



## News Letter JULY 2019

*'Education is a process of living through a continuous reconstruction of experiences'*

Dear Parents,  
Greeting from DMA!!

I wish to share with you some new practices of the school and urge you to support us in healthy grooming of our children. We've conducted a programme for Rain Water Management awareness and have set up the system at DMA. Parents who wish to take up this cause and need support to install a subsized standard model at home may contact the numbers given below:

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All of us realise the urgency & need to save our non renewable resources and should make efforts to spread awareness regarding the same.

DMAites have also taken up a cause of 'Feeding the hungry people on the streets' along with an NGO and students contribute one chapatti each on every Monday to contribute towards this cause.

In our 'Community Service' programme DMA has adopted three schools in the vicinity. DMAites render their service to these schools by sharing facilities, resources, active teaching and learning opportunities. The value of sharing & earning is inculcated and students become more humane & empathetic.

The Eco Club of the school has taken up the mantle of 'Swachch Bharat' and students have carried out cleanliness Drive & Anti Polythene drives in the vicinity. Around 50 trees have been planted by the students in the month of July 2019. We urge you to appreciate these students and lend your support to this cause.

Games, Sports, Yoga & Self Defence have become very popular among students a large no. of students have joined the early morning & evening sports training. Teachers need to constantly upgrade themselves and thus DMA being alive to this responsibility has sent teachers to participate in CBSE workshops & Training Programmes all across the region. DMA has organized 3 training programme for teachers, evaluators and Principals in DMA premises thereby modelling a habit of mind 'Be a learner all the time' that we want for our students.

Our counsellor Dr. Poonam Devdutt has also conducted workshops for students on 'Behaviour Modification' Parents can also consult her at DMA on Fridays between 09:00 am & 10:30 am with prior intimation.

In order to make class room learning more engaging & impactful stem lab activities have been taken up for the middle school. This experiential learning methodology is helping students to strengthen their concepts. Open door assessment & remediation programme is yet another series of 'Assessment of Learning' and 'Assessment for Learning.' The application based & HOTS questions are also training young minds to become thinking minds.

Moving ahead with times we aim at building techno savvy generation, sensible, sensitive students imbibing & sharing common values and morals towards our contribution to society. DMAites should be knowledgeable, dignified, independent, caring, trustworthy and possessing a positive attitude to life.

Shaping a better tomorrow is our primary endeavour.

May God Bless us in all our future endeavours.

With Best regards

**Dr. Ritu Dewan**

(Principal)



# DMA featured in 'Forbes' – Internationally acclaimed Magazine



NURTURING GLOBAL CITIZENS

## Dayawati Modi Academy, Modipuram



Dr. Ritu Dewan  
(Principal)

*The realisation of a country's aspiration involves changes in knowledge, skills, interests and values of the people as a whole. To achieve this change on a grand scale, we have just one instrument - education. It is the most potent instrument of modernisation which is closely related to the orientation of its people to change. It needs a certain personality structure which is conducive to innovation. DMA lays down the foundation of the important qualities of personality in childhood and adolescence. It uses the instrument of education not only to promote knowledge and develop skills but also to evolve IQ and EQ and bring an attitudinal change essential for achieving the goals of modernisation.*

### About Us

Dayawati Modi Academy (DMA) was established in consonance with the illustrious vision of Maaji Dayawati Modi. Located on a lush 11 plus acre site in Modipuram, Meerut, the school has 3 age-appropriate campuses with a range of world-class facilities to ensure that students have an enriching learning experience. DMA is a school with a difference that strongly believes in continuous growth and open mindedness. The values of DMA are embedded in the roots of Indian culture to give children the wings to explore the vast horizon of learning on their pursuit towards excellence.

DMA is an institution of learning that nurtures the growth of an overall personality imbued with the right value system to develop responsible, thinking, sensitive and global citizens. The objective of DMA is to impart quality education and create a spirit of excellence, enabling students to embrace all challenges of life and be conscious of our rich cultural heritage.



### Achievements

- Great Place to Study certified CBSE School 2019.
- India's Greatest Education Brand 2017 & 2018 by United Research & URS Media.
- India's Greatest Leader Award to Principal DMA Dr. Ritu Dewan by Asiaone magazine for year 2018.
- Ranked No. 1 CBSE school in Academic Reputation by Education Today for the year 2018.



