

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Modernites

I am honored and humbled to be elected as President MSOSA 2016-18 and it is my endeavor to make MSOSA more vibrant, dynamic and inclusive.

Every President brings his own vision into the mix and through constructive dialogue we chart our course forward through our tenure. As is beautifully stated – *“Change is the only Constant”* and keeping this motto in mind I always welcome fresh inputs and suggestions from all Modernites across all ages and batches. It is my sincere belief that any institution can grow and strengthen itself only when it is most participative.

All of us on the Executive Committee are your representatives and custodians of your interests for our beloved Alma Mater. I urge you to be even more interactive and attend all our events in large numbers and give us your valuable feedback.

### EVENT CALENDAR

The first event which took place was the Inter School Hockey & Squash Tournament in the school premises. Several schools participated in the event. I would like to thank Mr. Udit Arora – Convener, Mr. Pawandeep Singh Luthra & Mr. Shreyans Kataria – Co-Conveners. Special thanks to Mr. Amit Bhasin – Advisor of the event.

The flagship initiative of my tenure is MSOSA *“GuruPranam”*. This venture provides a platform to integrate all the retired teachers and other retired staff members of Modern School to provide them and us with an opportunity to meet, sustain and support their needs and aspirations. The first GuruPranam event was held on the 10th of December 2016 with a large gathering of 60 plus old teachers and was widely appreciated. I thank the Guru Pranam team Mr. Sharat Prakash, Mr. Alok Bhalla, Mr. Aman Tandon, Ms. Kavita Verma Mr. Ashish Jain, Ms. Shonali Majumdar, Mr. Ranjan Chopra, Ms. Arunima Malik, Ms. Deepa Khanna & Ms. Sujata Kashyap.

Modernites Sports Day was organised in December 2016. The old students played vs the current school students. I would like to thank Mr. Parag Arora, Mr. Amit Bhasin- Convener, Mr. Gaurav Dalal, Ms. Harshita Agarwal & Ms. Seher Kochar – Co-Conveners and Mr. Atul Marwah- Advisor. Special thanks to Mr. Vikas Mishra & Mr. Vineet Sarin.

The Annual MSOSA Play – Capitol Express was a 3 day program held at the Kamani auditorium with an audience of more than 300 each day. I would like to thank the Convener – Mr. Sanjiv Saluja, Co-Conveners – Mr. Abhimanyu Garg and Advisors– Ms. Daksha Jaidka & Dr. Vivek Rajpal for their efforts and support.

Graduation Day: I have to make special mention of this momentous event which is very important to all the students of the passing out batch. Addressing the students was an

extremely joyous moment and a reminder of my own school days.

The Winter Re-Union Dinner was organised in the school premises and was attended by 1000 Modernites. I would like to thank Ms. Daksha Jaidka - Convener, Mr. Amit Bhasin – Co-Convener and Mr. Anubhav Kathuria – Advisor.



The Golf Tournament took place at the DLF Golf Club Gurgaon. 110 Modernite Golfers participated in this tournament. I would like to thank Mr. Parag Arora – Convener, Mr. Sahil Malik, Ms. Sadhna Bhasin, Ms. Varda Taneja – Co-Conveners and Mr. Vineet Sarin & Mr. Amit Bhasin – Advisors. Special thanks to Mr. Sandeep Parashar.

The Senior Modernite Dinner was organised in the Modern School front lawns and was a memorable evening for all senior modernites. I would like to thank Dr. Vivek Rajpal- Convener, Mr. Atul Marwah, Ms. Kavita Verma- Co-Conveners and Mr. Vikas Mishra- Advisor, for a successful event.

Further I am pleased to announce that the MSOSA website ([www.msosa.com](http://www.msosa.com)) is now live. I encourage all Modernites to register and keep abreast of MSOSA activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our trustees and Dr. Vijay Datta – Principal, Modern School for their support in the MSOSA events.

I would also like to thank my office bearers Mr. Sandeep Parashar – Vice President, Mr. Aman Tandon – Secretary, Mr. Ranjan Chopra – Treasurer and the entire MSOSA Team for their constant support.

I believe that we all must pull together to attain glorious heights for Modern School. A collective thrust from 16000+ Modernites community can be a tremendous force to achieve any selfless objective.

