



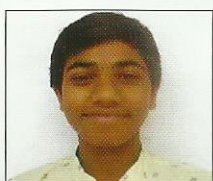
# THE MORAVIAN STAR

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## MORAVIAN INSTITUTE ACHIEVES EXCELLENT RESULTS AGAIN

Moravian Institute once again did very well in the ICSE and ISC examinations. The 2017 toppers in ISC were Sahani Kumar (Science stream) and Rohit Pal (Commerce stream), and in ICSE was Aryan Bhutia.



Rohit Pal



Sahani Kumar

A number of pupils scored above 90% in a variety of subjects both in ICSE and ISC. The principal congratulated all the teachers, staff members and pupils for their hard work.



Aryan Bhutia

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Moravian Institute is collaborating with Gateway Education: Global to host personal and professional development programmes for teachers of a number of schools in Garhwal. Moravian Institute also conducts professional development in-house. A workshop for Moravian teachers was held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 during which teachers reviewed attitudes and methods for greater effectiveness. Workshops and other training methods such as class observation are an integral part of the school, leading to improved pupil.



Teachers' workshop in progress

## SPIC MACAY PRESENTATION

Under the auspices of SPIC-MACAY, on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 a dance troupe from Manipur visited the institute. (SPIC-MACAY stands for Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth.) The troupe presented a number of dance forms from the state of Manipur, e.g. Pung Cholom, a drum dance performed with the Mrindanga. It is performed by males only and has various types of body movements, executed with great artistic skill and passion. The Mrindanga creates the sound of thunder, voice of birds and animals. Another art form presented was Thang Ta, the art of sword and spear as an expressive art form. This was taught in secret at the home schools of individual teachers after being prohibited during the period of colonial raj. Moravian pupils were awestruck by the performances, especially by the youngest children wielding real swords and spears. Sparks flew around at the clash of swords and blood was drawn (but without serious injury). This was a display of real fighting skills, not make believe.



Manipuri artists performing Mrindang dance



Manipuri children performing Thang Ta





### TREE PLANTATION PROGRAMME

On 1<sup>st</sup> August Class 11 and 12 pupils planted a number of saplings, mainly Neem, Thuja, Jacaranda, Bamboo, Camphor and Gulmohar in the Institute's campus. These saplings were donated by The Friends of the Doon society. Mr. Sudhir Vadehra of Friends of the Doon gave expert guidance to the pupils. The pupils learnt a lot about the various tree species, as well as the importance of trees in the ecosystem, and how forests affect the environment and climate of the region.



Classes 11 & 12 Pupils planting saplings



Tree plantation done at the Moravian Institute

### INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (IMA) BLOOD BANK VISITS THE INSTITUTE

A team from IMA Blood Bank of Uttarakhand visited the institute on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017. IMA Blood Bank has initiated a project to educate the school children about blood donation. IMA has a mission *"No needy patient should die due to lack of safe and quality blood in Dehradun or the entire state of Uttarakhand"*. Keeping this in mind an awareness programme was held at the institute to sensitize the pupils and the staff about the need and importance of voluntary blood donation.



Volunteer from IMA interacting with the pupils

### STAFF DAY CELEBRATIONS

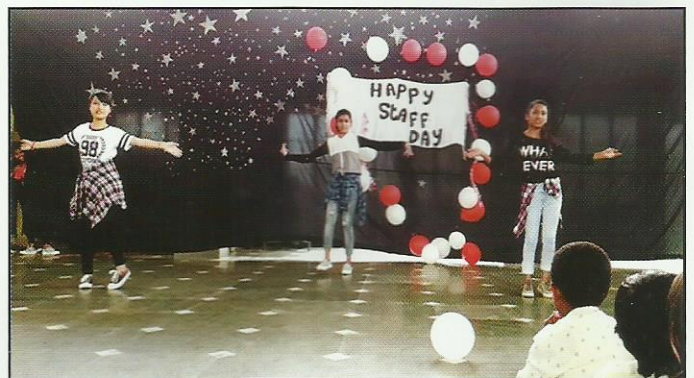


On 5<sup>th</sup> Sept Moravian Institute celebrated Staff day with great enthusiasm. Class 11 pupils organized an entertainment programme for the staff followed by a party. Various pupils presented dances and songs to appreciate the contribution of staff in their lives.

