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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“It is not the honour that you take with you, but the heritage that you leave behind” -**Branch Rickey**

Our beloved Alma Mater – Modern School completes 100 years in 2020. True to its meaning – “present day or contemporary” – Modern School has evolved as a world class educational institution where ideas and dreams take birth and are nurtured to produce some of the finest students who have become leaders in various fields ranging from public service, artists, sportspersons, corporate, entrepreneurs etc .

Only history decides when organisations become institutions, institutions become landmarks and landmarks become heritage. Modern School today is not just an educational institution but part of the city's proud heritage. It is a magical canopy where academic and all round excellence is combined with lifelong relationships. It is this bonding and relationships that have made Modern School Old Students Association (MSOSA) boasting of over 16,000 alumni spread across the globe, one of the largest and most active alumni group amongst all schools.

The last two years of MSOSA (2014-2016) have witnessed exciting and enthusiastic participation from Modernites with record attendance at all MSOSA 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. Continuing with our alumni's rich legacy which I had the honour of taking over as the President of MSOSA in the third quarter of 2014; the entire Executive Committee strived to further strengthen and uphold the values of our Alma Mater throughout the tenure.

We had reported the events till February 2016 in the last e-Sandesh. Since then MSOSA has been buzzing with activities and events, where we have seen an unprecedented attendance of Modernites. I would like to thank and congratulate the complete executive committee and all those who have supported in making all MSOSA endeavours grand successes. Further, I would like to thank the convenors and the MSOSA team for the success of some of the recent events- **Modernites Treasure Hunt** (Mr. Virender Jain), **Senior Modernites Dinner** (Dr. Vivek Rajpal, Mr. Vikas Mishra), **Modernites Privilege Card** (Mr. Atul Khanna), **Modernites Golf for Charity** (Mr. Sandeep Parashar, Ms. Daksha Jaidka, Mr. Sahil Malik), **Modernites Conclave & Excellence Awards** (Mr. Abhimanyu Garg, Ms. Arunima Malik), **Young Modernites Mixer** (Ms. Varda Taneja, Mr. Abhimanyu Garg, Ms. Arunima Malik, Ms. Harshita Aggarwal), **1st Pradeep Virendra Singh Memorial Open Delhi State Ranking Badminton Championship 2016** (Mr. Vikas Mishra, Mr. Ashish Jain, Mr. Udit Arora), **Walk Of Fame** (Ms. Sadhna Bhasin), **MSOSA Book- The Banyan Tree** (Editor- Mr. Vineet Sarin, Co-Editor- Mr. Sanjiv Saluja), **Modernites Directory** (Dr. Vivek Rajpal, Ms. Daksha Jaidka, Mr. Vikas Mishra)

All Modernites were abreast of our activities, through our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/msosa>) and MSOSA website (www.msosa.com). 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. Modernites through the Modernites Trust have supported free education for 89 students since the programme was started in 1986. Your continuous support and participation is highly appreciated and we have been able to contribute the surplus to the Modernites Trust.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow office bearers, Mr. Vineet S. Sarin (Vice President), Mr. Sharat Prakash (Secretary) and Mr. Ranjan Chopra (Treasurer) for their relentless support and enthusiasm at every stage. Special thanks are due to the entire Executive Committee who worked tirelessly as a team to make each event a success. Without their support & commitment none of this would have been possible. I would also like to express my gratitude to Mr. Ashok Pratap Singh, Dr. Vijay Dutta and Ms. Manju Rajput for their unwavering support and direction. I would also like to acknowledge and thank some of the senior Modernites such as Justice Mukul Mudgal, Mr. Sunder Hemrajani, Justice Sanjay K. Kaul, General Shankar Prashad, Mr. Amitabh Kant and the immediate past presidents- Mr. S.D Mudgil, and Mr. C.M. Lall for their guidance and support. Finally I would like to thank all Modernites for turning up in huge numbers at every event and hope that such zealous participation continues.

This would be my last communication as the President of MSOSA. I always enjoyed every moment of this responsibility and look forward to staying connected to the school..



ASHWAJIT SINGH
President, MSOSA



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2014 - 2016

Sitting (L to R): Arun Raj Malhotra, Sandeep Parashar, Dr. Kavita Verma, Dr. Vivek Rajpal, Ajay Verma, Vineet Sahai Sarin (Vice President), Ashwajit Singh (President), Dr. Vijay Datta (Principal, Modern School), Sharat Prakash (Secretary), Sunder Hemrajani, Ranjan Chopra (Treasurer), Virender Bhikuram Jain, Chander Mohal Lall, SD Mudgil

Standing (L to R): Parag Arora, Udit Arora, Arunima Malik, Gaurav Dalal, Abhimanyu Garg, Aman Tandon, Amit Bhasin, Vikas Mishra, Atul Marwah, Daksha Jaidka, Rohit Jain, Sadhana Bhasin, Rajiv Malhotra, Sanjiv Saluja, Atul Khanna, Varda Taneja, Harshita Aggarwal, Aparajita Amar, Ashish Jain, Shreyans Kataria, Pallavi Mohan

MODERNITES TREASURE HUNT

Convenor- Mr. Virender Jain

This energetic and effervescent MSOSA event is a great way for Modernites to test their multi-tasking skills, while enjoying the nail biting suspense of the treasure hunt and winning the exciting prizes. This year the event was held in March. The hunt was concluded at USI Residency Resorts with a sumptuous lunch and with several exciting prizes to give away and saw a participation of over 400 Modernites.



