

PRESIDENT NOTE

With each New Year comes new strength, new surprises, new thoughts and renewed fervour. Continuing with our alumni's rich legacy which I had the honour of taking over as the President of MSOSA in the last quarter of 2014, I promise to further strengthen and uphold the values of our Alma Mater in the year ahead.

Last year we saw some great enthusiastic participation from Modernites with record attendance at many of the events. Beaming groups of former classmates, nostalgia of school days, joy and surprise of meeting your batch mates after years; formed lasting memories and added to the exuberance of the events.

To recall, some of the popular events were the Annual Sports Carnival, Inter School Hockey and Squash Tournament, Young Modernites Mixer (YMM), 5th Modernites Excellence Award and Conclave, and the Winter Reunion Dinner. Last year from a surplus generated by MSOSA, we also contributed to the Modernites trust and honoured our retired teachers by giving them Guru Dakshina.

The new term for MSOSA started with Modernite football lovers supporting the promising Delhi Dynamos in the ongoing Indian Super League in an electrifying match with the Atletico de Kolkata on 14th November at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. The loud cheers supporting the Delhi Dynamos led to an exciting atmosphere. We would like to thank Mr. Sameer Manchanda (Batch of 1979), owner of the Delhi team for his magnanimous gesture and would also like to extend our best wishes to the team.

In the month of November, the 12th Inter school hockey tournament was also held from 17th to 21st November at Modern School with the finals at the National Stadium. There were 8 schools participating in under Junior (U 15) and Senior (U 19) divisions in which the Modern School won the finals under both categories. This was followed by the 12th Inter School Squash Tournament which was held from 17th to 19th November at Modern School. The matches were played for under 15 (7 teams), 17 (6 teams) and 19 (7 teams) categories. Congratulations to Amit Bhasin for managing the tournaments with such brilliance and magnificence.

With December as our official sports month we had the Modernites' Sports Carnival on Sunday, 6th December where Modernites and their families spent an exciting day at the Modern School grounds enjoying various sports like Shooting with Olympic standard Rifles & Pistols, Archery & Horse Riding. The authentic Delhi-6 food added to the festivities. At the carnival there were several matches- Football, Hockey, Cricket, Table Tennis, Tennis, Badminton, Athletics, Squash, Basketball, played between Modernites and school teams. Modernites lifted the M.N. Kapur Trophy, consecutively for the second year. There was a cyclothon by Firefox, Shooting, Archery and a painting competition for children. Justice (Retd.) Mukul Mudgal and Mr. Anil Khanna were the chief guests for the Sports Carnival. They were delighted to see the sporting facilities at school and the enthusiasm in all players. We would like to thank Atul Marwah for his capable convenorship for the event.

The Winter Reunion Dinner on 18th celebrated the friendships and bonds formed over the years by Modernites. A grand evening where everyone enjoyed the scintillating tunes of the band "Nasha" with a sumptuous dinner in a reverberating ambience of the school lawns, added to the grandeur of the event. Modernites kept pace with the 'Nasha' band in true spirits. The Convenors Anubhav Kathuria and Aman Tandon put up a great show and demonstrated how Modernites are capable of organizing an event at this scale par excellence. The event was attended by over 1500 modernites, making it perhaps the largest ever MSOSA event till date held in the school.

There are several more interesting, engaging and exciting events that the association has planned to organize in the coming months. We plan to launch the Modernites directory (with Vivek Rajpal as the Convenor) for which we have already requested everyone to share their details and photographs. We also plan to organize the senior Modernites dinner (with Vivek Rajpal as the Convenor) on April 2nd 2016. In consultation with the school, MSOSA will very soon facilitate a "Wall of Fame" with photographs and details of eminent Modernites. Mrs Sadhana Bhasin is the Convenor for the "Wall of Fame". We are also coming up with a Coffee table book on Modern School and MSOSA for which Vineet Sarin is the Editor.

Further, we plan to organize the Inter School Badminton Tournament (Udit Arora – as Convenor), Treasure Hunt (Virender Jain – as a Convenor), Golf Tournament (Sandeep Parashar- as Convenor), Conclave (Abhimanyu Garg- as Convenor), Leadership Lecture, Young Modernities Mixer (Varda Taneja-as Convenor), Inter School Annual Debate (Gaurav Dalal- as Convenor). We would also be launching the Modernites Privilege Card (with Vikas Mishra and Atul Khanna as Convenors).

