

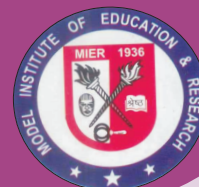
# MODEL MIRROR

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## General J. J. Singh Chief of Army Staff (Retd.) visits his Alma Mater

The management, staff and students of Model Academy organised a memorable function in the honour of General J.J. Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, Chief of Army Staff (Retd.), an outstanding alumnus of this school. Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Director, MIER accorded a warm welcome to the chief guest and in his speech lauded the exemplary and inspiring achievements of General J.J. Singh both as a student of the school and as the chief of the army staff. Principal, Mr. Adit Gupta presented a formal introduction of the chief Guest, enlisting his astounding achievements and his contribution towards the development and modernization of the Indian Army.

General Singh made a very emotional and thrilling speech recalling the sweet memories of the days he spent as a student in this school under the able administration and guidance of Late Sh. H.L. Gupta and his co-partner Mrs. Shanti Gupta, who instilled a sense of discipline, strong work ethics, moral strength and a missionary zeal in him. He was especially impressed with the development of Model Academy and MIER group of institutions as a whole. He hoped that the institute would continue on its onward march towards becoming a nationally acclaimed University. Students and staff of the school wing also interacted with General Singh and asked him a number of questions about his experiences as a student, life in the Indian army and sought guidance for joining the armed forces.

On this occasion, General Singh was presented a memento of appreciation by Director MIER, Dr. Arun K. Gupta along with a facsimile of the Matriculation Result Register and a group photograph of his batch from the 1959-60 session. General Singh also donated a sum of rupees ten thousand to the school. Later General Singh had a reunion with his batch mates over lunch recalling memories of his school days and sharing jokes with his class fellows.

***Congratulations !! The President of India has appointed General J.J. Singh as the Hon'ble Governor of Arunachal Pradesh.***



## Message from the Director



It is indeed a matter of great pleasure to know that Model Academy, the experimental school of MIER, is bringing out the next issue of its News Letter 'Model Mirror'. As an institution devoted to the task of multifaceted personality development in which cognitive, psycho motor and affective domains are well catered, the School has won name and fame by producing citizens who have risen to the highest ranks in society. The institution is today catering to the educational needs of third generation students with the same success and satisfaction by following the noble path shown by its founders.

I wish to compliment the staff and students for carrying forward the brilliant traditions of the School. I hope and pray that their endeavours will be met with great success and would be a matter of pride for all of us.

My best wishes to all those who are striving hard to combine knowledge and skills with modern technologies and spirituality for successful 21<sup>st</sup> century living.

**Dr. Arun K. Gupta**

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# Gala Celebrations Mark the 71<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day

An extravagant and mesmerising function was organised by the school to celebrate its 71<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. The theme for this year's festivities was to showcase the rich cultural traditions of the State of J&K. The stage was decorated in the hues and shades of Dogri, Kashmiri and Ladakhi traditions. Hon'ble Minister for Health and Medical Education Pt. Mangat Ram Sharma graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Director, MIER presided over the function and formally welcomed the Chief Guest. In his welcome address, he admired the steps taken by Pt. Mangat Ram Sharma for adopting

a growth oriented approach for ushering development at all levels in the State. He also highlighted the achievements of the institute in different areas from academics to co-curricular activities and games & sports. The Chief Guest in his address lauded the role of MIER in spreading quality education in the state of Jammu and Kashmir and for producing enlightened citizens,

equipped with necessary skills to assume the leadership roles in all walks of life.

On this occasion, students presented a spectacular show comprising of traditional folk and modern dances, puppet shows, aerobics and English play. All the guests, parents and the other spectators enjoyed the function immensely and appreciated the efforts put in by the staff and students in presenting this cultural extravaganza.



## Launch of Alumni Association of Model Academy by Justice Dr. A.S. Anand

Dr. Adarsh Sen Anand (Ex- Chief Justice of India and former Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission), who is an illustrious alumnus of this school, formally launched the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION of Model Academy after



delivering the H.L. Gupta Memorial Lecture at a glittering function organised at the MIER Campus on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2007. The function was attended by Hon'ble Governor J&K State, Lt. General (Retd.) S.K. Sinha, who was also the Guest of Honour and Chief Justice of J&K High Court Justice B.A Khan along with other prominent members of judiciary and intelligentsia.