MSOSA is one of the oldest alumni bodies in the country and I am privileged to be able to contribute my sincere effort towards carrying forward the Golden Legacy of Modern.

I am always available to receive any feedback and suggestions you may have about MSOSA and its activities.

**Warm Regards**

Atul Khanna  
President  
MSOSA 2016-18

# INTER SCHOOL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

**Convener-** Mr. Udit Arora **Co-Convener-** Mr. Pawandeep Singh Luthra & Mr. Shreyans Kataria

**Advisor-** Mr. Amit Bhasin

21<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016

The 13<sup>th</sup> Inter School Hockey Tournament for Rishabjeet Singh Wason was held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Modern School, Barakhamba Road. The tournament was played under 2 categories, Junior (U 15) and Senior (U 19) with 8 teams participating in each category. Displaying their phenomenal talent and skill, the students of Shaheed Bishan Singh School swept the trophies in both categories.

# INTER SCHOOL SQUASH TOURNAMENT

**Convener-** Mr. Udit Arora **Co-Convener-** Mr. Pawandeep Singh Luthra & Mr. Shreyans Kataria.

**Advisor-** Mr. Amit Bhasin

21<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016

The 13<sup>th</sup> Inter School-Modernites Squash Tournament for the Mohini Virendra Singh Trophy was organised at Modern School Barakhamba Road from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The tournament was held for under 14, 17 and 19 categories. The final results were as follows:

Categories	Winner	Runners Up
Girls Under 14	Megha Bhatia	Parinistha Surya
Girls Under 19	Sanya Vats	Megha Bhatia
Team Under 14	KV RK Puram	Modern School, Barakhamba Road
Team Under 17	Modern School, Barakhamba Road	DPS R K Puram
Team Under 19	Modern School, Barakhamba Road	DPS R K Puram

# GURURPRANAM

**Servers-** Ms. Rita Talwar, Ms. Geeta Dudeja, Mr. Atul Khanna, Mr. Alok Bhalla & Mr.

Sharat Prakash,

10<sup>th</sup> December 2016

A flagship initiative for integrating and recognising old teachers of Modern School (Barakhamba Road & Humayun Road) was flagged off on Saturday 10th December 2016 with an event at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The event was graced by 60 retired teachers who were overwhelmed with the love and gratitude showered upon them. It was indeed a congregation of great wisdom and learning represented by our accomplished Gurus.

Names of teacher attendees: Ms. Kamla Nigam, Ms. S Jogindar, Ms. Rita Talwar, Mr.C.K.Chadha, Mr.Taranbir Singh, Mr. K.K.Mohindroo, Dr. Subhash Arora, Ms.Vineeta Chaturvedi, Ms. Geeta Dudeja, Ms. Maggie Francis, Ms. Promila Chaudhry, Ms.Neeru Shanker, Ms. Manjula Khullar, Ms.Vaid, Ms. Renu Malhotra, Mr.G Giri, Ms. Renu Grover, Ms.R.Maheshwari, Ms. Manju Mehra, Ms. Swaraj Mehta, Mr. R.K. Bhatia, Dr.V.K. Baweja, Ms. Usha Kumar, Ms.Rita Gupta, Ms.Neelam Chaturvedi, Ms.Binoo Agarwal, Ms. Rekha Katyal, Ms.Neelam Puri, Mr.R.R.Ojha, Mr.S.PBakshi, Ms. Saroj Bakshi, Mr. Naresh K. Sachdeva, Ms. Saranjit Sial, Ms. Pratima Banerjee, Mr. Naresh Kapoor, Ms. Meena Joshi, Mr.S.K. Dahiya, Ms. Sushma Kapoor, Mr. Suraj Prakash, Ms. Kamla Gupta, Ms. R.Banerjee, Ms. Vidhu Gadia, Ms. Brinda Sayali, Mr.Ram Kishan, Mr. M. Prasad.





### A heartfelt message from our guru...

Though I should have done it much earlier, I believe it is never too late to acknowledge a good deed. MSOSA provided me with an opportunity to meet my colleagues and friends after a long time. Perhaps many may not know that my father, the late Major L D Bakhshi, Bursar of Modern School from 1954 till his demise in 1972.

