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The theme honours the inspiring journey of discovering hidden strengths and amplifying voices that have long gone unheard. It's about recognizing the quiet contributions, the unseen efforts, and the unspoken ideas that, once brought into the light, can truly shine and make an impact. "From Silence to Spotlight" highlights the transformation from obscurity to recognition, empowering individuals and ideas to take center stage and achieve their deserved acknowledgment. It's a testament to the idea that every silent effort holds the promise of a powerful presence.



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WHAT IS TEDx ?

TEDxYouth events are independently organized under the TED license, specifically crafted for young minds. It is a stage where students, youth leaders, innovators, artists, and changemakers come together to share powerful ideas that can spark conversations and create impact — locally and globally.

As Modern School, Noida believes in nurturing not just academics but character, courage, and creativity, TEDxYouth@Modern School, Noida marks a new chapter — where students are not just learners, but also thought leaders.

Let's take the initiative. Let's set the stage.

Join us on this incredible journey as Modern School Noida steps into the global TEDx arena — empowering youth, igniting minds, and turning silence into spotlight.



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WHY TEDx ?

At Modern School, Noida , we don't just teach students to find their voice, we give them a reason to use it. This TEDx is more than an event. It's a declaration.

A declaration that every student, no matter how young or quiet, holds an idea that can change the world. Our theme, "From Silence to Spotlight," is a journey, from hesitation to expression, from the back row to center stage.

Backed by the global spirit of TED and grounded in our school's values of peace, purpose, and excellence, this platform empowers students aged 6 to 18 to own their narratives, question the present, and shape the future.

Because every revolution begins with a single idea.



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CHAIRMAN'S DESK



MR. S.K. JAIN
(CHAIRMAN)

There's something truly special about seeing young people stand up and speak out — to share their ideas, their experiences, their truths. TEDx brings that magic to life, and I couldn't be prouder that our school is now part of this global movement.

What excites me most is the way TEDx gives our students the freedom to be bold, be thoughtful, and most importantly — be themselves. It reminds us that great ideas don't always come from textbooks. Sometimes, they come from the courage to ask “what if?” and the willingness to explore the unknown.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this possible — the speakers, mentors, organizers, and dreamers. May this be the start of something beautiful: a culture of thinking big, speaking freely, and believing in the power of one voice.



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MODERN SCHOOL:

SHAPING FUTURE WITH FREEDOM AND PURPOSE

"A LIBERATED MIND BUILDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE"

What an incredible joy it is to see TEDx come alive in our school! This is more than just an even a culmination of voices, vision, and the courage to share ideas that can truly make a difference.

At Modern School, our journey forward is guided by the core values that have shaped our identity — academic freedom, tolerance, and an enduring spirit of experimentation. We envision a natural, holistic environment where students are inspired to think creatively, innovate fearlessly, and lead with responsibility towards a greener world.

Hosting a TEDx event for the first time in our campus is not just a moment of pride but a landmark in our school's journey towards nurturing confident, creative, and globally aware individuals. The theme "From Silence to Spotlight" beautifully captures the essence of what we aim to cultivate in every learner—a voice that matters, ideas that spark change, and stories that inspire action,

As Principal, I feel proud and deeply moved to watch our students and teachers step into a space where curiosity meets courage. TEDx encourages us all to pause, reflect, and listen not just to the words spoken on stage, but to the passion and purpose behind them.

To every speaker who dared to dream, to the team that worked tirelessly behind the scenes, and to every student who feels inspired today, thank you. You are what makes this moment special.

Here's to more conversations that matter, more stories that connect us, and more minds ready to lead with heart.



DR. NEERAJ AWASTHY
(PRINCIPAL)



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MESSAGE FROM TEDx COORDINATOR

"Silence holds the stories the world is waiting to hear — the spotlight is simply their beginning."

With great joy and a deep sense of purpose, we are thrilled to present the inaugural TEDxYouth@ModernSchool, Noida. It's not just an event, but a movement — a platform where bold voices and untold stories will rise to inspire and ignite transformation.

As the coordinator, I feel truly privileged to lead this powerful initiative. I am committed to curating a lineup of dynamic and thought-provoking speakers — individuals who will not only ignite minds but also awaken purpose.

