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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



There can be no greater satisfaction for an alumnus than to sincerely give back to his alma mater and earnestly try to make a positive difference.

My Presidential tenure over 2 years from 2016-18 has been a journey of team building and bonding. I am proud to say that all our events and activities were extremely successful. I was fortunate to lead a team of Modernites coming from different generations but united for the common goal of enhancing Modernite legacy and value. Dealing with multiple issues, managing diverse team members and keeping trust and ethics in mind was a challenging but fulfilling task for me.

It has given me immense pleasure and pride to introduce a new initiative which became the Flagship MSOSA Initiative of my term. Today, 2 years later, I am very happy to report that Guru Pranam has gained traction, momentum and reach as exemplified by the latest 5th Sep Guru Pranam Teacher's Day Celebrations. I am sure the incoming MSOSA team will continue to build on this beautiful foundation and continue to recognize and respect our retired gurus.

Thank you Alok Bhalla, Aman Tandon, Sujata Kashyap, Ranjan Chopra, Ashish Jain, Kavita Verma, Sharat Prakash, Deepa Khanna , Shefali Gupta, Shivani Shukul, Sonali Majumdar , Mansi Aggarwal. Special Thanks to our permanent advisors of Guru Pranam Justice Mukul Mudgal and Ms Anuradha Kapur , our teacher advisor Ms Geeta Dudeja and Ms Rita Talwar .

Another brand new initiative we managed to launch was the Modernites Heritage Walk. This venture, aimed at redefining our cultural heritage was a resounding success.

I would like to sincerely thank Alok Bhalla, Sujata Kashyap and Beeba Sobti maam for supporting this MSOSA initiative.

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The Modernites Play – Kissa Maujpur Ka in Feb 2018 was a landmark performance which redeemed the glorious legacy of the Modernites Natak Mandli. Wherever I went, I received compliments from other modernites for this memorable performance. Congratulations to the team, for staging the play in the school itself and making it a great success. After its astounding success, for the first time ever the play was staged in Modern School Vasant Vihar as a goodwill gesture from Msosa to form a bridge between all Modern Schools. Thank you Daksha Jaidka , Abhimanyu Garg, Sanjeev Saluja and Jahnvi Sharma.

Another aspect which worked well in my tenure was the constitution of a dedicated sponsorship team with a detailed sponsorship brochure which was very effective in generating funds for our activities throughout the year. The immense efforts of the sponsorship team resulted in a significant surplus at the end of the tenure, of which Rs. 20 lacs was unanimously and graciously donated by the MSOSA Executive Committee towards the Guru Pranam initiative for the welfare of our retired gurus. Rs 3 Lacs was donated to Chesire homes also.

The annual golf tournament was as usual a successful and well attended event. It seems it is now one of the most awaited events of MSOSA. Thank you Vineet Sarin, Daksha Jaidka, Anubhav Kathuria and Sahil Malik.

Compliments to the organizers of our Badminton Tournament. I would say it takes a lot of commitment to pull off an event which has more than 1000 participants. This has now become a landmark event in the badminton calendar. Thank you Vikas Mishra, Sharat Prakash, Atul Marwah ,Parag Arora, Ashish Jain and Udit Arora.

Special thanks to our trustee Mira Pradeep Singh for her personal involvement in organising this badminton tournament every year! As usual the hockey and squash tournament was a success. Thank you Amit Bhasin, Pawandeep Singh and Shreyans Kataria.

Our Modernites sports day was yet another exciting event for the sporty alumni family. Thank you Atul Marwah, Vineet Sarin, Parag Arora, Udit Arora, Shreyans Kataria, Puneet Raman ,Harshita Agarwal Aprajita Amar.

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We were able to present an outstanding evening for our Senior Modernites at the Senior Modernites Dinner. Thank you Atul Marwah, Vikas Mishra, Rajeev Malhotra, Kavita Verma, Rohit Jain, Sadhna Bhasin, Arun Raj Malhotra and Virender Jain.

The Winter Reunion Dinner was also repackaged in my term and turned out to be a huge success. Thank you Sharat Prakash, Daksha Jaidka, Amit Bhasin, Rohit Jain and Varda Taneja.