My association with this school has also been quite long. I first joined as a teacher in 1956 against a leave vacancy and left when I got married in Oct 1959. During my service, I also witnessed the foundation laying ceremony of Raghbir Singh Junior Modern School at Humayun Road where Dr. K D Bhardwaj a Sanskrit teacher at that time, led the Pooja. It was indeed a proud moment for all people associated with Modern.

After an upheaval in my personal life, I came back to stay with my parents who were staying on school campus. Mr Kapur, offered me a job in junior school under the then Headmistress, Mrs Sachdeva. During my second stint, I took care of the junior boys in the boarding house along with my dear friend Mrs Usha Sharma till 1978. In junior school, I got the chance to work with very able and helpful colleagues like Mrs Sachdeva, Mr R. D. Goyal, Mrs Chandra, Mrs David and Ms Geeta Dudeja. Geeta is a very loving and good hearted soul who is always there for us in good and bad times. My daughter Preeti has also worked under her able guidance and leadership.

Besides this, my association with the school has remained strong over the years as my daughters Vineeta, Preeti and Priya studied here along with my brother's children Sanjiv and Sonia Bakhshi. More recently my grandsons Vaarunya and Chaitanya also studied here.

Thanks to MSOSA, I was also able to meet Anuradha Kapur after many years. I fondly remember her as a little kid, who was called Bitiya by everyone around.

My good wishes and thanks to Msosa and Blessings to all.  
Kaushalya Vaid



## MODERNITES SPORTS CARNIVAL

**Convener-** Mr. Parag Arora, Mr. Amit Bhasin **Co-Convener-** Mr. Gaurav Dalal, Ms. Harshita Agarwal & Ms. Seher Kochar

**Advisor-** Mr. Atul Marwah  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2016

The chilly winter morning of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016, was electrified by the hustle and bustle of enthusiastic and energetic Modernites. 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 such as horse riding and cycling 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, Former Indian Test & One Day Cricketer Mr. Yashpal Sharma presented the prestigious M.N. Kapur Trophy to the Modernites team.



## ANNUAL PLAY

**Convenor** -Sanjeev Saluja **Co-Convenor**- Abhimanyu Garg  
**Advisor**- Dr. Vivek Rajpal & Ms. Daksha Jaidka  
27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The MSOSA Natak Mandali put up its 53rd production a rib-tickling social satire, "Capitol Express", directed by Mr. Chittaranjan Tripathy. The play chronicled the life of a character called Kumar who adopted unimaginable and hilarious means to become a part of the society's "upper class". A 3 day event, the play was lauded for its acting, dances and humour. Well-choreographed dances and high on energy songs added to the grandeur of the play.



## WINTER REUNION DINNER

**Convenor**- Ms. Daksha Jaidka **Co-convenor**- Mr. Amit Bhasin  
**Advisor**- Mr. Anubhav Kathuria  
17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

The Winter Reunion Dinner, held on 17th February 2017 witnessed the attendance of a whopping 1000 Modernites. It was a night for reminiscing cherished school memories, catching up with old friends with zest and festive fervour. The scintillating tunes of DJ Gaurav Malvai, Percussionist Sagar and Taniqui on the Saxophone added to the magnificence of the event. Further, the batch of 1991 celebrated 25 years of their passing out from this glorious institute.





## MODERNITES GOLF FOR CHARITY

**Convener-** Mr. Parag Arora **Co-Convener-** Ms. Sadhna Bhasin

**Advisor-** Mr. Vineet Sarin & Mr. Amit Bhasin

24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Was held in March 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 along with a sumptuous dinner and live entertainment.





## SENIOR MODERNITES DINNER (1928 - 1987 BATCHES)

**Convener-** Dr. Vivek Rajpal, **Co-Convener-** Mr. Atul Marwah & Ms. Kavita Verma

**Advisor-** Mr. Vikas Mishra

8<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Senior Modernites Dinner, held on 8th April 2017 witnessed Modernites (1928-1987 batches) giving 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 majestic front lawns formed the perfect venue for this buoyant event. The 1967 batch was felicitated for completing 50 years of being Modernites and the batch of 1987 was welcomed into the 'Senior Modernites' category.