SENIOR MODERNITES DINNER

Convenor- Dr. Vivek Rajpal (Senior Modernites Dinner), **Convenor-** Mr. Atul Khanna (Modernites Privilege Card)

In the month of April, Senior Modernites came together at the front lawns of the school to celebrate their friendships and relive the good old school days. The evening was marked with merrymaking and dancing. The batch of 1966 completed 50 years and was honoured. The old teachers were also acknowledged for their contribution to school. The release of the Modernites Privilege Card was one of the highlights of the event.



MODERNITES GOLF FOR CHARITY

Convenor- Mr. Sandeep Parashar

Was held in April at DLF Golf Course and attracted over 100 Modernite players of all ages coming together to participate in a leisurely game of golf. All proceeds from the event were donated for charitable causes. The game was followed by a grand presentation ceremony ending with a sumptuous dinner and live entertainment.



MODERNITES CONCLAVE & EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Convenor- Mr. Abhimanyu Garg, **Advisor** Mr. S.D. Mudgil

The event was held for the first time in school which added to the ethos. The awards were followed by an enlightening and interesting panel discussion on 'Developing Leadership & Entrepreneurship in Students'. This year the excellence awardees included: Air Chief Marshal P C Lal (Posthumous Award), Mr. Kamlesh Sharma, Dr. Shushil Choudhry, Mr. Arun Khanna, Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Dr. Shekhar Shah, Mr. Rajiv Nayar, Dr. Rajiv B Lal, Dr. Harsh Kumar, Mrs. Mira Pradeep Singh and Mr. Samresh Jung.



YOUNG MODERNITES MIXER

Convenor- Ms. Varda Taneja

Was held on 24th July and witnessed an attendance of more than 700 Modernites from batches 2002-2016. The event was a grand success and is now a regular event on the MSOSA Calendar.



1ST PRADEEP VIRENDRA SINGH MEMORIAL OPEN DELHI STATE RANKING BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

Convenor- Mr. Vikas Mishra

In 2016, MSOSA organized 1st Pradeep Virendra Singh Memorial Open Delhi State Ranking Badminton Championship 2016 (under the aegis of Delhi Capital Badminton Association). The event was a great success with over 600 participants including over 200 girls.



WALK OF FAME, MSOSA BOOK- 'THE BANYAN TREE' AND THE MODERNITES DIRECTORY

Walk of Fame: Sadhana Bhasin (**Convenor**); MSOSA Book: Vineet S. Sarin (**Editor**); Modernites Directory : Dr. Vivek Rajpal (**Editor**).

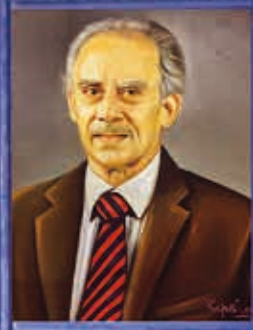
On Wednesday, 24 August 2016, MSOSA unveiled the 'Walk of Fame'- a corridor at Modern School Barakhamba Road that honours eleven distinguished Modernites who have achieved unfathomable heights and brought glory to our beloved Alma Mater. The inauguration was attended by the crème-de-la-crème of the Modernites fraternity. The attendees included eminent personalities like Mr. Amitabh Kant, Justice B.N.Kirpal, Justice Madan B.Lokur, Mr. Kirti Azad, Mr. Gautam Gambhir, Mr. Ronjan Sodhi, Mr. Samresh Jung, Pandit Madhup Mudgal, Justice Mukul Mudgal, Mr. Kamlesh Sharma, Dr Mahipal Sachdev , General Shaker Prasad and Colonel Sonam Wangchuk. Families of Mr. Khushwant Singh, Air Marshal P.C.Lal and Ustaad Amjad Ali Khan also graced the occasion. The 'Walk of Fame' has been designed by a well-known architect, Mr. Jaskaran Singh, who is also a Modernite.

The much awaited MSOSA Book- 'The Banyan Tree' and the Modernites Directory were also released on the occasion.





Talk Of Fame 2016



PHOTOS FROM THE MSOSA BOOK - 'THE BANYAN TREE'



Notice: The 60th Annual General Meeting of Modern School Old Student Association will be held on Sunday, 18th September 2016 at 11:00 am at the HLL Auditorium, Modern School Barakhamba Road.