I would like to thank my office bearers – Vice President, Mr. Sandeep Parashar who quietly plays a very important role in all our events getting sponsorships and has been connecting generations of Modernites to the MSOSA activity.

I am thankful to Aman Tandon the ever efficient Secretary. My only complaint is we did not have enough treats from Wenger's in our term. Mr. Ranjan Chopra, the Treasurer for securely holding the treasure chest of MSOSA. I would also like to thank Dr. Vijay Datta who is our most sporting principal, in every way. Proficient in almost every sport and a man with wit and humour!

I would like to thank our respected trustee Mr Ashok Pratap Singh for his valuable support to MSOSA. My special thanks and gratitude to our President Board of Trustees Modern School Mrs Ketaki Sood, for her warm blessings and encouragement to Modernite initiatives. I am sure MSOSA will benefit immensely from her wisdom and leadership. My personal thanks to Justice Sanjay Kaul and Sunder Hemrajani for their guidance during my tenure. This term we also lost our most valuable and dedicated member of MSOSA family – Dr. Vivek Rajpal. May his soul rest in peace.

As I conclude my 2 year stint as President – MSOSA, I am grateful for the opportunity to lead the alumni association with dignity and determination. I am humbled by the authority that was vested in me as MSOSA – President. Of course, a leader is only as good as his team and therefore any success of mine is theirs too. I am of the firm opinion that Modernite Alumni can be path breakers and role models for the younger generations. Our activities must include social integration, welfare activities, social upliftment and nation building.

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Dear Modernite,



Cheers!

It's good to interact with you all through the Newsletter. I recall that I had started the first Newsletter in the '70's. It had a very different format certainly not as colourful and interesting as the present one. After editing the Newsletter for years, I handed over the mantle to Vineet Sarin, who has carried on the job admirably for years.

Everyone looks forward to receiving their copy of the Newsletter and to look for photographs of themselves or their friends or to read about the exciting programmes of MSOSA.

Do keep up the good work – reaching out to other Modernites, keeping in touch with each other and bringing back lovely memories of days gone by.

With best wishes.

Ketaki Sood

Hon. President

Board Of Trustees





MODERNITES HOCKEY & SQUASH TOURNAMENT October 31, 2017



MODERNITES SPORTS DAY

November 19, 2017



MODERNITES ANNUAL WINTER REUNION DINNER

December 15, 2017



MODERNITES HERITAGE WALK

January 21, 2018



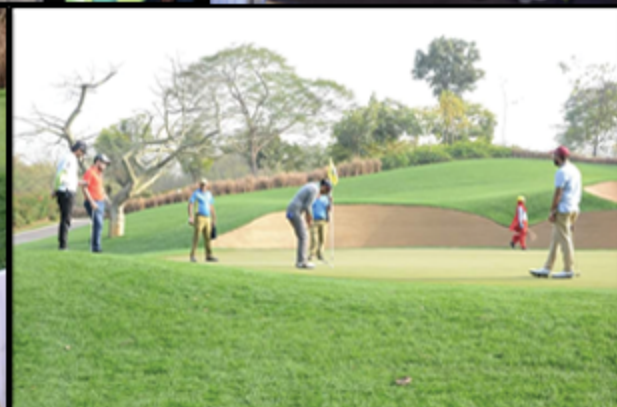
MODERNITES ANNUAL PLAY

February 2, 2018



13th MODERNITES GOLF FOR CHARITY

February 16, 2018



7th MODERNITES EXCELLENCE AWARDS & CONCLAVE

April 28, 2018



3rd PRADEEP VIRENDRA SINGH MEMORIAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 MAY 19, 2018