The celebration started with words of welcome by Manisha Rawat of class XI followed by a cake cutting ceremony by Rev. Thsespal Kundan and Mrs Susan Kundan. Sakshi Saroha of class 11 presented a colourful dance on the song "Aaja nach le" which moved the audience, followed by Suniti Thapa of class 9 and Navneet Nautiyal of class 11. The audience was impressed by Prahlad Kumar's classical type of song. A demonstration of Karate skills was presented by Gautam Bhandari and Danish Ansari of class 10. The celebrations concluded with distribution of gifts to all the staff members followed by refreshments for all. Many schools observe "Teacher's Day" on 5<sup>th</sup> September (Dr Radhakrishnan's birthday). But because Moravian Institute is a boarding school, we honour all our staff on "Staff Day".



Staff members enjoying the programme



Pupils entertaining the staff members





## **COL SHASHI MEMORIAL INTER SCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Col. Shashi Memorial Inter-School Soccer Tournament was hosted by Cambrian Hall from 25<sup>th</sup> Aug to 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. A total of 15 schools participated in this grand event. After a series of league matches our senior boys qualified for the quarter-finals against Baluni Public School and defeated them by a score of 3 goals to nil. In the semi-finals our boys defeated The Asian School in the tie breaker round to enter the finals. The final match was played against Aster Public School, Delhi. This was a very closely contested match and both the teams played very well leading to a draw with a score of 3 goals each after which 5 penalties were given to each of the teams which also led to a draw. However, in the sudden death round unfortunately our boys lost. Our boys did a commendable job showing exemplary skills were unlucky at the end. But we are happy they managed to bring home the runners-up trophy.



**Senior boys with the Col.Shashi Runners-up trophy**

## **DDCSA SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL 2017**

The DDCSA football tournament for the Senior Boys was organised from 27<sup>th</sup> Aug to 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 in which a total of 19 schools participated. Our boys played very well and defeated the Doon School in the quarter-final by a score of one goal to nil and Hilton School in the semi-final by a score of 7 goals to nil. The final match was held on 7<sup>th</sup> sept against Col.Brown school and our boys defeated them too by a score of one goal to nil. The senior boys team certainly deserve a big appreciation for this spectacular victory.



**Senior boys with the DDCSA Champions trophy**

## **DDCSA SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL 2017**

This year the DDCSA Senior girls tournament was organised by Raja Ram Mohan Roy Academy. The tournament was held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Oct and many teams participated. Our girls defeated their opponents in the league matches with good goal margins. In the final match our team played against the host team Raja Ram Mohan Roy Academy and defeated them by a score of 2 goals to nil. In the entire tournament our team did not concede a single goal and this was their third consecutive victory in a row. All credit goes to Mr Namsinrai Kamei, the coach who has led both the senior boys and the senior girls to championship victories this year, repeating the success of many past years.



**Senior girls with the DDCSA Champions Trophy**

## **MODBOX PUBLIC PERFORMANCE**

A public performance by the young Modbox trainees of Uttarakhand was held at the Moravian Institute on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017. Pupils of a number of other schools such as Paradise Academy and Mahaveer Jain Kanya Pathshala participated along with those of Moravian Institute. Modbox is a modified form of boxing which helps participants to develop all the skills associated with traditional boxing such as technique, accuracy, speed, physical fitness and stamina, but without the usual risks, especially of brain damage. In addition, it is not competitive but cooperative, and so encourages personal growth, mutual respect and leadership. ModBox is based on research conducted in Canberra University, Australia, by Prof Allan Hahn and Mr Paul Perkins a former Australia National Boxing Coach. The chief guest on the occasion was Professor Allan Hahn himself who is a pioneer of Australian sports science. Prof. Hahn led the Australian women to their first Olympic gold medal in Rowing, and is a recipient of the Order of Australia. The India initiative of Modbox is called '**Kangaroo BoxInd**'. ModBox has been running successfully for nearly a year in Dehradun. Moravian Institute held its first public performance in February 2017, under the guidance of Mr Paul Perkins who coached Moravian's own coaches: Mr Namsinrai Kamei and Mr Raju Thapa. However, this October performance was the first time that a multi-school performance was held, and Moravian Institute was privileged to host it.

