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## MODERNITES NEWSLETTER

CENTENARY CELEBRATION SPECIAL  
NOVEMBER 2020



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Modernite,

Greetings!

The age-old idiom, 'Man Proposes, God Disposes', could not have come true in a more absolute way than it has in 2020. With the onset of COVID-19 pandemic in India by mid-March 2020 and the Hon'ble Prime Minister announcing a nationwide lockdown, emergency brakes were applied on socio-economic activities of all kinds across the country. What was expected to be a two to three weeks 'temporary phase' to contain the coronavirus stretched to weeks and then months and, unfortunately, is still ongoing unabated. Never has the country and the world faced a graver crisis than COVID-19, with millions of lives being lost and a larger number being affected by the lethal virus.

Given the situation that confronted us, we decided to immediately suspend the Centenary Play rehearsals, which were ongoing in March 2020, further, we put on hold all balance activities on the MSOSA calendar for the year, namely the Centenary Play, Centenary Senior Modernites dinner, Centenary Modernites Conclave & Excellence Awards, Centenary Open Badminton Tournament, Guru Pranam and the Centenary Mega Event.

However, as the situation refused to get better, MSOSA decided to make use of the virtual medium to connect with the Modernites to keep the MSOSA flag flying amid the pandemic. MSOSA's Natak Mandli (the name we use for our Theatre Group) comprising Ms. Daksha Jaidka, Ms. Pratima Mittal, Ms. Jahnavi Sharma, Mr. Dhruv Tulli and some others got together and decided to launch 'Lockdown Entertainment Evening' on a trial basis. I was more than happy to support their idea and I must say it was indeed a great decision that paid off handsomely. The team successfully went on to organize 10 lockdown evenings over a period of 4 months, each having a special theme like the Presidents' special, Golden Jubilee (1970 batch) special, the Armed Forces Special, which was organized on August 15, as a tribute to our armed forces and had a participation of more than 150 Modernites serving and retired armed forces personnel.

The Guru Pranam event was also organized as a virtual 'Lockdown Evening' this year on September 5 ( Teachers Day). We had more than 140 retired teachers who logged in to be a part of the event which included speeches by retired teachers and entertainment program by Modernites from across the globe.



**Vineet S. Sarin**  
**President MSOSA**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

On the occasion, MSOSA published a special brochure to honour the teachers and arranged to deliver the same along with a small souvenir to each teachers residence. Again, Daksha Jaidka, Pratima Mittal, Jahnvi Sharma, Dhruv Tulli put in a great amount of hard work to organize the event.

Despite the difficult times, MSOSA boldly decided to organize the Modernites Conclave & Excellence Awards 2020 on the front lawns of the school on November 8, with Covid 19 safety measures strictly in place. It was heartening to note that out of 10 Awardees, 8 were there in person to receive the award. On the occasion, the Modernites Trust also presented 'Guru Dakshina Award' to four retired teachers, two posthumously and two in-person. The panel discussion on the topic, 'Post Pandemic World: Transform or Perish' was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, also chairman of the selection committee for the Excellence Awards. The event was streamed live across the world for the first time and we received a great response from Modernites for the same. I would like to especially thank Dr. Arvind Lal, batch of 1965, for sponsoring the event again this year and Mr. Suresh Gupta, batch of 1970, for supporting the event too.

Further, a special MSOSA mobile app has been designed and is about to be launched very shortly. The new app, with its several special features, shall strengthen the connectivity between MSOSA and Modernites shall also facilitate smooth and quick communication between Modernites. I sincerely hope you all will download it after its launch and will enjoy using it.

I would like to take this opportunity to record a special word of thanks for Mr. Rishabh Gulati, Managing Partner, News X and a Modernite from 2003 batch for agreeing to make NewsX as MSOSA's media partner for the centenary year celebrations. He and his team shot special interviews with 18 eminent Modernites (half an hour each) and also telecasted abridged versions on October 20, 2020 on NewsX channel during a special show on Modern School Centenary. While MSOSA and NewsX had plans to shoot 50 episodes with 50 eminent Modernites, the pandemic made it impossible to shoot more episodes. I do feel sad that we could not cover many of our outstanding Modernite achievers through this initiative called 'Master Class'. All episodes are available on YouTube now. Further, NewsX also organized two panel discussions, one with Presidents of alumni of eminent schools on Covid 19 and the other was a Centenary Special. Both panel discussions were telecasted live on NewsX and I had the honour of participating in both as President of MSOSA.