Dr. Arun K. Gupta, Director MIER, presented an alumni badge to Dr. Anand enrolling him as a member of the association. Dr. A. S. Anand also agreed to be the Chief Patron of the Alumni Association. The Chief Guest on this occasion released the alumni database consisting details of all the students who had passed their matriculation examination right from the year 1936 to 2006 of the school and presented the Alumni badges to Principal Model Academy Mr. Adit Gupta for later distribution to the registered alumni who were also present on the occasion. It was an emotional moment of get together for the alumni present during this launch.

Dr. Anand also recalled the memories of his school days in Model Academy and highlighted how these had helped him throughout his illustrious career.

## From Principal's Desk

I am extremely glad to release the fourth volume of our newsletter 'Model Mirror'. The 'Model Mirror' is an embodiment of the vision and mission of the school management, the determined efforts of the faculty, the enthusiastic participation of the students and unending support of their parents.



Based on our firm values and beliefs and our continuous commitment towards providing quality education, our school has shown tremendous growth encompassing both academic and co-curricular activities. The hard work put in by the students, teachers and their parents has been exemplary and I am hopeful of a similar performance in future also. The Teaching faculty of the school has also updated their skills regarding ICT, new teaching methodologies and awareness about the quality management system.

I am sure that the contents of 'Model Mirror' will enable the readers to have an overview of the entire gamut of activities being organised in the school and appreciate the efforts of the dedicated team of teachers and students. I wish them all the very best in their future endeavours and may they achieve greater heights.

*Adit Gupta*



## Excellent Performance by the Students in the 8th, 10th & 12th Board Examination

### Toppers in 12th Board Examination



Ankit Kaul  
4th Position



Shruti Gupta  
5th Position



### Toppers in 10th Board Examination



Radhika Gupta  
3rd Position



Deepshikha Gupta  
5th Position



Saajan Sridhar  
8th Position



Hiteshi Pargal  
9th Position



Surbhi Ashok  
10th Position



Meenakshi Sharma  
13th Position



Vikrant Gupta  
14th Position



Monika Pandita  
16th Position



Poonam Aggarwal  
17th Position



Ghazala Amin  
18th Position

### Toppers in 8th Board Examination



Shivani Bharti



Shivasni Misri



Antra Kaul



Navella Naz



Arpita Bhou



Nidhi Kaul

3rd Position

4th Position

5th Position



Yuthika Bhandari  
7th Position



Diksha Kohli  
8th Position



Silvi Koul  
9th Position



Asif Ali Khan



Shivang Gupta  
10th Position



Shireen Fatima

*We are proud of you Modelites.....*

## Proud Moments



Principal & OSD with the Overall trophy won by the school at the Indo-German Science Express. Students also won top honours in individual events.



Proud achievers with their trophy won at the 15th National Children Science Congress organised at the Jammu District Level under the guidance of their Science teacher Mr. Amar Singh Manhas.

## Model Academy Opens Doors of Quality Education for Meritorious Students from Low Income Background

As per our tradition of providing quality education to the students of different sections of the society irrespective of their class, creed or colour, the management has decided to provide equal educational opportunities to the meritorious students belonging to the weaker segments such as scheduled caste / scheduled tribe, below poverty line and students from RBA/LAC areas by granting freeships and concessions in order to enable them to receive quality education so that they can compete and excel in life.

The management has formulated special admission policy and has reserved specific number of seats for such group of students. Advertisements are issued in newspapers to create awareness about this scheme in public. As a result of these efforts many students have been admitted in this session and have benefitted from the above scheme.

As a part of this scheme the academically weak students admitted under various categories will get special attention in terms of remedial classes in order to enable them to come up to the level of existing students so that they do not lag behind in their studies and develop a sense of achievement.



## Humming Buds - The Preschool Makes Waves

Humming Buds the preschool which was established three years ago has carved a niche for itself in providing education in a playful and activity based manner to children in the age group of 2 to 4 years. Our philosophy of providing a fulfilled learning environment has been developed as a result of the culmination of over 70 years of experience in educational theory and practice. In the last three years over 200 students have been added to the preschool in two branches at the B.C Road and Residency Road respectively. The little buds are involved in a plethora of educational and cultural activities which caters to the physical, intellectual, emotional, creative and social aspects of their development. Another important aspect of this preschool is the involvement of the parents in various activities and celebration of important days in which their children participate. Parents have appreciated the efforts of the school management for providing an innovative educational experience to their children.

