

Volume 1.1
January to June 2021

ISSUE
1ST

GD Goenka Group
GOENKAN
gazette
Giving wings to dreams

GD Goenka Group is a leading conglomerate set up by avant garde industrialist, Mr. Anjani Kumar Goenka and has under its umbrella, some of the finest educational institutions in the country. A galaxy of educational institutions from pre-schools to post-graduate institutes, with world class infrastructure, well equipped libraries, hi-tech laboratories and dedicated and seasoned academics support an ideal and conducive environment for providing education that can be benchmarked against the best in the world.

Patron

Nupur Goenka
Director, GD Goenka Group

Editor

Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Kaushik

Design

Paramjeet Kaur

Goenkan Gazette is an initiative to highlight the achievements of the GD Goenka Group and forge bonds of learning, caring and sharing amongst members of the Goenkan community.

Contents

About GD Goenka Group Vision and Mission

01	GD Goenka University , Gurugram, Delhi NCR
02	GD Goenka World School , Gurugram, Delhi NCR
03	GD Goenka Public School , Vasant Kunj, Delhi
04	GD Goenka Signature School , Gurugram, Delhi NCR
05	GD Goenka Public, Agra, UP
06	GD Goenka Public, Amritsar, Punjab
07	GD Goenka Public, Bahadurgarh, Haryana
08	GD Goenka Public, Bareilly, UP
09	GD Goenka Public, Dakshineswar, Kolkata
10	GD Goenka Public, Dwarka, Delhi
11	GD Goenka Public, Gurugram Sec-48, Haryana
12	GD Goenka Public, Indore, MP
13	GD Goenka Public, Kanpur, UP
14	GD Goenka Public, Karkardooma, Delhi
15	GD Goenka Public, Kasganj, UP
16	GD Goenka Public, Lucknow, UP
17	GD Goenka Public, Model Town, Delhi
18	GD Goenka Public, Muzaffarnagar, UP
19	GD Goenka Public, Noida Extension, UP
20	GD Goenka Global School, Noida Sec-50, UP
21	GD Goenka Public, Paschim Vihar, Delhi
22	GD Goenka Public, Patna, Bihar
23	GD Goenka Public, Rohini Sec-9, Delhi
24	GD Goenka Public, Rohini Sec-22, Delhi
25	GD Goenka Public, Sarita Vihar, Delhi
26	GD Goenka Public, Siliguri, West Bengal
27	GD Goenka International School, Surat, Gujarat
28	GD Goenka Public, Varanasi, UP



GOENKAN gazette

GD GOENKA GROUP

Setting High Benchmarks from Pre-School to University level

Established in 1982, with varied interests in Real Estate, Travel & Tourism and Exports, GD Goenka Group made a foray into education 26 years ago. Since then, it has become synonymous with innovative education, relentlessly building a brand of education that stands for quality in Education and global dimensions in Excellence through pre-schools, K-12 institutions, and a world-class university. The group passionately works towards creating future leaders, who have mastered excellence in academics and its application, skills of effective communication, adaptability and problem solving with a magnanimous thought process of acceptance, respect, collaborative teamwork, knowledge sharing, sympathy, empathy, community outreach and Global Citizenship.

GD Goenka Group on Educational landscape The group ventured into Education in 1994 under the visionary leadership of the Chairman, Mr. Anjani Kumar Goenka and Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Renu Goenka and soon made its presence pan- India as well as overseas, becoming a trendsetter in quality education of global dimensions, from kindergarten to doctoral level.

Pre-Schools - GD Goenka offers Early Years education with two distinct chains of Pre Schools: GD Goenka La Petite - a complete Montessori School and GD Goenka Toddler House - both chains endeavouring to provide a learning environment in which the young are enthused to learn - a pre-requisite for an overall developmental approach for the very young.

K-12 Schools - GD Goenka group has set up the finest K-12 schools offering varied curricula - CBSE as well as IB and Cambridge. The schools are striving relentlessly for the cause of education with the mission to develop young learners into good human beings who are socially responsible and contributing citizens of the country and the world at large.

Higher Education - GD Goenka University, established in 2013 is a UGC approved university offering distinctive programmes at Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Doctoral levels. It has collaborations with top-tier Universities and Institutions across the globe, providing students a pathway to advanced study and careers and offers courses in a whole gamut of areas - Engineering, Management, Hospitality & Tourism, Architecture, Medical & Allied Sciences, Education, Humanities & Social Science, Agriculture, Fashion & Design, Communication and Law. The university also has Centres for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Teacher Training & Education Management and Vocational Studies. Some of the international collaborations include top-tier institutions including Deakin, Kent, Arkansas, Arizona State University, Le cordon bleu and UGA France - to name a few.

GD Goenka University has been rated as one of the 'Great Indian institutes-2019' by Forbes India Magazine, 'Most preferred Private University' by ASSOCHAM, 'Top emerging BBA institutes' by Times B School and others, besides affiliation to leading associations in the industry, including Bar Council of India, AICTE, Pharmacy Council of India, Council of Architecture. The university is housed in GD Goenka Education City built with one of the world's most advanced technology. The campus is spread over 60 acres and is situated in the picturesque foothills of the Aravali, on Sohna Gurugram elevated expressway, just 29 km from Delhi's International Airport. It offers day boarding, full boarding (Hostel), and weekly boarding facility.

91+

K12
Schools

20+

La Petite
Montessori Pre-School

65+

Toddler House
Pre-School

2,00,000+

Students and Alumni
across the Country



GD GOENKA GROUP



Vision

GD Goenka Group vision is wide-ranging and it encompasses aspiration, excellence in all spheres, system leadership, social mobility, cohesion, and inclusion. We aspire to elevate, inspire and assist the young to succeed at all levels of education - right from pre-primary to Doctoral level, through highest possible standards and make a demonstrable impact in communities. Our endeavor is to create transformative experiences through open communication and collaborative dialogue so that creativity, entrepreneurial spirit and innovative initiative can flourish and all stakeholders can realize their optimum potential.

