

**Abraham Lincoln said - “The best way to predict your future is to create it.”**

Good evening, ladies and Gentlemen. On behalf of the management, staff and students of Neerja Modi Group of Schools, I extend a warm welcome to one and all to the annual concert. Parents, quality education is fundamental to the development of the whole individual. To some Pre-Primary education may seem a small step but it is the most important one for a giant exposure in a child’s life. At Neerja Modi School we believe in nurturing inquisitiveness and imagination right from kindergarten to make our students effective learners.

Children possess an inherent urge to understand the world around them, always eager to discover new

things, make new friends and explore new environments.

Our kindergarten curriculum provides the academic, social and emotional readiness to our youngest students to not only succeed in their school life but also in life later.

Our curriculum focuses on the development of cognitive, emotional, social, moral and aesthetic skills of our students. As Language plays a pivotal role in the development of these skills, we strive to enhance the English Language skills of our students through sustained efforts through our thoughtfully designed Reading Program.

Our teachers in the preprimary and primary focus on the first few years of our children's lives as this is the

time to broaden their horizon which will help them grow into smart confident and respectful adults, that we know, they will become one day. At NMS we appreciate every big and small achievement of our students, to enable them to realize their talents and capabilities to the full, and instill in them a sense of competence boosting their self-confidence. While the school's first responsibility to its students is academic, the job does not end here. As a school we are well aware of all the ways in which the teachers and peers influence the child. It's not enough to teach ABCs and 123 s and call it a day. We at Neerja Modi School shoulder a bigger responsibility to enable the children to become problem solvers and solution seekers. In the time that students spend in school we also help them form solid relationships and connect to

their fellow students in a caring and empathetic manner.

Beginning with basic lessons like 'raise your hand to speak' and 'wait for your turn', to argumentative debates about pressing social issues we focus on holistic development. By the time our children graduate from high school they will have firm beliefs and values, adept communication and will be ready to determine their academic and professional pursuits independently.

Our commitment to quality education & academic rigour has been rewarded as our students scale great feats in the fields of academics, sports, dance, Art, Science & technology. Our achievements and accomplishments are immense, but I have tried to encapsulate it in this report and shall also share with you the path we chart for the future.

L&G in the All-India School Rankings 2023-24 by EW, Neerja Modi School is ranked all India no 5, Rajasthan no 1 and Jaipur No 1 in the co-ed day cum boarding schools' category. We are also ranked as India's top 3 in the category of individual attention to students. Careers 360 has yet again rated Neerja Modi School as India's Best Schools 2023 with 5A rating. The Innovation cell under the ministry of education, government of India has certified Neerja Modi School for establishment school innovation council. Crest EduFund Olympiads has awarded NMS with the best school award 2023-24.

The University of Sydney has awarded NMS with the Climate Change Champion Award 2023.

L& G Sir Saurabh Modi Chairman Neerja Modi Group of Schools has been conferred with the HIGHEST civilian Honour of France 'Medal of the order of Academic Palms-Knights' by his excellency Honourable Ambassador of France to India Mr Emmanuel Lenain for fostering a long and fruitful association with Campus France and Alliance Francaise. This is one of France's top civilian honours & the insignia is of a Chevalier, that is the knighthood of France

Our commitment to academic excellence remains unwavering. I am delighted to share that our students have once again excelled in various examinations, securing top ranks and distinctions. Our dedicated faculty right from kindergarten to grade XII deserves special recognition for their tireless efforts in imparting knowledge, character building and fostering love for learning among our students. I am honoured to highlight the remarkable achievements of our students.

In the CBSE grade X Examination - 3 students scored 99% and above, 11 students secured 98% and above, 57 students secured aggregate 95% and above, 135 students scored 90% and above and 284 students scored overall distinction.

In grade XII CBSE examination -32 students secured aggregate 95% and above, 101 students scored 90% and above and 252 scored overall distinction.

