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Celebrating 50 Glorious Years of Excellence in Education

ALUMNI COLUMN

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I am a Risk Advisory professional working as Senior Manager with EY, a Big 4 consulting firm. I am also the Secretary of MSVV Alumni Association.

I remember my first day at Modern - nervous & unaware of the transformative journey waiting for me in this red-bricked building. Modern was not just a school, but an institution that is known for creating future leaders. The school's focus was never restricted to academics, but always emphasized the importance of sports and extra curricular activities - enabling us to pursue our interests, while we were on the road to discover our passion.

The stimulating discussions with teachers always encouraged me to challenge the status quo and the value system emphasising on ethics & integrity continues to help me in my corporate world journey.

In addition to the knowledge & value system, it gave us life time friendships and an entry to the distinguished community of people known as "Modernites", who are always there for one another.

During school days, it was a home away from home and I am glad that due to my position as the Secretary of MSVV Alumni Association, I am actively involved with the school & it continues to be my home away from home.

SCHOOL NEWS

On October 11, 2025, the school celebrated its Golden Jubilee Founder's Day with grandeur and pride, marking fifty glorious years of excellence. The celebration was graced by Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Former Chief Justice of India, as the Chief Guest, and Mr. Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, along with Ms. Archana Puran Singh, renowned actor, as the Guests of Honour. A special musical programme titled 'The Golden Cadence' captivated the audience with its harmonious blend of music, dance, and drama, reflecting the school's vibrant spirit and enduring legacy. Inspiring speeches and heartfelt tributes paid homage to the school's remarkable journey and the legacy of its visionary founder.

- On September 3, 2025, as a gesture to thank the teachers and to celebrate the teacher-taught bond, the Modern School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) along with the Modern School Alumni Association (MVA) organised a Teacher's Day lunch along with music and dance. The event was graced by former principals and teachers.
- On September 19, 2025, the students of Grade XII celebrated Teacher's Day with warmth and enthusiasm. The programme featured heartfelt speeches and creative performances that expressed gratitude and highlighted the essential role of teachers in shaping students' lives.
- On September 25, 2025, a Science Fair was organised, showcasing innovative projects and experiments on sustainability and innovation. The event encouraged scientific thinking, creativity and teamwork among students and received great appreciation from visitors.
- On September 26, 2025, Grade VII students confidently led the school assembly. Their engaging presentations and activities enlightened peers about the importance of good health and mental well-being.
- On September 28,2025, the eagerly awaited Dussehra break commenced and ended on October 2, 2025. The school extended its warm wishes to students and staff for a joyful and safe holiday with their families.
- On October 12, 2025, the Modern School Vasant Vihar Alumni Association (MVA) organised an exciting musical event featuring the world-renowned DJ Sartek, a proud alumnus of the school, giving students, staff and parents a night of enjoyment, in continuation to the Founder's Day celebrations held on October 11, 2025.
- On October 16, 2025, the MIE Exhibition was held to feature student work on the Yamuna River Initiative (YaRI), focusing on sustainability and river conservation. The event brought together all clubs and classes to showcase their creative and innovative projects and also welcomed 30 French students as part of an exchange program, along with participants from various schools. The exhibits drew admiration from guests and highlighted the students' talent, creativity, and originality.
- On October 17, 2025, The Green Brigade Club, held a vibrant Green Fair. It brought a festive yet thoughtful touch to Diwali, inspiring visitors to celebrate with care. From eco-friendly decor to creative green ideas, it encouraged everyone to make this Diwali brighter for the planet showing collaboration and environmental awareness among students.
- On October 19, 2025, the Diwali break commenced. The school conveyed its best wishes to the entire community for a safe, bright and joyous festival.
- On October 28, 2025, The Cyber Squad, Computer Science Club, organised the MODem, an innovative tech competition that challenged students to solve real-world problems through coding, logic, and creative digital solutions, fostering teamwork and analytical thinking.
- On October 30,2025, The Ecom Society, held the Economite to engage students with economic concepts through interactive activities and presentations, making learning insightful, collaborative and enjoyable.

STUDENTS' COLUMN

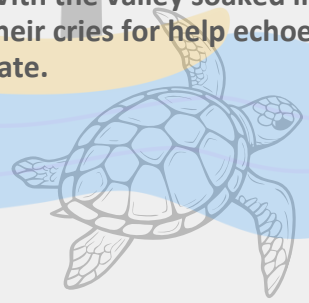
Kashmir, a serene and peaceful place
a sweet whisper in heavens embrace
the bright sun basking the valley in its glory
and the newly weds marking the start of their story

A second was all it took,
to have the entire Kashmir shook
a mother watching her child's cries
and a father at home unaware that it was the final goodbye

The folks who went for vacation without a doubt
had the flame of their fire lit out
people who took a tiny break from life
lost their life over a brutal strike

They kill so our culture can get erased
is religon a sin? is the only important thing race?
people get punished for others mistakes
for a piece of land a million hearts break

Is it ego? or do they want to instill a permanent ache
just because they want more, they leave bodies in their wake,
With the valley soaked in blood and India left desolate
their cries for help echoes as they reach heavens' gate.



MYRA KARWAL IX-C

EDITORS' COLUMN

The Festival That Feeds A Thousand Hands

I walk through the market during the week of Diwali and it feels as if the air itself is awake. Stalls spill into the street, their counters heavy with sweets, silks, and jewelry that catch the glow of a hundred lamps. Families press shoulder to shoulder, bargaining, laughing, carrying lists that grow longer with every turn. It is easy to think of this as only tradition - as worship, as celebration - but if you look closely, you can see how every thread of the festival ties itself to work and livelihood.