### Glimpses from Humming Buds



Sports Day Celebration



Picnic at Hari Niwas Palace



Birthday Celebration



Aerobics Display on Foundation Day



Mother's Day Celebrations



Hitting the Swimming Pool

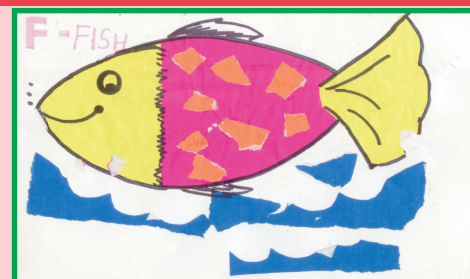
### Creative work of our Little Buds



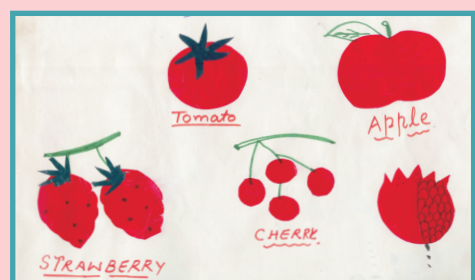
Saanvi 'O' Level



Altmarsh 'A+' Level



Prashansa 'O' Level



Artika 'A' Level



Devum 'A' Level



Nikhil 'A' Level





The school management has created a comprehensive programme for conducting games and sports activities in order to provide an opportunity to the students for nurturing their physical, social and personal development and to impart appropriate levels of knowledge and ensure development of various skills and competencies for playing different games & sports. As a result of this impetus, more than 200 students took part in the intra school sports activities and around 50 students took part in various district, state, national and international level championships and brought laurels to their school, their parents and themselves.

A major achievement of the students in sports this year was the award of the National Sports Scholarships awarded by the Sports Authority of India to students who represented the school at various levels in Karate, Basket Ball and Gymnastics. A total amount of Rs.84000/- was distributed to the sports persons by Director MIER, Dr. Arun K.Gupta who was extremely pleased with this effort and motivated the students to further excel in their respective sports.

## Medals Won at District, State and National Level

Game	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Badminton	12	1	
Basket Ball	8		
Gymnastic	1	1	
Judo			2
Karate	6	12	8
Roller Skating	6	2	2



National Sports Scholarship Awardees with Director MIER



Winners in various Sports Events



## Outstanding Achievements by Modelites



Mir Daniyal Masoom of class 11<sup>th</sup> A participated in the International Roller Skating World Championship held at Colombia South America in August 2007 and was ranked 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in 300 and 200 mt. events respectively.



Manpreet Kour student of class XII (Arts) participated in an International Event in Gymnastic at Bangkok (Thailand) from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2006. She represented Team India which was a great honour for the school.



Rejul Bamotra of class 7<sup>th</sup> A & Avneesh Kohli of Class 6<sup>th</sup> received black belt in karate held at Rotary Club Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2007.



Shivam Gupta adjudged Best Student at National Youth Camp organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police at Gulmarg. in which more than 300 students participated from various schools.



# Scouts & Guides bring Laurels

The Scouts and Guides unit of our school has been functioning for the last four years. This year a number of activities were organized and many accolades won by students. First and foremost a four day Pravesh, Pratham and Dwitiya Sopan Camp was organised by the Scouts and Guide unit from 1st to 4th June, 2007 at the school premises. The principal of the school Mr. Adit Gupta inaugurated the camp and encouraged students to be a part of this movement. During the camp the students participated in different activities and learnt about Scouts & Guides Promise and Law, Deaf & Dumb Code, Various Knots, First Aid, Use of compass etc. About 80 scouts and guides of both the branches of Model Academy participated in this camp. Sh. Sehaj Singh, State Training Commissioner, threw light on the movement and desired that more and more students should be part of this noble movement. Mr. P.L. Dubey, DTC, Smt. Kamlesh Gupta, DTC also imparted training to the students. The camp was organised under the supervision of Smt. Usha Chunni the sports officer and incharge of Scouts & Guide unit of the school.



## CAMP AT HARYANA

Five students from Scouts and Guides Unit of the school participated in 4 day camp organised by the J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides Association at National Youth Complex Gadpuri, Haryana. Ms. Mehvish and Master Abhinav Sawhney were selected as the best Patrol Leaders while the school ranked first in flag hoisting competition. The students also showed outstanding performances in other events organised during the camp and brought glory to the school.

## RAJYA PURASKAR AWARD



The scouts and guides of the school brought laurels to the school by receiving for the first time the highest State Award in Scouting / Guiding, the RAJYA PURASKAR. Hon'ble Governor J&K state Lt. General (Retd.) S.K. Sinha gave away Rajya Puraskars to 11 scouts of our school in a function held at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007. The Guest of Honour on this occasion was Hon'ble Chief Minister Jenab Ghulam Nabi Azad who laid stress on strengthening the movement in the State of J&K.