### Greatness Quotient

#### Contemporary teaching methodologies

DMA sets itself apart from its peers by engaging and involving students to educate themselves in health and hygiene, communication, cultural history, and team work. The school recognises the important role essayed by parents in shaping the future of each child. Teachers and parents work together to establish an effective communication channel to influence the overall development of a child.

**Social outreach programmes** : DMA strongly believes that education is a way more than a service job and this realisation has led the school to actively fulfil its social responsibilities. The institute has adopted 3 schools where they organise competitions and conduct after-school IT classes so that the students get the same level of exposure offered by any other school.

**Age-appropriate campuses** : Innovation is a way of life at DMA. The institute has 3 campuses which are uniquely designed and integrated to permeate free flows of ideas. Each unit lends a natural, stress-free, need-based, safe and caring environment to children.

#### Moulding socially responsible students

DMA encourages its students to actively participate in social campaigns so that they learn how to become responsible citizens. Students at DMA have participated in campaigns like Girl Child Education, Clean India Movement and Digital India.

**Innovative green initiatives** : Initiatives to save natural resources like rain water harvesting, maintaining a kitchen garden, vermicomposting beds, green walls, cracker-free Diwali and installation of bird homes are undertaken by the Eco-club of the academy. These initiatives help empower students to strive for a safe and healthy tomorrow.

**Active engagement in community service** : Students at DMA are encouraged to visit old age homes to interact with the residents, share their joys and put up wonderful performances. There is also a group of philanthropic alumni that offers financial support to students of the academy who come from underprivileged backgrounds. Community service helps students to grow up to be socially responsible.



### STUDENT SPEAK



Vinayak Singh  
STUDENT

There are many reasons why I love my school. To begin with, the teachers are very friendly. It is easy for us to approach them and share our problems. We have doubt-clearing sessions and regular tests so that we can analyse our progress as well as recognise our areas of improvement. We have ample opportunities to enhance our skills as well as our talents. What I love the most about my school is the clean, green, healthy and safe environment.

# Principal, DMA expresses concern for youth in 'Forbes'

## EXPERT SPEAK

Dayawati Modi Academy



**Dr. Ritu Dewan**  
( Principal )

### Are we moulding a generation of socially responsible students?

Mutual trust moves the entire universe – the sun is trusted to be up at dawn and down at dusk. Likewise, the human world spurs on mutual understanding. The integrity of the world emanates from integrity of the individual. Upon this sense of responsibility hinges the harmonious survival of the entire race. Getting into the mould of being socially responsible is a slow, evolving process, like character building. The essence of social responsibility cannot be thrust upon anyone. It can only be nurtured through constant sprinkling of love, values and ethics. Today's youth has the capability to make a difference and contribute immensely with their unparalleled energy, enthusiasm, creativity and positivity.

In this time of technological advances, the youth is being influenced by the internet and social media. Small acts like judicious use of resources, reducing pollution or helping someone cross the road can prove to be magical in bringing a big positive change in the society. Being aware of what is good and what isn't for the society as a whole can set the youth on a path to become socially responsible, ethically empowered and sensitised to work towards the good of the society.

Before we call the youth socially irresponsible or indifferent, we must introspect our attitudes and actions towards them. The younger generation may not listen to what we say, but they inadvertently observe what we do and emulate our actions. We can empower them to envisage their overall personality beyond their own selves.

If the youth is educated and willing to go the extra mile to affect positive change, miracles can happen. There is an old saying which states, "It takes a village to raise a child". Parenting is a life-long duty while the duty of educational institutions goes beyond imparting academic knowledge. Education reinforces in students what's "right" and what's "wrong" through various avenues. When children feel appreciated and loved for who they are, they feel capable, powerful and confident to handle the challenges of the society. After all, education is all about going beyond academics.

The student community constitutes a vibrant thread in the fabric of the society. They are the visionaries of tomorrow, but unfortunately, hardly a day passes when we do not hear about students taking the law into their own hands. Increasing rowdiness, conflict and acts of aggression and destruction among students indicate that they are not being nurtured appropriately. Are parents and teachers, who have been entrusted with the responsibility of grooming these youngsters into disciplined and responsible citizens of the country, taking correct steps to mould them?