As I complete my Presidential term of two years and two months (the term was extended by two months in 2019 for the centenary celebrations), I can look back and say with immense satisfaction that despite COVID 19 coming in the way for the last 8 months, the term has been a very gratifying and a successful one. The entire Team MSOSA worked relentlessly and made sure that all our events were grand successes over the last 26 months. Due to a very strict financial discipline instilled at the beginning of the term of the current EC, we could generate a .

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

credible surplus from the events organized and were in a position to contribute Rs. 21 lakhs to the Modern School Centenary Project, Rs. 5 Lakhs for fight against COVID 19, Rs. 16 lakhs to the Modernites Trust to support merit scholars studying in Modern School, besides supporting several other charitable initiative I have to acknowledge the great work put in by the Executive Committee and the office bearers to make this possible.

My deep gratitude is due to the Board of Trustees, Modern Schools, specially Mr. Ashok Pratap Singh, Senior Trustee and Ms. Ambika Pant, Secretary, BOT, for their very encouraging support for MSOSA's activities throughout the last 26 months of the term of this committee.

I also wish to thank Dr. Vijay Datta, Principal, Modern School, Barakhamba Road, for being very supportive of our activities and allowing MSOSA to use the school infrastructure for several events and for organizing MSOSA's EC meetings.

Finally, I would like to thank my entire MSOSA Executive Committee and the office bearers namely Mr. Sharat Prakash Vice President, Mr. Vikas Mishra, Secretary, Mr. Manu Narang, Treasurer and Ms. Pratima Mittal, Joint Secretary, for the support and cooperation they have provided to me during the last 26 months which made everything possible. Without proactive support and hard work put in by the EC and the office bearers, we could have not achieved so much.

As they say, 'A captain is as good as his team', truly I was blessed to have a great team to work with. I also take this opportunity to convey my best wishes to the new incoming Executive Committee, which will be elected on November 29, 2020 at the AGM in Modern School and assure my successor and his team my full cooperation and support.

With my warmest regards

**Vineet S. Sarin**  
**President**



# Modern School

## The Beginning

The year 2020 marked the centenary year of Modern School. Raghbir Singh believed that education should not be a right merely for the people with privilege but be made available to the common man if India was to find its rightful spot on the world map. With this vision he began the journey of Modern School on October 20, 1920. Armed with just a dream, a young Raghbir started Modern School in Daryaganj with just 6 students. Little did he imagine that his dream would take the shape of a movement and will shine bright for years to come.



# Modern School

## A Century of Excellence

Today a 100 years later, that dream has become a formidable force that is recognised as a pristine institution which boasts of excellence in all arenas. Modern School takes pride in the fact that some of the most influential people in India have walked down its corridors and have spent their formative years in this institution.

A vibrant group of over 17000 Modernites across the globe pay tribute to the force called - Modern School.

# 125th Birth Anniversary Of Lala Ji



Lala  
Raghbir Singh  
Sept 5, 1895

Lala Raghbir Singh, the founder of Modern School, was born in Delhi on 5th September 1895. Raghbir conceived an ambition to start a school on large and liberal lines, to provide leaders for a yet to be born nation.

He founded the school to provide quality education, and to foster an all-round growth of a child. He aspired to formulate a public school that incorporate the western lines and at the same time uphold Indian traditions. He devised a movement for better education which would provide a framework for freedom and social change. Lala Raghbir Singh was the spirit and soul of the school.

**On his 125th Birth Anniversary, MSOSA remembers him for the gift he has given us all- Modern School.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDDINGS

1. Akash Narula (2005) married Anam Khan on February 29, 2020.
2. Sumer Broota (2011) married Aparna on June 11, 2020.
3. Ashna Pruthi batch (2011) married Sidhant Nagpal (2010) on June 28, 2020.
4. Abhay Goyle (2013) married Gaurika Narula (2017) on November 21, 2020.

**Congratulations to the newly married!**

### BIRTHS

1. Nitin Bharara (1993) and wife Supan were blessed with twin girls Riddhika & Siddhika on 21st March 2020.
2. Amit Gupta (1993) and wife Radhika were blessed with a baby girl on 25th March 2020.
3. Dinesh Raj Kumar (1993) and wife Anupama were blessed with baby girl Kaveri on 23rd May 2020.
4. Shiva Shanker (2005) and wife Malvika Singh(2011) were blessed with baby boy Satya on 4th November 2020.