GURUPRANAM

September 5, 2018



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1. Rupali (Tewari) Naz(1993) and husband Nikhil were blessed with baby Naisha on 22nd March 2016.
2. Shubhi (Khandelwal) Johri (2005) and husband Vikas were blessed with baby Suryaveer on 22nd April 2016.
3. Ambani Shanker(2003) and wife Arushi were blessed with baby Aaria on 13th July 2016.
4. Sonavi (Chopra) Kaicker (2002) and husband Dhruv Kaicker (2003) were blessed with baby Sahira on 12tg August 2016.
5. Chetan Malhotra (1992) and wife Radhika were blessed with baby Kiaan on 1st September 2016.
6. Shreyans Kataria (2001)and wife Priyanka were blessed with baby Arhaan on 15th October 2016.
7. Akhil Backliwal (1993) and wife Pooja were blessed with baby Kiyansh on 18th November 2016.
8. Damini (Chopra) Talwar (2003) and husband Kartik were blessed with baby Noor in December 2016.
9. Priyanka (Luther)Bhasin (2003) and husband JittenVeer were blessed with baby Arjunveer on 18th December 2016.
10. Tarang Srivastava (1997)and wife Jyoti were blessed with baby Ushra on 11th April 2017.
11. Raleena (Khubchand) Gangwani (1993) and husband Vivek were blessed with baby Alaaya on 26th April 2017.
12. Ambar Khandelwal (2005) and wife Pritha were blessed with baby Vivaan in June 2017.
13. Suhail Luther (1995) and wife Radhika were blessed with baby Aryan in July 2017.
14. Bawa Aditya Singh(1999) and wife Mansi were blessed with baby Mehar on 24th December 2017.
15. Tanvi (Arora) Ahluwalla (2004) and husband Daksh were blessed with baby Ameera in December 2017.
16. Deepak Chaturvedi (1993) and wife Asmita were blessed with baby Mivaan on 1st March 2018.
17. Shubhi (Khandelwal) Johari (2005) and husband Vikas were blessed with baby Arya on 9th March 2018.
18. Udit Arora (2004) and wife Divya were blessed with baby Aviraj on 21st March 2018.
19. Udit Gupta(2004) and wife Paridhi were blessed with baby Myra in March 2018.
20. Anubhav Kathuria (2001) and wife Akanksha were blessed with baby Advaitya on 19th April 2018.
21. Neha (Oswal) Sial (2002) and husband Simran were blessed with baby Roohi on 5th July 2018.
22. Kabila (Bakshi) Talwar(2005) and husband Rohan were blessed with baby Raahila in July 2018.
23. Akshita (Nahar) Jain (2006) and husband Adeesh were blessed with a baby boy in September 2018.
24. Jaskirat (Kaur) Jain (2006) and husband Aditya were blessed with twin babies Mannat and Meher on 10th September 2018.

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1. Shubham Batra(2005) married Kritika Uppal In 14th August 2016.
2. Rajat Sanghi(1990) married Deepali Varma in August 2016.
3. Nidhi Singh (1993) married Amit Sanan on 21st November 2016.
4. Rishabh Gulati(2003) married Richa Kapoor on 16th December 2016.
5. Avantika Goel(2007) married Aman Gupta on 5th February 2017.
6. Prateek Suri(2006) married Roshni Khanna (2007) in February 2017.
7. Upasna Gupta(2007) married Kartik Garg on 4th March 2017.
8. Abhimanyu Gary (2005) married Preeti Makkar on 17th June 2017.
9. Kabeer Tandon(2008) married Preeti Nasa in September 2017.
10. Prakriti Gupta(2006) married Klemens Michael Stelk on 1st October 2017.
11. Shiva Shanker(2005) married Malvika Singh (2011) in October 2017.
12. Shloka Vaidialingam (2003) married Udai Singh Pawar on 4th November 2017.
13. Sanjoli Chauhan (2008) married Aditya Gabrani on 12th November 2017.
14. Samir Evan Jain (2008) married Jahnvi Navlakha on 12th November 2017.
15. Vibhuti Sharma(2007) married Raghav Lall(2007) on 25th November 2017.
16. Ishnaz Singh(2008) married Shikha Chahal on 11th December 2017.
17. Akriti Mehta (2008) married Ranvir Khattar on 12th December 2017.
18. Abhinav Kocchar (1993) married Rakhee Anand on 13th December 2017.
19. Daman Pahuja(2006) married Ammreen Madan on 21st January 2018.
20. Srijan Sinha(2008) married Hansa on 4th February 2018.
21. Shiven Khanna(2007) married Ashna Marwah(2012) on 10th February 2018.
22. Shashwat Raizada (1993) married Kirtee in May 2018.