Let's embrace the journey from silence to spotlight — where every idea has the power to echo beyond limits.



PREETI SARASWAT
(TEDx Coordinator)



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OUR EMINENT SPEAKERS



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MR. ATUL VYAS
(REGISTRAR, IIT DELHI)

Mr. Atul Vyas is the Registrar at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. With more than 26 years of service in higher education sector, Mr. Vyas has been working with IIT Delhi for more than nineteen years, thereby contributing immensely towards growth of technical education in India and globally.

As the Registrar at IIT Delhi, he leads various administrative functions and acts as the custodian of institutional records and funds while serving as Secretary to several key committees, including the Board of Governors and Finance Committee.

Mr. Vyas has participated in multiple international training programs and has also visited institutions/places in other countries thereby gaining and sharing knowledge.

In recognition of his distinguished contributions and exceptional services rendered to the growth of the technical education system in the country, Mr. Vyas was awarded the ISTE Honorary Fellowship for the year 2024.



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PT. TRIBHUWAN MAHARAJ ARTIST (DANCER)

Pt. Tribhuwan Maharaj, son of Pt. Jai Kishan Maharaj and grandson of the great Maestro Padma Vibhushan Pandit Birju Maharaj, is a young dancer of the present generation. He represents the ninth generation in the lineage of the legendary Kalka-Bindadin Gharana of Lucknow.

Tribhuwan has performed innumerable times in India and abroad. His performances include Varshik Utsav of Birju Maharaj Parampara, Vasant Utsav organised by Kalashram, Kathak Mahotsava organized by Kathak Kendra, Opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games 2010, Opening ceremony of the Silk Road in Xi'an and Nanning (China), Performances organised by Centre Madapa (Paris), BRICS summit, Bhaskar Rao Nritya Sangeet Sammelan in Chandigarh, Nishagandhi Festival in Trivandrum, Purush Festival in Chennai, Monsoon Dance and Music Festival in Thrissur to name a few.

Recently he has arranged the music for 'Poorvaraag', 'Swar Bhav Rang' and 'Maharaas' which are elaborate dance-dramas conceptualized by Pt. Jai Kishan Maharaj.



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MS. KIRAN SETHI
(SI., DELHI POLICE)

Kiran Sethi is a police officer in the Delhi Police, known as Lady Singham. She is working for the organisation of women's self-defense and police services training camps throughout India, for which she was honored by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh in 2015.

She is a black belt in judo, taekwondo, and karate, and joined the Delhi Police in 1987. She represented the country in Germany in 1999 and won a bronze medal in kickboxing. She holds the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police (SI), and often investigates cases of sexual assault and child sexual abuse. She is a chief trainer in the self-defense course 'Prahar', which by 2015 had trained more than 5,000 school and university students. She has also trained more than 200 hearing- and sight-impaired students in self-defense. Organising the largest demonstration of self-defense by school students resulted in her name being entered into the Limca Book of Records. In 2014, while off duty, Ms. Sethi saved a blind girl from being kidnapped and assaulted by a drunken man.

She has received recognition for her work, including the President's Police Medal. Her dedication to creating a safer, more confident future for young girls is truly commendable. SI Kiran Sethi is not just an officer, but a true role model.



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MS. KATYAYANI KUMAR
(FILM MAKER, WRITER)

Katyayani is a fearless, boundary-pushing film director and writer working between India and the U.S., known for crafting socially urgent, emotionally resonant films that blur the lines between fiction and journalism. Her debut documentary, *Sons of The River*, was filmed over three years in Punjab's suicide belt and earned recognition from Film Bazaar's Co-Production Market, Let'sDoc Fellowship, Interactions Docs Workshop, and the ScreenCraft Film Fund.

Her debut feature screenplay, *The Day Before Being Sold*, won the Raindance Film Festival pitch competition and was a Nicholl Fellowship Quarterfinalist. Katyayani's short film, *Coffined At 15*, created with Afghan refugee youth, premiered at the Oscar-qualifying Dances With Films Festival in Los Angeles and won a Special Jury Award at the International Film Festival of Shimla.