**God bless the little ones!**

# NEWSFLASH

1. Modern School, Kundli branch, organized its first graduation ceremony for the first passing out batch on February 11, 2020. Mr Ashok Pratap Singh, Senior Member, Board of Trustees, was the chief guest for the occasion. Mr. Vineet S. Sarin, President, MSOSA, also addressed the students.



2. On March 9, 2020 Modernites were invited to the screening of 'Asli Azaadi' on women freedom fighters, by award-winning author and film-director, Sagari Chhabra (1977). It was followed by introduction to 'Hamaara Itihaas' Archives which is India's first archive of freedom fighters.

3. Class of 1960, celebrated their 60th reunion on Saturday, 1st August 2020 on Zoom. The excitement was evident as batchmates from all over the world participated. Mr. Adarsh Pal Singh wrote a poem as a tribute to the group and the Alma Mater.



4. Sh. Bhawani Shanker ji (Class of 1949) was recently honoured by The Department of Posts, Government of India for continuously having an active account with the Philatelic Department of India Post since it was formed in the year 1947. A souvenir with his photograph on the stamps was presented to him.



5. On December 30, 1980 Indian Posts and Telegraphs published stamps depicting 'Brides of India' featuring Ms. Anju Bhatnagar and Ms. Anindita Kishore. The photographs were clicked by Mr. O P Sharma, HOD Photography Department, Modern School.

## OBITUARIES

1. Mr Kapil Ahluwalia (1958) passed away on February 12, 2020.
2. Mr Sanjay Jain (1977) passed away on March 22, 2020.
3. Mrs Jayshree (Dutt) Sengupta (1960) passed away on April 19, 2020.
4. Mr Vimal Mehta (1959) passed away in May 2020.
5. Mr Ajay Singh Chahar (1968) passed away on June 9, 2020.
6. Mr Rajiv Sahai (1971) passed away on June 13, 2020.
7. Mr. Jaideep Chakraborty (1980) passed away June 28, 2020.
8. Ms. Madhu Kataria (1972) passed away on June 8, 2020.
9. Ms. Simar Dugal (1986) passed away on August 12, 2020.
10. Ms. Sonakshi Bengani (2012) passed away on 28th August 2020. Her family donated her body for transplant, research & training to AIIMS, New Delhi.
11. Air Marshal Satish Chander Lal (1942) passed away on August 30, 2020.
12. Mr. Inderjit Singh Narula (1966) passed away on August 30, 2020.
13. Lt Col Bishan Dutt (1981) passed away on September 9, 2020.
14. Mr. Akshay Kumar (1987) passed away on September 15, 2020.
15. Mr. Vajrapani Singh (1979) passed away on September 19, 2020.
16. Air Marshal Man Mohan Singh (1946) passed away on September 23, 2020.
17. Mr. Sharad Sethia (1989) passed away in October 2020.
18. Mr. Aditya Nanda (1998) passed away on October 27, 2020.
19. Brig. Shyam Prasad (1955) passed away on October 29, 2020.
20. Mr. Praveen Khanna (1980) passed away on November 2, 2020.
21. Dr. Suresh Gupta (1949) passed away on November 4, 2020.
22. Mr. Amoolya Kumar Sharma (1976) passed away on November 12, 2020.
23. Mr. Devashish Roy Choudhury (1966) passed away on November 13, 2020.
24. Mr. Souvik Ghosh (1993) passed away on November 18, 2020.
25. Ms. Sameera Gopal Kandru (1988) passed away on November 19, 2020.

**Om Shanti!**

## NEWSFLASH

6. Modern School Celebrated the 74th Independence Day virtually on August 15, 2020. All Branches of Modern School connected with the students to instill the importance of this day.



7. The All India Radio and Jan Prasar commemorate 12th November as their Public Service Broadcasting Day to mark the day when Mahatma Gandhi made his first and the only live broadcast on the All India Radio. The Modern School Choir performed on this special occasion which was aired on the National Network of All India Radio.