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TEACHERS

Mr C K Chaddha passed away in December 2017.

MODERNITES

1. Mr Vikram Sikand(1986) passed away on 19th January 2016.
2. Dr Surbhit Choudhary (1990) passed away in March 2016.
3. Mr Nitin Bhalla (1974) passed away on 1st May 2016.
4. Maj. General Rajeshwar Singh (1966) passed away on 27th June 2016.
5. Mr Jasmeet Singh Sethi(1990) passed away in June 2016.
6. Ms Sonia Puri(1977) passed away on 30th July 2016.
7. Mr Brij Bans Bahadur (1939) passed away on 24th August 2016.
8. Mr Abhinav Chaddha (1995) passed away on 18th December 2016.
9. Mr Mohit Juneja (1993) passed away on 22nd April 2017.
10. Ms Chitragada Sharma((1962) passed away on 15th March 2017.
11. Dr Vivek Rajpal (1973) passed away on 28th September 2017.
12. Ms Rashmi Sikand (1987) passed away on 18th November 2017.
13. Mr Madhav Sareen(2013) passed away on 18th December 2017.
14. Ms Sanah Sahni (2014) passed away on 25th December 2017.
15. Col. Anil Kaul, Vir Chakra (1968) passed away on 27th December 2017.
16. Mr Swarnim Shankar (2017) passed away in January 2018.

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A "golden" Silver Jubilee Celebration



Passing out of school at the age of 17, one doesn't think where one will be 25 years later. Twenty-five years later, when 140 of us got together for the 1993 batch 25-year Silver Jubilee celebration, one couldn't imagine being anything but 17 again. The years just melted away, people were thumping lost friends on the back, shouting out each others names on recognition, laughing out loud at recalled memories. Some of us spent our entire childhood together right from KG to the 12th but never in all those years did we spend 30 hours at one stretch...reliving every moment of those years.

It all began when Daksha Shanker and Aman Tandon formed the 'Reunion Committee' with 9 of us (Akhil Backliwal , Ankur Sachdeva, Dipali Sarin, Mohit Agarwal, Rachna Bhatia, Ritika Sawhney and Sunaina Bhel) at the beginning of the year. We immediately decided we needed to hold the reunion outside of Delhi so that everyone is at one place. What better city than one symbolic for love. Agra it was.

We then let the cat out of the bag. The response was instantaneous. When! Where! Yippee! 50 batchmates signed up....then 80, then 100. When we touched 120, we had to start ordering more gifts! During this time, the committee were regularly meeting to finalize menus, decor, gifts and the minutiae planning that goes in putting together a flawless event of this scale. Reunion jokes, pop quizzes and countdowns were posted on the reunion wapp group for months leading up to D-day creating a buzz and upping excitement levels. We finally touched 140 confirmed batchmates....and it was time to start the party.

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On Saturday 18 August, the road to Agra was a caravan of all sorts of cars and party buses. Pictures were posted of friends landing from different parts of India and the world. The lobby of the Courtyard by Marriott looked like a morning assembly we had unleashed our inner child again and there were no teachers to discipline us! The first thing one had to do was "admit" oneself back to school. A girl in school uniform took your details and gave you your "badge". Without this, half of us would not have recognized each other. At least now we could put a name before we recognized the face!

The party began where else but the "pool" where you could take pictures in front of the "school wall". Cut-outs of girls and boys in school uniform with fun messages like "first crush" and "I've changed" made for crazy photo-ops. Everyone was dressed in blue and white. A live band crooned 80's music, setting the mood and taking us through yesteryears ending with the beats of the dhol-wallah. And in true Modern fashion, it would not be a party if you did not end up in the pool with your clothes on. By evening, everyone headed to their rooms to get ready for the night, only to find more than a few surprises waiting for them - 93 batch tshirt and cap, swarovski pen and pen drive, diary, hangover kit, luggage tag, pen knife, scarf, pocket square, beach cover-up and a basket of goodies to eat - all thanks to our generous batchmates who sponsored these!!!