Mission



GD Goenka Group aspires to create and nurture outstanding organizations that espouse the cause of educational excellence, character development and service to communities. Our mission is to be top value creators for our stakeholders in all our ventures – in the field of Education and all our businesses by setting new benchmarks that more than match the best in various areas. We aim to positively impact the world by nurturing sustainable, environmentally conscious and innovative organizations that focus on delivering the best to all those associated with us.



**SHRI ANJANI
KUMAR GOENKA**

Chairman
GD Goenka Group



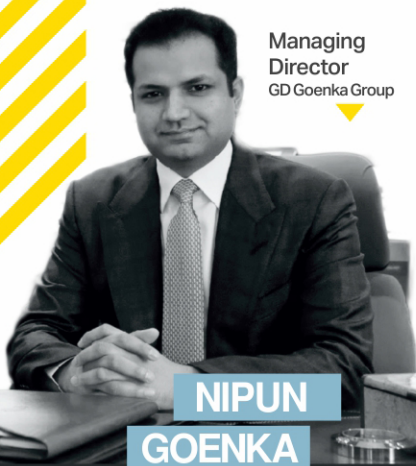
**MRS. RENU
GOENKA**

Vice Chairperson
GD Goenka Group

Director
GD Goenka Group



**NUPUR
GOENKA**



Managing
Director
GD Goenka Group

**NIPUN
GOENKA**

GD Goenka Schools
Under the aegis of
GD Goenka Group

Bihar

Chhatisgarh

Himachal
Pradesh

MP

Haryana

Gujarat

J&K

Punjab

Delhi

NCR

THE GOENKAN

NETWORK

Telangana

Uttarakhand UP

Rajasthan West Bengal



Sr. Director Academics
GD Goenka Group of Schools

Ms. Bharati Sharma

GD Goenka CONFLUENCE 2021

Empowering Leaders of
GD Goenka Schools

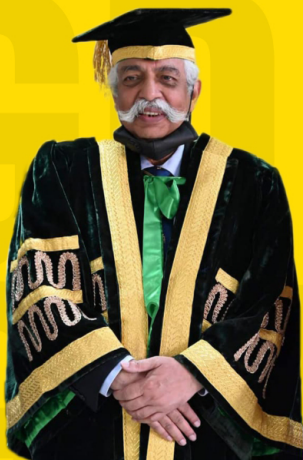
June 2021
18-19th and
25-26th

The Confluence is the brainchild of our visionary leaders **Mr. Anjani Kumar Goenka and Mrs. Renu Goenka**. It is a unique platform that brings together Principals, Heads of Schools, and Members of Managements from all the schools under the GD Goenka aegis. This year we went online thereby, tapping talents across geographical boundaries. **Ms. Nupur Goenka, Director, GD Goenka Group** inaugurated the Confluence along with **Ms. Bharati Sharma**. The keynote address was given by **Prof Chandra Bhusan Sharma, Ex-Chairman, NIOS**. The eminent speakers for the confluence were **Dr. Richard Smith, University of Warwick, UK**; **Prof. Anupam Ahuja, NCERT**; **Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyaya, Chairman, ETMA** Former Head of **NIEPA & Chairman, NOS**; **Mr. Rajiv Chandran, Officer Incharge, UN**; **Ms. Jemima Hughes, Education Specialist, Dakar, Senegal**; **Dr. Joseph Emmanuel, Director (Academics), CBSE**; and **Dr. Debashis Chatterjee, Director, IIM**. To update, innovate and enhance excellence in educational practices and teaching goals each eminent speaker gave insightful information from their area of expertise.



GD GOENKA UNIVERSITY

Prof. (Dr.) Tabrez Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor
Gurugram, Delhi NCR



MAJ. GEN. (DR.) G. D. BAKSHI, SM, VSM

Special 5th Convocation 2021

The Special Fifth Convocation of GD Goenka University was organised on the University Campus in compliance with the government guidelines on COVID19 pandemic on **February 27, 2021**.

Mrs. Renu Goenka, Honorable Chancellor of GD Goenka University presided over the convocation. Prof. (Dr.) Tabrez Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor presented the annual report of the University. The **Chief Guest, Maj. Gen. (Dr.) G. D. Bakshi, SM, VSM** conferred meritorious graduates with Shri Gopinath Goenka award. 597 graduands of Doctorate Degree, Masters, Bachelors and PG Diploma Programmes from 11 different schools were awarded their degrees and diplomas. The ceremony culminated with great jubilation and elation among the graduating students.

Online Summer School Program hosted by GD Goenka University



GD Goenka University, in collaboration with artGYAN, organized an online Summer School Programme to hone the artistic skills of all age groups from **24th May to 5th June 2021**. Students of GD Goenka Schools from all over India enrolled in 12 different courses. The sessions were filled with positive vibes, enriching learning and entertainment covering a plethora of creative pursuits.



GD GOENKA UNIVERSITY

Prof. (Dr.) Tabrez Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor
Gurugram, Delhi NCR

Webinars @ GD Goenka UP Learn Academy



**Smt. Maneka
Sanjay Gandhi**

13th February, 2021

Chairperson, People for Animals
Webinar on Animal Cruelty:
Did I Do Something Wrong?

Sister Shivani

2nd May, 2021

World renowned Brahma Kumaris
teacher & spiritual guide
Webinar on Building emotional
resilience amid the peak of the pandemic



GD Goenka University takes the lead at nation-wide Covid-19 Vaccination Drive

GD Goenka University is the foremost university in India to be part of the national vaccination drive against COVID-19.

On 26th March, 8th April, and 19th June 2021 students, staff members and their families were administered free doses of the Covishield vaccine. The vaccination drive was carried out with the support of the Gurgaon administration and the medical fraternity of the Govt of Haryana. A fully equipped vaccination centre has been developed at the University campus with a team of doctors and trained nursing staff.



GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL

Dr. Neeta Bali, Director-Principal
Gurugram, Delhi NCR

GDGWS hosted their maiden TEDx Conference - 'A Positive Metanoia'



GDGWS fraternity organized their first-ever virtual TEDx conference - "A Positive Metanoia" in Gurugram on **January 16, 2021**. The event was a local gathering which was a grassroots level initiative, created in the spirit of TED's overall mission to discover and tribune "ideas worth spreading" amongst the youth. This scientifically-backed, TED philosophy supports the communication of various ideas in localities.

The event was a free-for-all attempt to reach many people who needed direction, motivation, and positivity in their lives. Nine distinguished speakers shared their knowledge and covered a range of ideas from technology to real-life decisions, re-establishing perspectives on topics such as cybersecurity, artistic values, psychology, and human rights.

GDGWS collaborates with 'Filippo De Cecco', School of Hospitality, Italy under the ambit of Interact Club

GDGWS Interact Club, in collaboration with "Filippo De Cecco", School of Hospitality, Pescara on a cultural Exchange Programme proudly executed 'Closer to me, Italia India'- a virtual exchange programme which was held from **March 22 to May 7, 2021** between Ms. Alessandra Di Pietro, Principal-IPSSCOA Filippo De Cecco and Dr. Neeta Bali, Director-Principal-GDGWS. It was attended by Heads of both schools and students. It commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Neeta Bali, followed by a reciprocatory address by Ms. Alessandra Di Pietro. This Programme encouraged students of both schools to interact and share experiences about themselves, their countries and especially food cultures - a great learning experience for all participants!

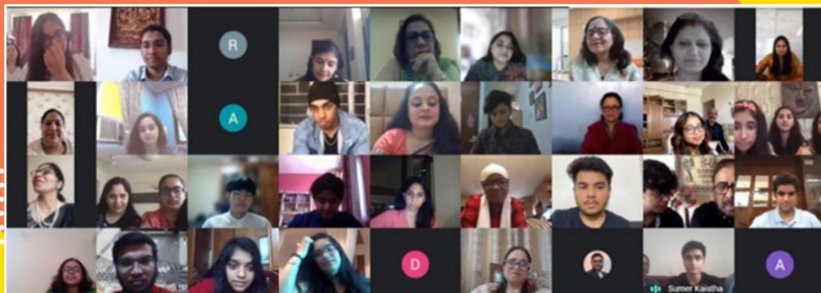
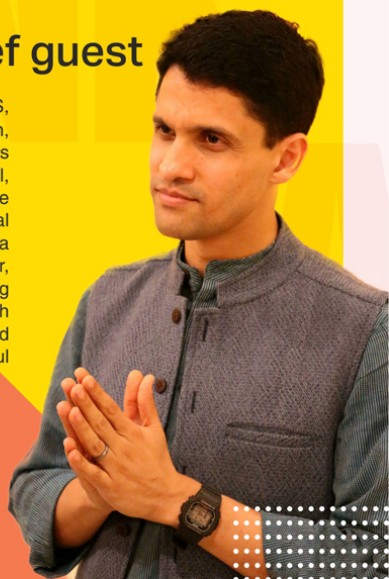


GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL

Dr. Neeta Bali, Director-Principal
Gurugram, Delhi NCR

GDGWS conducted a Virtual Graduation Ceremony for the class of 2021 with Mr. Nithya Shanti, eminent spiritual leader as the chief guest

The virtual graduation ceremony for the batch of 2021, GDGWS, was held on **May 22, 2021**. Our respected Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Renu Goenka shared her blessings with the students followed by the release of the Yearbook-2021. Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali congratulated the graduands many of whom have already secured a place in leading National and International universities. The Chief Guest for this event, Mr. Nithya Shanti, a highly acclaimed and internationally respected spiritual teacher, seminar leader, writer and educator committed to sharing practical wisdom teachings for happiness and enlightenment with people. He shared his motivational and inspirational thoughts and teachings with the graduands for their future lives and purposeful decision-making.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Meenakshi Bhakuni, Principal
Vasant Kunj, Delhi

Mitigating Covid Crisis - GDGPS, Vasant Kunj turns classrooms into Covid care centres



GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi stays at the forefront when it comes to philanthropic service to society. In an exemplary move, it has turned thirty classrooms in its junior block into a Covid Care Centre with an oxygen facility.

MD, GD Goenka Group, Mr. Nipun Goenka, always the good Samaritan ready to champion a cause, has ensured an oxygen ambulance is also readily available at all hours.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Meenakshi Bhakuni, Principal
Vasant Kunj, Delhi

GDGPS, Vasant Kunj observed April 2021 as the 'English Month'

April 2021 was observed as English month at GDGPS, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. A plethora of interesting and interactive activities were organised by English Department. Spell Bee, Creative Writing, Vocabulary Games, Doodling, Goofy Grammar, Poetry Recitation and Extemporaneous Speaking kept the classes 3 to 12 engaged throughout the month. A riveting performance by the senior students showcased the unparalleled contribution of William Shakespeare to the world of theatre in the Special Assembly on Shakespeare, premiered online. On the various social platforms of the school, English Department kept everyone entertained by providing joyful learning through informative and enriching posts.

“

G.D. GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL,
VASANT KUNJ

GOOD MORNING QUOTES

Success isn't about
how much money you
make; it's about the
difference you make
in people's lives.

Michelle Obama

”

Codeavour and AI @ GDGPS, Vasant Kunj

Congratulations to all the participants for their enthusiasm and effort towards understanding the much-needed concepts for the future.

An international online AI and coding competition for school children saw participation of 5400+ teams from 98 countries. During the competition, 42 students from GDGPS, Vasant Kunj, attended the online webinars which were organized by STEMpedia from **October 2, 2020 - January 5, 2021**, aimed at introducing students to the concepts of block-based programming, game design, artificial intelligence and machine learning. Goenkans participated in the international competition too.