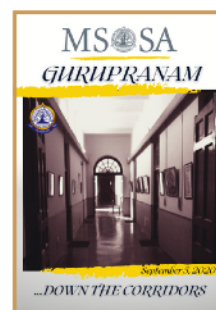
8. Mr. Shekhar Kapur (Class of 1962) was nominated as the President of the Pune-based Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) Society and Chairman of the Institute's Governing Council.

9. Dr. Abhinav Singh Verma (Class of 2012) and his team have developed COPAL19 (Covid 19 Plasma Live Tracking Software), a user interface application with automated donor matching.

10. Mr. Dhruv Tuli (Class of 2018) started InvestMentor Stocks Application which is a tool to decode the stock market. His application featured in various national newspapers.

11. Ms. Shivangi Menon (Class of 2020) won the First place in the 'Pro Yogi' competition organized by the Institute for Sports and Fitness Development.

## MSOSA PRESENTS



# MODERNITES CENTENARY GOLF FOR CHARITY

## February 28, 2020

On a bright Sunday afternoon over a game of golf, a few friends configured an idea of a trifling golf tournament between Modernites friends. Little did they know that this bright idea would gain momentum amidst the Modernites golf fraternity and become one of the most sought after tournaments in Delhi.

This year too saw enthusiastic Modernite golfers participate in the tournament. A special Centenary Brochure was released to document the tournament so far.

Mr. Amitabh Kant (Class of 1973) CEO, NITI Ayog, graced the occasion and presented the prizes to all the winners.

A perfect evening and an eventful game, with all the favors of a coveted Golf Tournament.

Daksha Jaidka (1993)



15<sup>th</sup> MSOSA Golf for Charity 2020  
Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Result Sheet

### Prizes

<b>Overall (Skill Prize)</b>		
Longest Drive (Hole 8)	302 Yds	HRITIK GANDHI
Closest to Pin (Hole 12)	3' 4"	TARUN SANON
Straightest Drive (Hole 15)	On Line	VIRAJ MOHAN
<b>Kamala Bose Trophy (1947-1977)</b>		
	Runner Up	DEEPAK CHAUDHRY - 74.8
	Winner	PANKAJ KHANNA - 73
<b>Gen. Virender Singh Trophy (1978-1998)</b>		
	Runner Up	ROHIT GANWANI - 73.6
	Winner	ASHISH CHANDIOK - 72.2
<b>MN Kapur Trophy (1999-2019)</b>		
	Runner Up	ANKIT MOHINDRA - 72.6
	Winner	ABHYUDAYA SANGHI - 72
<b>Best Dressed Golfer</b>		
		ANSHUL CHAWLA GURKIRAT KHERA







## GURUPRANAM VISIT Ms Maggie Francis March 6, 2020

The Gurupranam Team was treated to the warmest hospitality and love from Ma'am and her entire family. This visit inspired me to pen a few words to illustrate how we felt.

Mrs Maggie Francis, Oh! It was indeed an unforgettable experience  
An amazing treat to our conclave,  
With Mrs Maggie Francis in her house at Haus Khas Enclave  
Food prepared by Ma'am, Minnie and Veronica, was utterly delicious,  
The mood was upbeat n Ma'am's family seemed simply vivacious  
She spent thirty years of her life in RSJMS imparting knowledge,  
So that Modernites had a solid base and joined a good college  
Daksha, Deepa, Meenakshi went down the memory lane,  
Laughter, pent-up emotions could not stop the rain

She spoke fondly of Geeta Ma'am, Mr Pahuja & Mrs Oberoi, hall never forget the time spent with her which was Full of Joy.

Thank You Ma'am for giving us the opportunity and making this such a memorable visit.

-Sunil Kapoor (1975)



## GURUPRANAM VISIT Ms Anita Makhija March 14, 2020

A visit to Mrs Anita Makhija's house was simply marvellous. She is credited with spending 40 wonderful years in RSJMS imbibing the values and knowledge that have paved way for Modernites to succeed in every field. The discussions with her ranged from Mr R.D. Goel, Mrs Sachdeva, Mrs Chandra, Ms Geeta Dudeja, Ms David and Mr Pahuja.

I was stumped when she revealed that she is the daughter of one of the most revered and respected Shri. L.N. Khurana Ji. A man who came from DPS, and yet had the distinction of having an unbeatable record of defeating DPS (in sports) for two decades. He was instrumental in Modern winning the Nehru Flag umpteen number of times.