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With everyone well rested, the second part of the party began. But not without first giving a thought to the friends we have lost on the way. A tribute to our 6 batchmates at the event allowed them to party along with us like they always had. The decor for the evening included "canteen steps" to dance on, the "canteen" to grab your drink from and a "cemented tree" to hang with your friends. We managed to get one group picture - that's getting 140 modernites to stand still and quiet for one minute - no easy task. And then the music began and the night rocked on and on till the wee hours of the morning. It was like we had never grown up, never left school, always been together and the world had stopped after 1993. Pooja Agarwal put together a video of school photos and never-before-seen footage of our Teachers Day and Nitin Bharara wrote several poems of our batch.....all of which had people moved to laughter and tears. Old flames danced together, new friendships were drunk to, some people moonwalked, others did the Macerena, hey it was the 90's again! At 3am the last of the party animals headed to their rooms or to after-parties or to the Taj Mahal to watch the sunrise.

The next day, the third and final party began, the bubbly brunch. While earlier everyone was busy reliving memories, now it was about creating more, staying in touch, partying again together soon, promises made which we intend to keep. Everyone left with heavy hearts, much like we did when we passed out of school. But 25 years taught us one thing. The people who you grew up in school with will always be there. You just need to know where to look.

Cheers to 1993!

Rachna Bhatia Sharma

Hostel bonds never break, only get strengthened over time



When the clock ticked into 2018, it completed 25 years of passing out from Modern and we all had a strong desire to meet our old friends and relive a day in School and Hostel. That's how the Boarding House Reunion came about on 17th August. In the month of March out of nowhere a whatsapp group of '93 batch hostellers was formed by a fellow Boarder. That gave a spark to emotions and we began a mission to find our old buddies and add them into the group. Soon this group started flourishing with enormous messages flowing from everyone. Those messages had excitement, passion and bonding which ensured we are still the same at heart, no matter how much time has passed by. Soon we all started pushing everyone to confirm their presence for Boarders Reunion on 17th August and then for the Silver Jubilee Reunion '93 Batch in Agra on 18th August.

A whatsapp group of Hostel Reunion Committee was created with seasoned boarders to do all necessary arrangements to live this day to the fullest. Technology allowed for many of us to be a part of this group and contribute for all arrangements from all parts of India and abroad.

After a long wait and much planning, finally the day arrived, Boarders travelling from all parts of India and abroad to be at Modern School Hostel and make this day truly special. The movement started in the morning hours with few of us reaching school early carrying T-Shirts with MHS Logo and label of Golden Jubilee Hostel for all friends which brought about deep smiles and nostalgia. The pleasant surprise was when we saw our day scholar friends join us in large numbers to make this grand occasion go beyond expectations.

There were hugs and commotion all around as it would be when old friends meet after a gap of 25 years. By now it was 1 pm and the delicious lunch of Hostel was served. Everyone headed towards the dining area. We were all greeted very graciously by Hostel Warden Col. Menon. He made all of us feel at ease and gave a very warm introduction of the 1993 batch to the current boarders and other staff at the lunch hall. Post lunch, we thanked the dining staff for their gracious services over the years and then moved ahead to the

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Hostel rooms, walking through the corridors and common area to cherish the ever-lasting memories.

Finally, it was time to thank Col. Menon and the front desk staff for the great hospitality and move towards school, however not before a perfect picture in front of the Golden Jubilee Hostel. The group then relished some precious moments in the school by visiting the canteen steps, basketball court, cricket ground, banyan tree and front lawn.

It was now evening and time to go to Hotel Lalit to continue the party which continued late into the night with lots of fun, dance, music, and gossip.

The next morning was a feeling of greater euphoria. Everybody were woken up by the early risers to get over the party hangover with a lovely breakfast and gear up for the Batch Reunion at Agra.

I am sure we will all meet again soon and keep the magic alive and do many great deeds together.

RAHUL JAIN

On behalf of Proud Boarders MHS '93 Batch

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