



AMHS CONNECT

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Modernites,

Our alumni closed 2020 on a high by holding Modernite'20 in December, albeit virtually. The committee put in every effort to put together a flawless show that truly took its viewers back to school, evoking much nostalgia and joy. Though Modernite could not be held in the school lawns due to the prevailing pandemic, holding it virtually had its own advantages as it allowed scores of ex-students scattered all over the world to tune in and relive the spirit of 'Satyam Shivam Sundaram.' We've shared some of the many responses received on the evening as well as a peek into the making of Modernite'20 in this issue of 'Connect'.

One of the highlights of our school life was undoubtedly all the sports we played through the year and the grand finale, our Annual Sports Day. The anxiety during 'Heats' and the many days of practice all finally culminated into that one red letter day when the school lawns would be bedecked with shamianas, freshly marked tracks and the coveted podium. It takes me just a split second to recall those colourful balloons that would be set free into the sky to mark the commencement of Sports Day events. And as two ex-students who were also House Captains share with us here, the Sports Day left us with lessons and memories for life.

Warm wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead!

- Supriya Newar
Batch of 1994



ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO!

Mrs Bhist's, our PT teacher's whistle, the freshly marked tracks, the colourful shamiyanas, the victory stand, the shining trophies in red ribbons and the eight house flags soaring high up in the sky. Oh, what a sight it was!

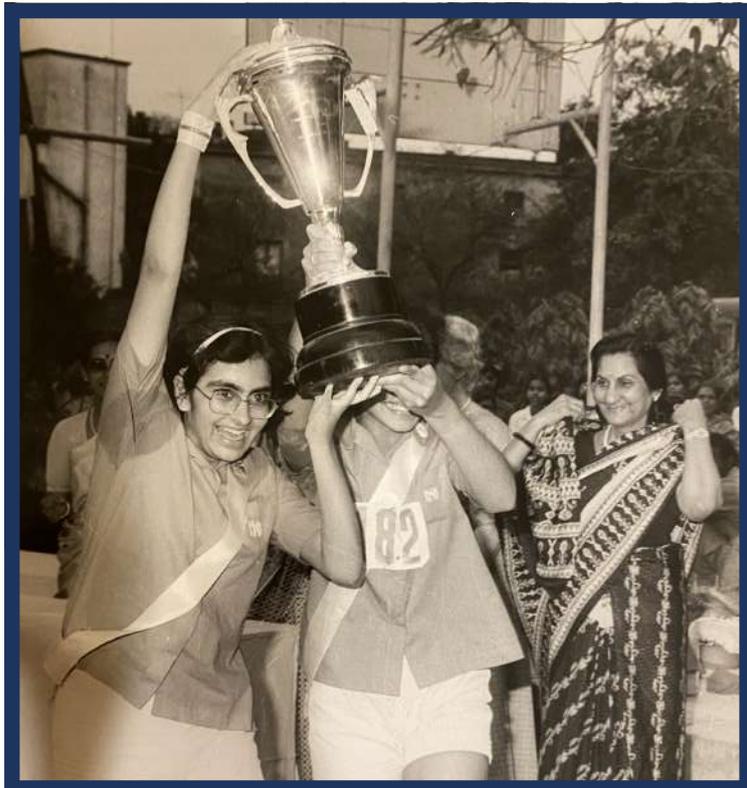
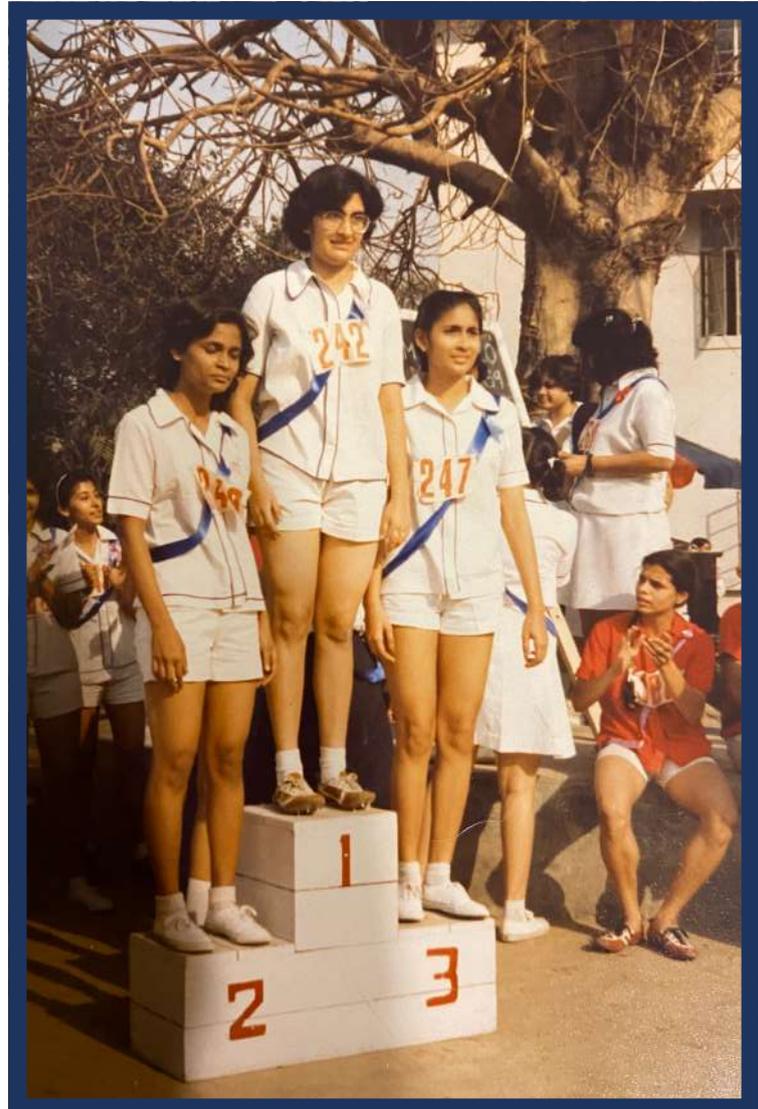
The girls in their crisp red shirts and white shorts donning their house sashes, the captains leading with the flags, marching smartly to resounding music. These were moments I looked forward to every year.