The sweet shop on the corner has hired two extra boys to stir the giant pans of syrup. The woman who weaves garlands sits with her daughters, their hands quick and practiced, marigolds becoming money one string at a time. The taxi driver outside knows his earnings will be higher this week, and the tailor in the back alley sews through the night because no one wants to wear last year's clothes when the new season begins. A single purchase - a sari, a box of sweets, a gold ring - is not just an object; it is movement. It travels from farmer to artisan, from worker to shopkeeper, and finally to the hands of someone who carries it home as a gift.

Festivals do not create wealth out of nothing, but they awaken the flow of it, stirring still water into current. They remind us that the economy is not an abstract graph but something alive, breathing through the footsteps in crowded lanes and the rustle of money folded into palms. In the light of the festival, we glimpse a simple truth: celebration is also sustenance. The joy of the season feeds not only hearts but households, turning tradition into tomorrow's bread.

OJAS PANDA X-C

The Dark Side of Festivals: A Celebration That Hurts The Earth

Festivals are meant to be magical—glittering lights, laughter in the air, streets alive with music and color. But when the drums go silent and the crowds disappear, what remains is not joy… but destruction. The very rivers that once sparkled with devotion turn murky with paint, plastic, and idols sinking into their depths. The sky that once held glowing fireworks now hangs heavy with smoke and ash.

Each celebration leaves behind mountains of waste—plastic cups, broken decorations, wrappers, and glitter that doesn't fade with time. These "leftovers" choke landfills, block drains, and poison rivers. The air we breathe becomes thick and gray, and animals scatter, frightened by the deafening blasts of firecrackers. The earth pays the price for our joy.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Imagine a festival where rivers stay clean, where the air sparkles—not with smoke—but with safe, eco-friendly lights. Where people dance and celebrate, then come together to clean, protect, and give back.

Every choice matters. A reusable plate instead of plastic. Clay idols instead of plaster. Lights instead of firecrackers. Celebration without destruction.

Our festivals should not leave scars on the planet. They should leave behind songs, smiles, and strength. If we don't change now, the colors of our celebrations will fade into the gray of a dying earth. The question is—will we keep celebrating blindly, or will we rise to protect the world that gives us every reason to celebrate?

AANYA JAIN XI-D

THINGS AROUND US

1. Trump hikes H-1B visa fees to $100,000; India says move will have 'humanitarian consequences.'

The order takes effect at midnight on September 20, New York time; the MEA directs all Indian missions to provide all possible assistance to Indian nationals travelling back to the U.S. within the next 24 hours. In a move that is likely to disrupt the mobility of skilled workers from India to the United States, U.S. President Donald Trump sharply raised the price of the H-1B visa from the current $2,000-$5,000 range to a flat $100,000, or almost ₹90 lakh.

2. India Launches "GST Bachat Utsav" to Reduce Cost of Essentials.

India's 'GST Bachat Utsav' will launch on September 22, 2025, coinciding with the Navratri festival. This initiative introduces a simplified Goods and Services Tax (GST) structure comprising two tax slabs: 5% and 18%, replacing the previous four slabs. The reforms aim to reduce the cost of essential items such as milk and ghee, ease household expenses, and stimulate consumption during the festive season.

3. H3N2 flu outbreak in Delhi-NCR.

Delhi-NCR is witnessing a sharp rise in flu-like infections, with the H3N2 strain appearing as the main culprit. A LocalCircles survey reveals nearly 70% of households in Delhi, Noida, Gurugram, Faridabad, and Ghaziabad are affected. H3N2 usually starts with high fever, chills, sore throat, cough, headache, fatigue, and body aches. Nasal congestion is common, while children may also experience nausea or diarrhoea. Recovery often takes 7–10 days, though lingering cough and weakness are frequently reported.

THE FUN PAGE

DID YOU KNOW ?

Nine nights are dedicated to celebrating Navratri, each honoring a distinct manifestation of Goddess Durga. It begins with Shailaputri, the daughter of the mountains, and Brahmacharini, the goddess of devotion. The third day is dedicated to Chandraghanta, a symbol of courage, fierce with a crescent moon. While Kushmanda is the universe's energy source, Skandamata is Lord Kartikeya's mother, and Katyayani is the fierce warrior. The seventh day honors Kalaratri, who banishes fear; Mahagauri represents purity, and Siddhidatri, worshipped on the ninth and last day, bestows success and wisdom.

FIND 6 WORDS USING THE LETTERS GIVEN BELOW-:

P T C N U A O

Hint 1: You do this when tallying numbers.
Hint 2: An agreement between people.
Hint 3: A type of fish often in sandwiches.
Hint 4: Peaceful and relaxed.
Hint 5: Opposite of off.
Hint 6: An object used to carry things.

(Answers : Count, Pact, Tuna, Calm, Upon, Cart)

RIDDLE TIME

I'm tall when I'm young,
and short when I'm old.
What am I?

MENTAL MATHS

Complete the magic square whose rows, columns and diagonals sum up to 65.

9		25	18	
3				
22	20	13		
16	14	7	5	
	8	1	24	

WORD SEARCH

FIREWORK, DIWALI , LIGHTS, FESTIVAL, AUTUMN, CANDY, PUMPKIN, SWEETS, SPOOKY, COSTUME

X	O	W	E	M	U	T	S	O	C	V	N
Q	W	N	L	K	F	L	F	G	Y	X	T
Z	O	P	H	J	A	G	R	I	T	W	D
C	D	V	S	J	O	U	S	F	O	M	T
K	N	K	Z	S	E	W	N	E	X	H	Q
X	G	A	V	Y	E	Z	S	B	U	Q	Y
F	X	I	C	E	D	M	Q	B	P	G	D
I	N	J	T	G	N	I	K	P	M	U	P
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C	B	V	R	J	E	A	Q	B	M	P	Z
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