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FUELING MINDS, IGNITING CHANGE

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ALUMNI COLUMN



MANDIRA

LAMBA CLASS OF 1998

From an early age, Modern encouraged us to explore widely—across sports, theatre, dance, and leadership. Sports played a defining role in my growth. As a captain for the hockey team and later as Sports Prefect of the school, I learnt discipline, teamwork, resilience, and responsibility. Those early leadership experiences laid the foundation for roles I would later take on, including serving as Chairperson of YFLO (Young FICCI Ladies Organisation), where the confidence to lead and represent others felt instinctive—because it had been nurtured at school.

One moment that stays with me vividly is Mr. Vari's encouragement. When tournaments clashed with exams, he told me he would arrange as many re-tests as needed, but I must never miss playing for the school. "I want you to play for the school," he said. That faith taught me that passion, commitment, and participation mattered as much as academic performance.

Modern also gave me a creative voice. Through plays, performances, and cultural activities, I discovered my love for dance and theatre—an early expression of the artistic curiosity that later shaped my work in the arts, from founding Blueprint12 to co-founding Inherited Arts Forum.

Equally priceless were the friendships formed—friends who remain my lifeline even today—and the support of teachers who believed in nurturing well-rounded individuals. What I loved most about Modern was its philosophy: education is not only about marks, but about shaping confident, empathetic, and capable human beings.

Modern School didn't just prepare me for exams—it prepared me for life.

SCHOOL NEWS



A formal farewell ceremony for the outgoing Class of 2026 was held on January 17, 2026. The school had the honour of welcoming Mr. Kartik Jaggi, distinguished alumnus (Class of 1984) and Senior Manager, Data Center Operations at Apple, as the Chief Guest. The event commemorated the students' achievements and shared experiences, while providing an opportunity for teachers and peers to extend heartfelt wishes for success in their future pursuits. It was a memorable celebration of gratitude, growth, and new journeys ahead.

- The winter break concluded on January 12, 2026, as students returned to school revitalised and eager, marking the commencement of the new academic term with renewed vigour and resolve.
- Pre-Board examinations for Classes X and XII commenced on January 12, 2026, marking a significant academic juncture and offering students an opportunity to gauge their academic readiness and progress. The examinations concluded on January 23, 2026, for Grade X, followed by Grade XII on January 30, 2026.
- The Smt. Mohini Virendra Singh Chess Tournament, held on January 15 and 16, 2026, underscored intellectual acuity, strategic depth, and exemplary sportsmanship among participating students.
- Republic Day was observed on January 22, 2026, with patriotic fervour through a series of cultural presentations, patriotic songs, and speeches. Students showcased the rich heritage and diversity of the nation, while speakers highlighted the values of unity, sovereignty, and democratic spirit enshrined in the Constitution. The celebration fostered a sense of national pride and responsibility among students, reaffirming their commitment to the ideals of citizenship and service.
- The Parent-Teacher Meeting was conducted on January 31, 2026, facilitating constructive dialogue on students' academic progress and reinforcing collaboration between parents and educators.

STUDENTS' COLUMN

Artworks by Sanaya Jain X-D

Art allows me to observe the world more deeply and express it in my own way. This collection represents my journey of experimenting with realism and creative expression, as I translate small details around me into art using different mediums and techniques.



EDITORS' COLUMN

A New Years Wish: How To Achieve Your Goals

Most people wait for 1st January to begin their new goals, believing that a new year automatically brings new motivation and discipline. This mindset often becomes the first reason for failure. By postponing action, they train themselves to delay change instead of embracing it. The excitement of New Year's resolutions usually fades within weeks because the habits were never built on commitment, only on a date. When goals depend on a calendar, they collapse the moment life becomes busy or uncomfortable. Waiting for January also creates unrealistic expectations, making people feel that everything must change overnight. True progress does not require a special day; it requires consistency, self-awareness, and the courage to start even when motivation is low. Success comes from starting now, learning through mistakes, and adjusting along the way. Those who act immediately build momentum, while those who wait often remain stuck, repeating the same cycle year after year.

ESHANYA NAHAR X-C

Our Vibrant Tricolour

Our tricolour waves for all to see,
A nation so diverse, yet free.
A land of dreams and pride,
Where courage and unity walk side by side.

From Kashmir's serene streams,
To Kanyakumari's vibrant dreams,
Through the Thar Desert's golden sand,
Or the Northeast wonderland,
Our nation rises, strong and grand.

In every heart, a pledge we keep,
Unity in diversity, we seek.
Every culture respected, traditions alive,
Each step towards a future that thrives.