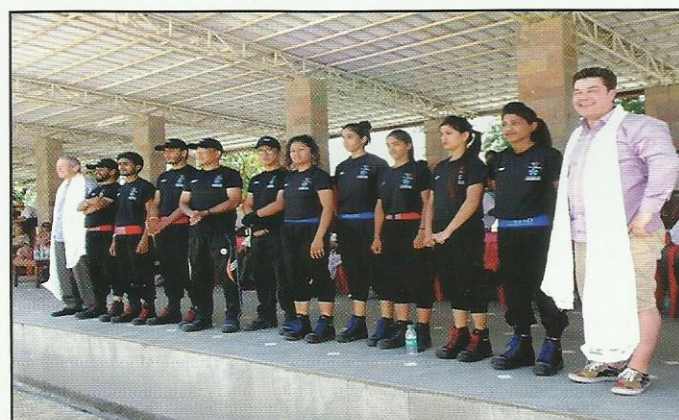




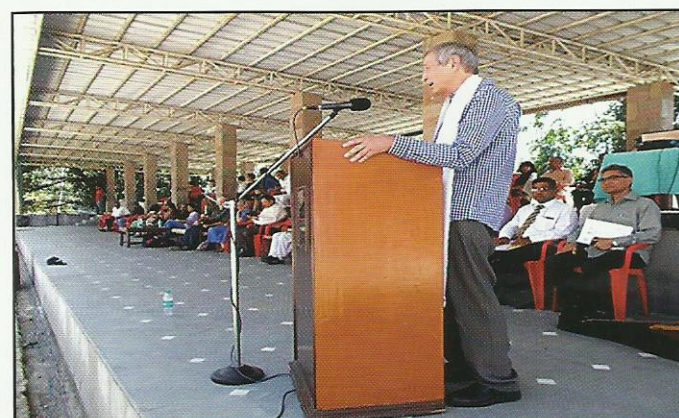
Moravian Girls demonstrating boxing skills



A pair of Moravian Girls performing ModBox



Modbox coaches with Professor Allan Hahn and Australian National boxing coach Mr Paul Perkins



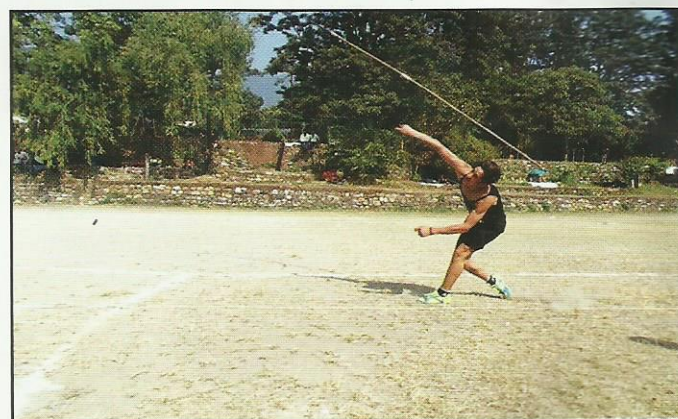
Professor Allan Hahn addressing the audience

## INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS 2017

Moravian Institute's Inter-House Athletics were held from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017. The heats were conducted on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Oct and the finals on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. All the pupils took part in the various track and field events with great enthusiasm. Romeo Rongmei set a new record in the Senior Boys' Javelin Throw and Long Jump and Akash Prakash in the 200 metres race. Reema Rana set a new record in the Senior Girls' 100 m, 200 m, and 400 m races and long jump. Amisha Rana set a new record in the Intermediate Girls' 100 m. In the Junior Boys division Narayan Rana set a new record in 200 m. The overall house positions were: Tharchin house stood first with 1089 points, Gergan house second with 991 points followed by Phunthsog house with 857 points.