In grade 10 IGCSE examination 66% of the class scored A\* and A Grade in **various** subjects. 3 students Aditya Agarwal, Yajvin Singhal and Prisha Jain scored 10 A\* in all their 10 subjects while 3 students Charvi Bansal, Pratyush Singhal and Anshita Goyal scored 9 A\*s.

In the IBDP examination 2023, 24% of the class scored 40 and above IB Points. Our school average was 35.5 points against the world average of 30.24 IB Points.

Our school has not only been a beacon of education and excellence within the country but has made significant strides in foreign admissions as well.

This year our students have received scholarships amounting to a total of Rs 30.2 cr.

2 students Devansh Dhabhai with a scholarship of 2.9Cr and Aaira Goswami have got into the prestigious Stanford university. Shrida Rawat and Aaira have made it to the IVY league University of Pennsylvania. Kanishk Agarwal and Shrida made it to Duke University. Divya Aswani is at NYU Abu Dhabi with full scholarship of 2.6 crore. Nirmal Pathak has been accepted to Davidson College with a scholarship of 2.6 Cr. Aurdhva Choudhary got accepted to renowned Tulane University with a presidential scholarship of 1.3 Cr.

Our students have also been accepted to Brown University, Johns Hopkins University, Barnard College, Boston University, Georgia Tech, UCLA, UC Davis, University of Southern California, University of Cambridge, The London School of Economics, The Savannah

College of Art and Design, Imperial College London, Kings College London, NTU Singapore, NUS, SMU to name a few.

Shreshta Sinha received the prestigious Shane Warne memorial sports scholarship of 100% tuition fees waiver at Deakin University, Australia instituted exclusively for NMS student.

**On the national front** Vedika Gupta brought laurel to the school by securing AIR 79 & AIR 20 amongst Girls in the highly competitive NEET Examination and has joined Maulana Azad Medical College. Prabhjyot Singh has joined AIIMS Guwahati, Divyanshi Singh has joined Mahatma Gandhi Medical College.

Raghav Agarwal is at Govt. Medical College Aurangabad. 5 students cracked the JEE Examination and are pursuing courses of their choice at IIT, Mumbai, Delhi & Jodhpur. Few students have joined BITS Pilani, NIT's & other engineering colleges of repute.

L & G, NMS is one the first schools in Rajasthan to start in-house CUET preparations through its NPro initiative. A record 20% of the batch has made into top colleges like SRCC, Hindu College, Miranda House, NM/IMS and others scoring 99%ile and above. Congratulations to all.

Education is not limited to textbooks and classrooms. We take pride in our holistic approach to education, and our students have **continued** to shine in extracurricular activities. From sports to arts, debate to science competitions, entrepreneurship skills to hands on Technology, our students have showcased their talents and brought numerous accolades to our institution.

Our commitment to sportsmanship, discipline, and dedication has led to remarkable success on and off the playing field. Moreover, our school's sports program ensures that all students have the opportunity to participate and develop their athletic abilities. This

commitment has allowed us to discover and nurture hidden talents. NMS hosted 5000 students under various categories in the Inter School sports Meet 2023.

I am thrilled to highlight the exceptional sports achievements of our school.

In Tennis, Darsh Pabuwal has won U14 title and U12 runners up title in AITA National Ranking tournament. Currently he is ALL INDIA RANK 6. JAHNVI KAJLA and ADVIKA KASLIWAL won the State SGFI, U 17 tournament winning Gold in team & individual events. Jahnvi has been selected for the Nationals.

IN TABLE TENNIS, CBSE CLUSTERS NMS TEAM was the winner. ARINJAY KUCHHAL, NAITIK MALANI & KARAN LADIA were the team members. All have been selected for CBSE NATIONALS. In Individuals event, ARINJAY KUCHHAL won gold and has been selected for Nationals.

In Chess, NMS U14 girls team comprising of Shreya Poddar, Anushka Yadav, Nitisha Agrawal & Arisha Agarwal have won CBSE West Zone Chess tournament and have been Selected for Nationals. NMS students Rudradaman Mertia and Shrestha Jain have been selected for SGFI nationals. Shaurya Gupta secured 3rd position & Aarav Gupta won 2nd position in under 9 category in Rajasthan State Chess Championship.