## Bid Adieu...

- Mr Deepak C Shiram (1959) passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015.
- Mr Sanjit Bedi (1987) passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015.
- Mr Satinder Singh (1961) passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015.
- Mr Vikram Sikand (1986) passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
- Mr Nitin Bhalla (1974) passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016.
- Maj General Rajeshwar Singh (1966) passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- Ms Sonia Puri (1977) passed away on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
- Mr Brij Bans Bahadur (1939) passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016.
- Ms Chitragada Sharma (1962) passed away on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
- Dr Surbhit Choudhary (1990) passed away in March 2016.
- Mr Jasmeet Singh Sethi (1990) passed away in June 2016.
- Mr Abhinav Chaddha (1995) passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
- Mr Mohit Juneja (1993) passed away on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.
- Mrs. Neena (Ghei) Kaushal (1960) passed away on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

## MSOSA CONGRATULATES ALL!

### Marriages:

- Varun Shankar (2003) married Neha Sabharwal on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015.
- Shivam Lall (2003) married Rakhi Thakran in March 2015.
- Siddharth Oberoi (2000) married Suruchi in April 2015.
- Aditi Dalmia (2007) married Ankit Rungta on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015
- Nitin Bharara (1993) married Sapan Bhatia on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015.
- Aakansha Bhambri (2010) married Sagar Chopra in April 2016.
- Rajat Sanghi (1990) married Deepali Varma in August 2016.
- Shubham Batra (2005) married Kritika Uppal on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016.
- Nidhi Singh (1993) married Amit Sanan in December 2016.
- Rishabh Gulati (2003) married Richa Kapoor in December 2016.
- Upasana Gupta (2007) married Kartik Garg on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- Sagarika Kapoor (2010) married Vinay Arora in February 2017.

### Births:

- Govind Kohli (2000) and wife Saumya were blessed with baby boy Adhiraaj on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015
- Suparna (Kapoor) Van Noord (1997) and husband Dennis were blessed with baby girl Alisha on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015
- Vikas Trehan (2000) and wife Shradha were blessed with a baby boy on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015
- Ajitabh Puri (1999) and wife Poonam were blessed with baby boy Yesvardhan on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
- Hritik Gandhi (1997) and wife Divya were blessed with baby girl Deeva on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015.
- Gauri (Gupta) Arora (1998) and husband Gagan were blessed with baby boy Viraj in February 2015.
- Aditya Misra (1991) and wife Pooja (Kapoor) (1992) were blessed with baby boy Kabeer on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015.
- Kunal Rastogi (1999) and wife Rashi were blessed with baby boy Jaiveer on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015.
- Sabina Singh and husband Udai were blessed with baby girl Zayna in June 2015.
- Gurmehar Singh Dhupia (1993) and wife Darshan were blessed with baby boy on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015.
- Kriti (Mathur) Mittal (2002) and husband Aditya were blessed with baby boy Samar in November 2015.
- Kunal Verma (1996) and wife Anjalee were blessed with baby girl Kaira on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
- Tushar Shroff (2005) and wife Rupan were blessed with baby girl Aanya in June 2015.
- Ambani Shanker (2003) and wife Arushi were blessed with baby girl Aaria on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
- Aastha Sharma Bhuria (2003) and husband Sandeep Bhuria were blessed with a baby girl Myra on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
- Chetan Malhotra (1992) and wife Radhika were blessed with baby boy Kiaan on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.
- Sonavi (Chopra) Kaicker (2002) and husband Dhruv (2003) were blessed with baby girl Sahira on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016.
- Damini (Chopra) Talwar (2003) and husband Kartik were blessed with baby girl Noor on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
- Akhil Backliwal (1993) and wife Pooja were blessed with baby boy Ishaan on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
- Shubhi (Khandelwal) Johari (2005) and husband Vikas were blessed with baby boy Suryaveer on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016.
- Priyanka (Luther) Bhasin (2003) and husband Jiten Veer were blessed with baby boy Arjun Veer on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
- Nitish Bhasin (1993) and wife Jhumur were blessed with twin babies, boy Kian and girl Ruheen on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- Raleena (khubchand) Gangwani (1993) and husband Vivek were blessed with a baby girl Alaaya on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**Advisor:** Mr. Vineet Sarin (1987)  
**Editor:** Ms. Arunima Malik (2010)  
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