

The secret of success is to do the common things uncommonly well.

Good evening, parents and guests. On behalf of the entire Neerja Modi School fraternity, I extend a very warm welcome to one and all, to the annual prize giving of the Neerja Modi School. This is that time of the year when we briefly pause, turn around to look at the fruitful year gone by, achieving both the expected and the unexpected, while setting various milestones and then synergizing ourselves to move ahead. L & G our approach to education is to challenge and inspire our students and to help them develop curiosity and a lasting passion for learning.

We believe in nurturing the diverse imaginations, observations, opinions, hopes and dreams of our students. We offer our students the best possible opportunities to become confident, thoughtful young people who are prepared for any future challenges, in an increasingly global world.

We encourage our students to develop higher order thinking skills - problem solving, critical thinking, independent research, collaboration and presenting arguments while

respecting the view points of others. These are skills that will last a lifetime, preparing students for their future lives while also making learning both enjoyable and rewarding.

L & G our commitment to quality education & academic rigour has been rewarded as our students scale great heights in the fields of academics, sports, dance, Art, Science & technology. Ladies and Gentlemen I share with immense pleasure that **in** the Education World's Indian school Rankings 2019, Neerja Modi School is ranked as the Number 1 Day cum Boarding school of Rajasthan. Also I am happy to let you know that **in** the Swacchhta Survey 2019 Neerja Modi School has been ranked No. 1 in Jaipur in the **SCHOOLS** Category.

Our batch of 2018-19 has made us proud with their fabulous CBSE Board results.

In the CBSE grade XII examination held in March 2019 Navya Bhandari from the commerce stream with an aggregate of 98.4% was the city topper. 76 Students scored overall 90% and above and 204 students had overall distinction. 43 students scored a perfect 100 in various subjects.

The CBSE class X 2019 result was fabulous too. Rupal Garg with 98.6% was the top scorer. 17 students scored an

aggregate of 97% and above, 54 students scored an aggregate of 95% and above and 122 students scored an aggregate 90% & above. 34 students scored a perfect 100 in various subjects.

The batch of 2019 also earned some fantastic University placements across the world. Yashovardhan Raniwala is at UC Berkley, Sanchit Agarwal is at UCLA, Mehul Agarwal is at Johns Hopkins. It is indeed heartwarming to see NMS students all over the world and that overall our students have bagged almost 30 crores as scholarship amount.

We are also proud of our students who have made it to the top institutions of the country. 5 of our students have made it to the prestigious IITs. Aryan Jain secured an AIR 76 and is at IIT Delhi, Kshitij Singhal is at IIT Guwahati, both Meghna Kataria and Sanaa Sharma are at IIT Mumbai and Piyush Agarwal is at IIT, Kanpur. 5 students Sahil Gangawani, Prakhar Gupta, Abhirath Joshi, Chimany Goel and Arihant Jain have made it to the various BITS Campuses, 4 students Aditya Sharma, Stuti Arora, Saurabh Tanvar and Lochan Bagri have qualified the NEET Medical examination to join reputed Medical colleges in the country. Quite a few students have joined colleges of their choice in Delhi &

Mumbai University. Apoorv Nigam is at SRCC, Mahima Singh is at LSR, Jhanak Sethia is at Miranda House. 4 students have joined NMIMS Mumbai while 5 students have joined Jai Hind College Mumbai University to name a few. Titiksha Gupta is at Azim Premji University and Rishabh Singh Jain is attending Ashoka University. 2 students Navya Bhandari & Rishabh Periwal have joined the National Law University. Navya Bhandari is a proud recipient of prestigious and highly competitive Aditya Birla Scholarship. Aryan Jain with an all India rank 83 received the KVPY fellowship offered by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. Abhinav Ghunawat, Aditya Gupta and Dhruv Agarwal have been awarded the NTSE Scholarship by the NCERT for pursuing courses in medicine, engineering, science or social science up to doctoral level. Each year an ever rising number of our students excel in various Olympiad examinations at national and International level. This year 7 students won the Gold medal in National Cyber Olympiad, 11 students won the gold medal in National Science Olympiad, another 19 students won the gold medal in International Mathematics Olympiad, 11 students won the Gold Medal in International Olympiad of mathematics,6

students bagged the Gold in NSTSE to mention a few of the exhaustive list.