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MS. GAURI WALECHA (FRACTIONAL CMO & ENTREPRENEUR)

Gauri Walecha is a visionary brand consultant, eCommerce specialist, and the Founder & CEO of Unapology Branding Co., with over a decade of experience in building authentic, high-impact brands. Having worked with more than 100 businesses and incubated 20+ startups, Gauri is especially passionate about supporting bootstrapped ventures and first-generation founders. Her approach is rooted in the belief that “brands come from visions, not formulas”—prioritizing deep emotional resonance, strategic storytelling, and brand authenticity over surface-level marketing tactics. Gauri’s work goes beyond creating logos or taglines; she helps founders articulate their purpose, clarify their voice, and build brands that connect deeply with their audience. A storyteller turned strategist, her own journey began with the frustration of feeling unheard—fueling her mission to empower entrepreneurs who feel unseen or overlooked to step into the spotlight. Today, she continues to guide purpose-led founders in translating their inner fire into brands that are unapologetically bold, emotionally intelligent, and built to last.



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**MISS. ABHINA AHER
(TRANSGENDER ACTIVIST)**

Abhina Aher is a prominent Indian transgender activist who has been a strong voice for the empowerment and inclusion of transgender communities and other sexual minorities in India. She has worked with esteemed organizations such as The Humsafar Trust, Family Health International, and Johns Hopkins University, and has over two decades of experience in public health and social development.

As the Chief Executive of TWEET Foundation, Abhina has led several programs focused on education, inclusion, and community support, including the globally recognized "Pehchan" program. She is also an accomplished artist and founder of Dancing Queens, a dance group that promotes awareness and celebrates diversity. Through her work and TEDx talks, Abhina continues to inspire youth and society to embrace diversity, equality, and compassion.



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MS. MANIKA GOEL
(AUTHOR AND PSYCHOLOGIST)

Manika Goel is a transformation coach, motivational author, and advocate for personal empowerment, known for her ability to guide individuals toward clarity, confidence, and purpose. An MBA and the author of the insightful self-help book *Soul Trek*, she offers readers a practical and heartfelt roadmap to self-growth and healing. Currently pursuing her second Master's degree in Psychology, Manika combines academic knowledge with intuitive wisdom to help people shed emotional baggage and move forward with strength. Certified in NLP, chakra healing, and Bach flower therapy, she takes a holistic approach to personal development. Her life mantra—"Breathe, Focus, Believe, Smile"—captures her belief that lasting change begins with small, intentional shifts. Deeply inspired by the teachings of Mel Robbins, Manika is committed to helping others cut through negativity, find their voice, and rewrite the narrative of their lives.



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MR. KIRAN KURWADE

(DIRECTOR - OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES, CHITKARA UNIVERSITY)

Kiran Kurwade, Director – Office of Strategic Initiatives at Chitkara University and an alumnus of IIM Calcutta (Global Business Management), is a purpose-driven professional with over 30 years of diverse experience across hospitality, petroleum, retail, FMCG, and education sectors. A dynamic leader in operations, sales, HR, and business development, he has empowered and coached more than five lakh professionals across India and abroad. As a certified coach, trainer, and author, Kiran is associated with renowned institutions like HarvardX, KPMG, IIMs, and Gallup. He has conducted over 500 impactful training sessions at B-schools, defence academies, and corporate platforms, with a strong focus on employability skills, leadership development, and personal transformation. His credentials include being a POSH Coach, Gallup Strengths Coach, KPMG-certified Design Thinking Practitioner, and International Career & Wellness Coach. Kiran is also the author of Tonic for Great Life, has reviewed over 120 books between 2022 and 2024, and is a proud Record Holder in the International Book of Records. He was honoured as a “Man of Excellence” by the Indian Achievers Forum.