## BAR TO SILVER STAR AWARD

Mrs. Usha Chunni, the sports officer of the school and incharge of the scouts and guides unit was awarded the prestigious BAR TO SILVER STAR award in recognition of her devoted, dedicated and continued services of over 25 years to the Indian Scouting and Guiding movement by His Excellency Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the then president of India at a glittering function organized at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. Mrs. Usha Chunni is a highly decorated guide trainer, a capable organiser and has travelled widely in and outside the country. The school management has appreciated the efforts put in by Mrs. Chunni to make the scouting and guiding movement successful in the state and the school and congratulated her on receiving this prestigious award.



Students participating in various training programmes organised by the Scouts & Guide Unit of the school under the expert guidance of various trainers.







# Exciting Developments give our Students a Cutting Edge in Learning

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LAB

A Digital English Language Lab has been set up in the school which is the first of its kind in the state with a view to give an opportunity to the students for development of their English conversation skills, vocabulary and reading ability. This step would help the teachers to prepare students for interviews, debates, symposiums, spelling competitions and various other activities related to language development.



## NEW COMPUTER LAB

A new computer lab has been setup in the school taking the total number of computers to 40. The new lab is equipped with state of the art computers having a dedicated Broadband internet connection.



## SMART CLASSROOM

To make the day to day teaching learning process in the classroom more interactive and effective, a new technology supported classroom has been established in collaboration with M/s Educomp Solutions, India's premier educational technology service provider. Our school has been a pioneer in adopting modern information and communication technologies to help the students to comprehend difficult concepts, develop interest in various subjects, satisfy their curiosity and make the classroom learning environment more lively and fascinating.

To supplement the technology supported classroom a smart assessment system has also been installed for the benefit of the students wherein they will answer the questions using infrared remote control terminals. The teachers will use this system to evaluate classroom performance and analyse the shortcomings of the students in topics of various subjects. This will greatly boost the quality of teaching and learning and will help in providing immediate feedback to the students as well as parents about the progress of their child. The digital content in different subjects has also been increased to cover 15000 topics as compared to 7000 available earlier.

## SMS SERVICE

A new method of communication in the form of SMS Service has been started by the management to keep parents abreast with the progress of their wards and to provide information regarding various events being organized in the school from time to time. This has greatly enhanced the awareness about different school activities amongst parents and improved the level of communication with them.





# Model Academy Residency Road : Glimpses



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## Principals Attend US International Visitors Programme

On an invitation of the United States Government, Department of State, Mr Adit Gupta Principal Model Academy and Mrs Rupa Gupta Principal Residency Road branch of the school visited United States to study the system of education across different states of America. Mr Adit Gupta was part of a group of 12 educators from South Asia who were chosen for this programme which was of three weeks duration. The programme started in Washington D.C the capital of United States and continued through Milwaukee, San Diego, San Francisco and ended in Portland (Maine). This programme was designed to advance an understanding of U.S. society and its institutions in addition to providing an overview of the U.S. education system and current trends in elementary and secondary education.



Through meetings with American teachers, administrators, counsellors, students, parents, academicians and policy makers Mr. and Mrs Gupta examined modern teaching techniques, curriculum development, textbook selection, school administration, student counselling, extra-curricular programs, parental involvement, teacher training and professional development programs and also participated in educational policy debates. They visited public and private schools, religious as well as secular, and had the opportunity to make presentations about their country, culture and system of education.

On returning back from the United States they interacted with the teachers of the school wing and showed photographs of various schools, classrooms and videos of activities being undertaken by the students and teachers in US schools.



## International Conference on Quality Schooling

Principal Mr. Adit Gupta attended an International conference on Universal Quality School Education “Challenge of the 21st Century” organised by Educational Technology and Management Academy in partnership with UNESCO, UNICEF and Media Lab Asia in the month of November at New Delhi. The objective of the conference was to explore issues pertaining to quality school education, value system, new pedagogies and technology integration in terms of sustainable development for producing global citizens. The conference was attended by distinguished educationists, policy planners, bureaucrats and principals, teachers and students from various schools of India and abroad.



Mr. Gupta also presented a paper on “Learning Environment of Technology Supported Science Classrooms in relation to students’ perception, attitude, achievement and efficacy” which was greatly appreciated by the audience. This paper highlighted the importance of use of technology in Teaching Learning process.



## Staff Development : A Thrust Area

A number of workshops and trainings were organized throughout the year for training and improving the skills of teachers and also making them aware about the latest trends and developments in the field of education. The main objective of such activities was to enable the teachers to impart best possible education to the students and make them worthy citizens.