Time went off rather quickly engrossed discussing the golden days at RSJMS. Mrs. Makhija and her Modernite daughter Mayuri and nieces - Shweta & Ritika were hospitality personified and the delicacies served were delicious. Daksha, convener of this event organised the visit beautifully.

Mrs Makhija is surely loved and respected, the experience was wonderful.

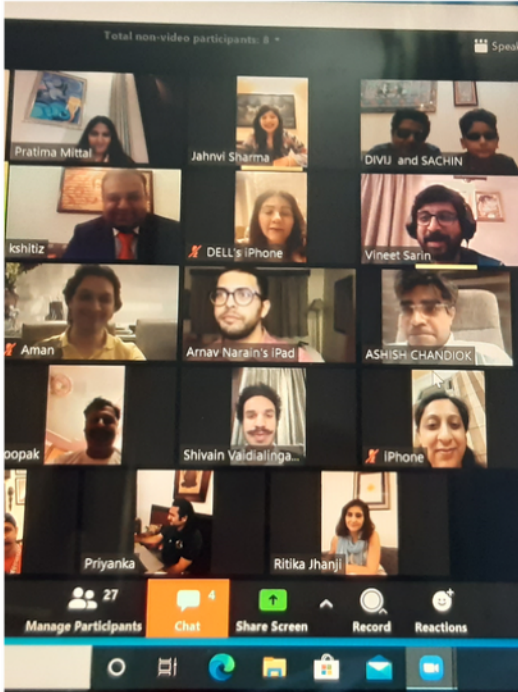
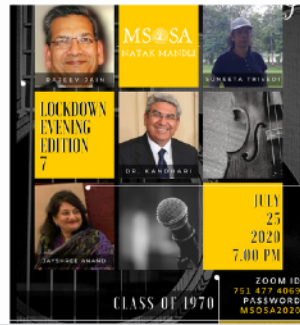
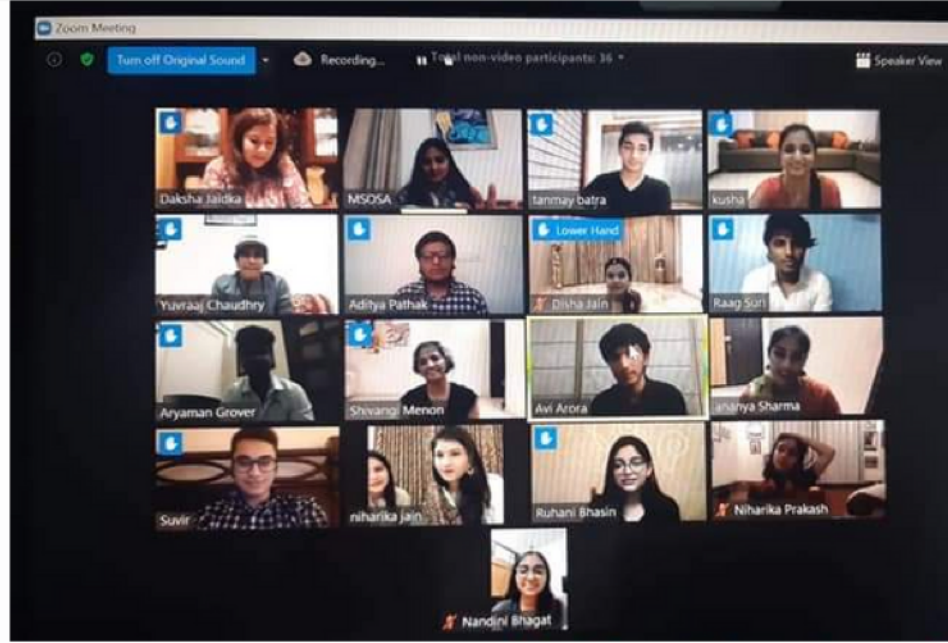
-Sunil Kapoor (1975)



# MSOSA NATAK MANDLI LOCKDOWN EVENINGS

MSOSA Natak Mandli Lockdown Evenings are an ode to the spirit of Modernites. You can lockdown the world but you cannot lock down the energy of Modernites. When the world struggled locked inside, MSOSA introduced the lockdown Evenings to connect the Modernites in an innovative manner. What started as a one-off event to connect with some friends, saw Modernites connect from across the globe. It has witnessed the participation from batches of 1960's to the batch of 2020. The participants tuned in from USA, Australia, Bangladesh, Africa Russia. Amongst the special evenings, we celebrated a special MSOSA Presidents Evening, The Reunion of 1970 Batch, The Welcome Evening of 2020 batch. The evenings were curated to provide a virtual stage to all Modernites to showcase their talents. Lockdown Evening team of Daksha Jaidka, Pratima Mittal, Jahnvi Sharma, Dhruv Tuli & Avi Arora put together episode after episode and discovered new talents and connected with each other in a whole new way.