On Republic Day, in our minds,
We honour those with visions so defined,
Of constitutional rights for me and you,
To guide our nation, brave and true.
Equality, freedom, and justice too,
Visions of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and others
coming true.

As young citizens, we rise with pride,
And carry them forward through changing
times.

Voices of those before us,
Voices of those who come after,
Forever aligned in the timeless pages of our
nation's Constitution.

VANSHIKA BAID X-A

THINGS AROUND US

1. US strikes Venezuela, captures and flies out President Maduro and, wife.

The United States carried out strikes in Venezuela and captured President Nicolás Maduro along with his wife, Cilia Flores. U.S. officials Pete Hegseth and Marco Rubio led the operation. Authorities claimed the action was in response to allegations against the Maduro government, including corruption, drug trafficking, and threats to democracy. Venezuela condemned the strikes, calling them a violation of its sovereignty. This incident sharply increased tensions between the two countries.

2. Indore declares a waterborne outbreak epidemic.

In Indore's Bhagirathpura area, a serious public health crisis erupted after drinking water became contaminated with sewage. This led to at least six confirmed deaths and hundreds of illnesses, with many people hospitalised for diarrhoea and vomiting. Officials are investigating the outbreak. Lab tests and field inspections linked the contamination to breaches in the local water supply. Authorities suspended the tap water supply, removed senior municipal officials, and launched large-scale testing and safety measures, including chlorination and replacing corroded pipelines. Residents, once reliant on municipal water, are now forced to use bottled water due to distrust in the system.

3. Deadly Fire at Swiss Alpine Bar

A fire at the Le Constellation bar in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, on New Year's Day killed about 40 people and injured 115. The blaze started around 1:30 a.m. and spread quickly through the crowded venue. Many of the injured suffered burns and smoke inhalation, with some flown to hospitals in Switzerland and nearby countries. Witnesses suggested that sparklers or candles may have ignited the ceiling. However, authorities stated that the cause is still under investigation and that it was not a deliberate attack. The Swiss president called it one of the worst disasters in the country's history, with support arriving from across Europe to assist victims and survivors.

THE FUN PAGE

QUOTES

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it". -Charles R. Swindoll

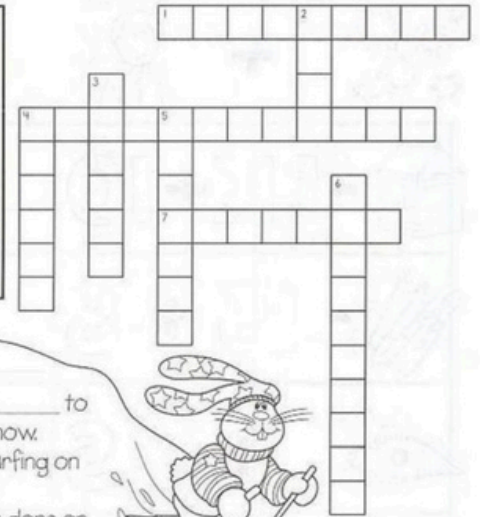
"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them". -Walt Disney

CROSSWORD

Use the word list and clues to complete the puzzle.

Word List

BOBSLED
HOCKEY
SKATING
SKIING
SLED
SNOWBOARDING
SNOWMOBILE
SNOWSHOES



Across

- You could use _____ to walk across snow.
- _____ is like surfing on the snow.
- Ice-_____ is done on frozen water.

Down

- Riding a _____ is a fast and fun way to get down a snowy hill.
- You need a stick and a puck to play ice _____.
- Gliding down a mountain with two long boards on your feet is called _____.
- A _____ has metal runners that help it slide down a curvy track.
- A _____ uses a motor to travel through the snow.

RIDDLES

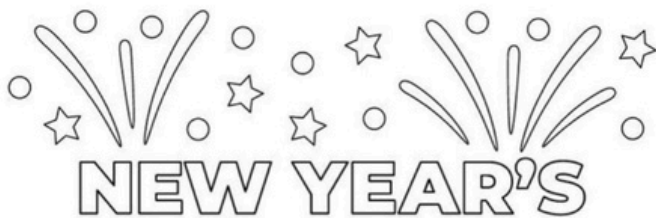
I never ask questions, but I am always answered.

Answer: Doorbell

I have no life, but I can die. What am I?

Answer: A battery

WORD SEARCH



NEW YEAR'S

WORD SEARCH

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

CALENDAR
CELEBRATION
CHEERS
CLOCK
CONFETTI

COUNTDOWN
DECEMBER
EVE
FAMILY
FIREWORKS

FRIENDS
HAPPY
HOLIDAY
JANUARY
MIDNIGHT

NEW
NOISEMAKER
PARTY
RESOLUTION
YEAR

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