To keep everyone abreast of our activities, we would be announcing the details of all our events on our Facebook page



(<http://www.facebook.com/groups/msosa>) and MSOSA website (www.msosa.com) for which Vikas Mishra, Gaurav Dalal and Arunima Malik are working to ensure that you all are well informed. Although, we try to maximize our outreach to our members through virtual mediums, I would still like to personally encourage everyone to get involved, to reach out and to connect with us. It is your participation and support that has helped to strengthen the association and to achieve its accomplishments.

I would like to thank all our sponsors and we would continue to use our funds for philanthropic activities. A scholarship programme for educating meritorious and needy children in Modern School from Class VI to Class XII is among the several programmes supported by MSOSA. A total of 29 scholarship students are studying in the school under the "Modernites Trust Scholarship Programme". Modernites through the modernites trust have supported free education for 78 students since the programme was started in 1986. Your continuous support and participation is highly appreciated.

For a grand successful year at MSOSA events I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow office bearers, Vineet Sarin (Vice President), Sharat Prakash (Secretary) and Ranjan Chopra (Treasurer) for their relentless support, enthusiasm which helped us put up some great memorable events and also got us some great participation from our dear Modernites. Let's keep up the momentum in the second year too.

Wishing you all a wonderful year and I look forward to hear from the members and to see your increased participation in future programmes and events.



ASHWAJIT SINGH

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<p>20TH MARCH 2016</p>	<p>MODERNITES TREASURE HUNT Reporting time 9am (MSBK)</p>	<p>2ND APRIL 2016</p>	<p>SENIOR MODERNITES DINNER (1928 - 1986 batches) 8pm onwards (MSBK)</p>
<p>15TH APRIL 2016</p>	<p>MODERNITES GOLF FOR CHARITY DLF Golf Course</p>	<p>APRIL / MAY 2016</p>	<p>MODERNITES CONCLAVE AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2016 MSBK</p>
<p>APRIL / MAY 2016</p>	<p>WALL OF FAME MSBK</p>	<p>JUNE 2016</p>	<p>MODERNITES DIRECTORY</p>
<p>JULY 2016</p>	<p>YOUNG MODERNITES MIXER (2002- 2016 batches)</p>	<p>2ND APRIL 2016</p>	<p>MODERNITES PRIVILEGE CARD</p>
<p>APRIL / MAY 2016</p>	<p>MSOSA COFFEE TABLE BOOK</p>	<p>TO BE ANNOUNCED</p>	<p>INTER SCHOOL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT LEADERSHIP LECTURE INTER SCHOOL ANNUAL DEBATE</p>

INTER SCHOOL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

17TH TO 21ST NOVEMBER 2015

Nail - biting hockey matches at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium characterized the finals of the hockey tournament for the Rishabh Jeet Singh Wason Trophy. 8 schools participated in the categories of Junior (U 15) and Senior (U 19), from 17th-21st November 2015. Displaying their phenomenal talent and skill, the students of Modern School Barakhamba Road swept the trophies in both categories.





ANNUAL INTER SCHOOL SQUASH TOURNAMENT

17TH TO 21ST NOVEMBER 2015

The 12th Inter School-Modernites Squash Tournament for the Mohini Virendra Singh Trophy was organized at Modern School Barakhamba Road from 17th-19th November 2015. The tournament was held for under 15, 17 and 19 categories. The final results were as follows:



Categories	Winner	Runners Up
Girls Under 14	Modern School, Barakhamba Road	DPS R K Puram
Girls Under 19	Modern School, Barakhamba Road	Amity International, Noida
Team Under 15	DPS RK Puram	Modern School, Barakhamba Road
Team Under 17	Amity International, Noida	DPS Vasant Kunj
Team Under 19	Modern School, Barakhamba Road	DPS R K Puram

WINTER REUNION DINNER

18TH DECEMBER 2015

The Winter Reunion Dinner, held on 18th December 2015 witnessed the attendance of a whopping 1,400 Modernites. It was a night of reminiscing cherished school memories, catching up with old friends and welcoming winter with zest and festive fervour. The scintillating tunes of the band NASHA added to the grandeur of the event. Further, the batch of 1990 celebrated 25 years of their association with this glorious institute.



