna Hai" made by Joy Mukherjee production. The story & screenplay is written by Mr. Sunil Kapoor (1975) & Mr. Sudhir Kapoor (1975).
8. Ms. Meenakshi Pahuja (1995) received the prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar, the highest civilian honour for women in India. She was conferred with the award on March 8, 2019, the International Woman's day by the Hon'ble President of India Ram Nath Kovind.
9. Mr. Gautam Gambhir (2000) was conferred with the Padma Shri Award for his achievements in cricket by the Hon'ble President of India, Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on March 16, 2019.
10. The batch of 1993 celebrated their 25th year reunion this year. The batch revisited the school with great enthusiasm and even a teary eye as emotions set in. A number of retired teachers graced the occasion with their presence.



MODERNITES ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

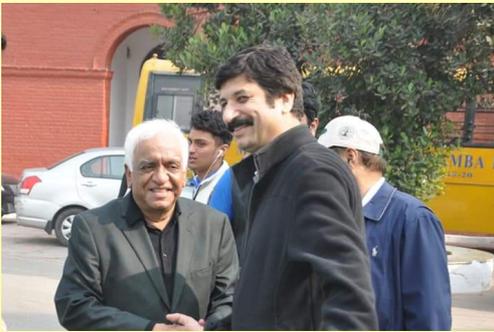
On December 9, 2019 MSOSA organised the Annual Sports Day at the school grounds, where Modernites' competed with the current school teams in various games, such as squash, basketball, tennis, table tennis, athletics, cricket, hockey, football and badminton. Modernites Sports day has become a regular feature on the MSOSA calendar

for more than 25 years now inspiring healthy competition, sportsmanship & dynamism for the school players. It brings about the nostalgic reminiscence, reunion and vigor for the participating Modernites. This year's edition saw the Modernites trumping the school teams in most sporting events and lifting the M.N. Kapur trophy for the third time in a row.

-Abhimanyu Garg

FOR MSOSA DIRECTORY & COFFEE TABLE BOOK

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WINTER REUNION DINNER

Legend has it that there is a section of society that undergoes a reversible change once every year. It is a time when Modernites forget their daily mundane routine and spend the day waiting for the evening to begin. They undergo a selective amnesia on this day where they have no memory of the present day and are often found living life - "At the Banyan Tree".

The Winter Reunion Dinner has this effect, as it transports the Modernites' back to their school days. The Winter Reunion Dinner was held on 22nd December 2018 against the spectacular background of the school. Over 1000 Modernites walked down the path, which was once their customary route, to be a part of this memorable event.

-Pratima Mittal



MSOSA HERITAGE WALK

with Ms. Beeba Sobti

What can be more beautiful and mesmerizing than watching the sun rise from behind the majestic Qutab Minar. Over a group of 100 Modernites spent the morning listening to the distinguished historian and beloved teacher Ms. Beeba Sobti, as she revealed the secrets of History - strand by strand. Modernites enjoyed the experience thoroughly, which culminated with a late morning breakfast.

- Pratima Mittal



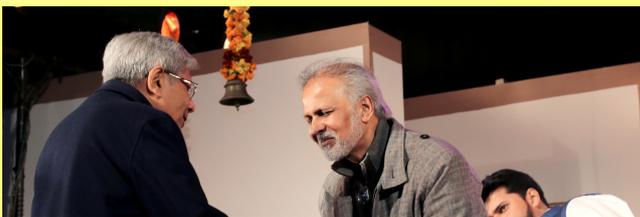
MODERNITES ANNUAL PLAY HI! HANDSOME

MSOSA Natak Mandli staged its 55th production, **Hi Handsome!** on Feb 2 & 3, 2019 at Sir Shankar Lal Hall, with a repeat of last years dream team of Director Mr.J.P. Singh and Assistant Director Ms. Akhya Jaywardhan, and an eclectic mix of Natak Mandli regulars and some fresh faces from the Modernite talent pool.

The cast of the play included Mr. Ashok Dhawan (1958) a veteran and a part of the first play staged in 1960, who has not only been a guide but also motivates the cast with his energy, enthusiasm and presence, Sanjiv Saluja (1984), SadhanaWalia Bhasin (1988), Daksha Jaidka (1993), Kshitij Sanghi (1999), Anushree Narain (2005), Arnav Narain (2007), Shivain Vaidialingam (2008), Jahnvi Sharma (2011), and the Natak Mandli's newfind and youngest member Yogyata Agnihotri (2016).

The Production Crew included Aman Tandon (1993), Daksha Jaidka (1993), Abhimanyu Garg (2005), Jahnvi Sharma(2011), Pratima Mittal (1995) Shashwat Gupta(2007), Udit Arora(2005), Shubham Batra(2005), Rachna Sharma (1993) and Dhruv Tuli (2018)

-Ahimanyu Garg



MSOSA GOLF FOR CHARITY

MSOSA Golf for Charity is one of the most awaited event under the MSOSA banner. It is also one of the most coveted trophies among the Delhi golfers. This year the MSOSA Golf for Charity was held on February 15 2019 at DLF Golf & Country Club. With over 110 participants, the event was not just fun but also extremely competitive. The day started with a briefing session and a sumptuous brunch. The weather Gods were also kind to grant a beautiful sunny day. The game of golf was not only about winning but also about sharing the memories of school and reminiscing the games played.

Hon'ble Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, the Chief Guest for the evening congratulated the golfers and presented the winners with the trophies and prizes.

The Gen. Virender Singh Trophy was won by Mr. Lakshay D. Mudgil (2011) while Mr. Uday Veer Wadhwa (2013) bagged the runner up trophy.

-Pratima Mittal

RESULTS : MSOSA Golf for Charity 2019 Friday, 15th February

Categories for Prizes



Overall (Skill Prize)		
Longest Drive (Hole 8)		Uday Veer Wadhwa (2 nd - Arjun Bahad 15)
Closest to Pin (Hole 5)		Rajesh Chopra
Straightest Drive (Hole 15)		Aparajit S Jha
Gen. Virender Singh Trophy (Best Gross Score)	Runner Up	Uday Veer Wadhwa
	Winner	Lakshay D Mudgil
MN Kapur Trophy (On Nett Score)		
0 – 12 handicap	Runner Up	Sahil Jaiswal
	Winner	Ankit Mohindar
13 – 24 handicap	Runner Up	Rishabh Srivastava
	Winner	RP Singh
Best Dressed Goffer		Ashish Chandioke



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Editor's Desk

As the editor of 'Sandesh - The Modernite's Newsletter' which connects the Modernite fraternity, I aim to capture the proud moments of Modernites from across the batches in the pages of each edition. The Sandesh reaches over 10,000 Modernites and each little piece of news gives someone a reason to rejoice.

It could be the achievement of Modern School or an award conferred on a fellow Modernite, Each news translates into a little smile. It is this smile that makes my work worthwhile and interesting.

It is therefore an ongoing endeavour to make this Sandesh more interesting and relevant. With this in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to invite ideas and articles for the Sandesh. It would be a pleasure to hear from you. You can write to me on daksha20@yahoo.com . I also request you to visit our website www.msosa.com and update your personal details so that we remain connected with you.

As we enter our centenary year, MSOSA is geared up for grand celebrations and look forward to having Modernites participate in large numbers.

I look forward to seeing all our Modernite friends to come and participate and be part of this prestigious milestone celebration.



Daksha Jaidka