Pema Chodon at the finishing line



Javelin Throw in progress



200 m race in progress





## 71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEET

The 71<sup>st</sup> annual district athletics meet was held at Rashtriya Military Inter College (RIMC) on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with a contingent of 31 athletes representing Moravian Institute. Our athletes did very well and won 3 gold, 1 silver and 5 bronze medals. Around 25 schools, many colleges along with many individual entries made up a total of 1,030 athletes who took part in the meet. Moravian institute also received the fair play trophy. Romeo Rongmei won the gold medal in the Men's Open Long Jump.



**Romeo Rongmei with the gold medal at the District Athletic meet**

Romeo Rongmei also won the gold medal in the under-18 Javelin and Long jump events. Padma Namgyal won a bronze in the under-18 Javelin and Jinid Prashant Lugun another bronze in the shot put. In the Women's Open category Reema Rana won the silver medal in the 200 metres and Elisheba Singh the bronze medal in 400 metres races. In the under-16 Girls category Amisha Rana won a bronze medal.



**Reema Rana with the Silver medal at the District Athletic meet**

## RAJPUR NATURE FESTIVAL

The Rajpur Nature Festival is being held every year with Rajpur Community Initiative (RCI) along with the Eco Tourism wing of the Uttarakhand forest department. The objective of this festival is to promote bird watching, nature walks, butterfly watching, heritage walks, art competitions, etc, and to create an awareness among the

students and the local people about conservation and sustainable management of our natural resources. The festival showcased the role of natural resources, plants and animals and their contribution in our daily lives. The pupils of the Moravian institute took part in various activities and won many prizes in the art competition.



**Pupils receiving prizes**



**Moravian children displaying their prizes**

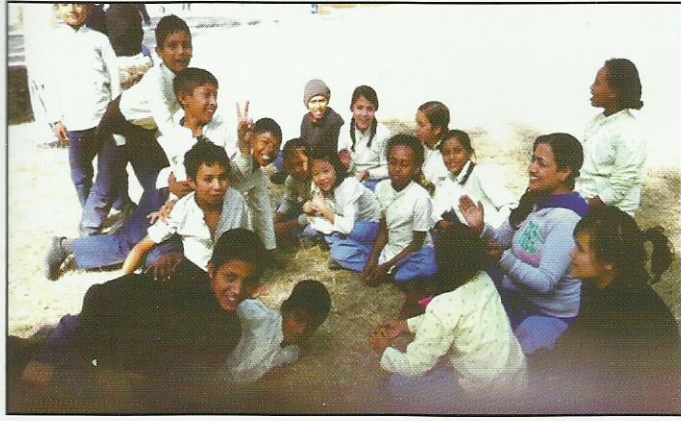
## CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Children's day (Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday) was celebrated with great fun on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov at the institute. The pupils seemed to be excited for the special day since morning. All the staff members prepared a variety of party games for the pupils which were thoroughly enjoyed by both teachers and pupils. The pupils played Musical chairs, Pass the parcel, Kho kho, Antakshari and many other games enthusiastically through the course of the day. Refreshments were distributed to the children which added colour to this celebration.



**Pupils receiving Children's day refreshments**





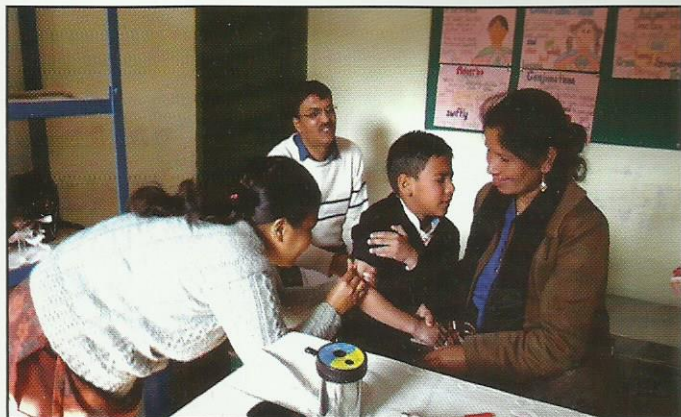
**Pupils enjoying the Antakshari competition**

### **MEASLES AND RUBELLA VACCINATION CAMPAIGN HELD AT THE INSTITUTE**

The National Immunization Programme for eradication of Measles and Rubella from the country (a joint venture of the state's health and education departments) was conducted in various parts of Uttarakhand during the month of October and November. Our school also supported this campaign and a team of health workers and doctors visited the school on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov to vaccinate the pupils in the age group from 4 to 14 years. Around 146 pupils were vaccinated from class KG to class 8 and the entire campaign was enthusiastically supported by the parents as well.