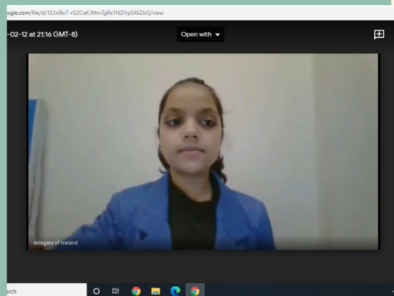
GD GOENKA SIGNATURE SCHOOL

Vandana Kumar, Acting Principal
Gurugram, Delhi NCR

MUN 2021 hosted by GD Goenka Signature School

The maiden virtual edition of GD Goenka Signature School's Model United Nations conference, 'GDGSMUN'21' was held on **6th and 7th February, 2021**. The conference hosted over 100 delegates from all across the nation.

It was a forum to empower the youth with a desire to collaborate and discuss our world's most crucial issues and set the world on a path towards sustainable development. Virtual GDGSMUN'21 witnessed five visionary and enthralling committees. The students participated enthusiastically and the intellectually rewarding experience ensured the development of confidence in leading others with a stronger awareness of global issues.



Orientation Day Programme held at GD Goenka Signature School

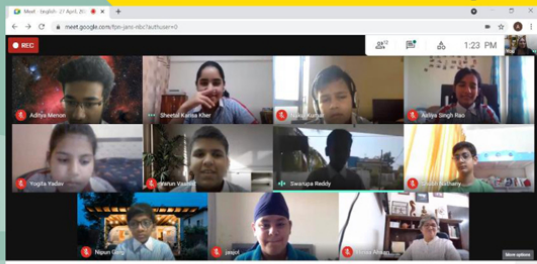
To acquaint the parent community with the hybrid learning experience and incredible opportunities offered to the students, GD Goenka Signature School organized an Orientation Day programme on **14th March, 2021** with immense verve and gusto. The event was graced by our esteemed Managing Director, Ms. Sanya Goenka Jain. The very esteemed and erudite school Principal, Ms. Ritu Pathak addressed the gathering and gave valuable guidance to students and parents alike. She urged them to make informed choices for a successful future. A visual presentation gave a comprehensive idea about the functioning of the school.



GD GOENKA SIGNATURE SCHOOL

Vandana Kumar, Acting Principal
Gurugram, Delhi NCR

Rhetorica-Online English and Hindi Declamation Competition



In an endeavour to equip the learners with better communication skills, foster confidence in public speaking, and enjoy a positive learning experience, GD Goenka Signature School organized a 'Rhetorica-Online English and Hindi Declamation Competition' on **27th April, 2021**. Students from each class participated and spoke on a given topic. With even greater stores of resilience, patience, humility, and generosity, the Goenkans delivered powerful speeches on global issues to lead the world towards a healthier and sustainable future. The students voiced their opinion with confidence in a neck-to-neck competition. They were judged based on their content and presentation. An Online Certificate of Merit was awarded to the three best speakers.

Reunion '21 reunites Goenkan family together



Ushering into the new session with great tidings and renewed energy for learning, GDGSC on **21st February 2021** hosted 'Reunion 2021' on the school campus. The entire school and the playground were decorated with flags, colourful bunting, balloons, and flowers. Children from Nursery to Grade 2 experienced their online learning, from the virtual classrooms, through fun-filled games, dance, instrumental music, and gymnastics. Goenkan family came together and showed their support and affection for each other after a year of extreme uncertainty and fear.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Puneet Vashishtha, Principal

Agra, UP



Winter Carnival held at GDGPS, Agra

16 Jan - 7 Feb 2021, Winter is the time for comfort, for good food, warmth and the touch of a friendly hand. This is what the Goenkan Carnival was all about.

February saw exuberant celebration and fun-filled days on the grounds of GD Goenka School, during their winter Carnival which witnessed enthusiastic participation by students and their parents.

Various games were played at the Carnival which turned out to be quite entertaining for the visitors.

Badminton, Cricket, Table Tennis, Chess, Dance ka virus, Drama competition, Duet singing competition, and Drawing competitions were the main attractions. The motive behind the carnival was to de-stress the children during the pandemic. The school took all precautions to maintain social distancing among visitors. Students were given enough space so that they could play under the supervision of their parents and participate in different activities.

A total of 8 activities were organized in the Winter Carnival, which included 4 sports and 4 cultural activities.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Puneet Vashistha appreciated the efforts of the children, teachers and staff in organizing the event. He urged the students and their parents to spend some time together and enjoy activities other than studies. Students outstanding in the field of academics, sports, culture and other activities were felicitated.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Madhu Gandhi, Principal

Amritsar, Punjab

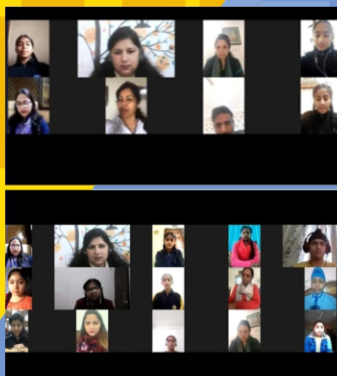
Republic Day observed with great gusto at GDGPS, Amritsar

At GDGPS, Amritsar, Republic Day was observed with the usual festivities along with the Competitions held at different levels. In Pre-Wing competitions - The students sang Patriotic songs and tried their hands at Tricolor recipes whilst Cooking without fire.

For Classes III - V - Great Dreams for Great Dreamers Competition was held in which a child had to speak on the topic 'India of my Dreams'

For classes VI - VIII - TECHNODEXTROUS a competition was organized wherein students had to design E- posters on the topic - My Pride My India.'

For the Senior Section, Class IX & X - Racked their brains in a Quiz Competition was held, Class XI contested for the Essay Writing Skills & Class XII vied for Poetry Competition.