In girls' cricket, Lavanya is selected in U15 women's nationals. Harsh Parwani and Reyansh Bhatia were members of the winning team of **Raj Singh Dungarpur trophy 2023.**

In badminton Aaradhya Dhingra, Harshika Jain & Kash/ika Jain secured 3rd position in SGFI U-14 girls.



In Basketball Aashna Bhargava and Sameer Gurjar have been selected for U-19 SGFI state competition. Also, Risha Bargoti represented Rajasthan in basketball U-19 national tournament.

In Football Manan Agrawal, Bhavya Punjabi, Rannvijay Singh Bhandari and Harshit Punia have been selected for SGFI U19 state competition.

SAVIR Mehraj Godara has been awarded the Most Promising Young Polo Player of Rajasthan 2023 and is training for National Polo Championship.

In Squash Ritwik Singh Bundela has won bronze medal in the RAJASTHAN State Squash championship. Another student Ritwika Singh Bundela grabbed 2 titles. She is the 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner in the U 17 girls' category as well as 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner in the Women's Category in the Rajasthan State Squash Championship.

The U- 14 girls gymnastic team won at the district level. Livi Grover won 2 gold medals at the all-India gymnastics' tournament, at Haridwar. She also bagged bronze medal in CBSE national Gymnastics tournament held at Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.

In Shooting, Ashika Chaudhary and Ishika Chaudhary have been selected for u-14 national shooting competition. Sanjali Agarwal represented Rajasthan in air pistol 10m and qualified for pre-national games.

Vaanya Bohra won 2 gold and 1 silver medal in SGFI state roller skating competition. She has also secured 2 GOLD medals with highest points and was the fastest skater in all age groups. She has qualified for CBSE Nationals. Anai/sha Chakravarty, also bagged 2nd position in Rajasthan state level roller skating championship 2023.

**Let's cheer for our exceptional athletes!**

L&G, our commitment to community engagement and social responsibility remains a cornerstone of our ethos. Throughout the year, our students have actively participated in various community service initiatives, making a positive impact on the lives of those less fortunate.

Under the Planting hopes project our students have distributed more than 5000 kgs of vegetables to under privileged families.

Some of our initiatives have received recognition from various agencies at the global level also.

**Out** of 300 + participants from all over the world our student Aarav Dhoot's project KHET MITRA won 2 awards under the CLIMATE and SUSTAINABILITY categories at the Global Social Leaders competition 2023. His project Comforce received a funding of about 1000 \$ at The Changemakers Project competition.

L&G, we recognize the importance of staying at the forefront of innovation and technology. The technology department at the school has been expanded both in terms of manpower and resources. Our students are participating in technology related competitions and are amongst the winners in quite a few.

At the WRO nationals our team of Aadita Gupta, Kabir Talwar and Kiaan Bhandari were the gold Badge winners.

At the IRIS-2022 Aarav Dhoot and Navya Gupta were among the Finalists.

In the Technovation Girls challenge Khushi Agarwal and Navya Gupta were the Semi Finalists.

Our students Dhruv Arora, Dhruv Pungalia and Rushil Kasliwal have qualified for the ICode Global Hackathon – Global Finale out of 70,000 students registered for the competition.

In the INSPIRE Manak award competition, a flagship program implemented by Government of India to instil creative/innovative thinking among school students, our student Vivaan Grover has been selected for State level and has received a cash prize of 10K.

Our Nstart initiative is in its second year. This is one of India's first high school incubation centre with a podcast studio and 3D tech labs. Our Young entrepreneurs have won various national and international level competitions including those meant for adults and senior participants.

Kanishk Agarwal won the first prize at Harvard Sustainability and Clean Energy Challenge at the world level for designing a solar thela.