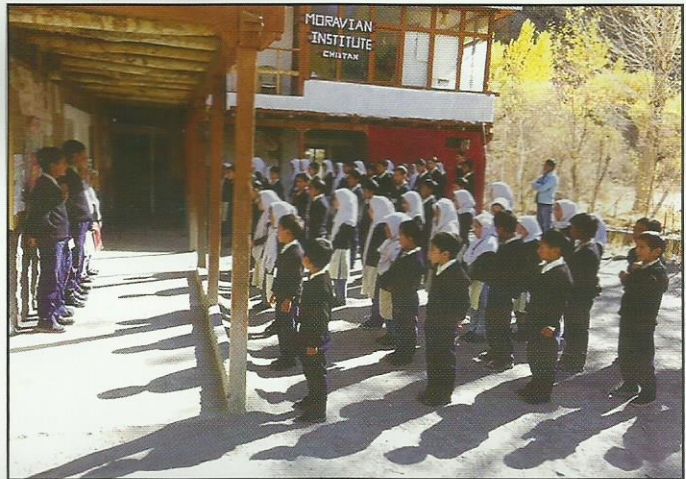
**Parents accompanying their wards for vaccination in the school**



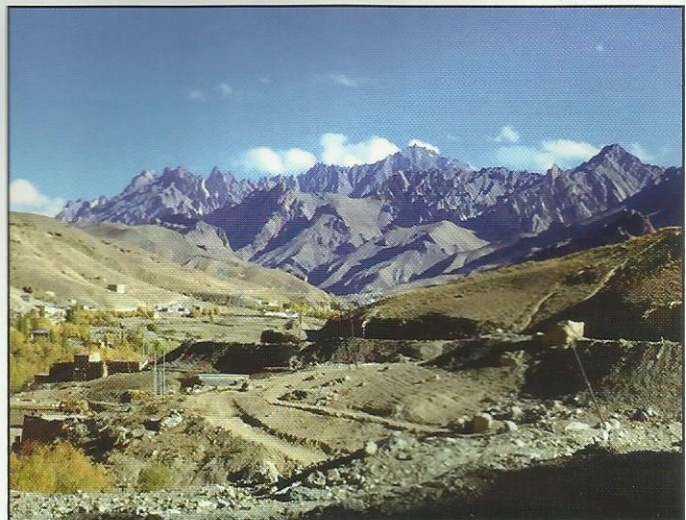
**Vaccination in progress**

### **MORAVIAN INSTITUTE CHIKTAN CAMPUS**

In October, Rev Thsespal Kundan (Director) and Mrs Susan Kundan (Director of Administration), visited Moravian Institute's Chiktan Campus. This campus is located in Kargil District of Jammu & Kashmir State. They spent a few days meeting the pupils and staff, and the Headmaster Mr Vijaya kumar. Rev and Mrs Kundan were pleased to note the progress being made by the staff and pupils and encouraged all of them. In the J&K Board examinations for Class 8 held in October 2017, Moravian pupils took the first 3 positions in the whole of Chiktan Block. In 2016 Moravian pupils had bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> positions, and in 2015 Moravian pupils had taken the first 6 positions. Many parents were very happy with the quality and standard of education provided by Moravian Institute and wanted the school to offer Classes 9 and 10 also. In October, Moravian Institute also hosted and conducted an Inter-School Athletic Meet for the schools in Chiktan Block. This was greatly appreciated by the residents of Chiktan as well as the pupils of participating schools.



**Pupils leading Morning Assembly at present Chiktan Campus**



**Scenery near Chiktan**