Revelry and a sporting spirit reigned high. The girls cheering for their houses, the prize distribution with cries of hip-hip-hurrahs' and the delicious cakes to be won for the relays. All these memories are as fresh in my mind as though it was just yesterday.

The prizes for the Best Sportswoman, Best Athlete were all mine! What a lovely day it was! The cherry on the cake was the Violet Clarke Cup which Jasmine house had won, under my captaincy. Indeed, 1984 was a dream come true!

Sports day was not only about winning trophies. It instilled in me qualities of leadership, camaraderie, discipline and sportsmanship. Even after 34 years of passing out of school, these qualities have always helped me in achieving success. On this note I would like to thank my Alma Mater giving me memories for a lifetime and for making me who I am today.

- Shailaja Mundra
Batch of 1986



THREE CHEERS!

Winters used to be a high point throughout our school life.

It marked the end of the annual exams around early December, a change from the regular uniform to the winter uniform, and most importantly, commencement of preparations for the much-anticipated Annual Sports Day which used to take place in early February.

In the first week of January, we would be promoted to our new academic class and soon after the house captains and vice captains would get elected from classes X and IX respectively.

I was fortunate to have been the captain of the Lotus House in 1986. To say that we took this role seriously would be an understatement. To us it was as important as heading a nation! We were in charge of all our house members from classes III to XII and were treated like important leaders who could get excused from academics and tests if we were required on the field!

There being eight houses in all, the level of competition was naturally very stiff. We stayed focused on selecting the right players, motivating them and practicing hard, often using our lunch breaks to do so and even coming to school earlier than required.

Besides athletics, March Past was also a very prestigious title to win. We would put in every effort to see that our team marched smartly and in perfect sync. And sometimes to achieve that, we would go to the extent of ensuring that every girl have the same length of socks or even a similar hairstyle!

As per tradition, the Cock House of the previous year would lead the March Past with all other houses following them in alphabetical order. I had the honour of leading my house and the school squad that year. Looking back, I would rate that as one of my best and proudest moments ever.

Sports Day would start with the March Past and end with the prize distribution. Along with trophies, medals and prizes, the relay winners, march past winners and the Cock House would win a big Flury's cake, which was gobbled up in no time by the house girls!

The excitement and buzz of Sports Day carried on for a few days well after the event was over!

- Deepa Bagla
Batch of 1989



MODERNITE '20

Modernite, the mega annual reunion hosted by the AMHS, has now become a much awaited and popular event among the winter festivities in Kolkata. Each year, a Working Committee comes together to brainstorm, conceive and execute our mega annual reunion across all batches. Meetings, formation of sub-committees, conference calls, coordinations and maintaining deadlines are much enjoyed with passion, during the making of each Modernite!

So this year too, with the spirit of rising up to each situation and with the thought that the show must go on, much inculcated in each one of us from School, got a handful of us to volunteer and form a Working Committee, with one thing in mind, that Modernite'20 cannot be given a miss! As we reached out to all ex-Modernites through emails and social media, a lot of enthusiasm supported us to be able to celebrate on a virtual platform. Videos from various batches and messages from our respected ex-teachers started pouring in and Modernite'20 was ready to be woven together with flavours and participants from all across the globe. With permission from School, the Working Committee was very excited to take everyone through a virtual tour of the School premises. We finally had a Modernite'20, for and by Modernites! How satisfying and rewarding it turned out to be for our Working Committee mentioned here below-

Ritu Singhania
Payal Khetawat
Vineeta Jhunjhunwala
Kritika Bagaria
Harshita Goenka
Sayantani Sen
Amritaparna Basu
Sarika Pasari
Urmi Basu
Sushma Nevatia

- Sushma Nevatia
Batch of 1989
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We thank all viewers and participants for making this a grand success.



THANK YOU!

What a stupendous show!
'Modernite 2020' was brilliantly conceptualised, creatively put together and flawlessly executed. I was moved by the spontaneous 'spirit of MHS' that exuded throughout. Once again you have demonstrated your abundant talent, fine aesthetic sense and love for your School. Congratulations! May all Modernites continue to flourish and prosper in the years to come.

- Devi Kar

Watching Modernite and loving it! Just watched the school tour! So very grateful to the organising committee to make it possible for us to have this trip back to school from our armchairs far away.

You girls are just amazing! Thank you!

- Priyadarshini Bose
Batch of 1989

Hi there. I've never attended Modernite before. The pandemic enabled me to view the virtual ensemble this year. The organizers' hard work, meticulous planning and flawless execution was very evident. Congratulations! Stay well.

- Radha Roy
Batch of 1989

Congratulations to the working committee for the wonderful virtual event!

- I Roychowdhury

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This year's virtual alumni meet seems to have had a deep impact on all of us.

We are all immersed in nostalgia, never-ending exchanges, which seems to be pumping in euphoria. It has prompted us to reconnect with old friends. We are once again sending messages and calling each other up.

The virtual program has been very successful.

- Mrs Sudha de Hazra

A big thank you to the AMHS team that worked so hard to give us so much of joy. It was a pleasure seeing so many of my colleagues and all of you after so long.

My love and best wishes for many more joyful events.

Proud to be a Modernite!

- Ms. N Sicka

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