If we look at the whole scenario, efforts made by institutions are not producing the desired result. Who doesn't know Malala Yousouf, the youngest Noble Peace awardee, who showed indomitable courage by raising her voice for every child's right to education? Why don't we mould children to take on challenges to eradicate the maladies that exist in our society? Educational institutions claim that they impart all-round education by organising a multitude of activities, like tree plantations drives, sensitisation visits, blood donation camps, and more. Aren't they, more or less, decorative or confined to one-day celebrations? Glowing marksheets or certificates reflect the academic strength of a student but how do we gauge their social values such as empathy, integrity or justice? We impart academic education but ignore how to use this knowledge for the good of the society. Our educational system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches students to make a living but not how to lead a wholesome life.

Early experiences play a significant role in shaping children's personalities and attitudes in life. Meeting their physical and materialistic needs is one thing but tending to their emotional needs is surely a herculean task. Often we see children confiding their deepest thoughts on the internet. If a child is experiencing trouble at school, he/she might turn to social media instead of talking to the parents. Shouldn't parents be fulfilling this role for their kids? Even under the same roof, children sometimes prefer to text rather than have an actual conversation. As a result, children with intensive screen time, fail to nurture their social skills.

The onus lies on the entire society-teachers, educators, parents-to take proper care of the child's needs, to discipline him, to encourage him and inculcate all the virtues that will put them on the path of social responsibility. They are their learning models. It's not only children who grow; adults should also grow to comprehend their changing needs. Times have changed and we cannot apply nineteenth-century methods to solve twenty-first-century problems. As educators, we have the great privilege and responsibility to impact our students' life positively inculcating in them values to march forward and motivating them to become socially responsible citizens. Let us join hands now for a better tomorrow. Our society needs us and we must stand for it.

### **Inauguration of Basketball Academy (1<sup>st</sup> July 2019)**

It is said that "A sound mind in a sound body" makes a strong society. Thus it is not enough to be focused only on studies but having a healthy body is also essential. Sports make it possible as the participant learns competitiveness, team spirit, deals with achievements & loss and learns to overcome challenges of different types. The Basketball Academy of DMA will employ a holistic, 360-degree approach to player development with focuses on education, leadership, character development and life skills. As part of the program, the students will learn and compete throughout the year and will have an opportunity to be selected for the school team.

Inaugurating the Basketball Academy on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, the Principal Dr (Mrs) Ritu Dewan said, "The opening of our Basketball Academy is an important milestone in the DMA's efforts towards overall growth of our students and demonstrates our commitment to developing talent and shaping their future in the game here. These young athletes and those who will attend this academy in the years to come will receive world-class coaching and training to help them fulfill their potential on and off the court."



### **Personal Enrichment and Life Skills Workshop (16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July)**

Students of class XI participated in a "Personal Enrichment and Life Skills Workshop" organised by Shobhit University and conducted under the able guidance of Dr (Mrs) Poonam Devdutt. The workshop began with a Goal Setting agenda by the students for a ten year, five year and one year period. They also learned how distractions like excessive use of social media, mobile games and procrastination kept them from achieving their goals. The workshop provided the students an opportunity to interact with students from other schools, break the ice with strangers and build up confidence. The workshop was an introspective and enriching experience for the students.



### **SEMINAR ON WATER CONSERVATION (17<sup>th</sup> July 2019)**

#### **'Conserve Water, Conserve Life'**

In continuation of Water Conservation Week, from 16<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> July, a seminar and social awareness programme on Water Preservation and Rain Water Harvesting was conducted in DMA on 17<sup>th</sup> July to sensitize the children about the conservation of water. The programme was in combined collaboration with Meerut Development Authority and My City My Initiative (MCMII) Organization. Honourable guests, Mr. Ankush Chaudhary, Coordinator, MCMII, Er. B D Sharma, Convener, Indian Water Resources Society, Mr. S K Sharma, Treasurer MCMII, Mr. Zafar Ahmad, JE Groundwater(Bhoojal) Department, were accorded a warm welcome with floral presentations by revered Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Dewan.

The assembly was beautifully hosted by Rajsi Khanna. A thought provoking poem 'Appeal of Water' was recited by Yash Ahlawat of IX M. A motivational speech highlighting the importance of rainwater harvesting was delivered by Anshika Sharma of XII A. Another inspirational poem 'Mat Karo Mujhko Barbad' was presented by Shipra Siddharth of VIII F. The atmosphere was enhanced by a vibrant dance performance on a motivational song 'Ye Mat Kaho Khuda Se'.