An orientation programme was organized in collaboration with the American Centre New Delhi for training English teachers by Mr. Richard Boyum, the Regional English Language Officer of the US Embassy. The objective was to educate the teachers about the latest trends in teaching of English by using resources material available on the Internet. An English language resource CD was also distributed to the teachers for use in the classroom.



A workshop was conducted in alliance with various renowned publishers such as Orient Longman for training the teachers to use the new books introduced for the students in the session 2007-08 and acquainting them with the methodology for teaching the same. The teachers found the sessions to be highly effective and informative. Teachers also observed that new books were beneficial for the students.



A session was organized by the Technology Manager of the school under the guidelines of Educomp Solutions who have setup the Technology Supported classroom to train the teachers in the use of the new smart class and the smart assessment system for making the classroom teaching more interactive and interesting. The experts from Educomp also gave hands on training to the staff in using Smart Class programmes..



The school management organised a 10 day orientation cum workshop for all the staff members to extensively cover various areas pertaining to ISO 9001:2000 quality management system, enhancing computer skills, expertise in handling English language lab and training in administrative skills necessary for the teachers and school administrators. A group discussion was held at the end of the workshop in which participant shared their experiences.



### Workshops / Orientation Programmes

- Mrs. Poonam Gupta and Mrs. Veena Vaid attended a Workshop on New Methodologies in Teaching of Mathematics organised by Oxford Publications on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007.
- Two day orientation programme on Bio-Diversity under 15<sup>th</sup> National Science Congress was attended by Mrs. Anita Kaul and Mr. Amar Singh Manhas, the Science teachers of the school on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2007.
- Mr. Harsh Mahajan attended a 4 day training workshop on Environmental education through Nature Camps organised by Rashtriya Vigyan Evam Prodyogiki Sanchar Parishad (Govt. of India) in the month of August 2007.
- Six teachers of the school participated in a one day workshop on 'Inclusive Education' sponsored by UGC.

### Professional Development

Following Members of the Staff are Pursuing Higher Degree Programme as per of our Professional Development Initiative:

1.	Mr. Harsh Mahajan	M.Ed
2.	Mrs. Monica Haksar	M.C.A
3.	Miss Meenakshi	M.C.A
4.	Mr. Sumit Nayar	M.A Sociology
5.	Miss Shanu Raina	M.A English
6.	Mrs. Parveen Sethi	M.Ed
7.	Ms Shailja Jamoria	M.Ed
8.	Mrs.Shallu Rani	M.A Sociology
9.	Ms. Binoo Raina	M.A English
10.	Ms. Arpana Koul	M.A English
11.	Mrs.Rekha Gupta	M.Ed
12.	Ms. Charu Nagar	M.A Hindi
13.	Mrs. Pooja Dhar	M.A Hindi



# Guidance & Counselling Cell Creates an Impact

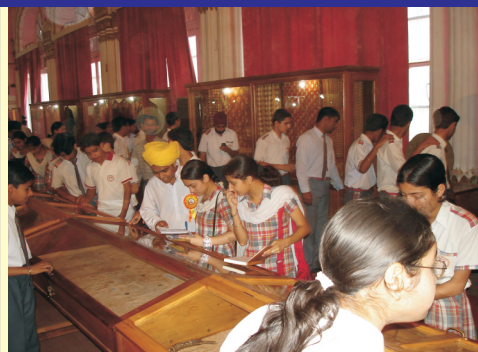
The Guidance and Counselling Cell of the school organised a number of career and vocational guidance activities for the benefit of the higher secondary students in a number of areas such as Engineering, Medicine, Armed Forces, Law, Hotel Management, Merchant Navy and Aviation Industry for recruitment as Air Hostess and Cabin Crew and in Tourism industry etc. Various companies gave presentations regarding different vocational avenues and interacted with students in groups and on an individual basis. These activities were widely publicised and students immensely benefitted from these activities.



The school has created a database of various professional programmes being sought by the students after passing their higher secondary class and information regarding the admission procedure to various colleges and entrance exams is also disseminated to the students by this cell. Students will also be apprised about innovative vocational programmes through future activities of the guidance and counselling cell.



## Educational / Recreational Visits



A visit to the Dogra Art Museum



A field Trip for the Biology students



Getting educated about rich cultural heritage of J&K



Students enjoying a camel ride at the school picnic.



A thrilling skiing experience at Manali



Students at the National Youth Camp organised by J&K Armed Police at Gulmarg.

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