GDGPS, Amritsar, hosted an Inter-School Debate and Declamation Contest

GDGPS, Amritsar organized the Inter-School Debate and Declamation Contest on 6th Feb 2021. The Declamation Competition was for classes VI - VIII. Students shared their views on the topic: 'Experiences of Lockdown'. The Debate Competition was organized for students of IX - X where they enlightened the audience with their views on: 'Offline teaching is better than Online Teaching'. Students shared their views exuberantly. These competitions helped them to develop self-expression, boost their confidence and develop critical thinking.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Madhu Gandhi, Principal

Amritsar, Punjab



Webinar on Road Safety

Webinar for Classes VI - VIII was conducted online at GD Goenka Public School on **3rd February, 2021** to make the students aware of Road Safety measures. The resource person was ASI Arwinderpal Singh. He advised the students on practising Moral Values in the day to day life which would help in moderating the behaviour and in the formation of their characters. He insisted on the use of helmets, side mirrors, avoid rash driving, usage of seat belts, halting at the red light, stopping before Zebra Crossing, non-usage of mobiles while driving, no-overtaking for safe driving for everyone in the driving seat to Live & Let Live. He reiterated that it is we who can transform our roads into Safer Zones by driving with responsibility.

The Bloomfield Camp by GDGPS, Amritsar to beat the summer heat-virtually !

To beat the heat of the summers and to give relief to the tired young minds, a virtual camp for six days from **1st - 6th June, 2021** was organised in the school. It was a completely fun-filled and entertainment-oriented camp. Each day had a different theme. Day 1 the theme was Goa - Pearl of the Orient wherein the students danced to the Goan music and prepared a pinwheel sandwich. They also created a moving monster. Similarly, each day had a different theme like Royal Rajasthan, Animal Kingdom, Fairies and Hobgoblins, Punjabi by Heart, Kashmir - The Paradise. Each day, students dressed up as per the theme, made sumptuous dishes and were involved in fun-filled activities. Students enjoyed the activities. After long hours on the screen, they relished every moment of the joyous and novel activities.



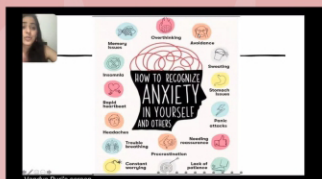
GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Pooja Puri, Principal

Bahadurgarh, Haryana

Toddlers' Graduation Day-2021 celebrated with great aplomb at GDGPS, Bahadurgarh

To celebrate the progression and development of the toddlers, the Prep class of GD Goenka Public School, Bahadurgarh celebrated Graduation Day on **March 21, 2021**, with lots of exhilaration. The programme commenced with respected Principal Ms. Pooja Puri, welcoming and thanking the parents for their marvellous support in the pandemic situation. The teachers congratulated the students for their year-long effort. The aura of the meet was electrified by the story and dance performance of the little ones followed by the feedback of the parents. It was indeed a joyous and memorable day for the little ones as they received their Graduation certificates.



Mental Health and Well-Being Programme

GD Goenka Public School, Bahadurgarh organized interactive online session series for its teachers on "Mental Health and Well-Being." The mentors shared many simplified yet effective techniques to practice self-compassion and self-care. The teachers took an active part in the sessions and even shared many experiences of their lives as great insights to improve their lifestyle.

Ways to show compassion

- ▶ CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO SMILE MORE.
- ▶ OPEN THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE
- ▶ MOTIVATE OTHERS.
- ▶ PRACTICE ACTS OF KINDNESS.
- ▶ ALLOCATE TIME TO BOND WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
- ▶ SAY ENCOURAGING WORDS.
- ▶ SHARE A HUG OR A HANDSHAKE.
- ▶ INCORPORATE THE PHRASE "THANK YOU" INTO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE.
- ▶ OFFER TO HELP SOMEONE WITH THEIR TO DO LIST.
- ▶ NURTURE RELATIONSHIPS BY TAKING TIME TO LISTEN TO OTHERS.

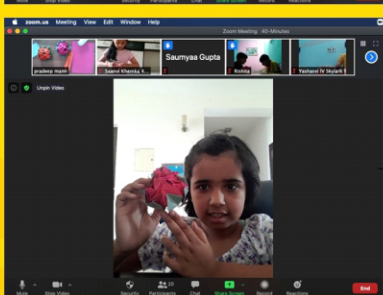
GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Pooja Puri, Principal

Bahadurgarh, Haryana

'Get Crafty this Family Day' celebrated to commemorate Family Day at GDGPS, Bahadurgarh

On the occasion of Family Day, GD Goenka Public School, Bahadurgarh conducted a virtual craft workshop to help family members express their thoughts, emotions, and desires. The main aim of this workshop was to give hands-on creative experience to the students, that enhanced their mental wellness. The workshop brought recreation, entertainment, and the families together.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Abhishek Srivastava, Principal

Bareilly, UP

Radio Show - 'Manmarziyaan' Our own radio show by GDGPS, Bareilly

GD Goenka Public School, Bareilly took a leap and launched their own Radio Show Manmarziyaan by the students that went live on Radio Marzee.

It gave an opportunity to students to express their views in a safe and unimposing environment, inspiring them for community participation.



Saanvi
Gual

Class I



Saisha Goel



Class I

Bird House activity on Earth Day

We have a responsibility to Mother Earth to protect it as much as possible. On this special occasion of Earth Day, our little Goenkans took a little step towards showing their care for nature. Kids used their creativity to prepare beautiful birdhouses to give shelter to a little life.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Abhishek Srivastava, Principal

Bareilly, UP

Painting and Art-Craft Competition

The painting competition and art-craft competition were organized in which students displayed their creativity with brush and colours on canvas. The students understood their responsibility towards society by making paintings on various social issues like cleanliness, women's education, etc.



Labour Day

Labour Day, is a day to thank the people who run this country. They are at the forefront of the creation of this nation and are those people who have made our life easier. On this special occasion of Labour Day, our lovely Goenkans expressed their gratitude to those who have built this country with their hard work and dedication and have made our everyday life convenient.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Sujata Chatterjee, Principal

Dakshineswar, Kolkata

Do...Learn...Grow!!! Students of GDGPS, Dakshineswar participated in a host of inter school activities

Children of Junior School, GDGPS, Dakshineswar, experienced heavenly high when they participated in the string of activities including Tell- a -Tale, Rhythm-Divine, Visage and Words -World as a part of Genius Junior Fest, organized by DPS, Ruby Park Kolkata on **10th May, 2021**. The enthusiastic children and junior school teachers enjoyed the elixir of learning when they took part in these exhilarating activities. Saanvi Guha Roy, Class III, brought laurels to the school by bagging the 1st prize in 'VISAGE-mask making' organized by the institution.