Jahnvi Sharma (2011)

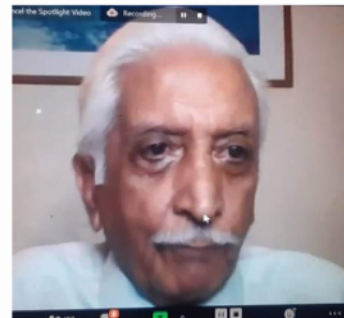
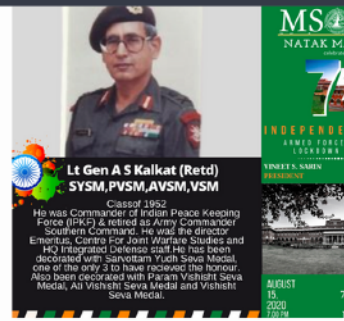


# INDEPENDENCE DAY ARMED FORCES SPECIAL August 15, 2020

If there was an event that truly showcased the strength of the Modernites it was the Independence Day Special. MSOSA Natak Mandli organised the Independence Day function with the Veterans of the Armed Forces. More than 100 Modernites - Armed Forces Fraternity joined the virtual evening and celebrated the adventures of school and their service. Some of the most decorated soldiers of India came together to celebrate the spirit of Modern. The accounts of their service, stories of bravery and sacrifices were immensely inspiring.

The journey of organising this evening was nothing less than a miracle. We started with just a few names and kept adding veterans to the illustrious list. With each, our heart would swell with more pride as the realisation hit us that Modern School has played a crucial role in strengthening our country. We were both humbled and exalted to have shared the space with these Men (and Women) Of Honour!!

Pratima Mittal (1995)

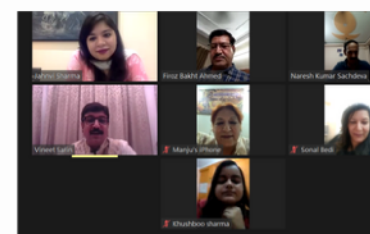
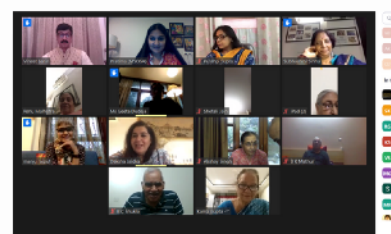
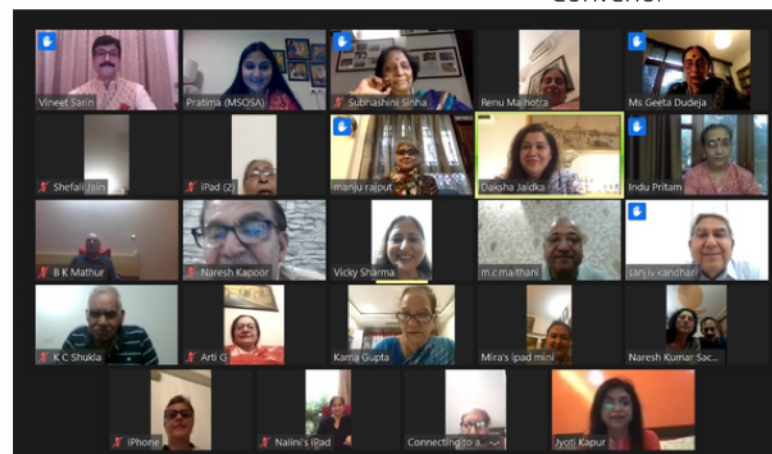
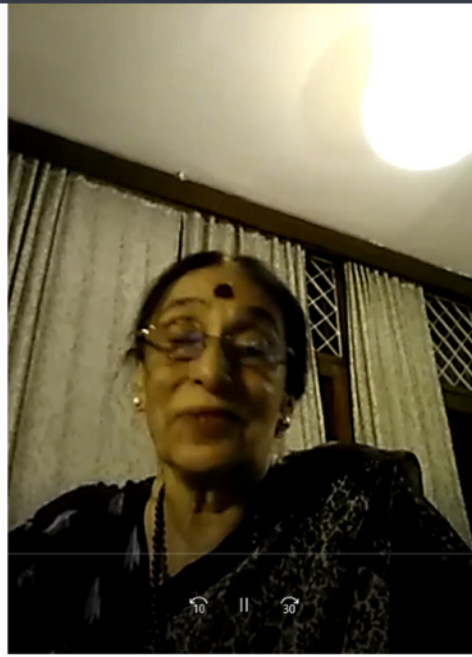