MODERNITES SPORTS CARNIVAL

6TH DECEMBER 2015

The chilly winter morning of 6th December 2015, was electrified by the hustle and bustle of enthusiastic and energetic Modernites. The event was inaugurated by Justice Mukul Mudgal who encouraged all participating teams. The Annual Modernites Sports Carnival witnessed nail-biting matches between the Modernites & Modern School teams in Cricket, Football, Tennis, Basketball, Hockey, Squash and Table Tennis. Tasty treats and other attractions like horse riding, shooting and archery, kept all families engaged and ensured that they spent a memorable day at Modern School. The day ended in high spirits as the esteemed chief guest, Mr. Anil Khanna (President, Indian Tennis Federation), presented the prestigious M.N. Kapur Trophy to the Modernites team.





YOUNG MODERNITES MIXER

26TH JULY 2015

Young Modernites Mixer can be described as a night of zestful merrymaking. Held on 26th July 2015, the event witnessed an attendance of 700 Modernites from the 2001-2015 batches. It was an evening of remembering the "Good Old School Days" and being among friends again. Modernites wearing their scribble day shirts, quirky party props, colourful strings hanging with batch photos and interesting games added to the lively and energetic ethos of the evening.



SENIOR MODERNITES DINNER

4TH APRIL 2015

Senior Modernites Dinner, held on 4th April 2015 witnessed Modernites (1928-1985 batches) jiving to the tunes of a live band that kept everyone engrossed with its upbeat retro music. While some danced, others caught up with old teachers and friends. Teachers, who had completed long years of service at Modern School Barakhamba Road, were honoured while Modernites cheered on. The basketball courts and the majestic Sir Shankar Lal Hall formed the perfect venue for this buoyant event. The 1965 batch was felicitated for completing 50 years of being Modernites and the batch of 1985 was welcomed into the 'senior modernites' category.



MODERNITES EXCELLENCE CONCLAVE

18TH APRIL 2015

Modernites, and their legacy, have embodied the qualities of perseverance, dedication and excellence. To commemorate the achievements of such Modernites, the 5th Modernites Conclave and Excellence Awards were held on 18th April 2015. The excellence awards were presented to 10 deserving Modernites and the event ended with enriching speeches and discussions on "Development and Sustainability" from the awardees.





MODERNITES ANNUAL PLAY

29TH-31ST JANUARY 2016

The MSOSA Natak Mandali put up its 52nd production “Chor Machaye Shor”, directed by Mr. Chittaranjan Tripathy. Based on the “Thieves’ Carnival” by Jean Anouilh, the play was well attended by Modernites across batches and received rave reviews for being an engaging and bone tickling production. Well-choreographed dances and high on energy songs added to the grandeur of the play. On the first day, the show was graced by Hon’ble Justice Mukul Mudgal and former Chief Election Commissioner Mr. S. Y. Quraishi. On the third day, Hon’ble Justice G.S. Sistani and Principal Modern School, Barakhamba Road, Dr. Vijay Dutta, were the chief guests. They also recognized Mr. Vivek Rajpal’s contribution, with an award for having participated in 25 MSOSA plays. For the first time, the production was also showcased in Delhi Gymkhana Club on 6th February 2016 and was immensely appreciated.



BID ADIEU...



2015 was year when Modern School, Bid Adieu to some of its most loved and respected teachers and Modernites.

Mr. R D Goyal: Modern School lost another loved teacher Mr. R D Goyal in December 2015. He was the headmaster of RSJMS from 1968 to 1977 and the Vice Principal of Modern School Barakhamba Road from 1977 to 1981. In his 38 years of service to the school, he left a lasting impression in the minds and hearts of all students.

Mr. Ved Vyas: Another teacher who served a long tenure at Modern School Barakhamba Road, later went on to become the Principal of Modern School Vasant Vihar. Mr. Ved Vyas, passed away in June 2015.

Mr. V K Pahuja: Passed out from Modern School in 1962 and the same year he decided to join the school as a teacher to positively impact the lives of many who pass the corridors of the school. Mr. Pahuja served a long tenure from 1962 to 2006 and implemented the RSJMS hobby centre in 2003. His selfless service to Modern School and his contribution as a hindi, social studies and swimming teacher, shall be remembered fondly for generations to come.

Mr. Itty Zachariah: Batch of 1958, was on the Governing Council of the National Institute of Design and was the Vice president of the Indian Institute of Architects. He passed away on 31st January.

MSOSA CONGRATULATES ALL!