Two of our teams have also qualified for the Nationals of Make X, a prestigious Robotics competition. They are the only two teams selected from Rajasthan. We wish them good luck for their upcoming finals in November.

Another area in which we have made ripples again this year, is the sports and games. Our students have done extremely well in football, basketball, Cricket, swimming, skating, Archery, rifle shooting, chess, badminton, Squash, table tennis and Lawn tennis and have made us proud. NMS students of the middle and Senior School have made place in the National U-14 and U-17 Basketball teams. In Tennis, Sachi Sharma with 8 consecutive victories is ranked in the top 50 Tennis Players of India by All India Tennis Association. We are also proud of Vihan Khandelwal and Vanya Bohra who have won Skating tournaments at national level. The NMS U 14 Football team is the proud Runner up of the prestigious Subroto Mukherjee Football Cup 2019. Sarthak Bhargava has Qualified to play National Squash Tournament this year. 2 students Adya Sinha and Anya Sinha have been selected for the SGFI under 14 National Table Tennis tournament. The Rajasthan Table Tennis

Association has ranked Vikram Nahata as State's No 3 Player. He is also selected for Nationals.

Kaavya Jain bagged 3 Bronze medals for her performance in the SGFI U 17 Archery tournament.

Shivika Sarawgi is selected for U 11 Chess Nationals. Anshul winning 2 gold medals at State Shooting Championship is selected for the National shooting Championship 2019.

Tanya Agarwal of grade X has won many accolades in Cyclothons and Marathons. We are proud of all our Sports achievers.

Our students have achieved fantastic accolades in various co curricular fields as well. The NMS Dance team won the First Runner up Trophy in the State Level D-Fest Dance Competition 2019.

The INTACH movie filmed by our Grade 9 and 10 students won the Best Film Award in the Jaipur Children's Film Festival and is selected for screening at the International Children's Film Festival to be held at Hyderabad this December.

Teacher training and student leadership development continue to be our priority. The school is leaving no stone unturned in equipping both the teacher and the taught.

The Jaipur Debate 2019 hosted by Neerja Modi School saw phenomenal participation by the best Debating teams from leading schools of the country including the Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai, The Vasant Valley School, Pathways World School, Mothers International School and Blue Bells School from New Delhi, CHIREC International School, Hyderabad, Bishop Cotton School, Shimla to name a few. This year's Trophy was lifted by Vasant Valley School, New Delhi.

Other student driven programmes such as the MUN, Tedx Kids & Youth, Young Students Praliament, Inter School Cultural & Sports Meets, Collection Drives and Community Service Programmes are becoming bigger by the day due to active participation and meticulous planning and implementation by the student council, class monitors and ever enthusiastic volunteers. Such events along with developing empathy and leadership skills also teach priceless lessons in crisis management which is an essential skill, students will need in their later lives.

At NMS, we care to provide guidance and counseling to help students find their Best Fit College. In this direction the Schools hosts Admission Officers from Overseas and Indian universities at the College Fair. The Career Guidance and

Counseling Cell of the School works round the year with students and parents, offering all possible support.

The well equipped Technology Lab is hugely popular among the Student Community which is ever excited to create and innovate.

Our ex students are doing extremely well in their careers and making their Alma Mater, proud. I am happy to let you know that our alumni are going places, Aditya Bisht, Vrinda Kochar and Kshitij Singh are at Microsoft in US, Lakshay Khurana is working at Facebook New York office, Vinod Meena is working as Assistant Commissioner Indian Revenue Services, Garvit Munjal is at Flipkart, Praveg Maheshwari is working as Learning and Development Manager at JP Morgan, Udit Ojha has recently joined the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre as a scientific officer, Devyani Balwada has been commissioned to the Indian Air Force and this list is endless. The success stories of our Alumni reiterate our conviction to holding fast to the motto of our school 'Knowledge Truth wisdom nurtured by values'.

With the sound schooling of NMS behind them, I have no doubt that all our students will follow the footsteps of our alumni and blossom into confident adults ready to take on the world.