# GURUPRANAM

## September 5, 2020

Gurupranam event has been curated to honour the teachers who have played the most crucial role to enable Modern School to become an icon. Notwithstanding the pandemic, MSOSA organised the event virtually. A special Zoom Meet was organised with the participation of over 100 retired teachers. The teachers from both Modern School Barakhamba Road and from R.S. Junior Modern School tuned in to be part of this special gathering. The pandemic disrupted the physical meetings, it could however not depreciate the strong bond that the teachers share with Modern School and the students. The excitement to be part of the Modern School Family was evident throughout the event which lasted over 2 1/2 hours. A Gurupranam Brochure with Teacher's Directory and Modernites Volunteers list was created for the occasion. The brochure and the planter delivered to each teacher was much appreciated. The Modernites from all age groups got together to put up a befitting entertainment capsule for the teachers. Music, Dance, Flute Recital and poems once again took the teachers back to Sir Shankar Lal Hall.

Daksha Jaidka (1993)  
Convenor



# SHIKSHAK

## A TRIBUTE TO OUR RESPECTED TEACHERS

By Mr. Sunil Kapoor (1975)

Vidhyarthi ban Modern pahunche  
 Seekhe aapse sanskaar  
 Zindagi ko jeene ke  
 Pardaye aapne shishta Chaar  
 Aapke aalokik astitv ka  
 Kaise karein hum bakhan  
 Aapko Shat Shat pranam  
 Aapko Shat Shat pranam

Ungali pakkard ker chalna sikhaya  
 Har kathin shabd ka arth  
 Samjhaya  
 Daksh parisarita ka Amrit  
 Aapne hi humko hai pilaya  
 Humm sab kartein hain  
 aapka behad sammaan  
 Aapko shat shat Pranam  
 Aapko shat shat pranam

Aap hamare Margdarshak  
 Aap shiksha ke daata hain  
 Aap Gyan ke Srrot hamare  
 Aap saakshat Vidhaataa hain  
 Aap pujaniya aap nandni ye  
 Hamara abhisht yeh hai abhiyaan  
 Aapko shat shat pranam  
 Aapko shat shat pranam

Aapka sadev yeh thah kehna  
 Parikshram hi hai Sachaa  
 Gehna  
 Aap hi hain Vidya ke Sagar  
 Aapne kiya hai humme Ujjagar  
 Safalta ke pahuncha ker shikhar per  
 Aapne tab kiya vishraam  
 Aapko shat shat pranam  
 Aapko shat shat pranam

Aapne humko prakash dikhaya  
 Aapne jeewan ka saar samjhaya  
 Hamesha aage bardte rahe humm  
 Aisa vyabhichari banaya  
 Aap hamare anndaata aap  
 hamare hain Bhagwan  
 Aapko shat shat pranam  
 Aapko shat shat pranam



# CENTENARY DAY CELEBRATIONS

October 20, 2020



20th October 2020 was a remarkably special day for the entire Modern School Family. The students, the teachers, the staff and everyone involved with the Modern School were excited to be part of the accomplishment.

'The Modern School 1920-2020, A Century of Schooling in India' by Rakesh Batabyal was released that tells the eventful journey of Modern. To mark the Centenary Celebrations of Modern School and offer tribute to the Founder- Lala Raghubir Singh Ji, The Centenary Song was released in Raghubir Singh Junior Modern School premises, written and composed by Ms. Manju Rajput, Principal RSJMS. National newspapers carried a feature on Modern School to mark this auspicious day.