Shrey Gupta (2006) married Manvi Goel on 7th December 2015.

Divyanshu Rohatgi (2005) married Swati on 22nd February 2015.

Sanil Sachar son of **Sanjiv Sachar** (batch 1975) is out with his 2nd book- The Dark Side of Life.

Dr Sonali Rawal (1998) & Dr Shantanu Dutt were blessed with a Baby Boy Kiaan on 12th March 2015

Ruushill Bhaskar (class of 2006) and **Priya Ruushill Bhaskar** (class of 2006) tied the knot on 29th April 2015.

AAKASH SE TAPKE KHAJOUR MEIN ATKE...

AAKASH MOITRA, 2010

School was probably the most significant institution of learning for me. It taught me how to speak, think, read, write and most importantly be myself in any situation.

When I left school at 17, I had no clue of what I wanted to do in life. I thought I'd either be a 9 to 5 accountant or a deviant Rock N' Roll star. That's a pretty broad spectrum, isn't it? Well that's because Modern School gives one the freedom and the options to do pretty spectacular stuff and if you have half a brain the opportunity is yours for the taking. And I did!

So while in my final year at school I was generally mucking about at one of those tedious aptitude lectures where random people come in and try to answer the one big question of "LIFE AFTER SCHOOL". They were all clearly well equipped to answer since their adult lives had led them to selling aptitude tests to teenagers.

After about 45mins of not paying attention somehow my sleep deprived brain perked up a bit when they started talking about being an Entrepreneur. I groggily asked a few questions which they answered with the same enthusiasm as a call centre sales person selling an Airtel Scheme answers your queries. Anyhow, I stopped paying attention and carried on shifting between not paying attention to not really giving a shit.

Why I'm telling you all of this is because post this mindless session my Psychology teacher at the time Mrs. Cimran Kher met me and told me how I would make a good entrepreneur and how I should seriously consider it.

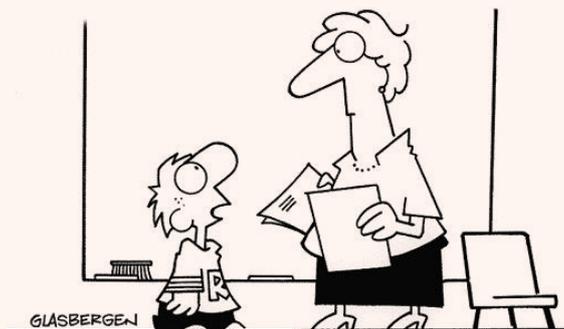
Back then I barely knew how to spell entrepreneur let alone thinking about being one myself. I was like a confused little puppy heading out into the big bad world!

This brings me to my current situation and where I currently stand. I'm a 23 year old man. I work for Universal Music India and am independently running, what I would like to believe is a mildly successful start-up in the highly competitive music industry. I credit the teachers, the staff, my friends and the general environment at Modern School as a big influence and inspiration for who I am. The most important things I learnt from school weren't words written in the books but how to make sound decisions in life and how not to crack under pressure. Everything always seems to work out in the end whether it's the Founders Day ballet performance (if you've every participated in a founders day function, you know what I mean) or the hard calls that you have to make on a daily basis as an adult. It all somehow works out in Modern School and in life!



BECAUSE THESE EXCUSES DON'T WORK ANYMORE.....

SHRADHA SHARMA, 2010

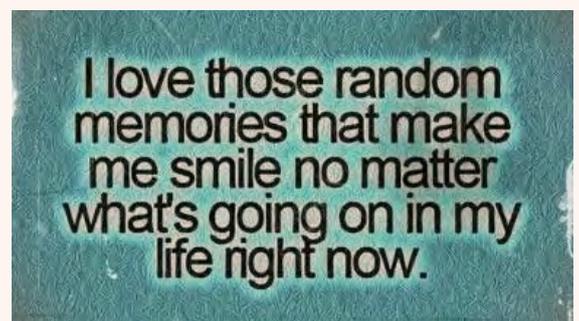


"I couldn't do my homework because my computer has a virus and so do all my pencils and pens."

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SQUASH COURT STORIES...

ASHWIN, 2010



"THERE IS NOTHING LIKE RETURNING TO A PLACE THAT REMAINS UNCHANGED TO FIND THE WAYS IN WHICH YOU YOURSELF HAVE ALTERED."

- NELSON MANDELA

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