Call for Humanity! Poster and Mask making activities by students on COVID-19

Students of Class 9-12 wholeheartedly participated and unleashed their creativity in the Poster Making and Mask Making Activity on COVID-19 awareness wherein participants had to design a poster with a hard-hitting slogan on it. Students put in their hearts and soul and came up with the best of ideas by making beautiful creative masks and posters. To prioritize human dignity during the pandemic, the school had organized a Talk Show with the students of Class 9, who spoke on how as a nation we fail morally when our fellow citizens' dignity is denied in any form.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

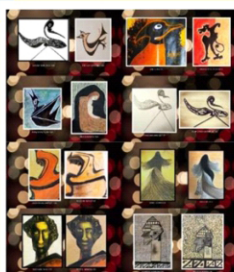
Sujata Chatterjee, Principal

Dakshineswar, Kolkata

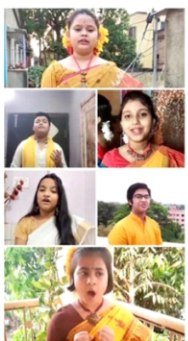


Never let the Warrior in you die! Participation in a meaningful project initiated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs

As India faces the brunt of the devastating pandemic, our students at GDGPS, Dakshineswar have decided to engage in a meaningful project initiated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs, India. We are proud to declare that over 70 students have already registered themselves for this big project.



Rabindra Jayanti Celebration

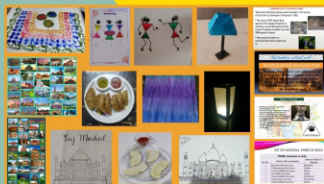


Celebration of Rabindra Jayanti

Amidst the fear and panic caused by the outbreak of the threatening pandemic, we at GD Goenka Public School Dakshineswar celebrated Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore's 159th birth anniversary on the virtual platform on **8th May 2021**. His wise words in the Crisis of Civilisation are remembered even today when the world is amidst this tragic situation. Dance presentations, song performances, recitation and instrumental presentations adorned the show!

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Anita Khosla, Principal
Dwarka, Delhi



Art-integrated Education

The Heritage Club students participated in an array of skill-building activities like Tie and Dye, Block printing, and traditional cuisines. They were taken on a virtual tour of India's UNESCO world heritage sites, which was followed by a quiz.

Goenkan Colloquium MUN

GDGPSD hosted the premier virtual edition of the Colloquium MUN in **January 2021**, drawing zealous participation of discrete delegates, debating and caucusing on contemporary issues with dexterity.



Student Recognition at Baseball championship

Bhumika Baluni, XII H, gave a stellar fight to bag the Bronze medal in the 34th Senior National Baseball Championship, held from **29th March - 3rd April 2021**.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Anuradha Handa, Principal

Gurugram, Sector 48

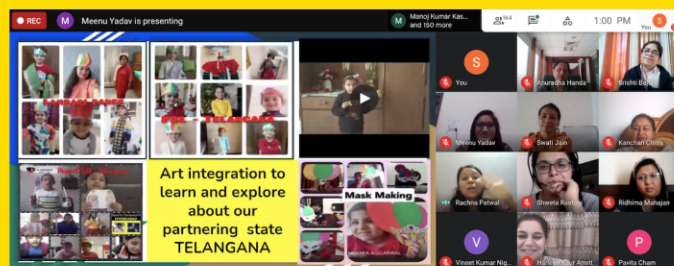
Immersive Induction for new joinees and parents

To help parents value the ergonomically designed campus and understand how the areas are effectively put to use, Immersive Induction was conducted for parents whose wards had taken admission for the new session. Teachers involved parents and students in activities that reflected the annual pursuits and programs of the school being conducted experientially. This gave parents a first-hand experience of how the learning of their children would take place in school. Conducted in small batches, the Immersive induction saw the new students enthusiastically involving themselves in activities while their parents relived their school days.



Capacity Building Session for staff

To equip and train the educators, a two-day Teacher Conference was held on the ways and means to create a Digital Annual Pedagogical plan by incorporating Experiential Learning, Art Integration and Storytelling as a Pedagogy. With the intent of adopting the proposals set forth by NEP and CBSE, the teachers were taken through Kolb's Experiential Learning Cycle and how experiential learning can be successfully integrated with all disciplines. Teachers then created a lesson plan based on Kolb's experiential learning and made several interesting, informative and innovative presentations and expressed appreciation for the school's innovations in the teaching-learning process.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Anuradha Handa, Principal

Gurugram, Sector 48

Centre of Excellence Program (COEP)

COEP is a flagship program of GDGPS Sector 48 that has been designed to endow students with skills and competencies, along with the mindset and drive to create their stories of victory, which has gained wide International appreciation from Curtin University, Australia reviewing it as an outstanding program. In line with NEP and CBSE focusing on competency-based assessment, COEP 2021 was specifically designed to address the three most important areas in a student's life – Competency-Based Learning; Building Age-Appropriate IT Skills; and Enhancing 21st Century Skills through a Methodical Integration of Creative and Performing Arts, Sports, and IT Tools.



Project TALEEM

Spearheaded by the Student Council, Project Taleem has been an attempt by the students, staff and parents of the school to extend a helping hand to the underprivileged students of VIDYA School.