But before I end I would like to tell all our children - **Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do. Successful and unsuccessful people do not differ greatly in their abilities. They differ in their desires to reach their potential. Believe in yourself,** Believe you can and you will be halfway there. Always remember Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out. So work hard with conviction and follow your dreams. Success is bound to knock your door.

Good luck and all the best for the year ahead.

Thank you

We live in a time where information is easily available ,so the highest priority at Neerja Modi School has been to move from content to process- from what to learn to how to learn, that is the skills of effective learning – critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, adaptability, effective written and oral communication.

Throughout school we promote a positive culture of self discipline, with clear guidelines on expectations and responsibilities. Our goal is develop discerning young people who are able to distinguish right from wrong and make good choices in life.

In today's world, quite a few are in search of instant success. Success is however not attained overnight. It is the result of years of disciplined hard work, planning and perseverance.

It is heartwarming to see how students have yearned beyond excellence in academics to achieving All Round competencies. So it's no surprise that a greater number of students this evening will receive an award for All Round Excellence.

In the co curricular field the students of Neerja Modi School have proved their mettle. In the Jaipur debate where we had active participation of 24 teams from leading schools of India including the Doon School, Dehardun, La Martiners, Lucknow, St.James Kolkata, Vasant Valley School, New Delhi to name a few, Neerja Modi School team was declared the winner as with their magnanimous debating skills, they mindfully tackled riveting motions with pro-lific arguments that left the adjudicators awestruck. Besides getting acclaim at the national front, our student Manya Gupta became the first ever and the only student from Rajasthan to be selected to be a part of a five member team to represent India at the World Schools Debating Championship held in Croatia this year in July. In a neck to neck competition which saw 600

participants from around the globe Manya and her team bagged the silver medal.

Our student's performance in the National & international Olympiads has been outstanding as always.

Our community service initiative has moved beyond sensitizing students to actually impacting lives of the lesser privileged. With the active involvement of NMS students ,a Number of Girls from Nischay are getting placed at the front and back offices, as computer operators and at the same time few have set up their self help groups and are making a decent living. Students' involvement in Community Service in Old Age Homes, Orphanages and individual Service projects are at a new high.

In the Picasso art contest Anay Sharma of grade 5 was awarded the star artist award, his painting was judged the best in the water colour category.

The NMS team of Sahil Arya grade 8 and Irsh Vijay class 9 qualified for the nationals in the World Robotics Olympiad.

It is also gratifying that an increasing number of students are moving beyond school's academic rigor, to publish their Research articles in Academic journals.

At the young innovators MNIT Business Plan Competition 36 teams from leading schools of jaipur participated. The NMS

teams of Akshat Kothari and Abhimanyu singh of grade 12 won the competition. NMS team was also the Zonal winner in the psych Ed Quiz 2018.

our students have remained at the centre of a great number of Sports at the District, State and National level, and have been winners all the way.

Technology and education have always offered an immense opportunity for transformation. As a forward thinking school, it is incumbent upon us to raise socially responsible students, equipped with digital resilience. It is for this reason that we have introduced an innovative digital Lab with exciting resources such as Robotics and 3d printers in our school to help our young minds becoming digital natives. At this new Hotspot of the school students are successfully preparing line follower robots and projects related to coding and virtual gaming.

It is of utmost importance that we continually self assess what we do to ensure that our initiatives have a positive impact on our students learning and development. Towards this end, after 3 years of rigorous planning and research, The Personalized Learning tool developed by the school, is being used for evaluating, measuring, and documenting the

academic readiness, learning progress, skill acquisition, and educational needs of each student.

In a nutshell, our aim is to guide students to become confident individuals ready to face challenges independently and to take on to the world successfully. Schooling at Neerja Modi School will ensure students have strong competence, innovation & creativity and also right moral judgments & ethics.

It is essential that we keep learning new things....

Education is not only about the past and present, but it is also the key to the future. It will help discipline our children for the intellectual challenges of the rest of the 21st century.

Let's come together' to become architects of success stories of our children. Let's plant in them dreams, help them nurture them and then, let them soar.

As Whitney Houston sang "*I believe that children are our are future. Teach them well and let them lead the way*"

So my dear students .....Lead on!

Thank you & have a wonderful evening.