All branches of Modern School celebrated the day with enthusiasm amidst the pandemic. The pandemic may have put a brake on all the magnificent celebrations that were planned for the year, but could not dampen our spirit. It certainly could not take away the sense of pride that all felt as Modern School created history.

**May Modern School brighten the skies till eternity and beyond!**

Abhimanyu Garg (2005)



# MODERNITES EXCELLENCE AWARDS & CONCLAVE November 8, 2020



Lt. Gen P N Kathpalia  
PVSM, AVSM, (1942)



Mr. Shashi Puri (1953)



Late Hon'ble Justice  
Mahinder Narain (1954)



Mr. M L Varma (1959)



Dr. Arvind Kishore (1972)



Dr. Rajeev Ahuja (1972)



Mr. Sunder Hemrajani (1972)



Mr. Rakesh Kapoor (1975)



Mr. Anshu Prakash, IAS  
(1979)



Mr. Vishal Uppal (1994)

The Modernite Conclave and Excellence Awards is an event to honour the Modernites who live by the motto- 'Self Realisation cannot be achieved by the weak-willed'. It is a day that the alumni celebrates the achievements of the Modernites whose journey has been inspirational and who have made a difference to the society through their deeds.

Since 2011, the esteemed panel chooses deserving candidates from amongst the large pool of super achievers that Modern School produces. The Modernites Excellence Awardees share the honour with stalwarts of Modern School including - Mr. Khushwant Singh, Col Sonam Wangchuk (MVC), Mr. Gautam Gambhir to name a few. It was also a day that the gurus were honoured through the 'Gurudakshina' to recognise their contribution to Modern School.

Dr. Syeda S. Hameed released the book 'A Dream Turns Seventy Five' in new avatar.

The Conclave chaired by Hon'ble Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul with esteemed panel deliberated over the topic - "Post Pandemic World: Transform or Perish".

Rohit Jain (1987)  
Convenor





Mrs. Indu Sharma passed away on March 30, 2020 fighting a long battle with Alzheimers. She joined Modern School in 1979 and retired in 2004 as HOD Home Science. She was part of the organising committee for the Vinod Dikshit Awards.



Mr. Suraj Prakash passed away on June 27, 2020. He joined Modern School Barakhamba Road in 1971 and worked upto 1973 .



Sub. Raja Singh passed away on October 9, 2020. He joined as the sports teacher at R.S. Junior Modern School in 1973 and retired in 1989.



Mr. Taranbir Singh passed away on October 14, 2020. He joined Modern School Barakhamba Road as a teacher in the Chemistry department in 1968. In 1994 he was elevated as headmaster of the Senior Wing. He retired in 1996.



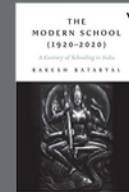
Mr. K C Tyagi former English teacher passed away on October 31, 2020. He joined Modern School Barakhamba Road in 1979 and retired in 1994.



1ST ROW - SITTING (LEFT TO RIGHT) : Mr. Sandeep Parashar, Mr. S. D. Mudgil, Mr. Sunder Hemrajani, Mr. Vikas Mishra (Secretary, MSOSA), Mr. Vineet S. Sarin (President, MSOSA), Ms. Manju Rajput (Principal, Raghbir Singh Junior Modern School), Dr. Vijay Datta (Principal, Modern School, Barakhamba Road), Ms. Meera Malhotra (Headmistress, Middle Wing, Modern School), Mr. Sharat Prakash (Vice President, MSOSA), Mr. Manu Narang (Treasurer, MSOSA), Mr. Ashwajit Singh, Mr. Suresh Gupta, Mr. Sunil Kapoor and Mr. Parag Arora.  
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*Daksha Jaidka*

What a year this has been. We started the year all geared up to organise events promising a befitting ode to the Centenary Celebration of the Modern Schools. But the year had something else in store for us all.

The year was characterised with - The Good, The Bad & The Ugly. It has also been an exceptional teacher who has left in our realms some important lessons. Team MSOSA was busy throughout the year to keep the Modernites connected through innovative ways. We hope we found a way to connect you to the school during these difficult times. As we come to the end of our two-year term, as editor of this newsletter, I hope I have held my part of the bargain to bring to you all events as they happened. As always, I would love to hear from you. Please write to me at [dakshazo@yahoo.com](mailto:dakshazo@yahoo.com)



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