Due to the lack of electronic devices, these students hit a roadblock in their education. Exhibiting empathy, Goenkans responded by foregoing their desires, saving money from their own expense and procuring 103 Electronic Tablets for the X & XII students of Vidya School. It was a life-transforming moment for the Goenkans, as they experienced the joy of sharing and the satisfaction of sacrificing their own needs for others.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

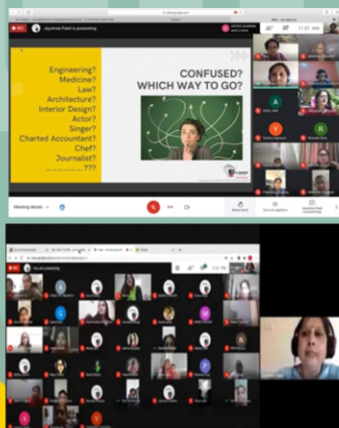
Jayshree Patel, Principal

Indore, MP



Career Counselling Webinar

Mrs. Jayshree Patel, the Principal, conducted a career counselling workshop for senior school students which showed them the path to choose the right subject for their bright future. The interactive session helped students understand how to choose the right stream and allowed them to gather information about careers, programs in Universities, entrance tests, and psychometric testing. The students participated in the session along with their parents and were very appreciative of the opportunities. The speaker broadened the view for the students with the unknown opportunities for them to decide a better field for them to build a strong future.



Parents' Orientation Programme

The Parents' Orientation programme was yet another successful online event to acquaint parents with the curriculum, rules and regulations of the school, teaching methodologies and co-scholastic activities. It was conducted for all the three wings by our Principal and coordinators virtually. The queries of the parents were answered satisfactorily. The Orientation programme included the journey of the past years along with hope and expectation for the new session.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Jayshree Patel, Principal

Indore, MP

International Dimension in School

Whenever innovation in schools is talked about, we Goenkans always lead. GD Goenka, Indore is always on the crest of a wave in conducting the activities and events for enrichment of students and parents. We have carved a day that has turned out to be a red-letter day for all the Goenkans as we are accredited with International Dimension in School from the British Council for the second time on **15th March 2021**. It was a result of the school's commitment to imbibe international awareness and global citizenship within their class and school. The students and teachers worked with international partners on a range of projects, sustaining activity throughout the academic year 2019-20 contributing towards the attainment of UN goals of sustainable development. Principal Mrs. Jayshree Patel and ISD coordinators of the school, Mrs. Rashida Husain and Mrs. Shalini Haksar were felicitated by the British Council in a Virtual Award ceremony on **24th March 2021**.



Virtual Summer Camp

Virtual Summer Camp was curated amidst this unfortunate circumstance where outdoors would remain out of bounds for a long time, but valuing relationships, cultivating hobbies, learning technology, lending a helping hand will be the new normal. The teachers of the school had put their heart and soul to engage the campers to the fullest.

The campers enjoyed activities like virtual globe-trotting, dance, vocal and instrumental music, art and craft, personality development, and fun games.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Shashi Luther, Principal

Kanpur, UP

Support My City

GDGPS, Kanpur under the aegis of the 'Support My City' campaign, distributed packets of food essentials among the underprivileged people and daily wage earners. Also distributed PPE Kits at different medical centres in the city for the front line warriors who worked selflessly and relentlessly round the clock.



War against Covid

In this period of the pandemic, it becomes the moral and social responsibility of each one of us to come forward voluntarily and do whatever we can for the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of others. GDGPS, Kanpur as 'War against Covid' installed an oxygen concentrator, initiated an ambulance service and distributed wellness kits among nurses.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Anupama Chopra, Principal

Karkardooma, Delhi

‘Goenkan Esporte’- A virtual Sports Day at GDGPS, Karkardooma

Playing Sports overcomes all odds. Age or circumstance is no barrier to this. Goenkans well understand the role of sports in life. So, we organized various activities for students, staff and parents alike. The First Virtual Goenkan Esporte was an exhilarating five-day affair with a plethora of activities including, Step in Step Out, Catch & Play, Pyramid and Speed Bounce for Nursery to class 5.

For parents, staff and senior students, it was Wall Ball, Catch & Clap, Speed Bounce and Plank. The participants had to upload their videos doing the activity for which merit & e-certificates were awarded.



Virtual Appreciation Day

Voltaire once said, "Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well." The month of March saw the celebration of the first-ever Virtual Appreciation Day for the little hearts of Classes Nursery to II. It was a momentous occasion where the GDGPS, ED Principal, Ms. Anupama Chopra complimented and appreciated both parents and students for their support during the pandemic and awarded e-certificates to the deserving. The overwhelmed parents too expressed their gratitude and pleasure to the entire school fraternity for effortlessly transforming lives and education during the year.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Anupama Chopra, Principal

Karkardooma, Delhi

The Green Drive - A call to connect to Nature by GDGPS, Karkardooma

Leo Tolstoy was right in saying that to be happy, the link between man and nature shall not be broken. The dark clouds of 2020 were dispelled by the overwhelming participation of our Goenkans in all activities connected to nature. Puppet shows, slogan writing and virtual tours were undertaken to take forward the Bharat ka Amrut Mahotsav initiated by the Ministry of Environment to value our ecological wealth. Apart from this, our eco-warriors undertook a water conservation drive on the occasion of World Environment Day wherein various measures were adopted and implemented to conserve water.



Webinar Series at GDGPS, Karkardooma

The 'Digital Era' has seen the coinage of several new terms, the most prevalent of which has been the word 'webinar'. Realizing the challenges thrown at us, GDGPS-ED organized a series of webinars to educate its students about the nuances of Next Gen Learning. This was done by well-known stalwarts on topics that covered both preventive measures to be adopted during the pandemic as well as strategies for future learning. There were informative webinars too on the use of plants for food security and art for psychological ailments. These webinars transported the viewers from the academic realms to a multitude of unknown and unexplored avenues.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Roshini Dsouza, Principal

Kasganj, UP

HIGHER, STRONGER, BRIGHTER reveberates at Summer Gala 2021

Keeping this vision in mind, the Goenkans Kasganj team always endeavours for the best. Summer Gala 2021 has been designed with the motive to utilize the summer vacations most productively and facilitate a large number of students from different schools and backgrounds and even from nearby areas of Kasganj.