Vardhan Jain and Aditya Agarwal were the first runners up at SRCC for Socio Bee Competition and got selected for a startup bootcamp in Singapore. Sehaj Sharma was selected in top 5 at Masters Union in The CEO Challenge.

Rijul Pachisia won the first prize and a trip to ISRO at Global Entrepreneurship Olympiad. 3 students won the Power pitch competition at Invicitus.

At the state level, Project Clean Neer won the first runner up in iStart Ideathon out of 400+ school startups.

We were also winners at iStart School and Rural Acceleration Program bagging 2 positions. This list is endless. L&G, a total prize money exceeding 5 lakhs and over 40 awards in just one year is no small feat.

Our other initiatives the Fin Lab, one of the first trading desks in a high school and Ndeavours are effectively contributing to our holistic education approach, empowering and equipping students with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.

In the field of performing arts, we continue to dominate at the State Dance championship D'fest winning in the Classical and folk-dance categories for 7 years in a row.

L & G, at the World School Debating Championship 2023 in Hanoi, team India made it to the quarters. Our student Hitishaa who was a part of the team got two big awards. She was adjudged the **Second-Best Speaker in the world** and **Best English as Second Language** speaker in the world.

We are proud of the NMS Debating Team Hitishaa Goyal, Apal Jain and Aditya Agarwal for winning the most coveted 2023 Indian Schools Debating Championship. Our debating team was the 1<sup>st</sup> RUNNER'S Up in the prestigious India Today Debate concluded just last week.

In the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of Jaipur Debate, 20 leading schools of the country participated represented by 120 debaters in the Senior and Junior categories.

In the Juniors Category Neerja Modi School, was the winner while the Vasant Valley, Delhi was the Runners up. In the Seniors category The Doon School, Dehradun was the Winner while Emerald Heights International School, was the Runners up.

Our student Shivraj Sharma won the Theology 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at the John Lock Institute international Essay competition in UK in which over 19000 students participated. He has recently been honoured with Silver Award in The Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition.

2 teams of the school have qualified for the world scholars cup global round 2023 to be held at the Yale University.

Our robust English language curriculum and literary clubs and activities have ensured that students garner literary & linguistic skills, extensive vocabulary and confidence to be able to author and

gets their books published. As many as 186 students in 2022-23 and 200 plus students so far in 2023-24 have written and published their own books.

We are incredibly proud of our olympiad accomplishments.

Lakshay Bansal has been awarded with the MATHEMATICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2023 in the advanced category at the INfinty math competition held at ADITYA BIRLA World Academy, Mumbai

Ruhi Gupta of Grade III has got a PERFECT score in the Singapore and Asian schools Math Olympiad.

Hridhaan Tekriwal of Grade II has secured Rank 1 in the Aryabhata Math Olympiad.

L & G, our school has been a hub of diverse and enriching workshops, fostering hands-on learning experiences in a variety of fields like Debating, puppetry, theatre, film making, cartooning, public speaking, Korean ink painting etc.

These workshops have ignited curiosity, encouraged collaboration and equipped our students with practical skills for life.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to our mission of nurturing well-rounded individuals who are prepared to face the complexities of the modern world. We will continue to invest in our students' growth, focusing on character development, critical thinking, and global awareness through varied experiences and opportunities.

L&G, together, we have created an environment where excellence thrives, and I am excited about the possibilities that the future holds for us.

**Our children are the seeds of change, a future untold, in their young hearts, the world's potential unfolds.**

**Let's guide them well, nurture their precious gifts, for in their growth, our shared destiny uplifts.**

Thank you, Parents, for your unwavering support. Let us move forward with enthusiasm and determination, knowing that together, we will continue to achieve greatness. As we forge ahead on our journey of growth and fulfilment for our students, we seek your cooperation and support as always in continuing to script success stories of unparalleled achievements. Let the children stare at the sky and find animals in the clouds. Let them dream really big and wish upon a star. Let them build castles, do cartwheels, and find shells in the sand. Teach them, in life not everyone will win. And when they lose, they need to accept with a grin and continue to strive to aim at the stars.

Thank You