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MS. ANKITA ASTHANA (ENTREPRENEUR, GLOBAL TOP 10 WEDDING PHOTOJOURNALIST)

Ankita Asthana is a visionary entrepreneur, acclaimed wedding photographer, and the Founder & Director of WeddingNama and WeddingNama School. With a background in architecture and a Master's in Photography from NID Ahmedabad—supplemented by a semester at the University for the Creative Arts, UK—Ankita blends design expertise with emotional storytelling to create timeless visual narratives. Her work, known for its authenticity and elegance, has taken her across India and to global destinations like France, Kenya, Mexico, and the UK. Through WeddingNama School, she mentors aspiring visual artists, nurturing the next generation of storytellers. Recognized as one of the Top 10 Wedding Photographers in the World by WPJA (2022–2024), and recipient of multiple international accolades including Fearless, ISPWP, and Junebug awards, Ankita was named ET Panache Woman of the Year and Distinguished Alumna of VNIT Nagpur in 2025. Her artistry has been featured in leading publications such as Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, The New York Times, and Condé Nast Traveller, and exhibited internationally.



**MS. ROOPA
(ACID ATTACK SURVIVOR)**

Roopa: From Survivor to Trailblazer

Roopa is a courageous woman who turned adversity into achievement. A team member at Sheroes Hangout Café in Agra, she is admired for her warmth, resilience, and leadership. With a passion for fashion, she has established herself as a talented dress designer, using her creativity as a tool for self-expression and empowerment.

Having overcome tremendous personal challenges, Roopa now dreams bigger—planning to launch her own online design portal and open a skill development school for women. Her goal is to help others become financially independent and self-confident.

Roopa's journey from pain to purpose makes her a true role model—not just for survivors, but for anyone seeking strength, self-worth, and success against the odds.



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DR. RICHA SOOD
(PRINCIPAL/AUTHOR/ATHLETE)

Dr. Richa Sood is a visionary educator and leader. A CBSE National Awardee for the Best Principal (2011), she is also a certified trainer and mentor for NEP 2020 and NCF 2022, having trained over 4500 teachers across the country. An author of 131 books, Dr. Sood is equally celebrated for her achievements in athletics, having won multiple national and international medals in discus throw, shot put, and hammer throw at prestigious events including the Asian Masters Games, the Malaysian and Indonesian games, the Sri Lankan Championships, and the Indian Masters Games from 2023 to 2025. She serves as an official with the Indian Para Powerlifting Team at global events and is the Brand Ambassador of the Indian Red Cross Society for women's menstrual hygiene. Honoured by the President of India on Vijay Diwas 2023, and recipient of the Ojasvi Nari Puraskar and Rashtriya Gaurav Samman, Dr. Richa Sood truly exemplifies excellence in education, sports, and social service.



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DR. SUNIT KUMAR MISHRA

(AYURVEDA CONSULTANT, RESEARCHER, PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATE)

Dr. Sunit Kumar Mishra is a distinguished Ayurvedic physician and Chief Consultant at King George's Medical University, Lucknow. A Gold Medalist in BAMS and a PhD scholar in herbal solutions for drug-resistant infections, he has been a pioneer in integrating Ayurveda with modern medicine. With over two decades of experience, Dr. Mishra has presented his research at prestigious platforms across Japan, Brazil, Mexico, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, and more—bridging ancient Indian wisdom with global scientific dialogue. He has led more than 30 interdisciplinary research projects, published extensively in reputed journals, and is currently spearheading the establishment of a National AYUSH Research Centre at KGMU. Honored with accolades like the Health Icon Award and Dhanwantari Award, Dr. Mishra is redefining the future of integrative medicine in India and beyond.



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Annual Function 24-25



CBSE-National Judo Championship



Alumni Meet '24





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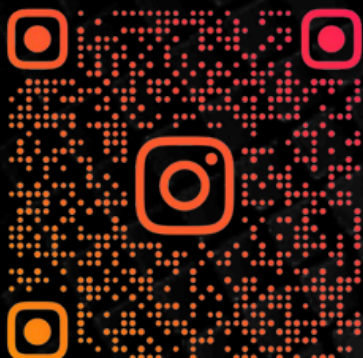
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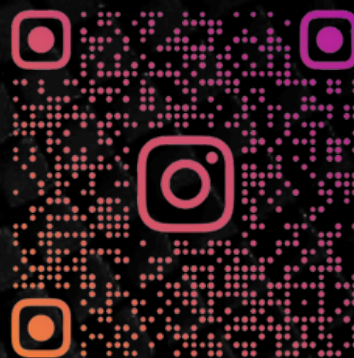
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