In his address to the august gathering Mr. Ankush Chaudhary, expressed his gratitude to honourable Principal of the academy for a well-organized assembly. He urged that water conservation is the need of the hour. He exhorted that we should join hands together towards sustainable development because our small initiative and combined efforts will definitely bring a tremendous change. Students pledged for the efficient use of water and to motivate parents and friends to conserve water.

Honourable Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Dewan also expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the guests for spending their precious time and spreading awareness about the significance of natural resources.

# **Harvest the rain, reap the grains**



**Investiture ceremony- Shouldering Responsibilities (20<sup>th</sup> July 2019)**

If your actions inspire others to dreams more,  
Learn more, do more and become more,

**You are a LEADER**

With an aim to inculcate sense of responsibility and leadership skills, DMA organized its investiture ceremony for the academic session 2019-20 on 20 July 2019. Mr. Avinash Pandey, IPS, SP (RA), Meerut, graced the ceremony with his benign presence. The proud parents of newly appointed members of student council also added glory to the ceremony by their gracious presence. The program commenced with offering of flowers to the Goddess Saraswati to seek her blessings and a divine dance performance followed by a warm floral welcome to the honorable Chief Guest, Mr. Avinash Pandey I.P.S, SP (RA) Meerut. The program proceeded with a motivational group song and solo dance performance. 38 students were appointed as the members of students council along with 81 members from different 9 clubs and 96 House Appointees, all set to shoulder different responsibilities. The school Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Dewan and the distinguished guest crowned the newly appointed members with badges followed by the oath ceremony wherein the office bearers were administered oath by the Chief Guest. During his address Mr. Avinash Pandey congratulated the office bearers and motivated them to perform their duties with honesty and sincerity. He interacted with the students on various topics of importance and made them realize their duties towards society and the nation. He also reiterated that if each one performs ones duty with utmost sincerity and integrity, discipline will be automatically established.

Upholding the tradition Of handing over the responsibilities Abuzar and Abhiyanhu Head Boy and School Rep of the session 2018 -19 handed over the school flag to the newly appointed Head Boys and Head Girls . The Ex-School Rep, Abhiyanhu Tyagi, acknowledging the contribution of the academy in grooming his personality, urged the office bearers to perform their duties with sincerity and commitment. The newly elected team, moving ahead in the quench of acquiring greater heights, pledged to shoulder its duty efficiently. The School Principal Dr.(Mrs.) Ritu Dewan congratulated the newly elected council and motivated them to always put their right foot ahead to achieve success and greater heights. She also thanked Mr. Avinash pandey to spare his time to bless and inspire the newly appointed council. She also shared the moment of glory and pride with parents and thanked them for grooming such brilliant children. The Head Boy Richik Mohan and the Head Girl Iram khan proposed vote of thanks and expressed their gratitude to honorable chief guest and beaming parents for motivating them with their gracious presence. They also thanked revered Principal Madam for reposing her faith in them by providing this great opportunity.



## Inter House English Declamation Competition (20<sup>th</sup> July 2019)

" Speech has power. Words do not fade. What starts out as a sound, ends in a deed." - **Abraham Joshua Herschel**

The power of good speech cannot be undermined. DMA always put its best efforts to enhance the communication skills of the students by providing a platform to the budding orators of the school through various inter house competitions. Adding one more feather to the cap, the school hosted the Inter House English Declamation Competition for the students of class VII and VIII. Each house was represented by the two students.

The faces of the participating students were beaming with healthy competitive spirit when they displayed their oratory talent by declaiming famous speeches of great orators, leaders, philosophers and actors. It was a great pleasure to watch all the participants delivering the speeches with keen enthusiasm and perfection, dressed in the attire of the speaker. The poise, self-confidence and expressions of the participants made the event a benchmark for the fellow students.

The objective of the competition was to make the students more expressive, confident and spontaneous in their way of speaking. Judges Mrs. Anita Dogra, Ms. Sharda Sharma and Mrs. Jyoti Rajvanshi applauded the participants for their hard work and selection of pieces and they judged the students on the basis of clarity of speech, memory, pronunciation, expressions, body language, voice modulation and delivery standards.

Winning the competition was a matter of honour and pride not only for individual participants but also for houses. Patel House bagged the 1st position, the second position was secured by Nehru House and Gandhi House stood 3rd.

The Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Ritu Dewan in her motivating address appreciated the efforts of the participants and congratulated them for giving such a wonderful performance. She stated that every spirited and confident participation is an achievement in itself.