The Camp began its journey on **7th June 2021** and culminated on the 19th of June with a finale. The entire camp was conducted to enhance the communication, art & craft, dance and ghar grihasti skills of the children. The students were divided into two groups according to their age-appropriate levels, to allow more teacher attention to facilitate superior learning standards. The camp sought to pay attention to the areas like Rock & Roll Mashup, Ghar Grihasti, Communication Skills and Kala.



Mother's Day - an exciting tribute to mothers at GDGPS, Kasganj

In Kasganj ladies had never been in the limelight. Ghar grihasti was their foremost and only priority. We conducted "Mothers Day" with a fun & exciting game - "Queen of Sheba". Surprisingly ladies had invited their friends, neighbours and relatives to this special event. Dr. Rekha Chauhan has been invited, as the Guest of Honor, a very renowned Psychologist & she guided all the ladies about mental health and childhood and adolescence with her inspiring and motivating words that boasted the ladies to the Core. It was indeed a cheerful event for all the mothers of Kasganj.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Roshini Dsouza, Principal

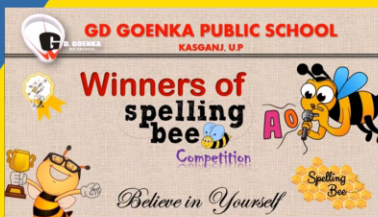
Kasganj, UP



Coffee with Mom

What would be the best way to welcome children to the first day of school? How about a date, with someone special?

"MOM!" The first day of school, with mom's special wala smile would be a complete day. So, a beautiful coffee date has been set up by our children for their mom to recreate the loving moment, to take blessings, to realize that she is the very important part of the family, to bring that special smile on her face and to begin the first day of school. Where all our children prepare coffee on their own, decorated a coffee table with flowers, crafts, drawings, candies, candles, snacks and many more. Our children spent a very quality time with their mom which has been missing during this pandemic.



Spelling Bee Competition

We Goenkans believe, if there is no competition, there is no progress. To build up a strong vocabulary of our children to have better communication, verbally or written and to enhance their confidence, we conducted virtual "Spell-Bee Competition" first time in an area like Kasganj, where quality education is one of the most basic public requirements. All the students were divided into two groups through breakout rooms in the Zoom application. To encourage their spirit and confidence, "khola kholo-song" from the movie Taare Zameen Par was played in the background. Surprisingly and joyfully it was 100 percent participation & a successful event. The children found it very amazing and interesting while solving, as it was Online. And this was the Start of Online classes for this remote area.

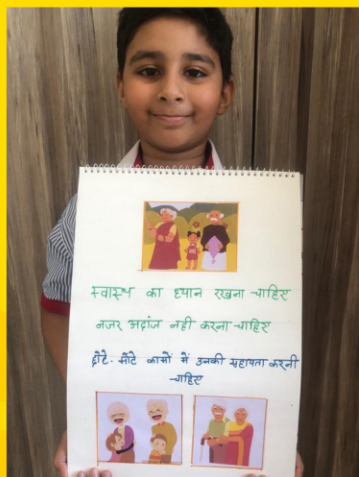
GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Raveen Pande, Principal

Lucknow, UP

Earth Day commemorated with great zeal

On 22 April, 2021 Earth Day was celebrated at GD Goenka Public School, Lucknow to remind the students of their duties towards 'Mother Nature.' This year's theme was 'Restore Our Earth.' Students made beautiful Earth crafts and posters to raise awareness. As a part of environmental education, students shared their views on ways we can restore our environment. Some students made PowerPoint presentations on this topic. Middle School students made their podcasts and videos to propagate the message. All pledged to restore Earth by devising a certain set of rules for all to follow to help conserve our resources and save our planet.



'Family is not just an important thing, it is everything'- grade 4 pupil Yashvardhan reiterates

Yashvardhan of IV-E participated in a JAM session and shared his thoughts with his friends and teacher on the importance of a close-knit family and the role played by grandparents in supporting and keeping the family together. He also emphasized the role of grandchildren in taking care of the elderly when parents are busy or at work. Yashvardhan feels that his grandparents add as much joy to his life as he does to theirs. His grandparents are his best friends. He also shared how he keeps track of his grandparents' health and makes sure that they exercise and spend time together to keep them healthy and happy.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Raveen Pande, Principal

Lucknow, UP

Helping parents at home and taking care of pets

Housechores help children feel like they are a part of a team and are capable of helping out in the house. Pre-Primary children were encouraged to help in the house with basic daily chores. It also helped them to spend quality time together with the family while doing something constructive and giving them a sense of accomplishment.

Children were made to learn and understand that pets are more than cute creatures that entertain and love us. They are living beings that need to be cared for. Caring for a pet teaches kindness, understanding, and compassion. These actions help kids develop confidence in their abilities and also, leadership skills. The children took on the responsibility of nurturing their pets, and in turn, realized how lovable they are and they completely depend on us for their basic requirements. They could also draw a comparison and value all that their parents do for them.



Flames of Justice - School's Social Justice and Gender Equality Club

Flames of Justice is GD Goenka Public School Lucknow's Social Justice and Gender Equality Club established under Girl Up, a UN Foundation Initiative. The club provides a level playing field for all genders by spreading awareness, providing facilities to the oppressed genders and preparing inclusive and accepting leaders for tomorrow.

The club collaborated with Beyond Stigma, a non-profit organization that connects mental health specialists to those seeking mental care. The Club shared the Four Steps to Seeking Help, the symptoms of anxiety and stress, a video tutorial of booking a free appointment on Beyond Stigma's website, which ended with an Instagram Live stream with Ms. Nitika Ahuja, a Behavioural Facilitator and Psychological Counsellor, who answered questions related to Mental Health.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Rima Ailawadi, Principal

Model Town, Delhi

Earth Day Celebrations Open Discussion

A school-level 'Open Discussion' was organized on 17 April, 2021 as a part of the Earth Day Celebrations. The Faculty of English Department took the charge to conduct this event and helping students hone their speaking skills and coherently enunciate their valuable thoughts. The event was held to remind the students of their duties towards a more sustainable and livable planet. The topic given was 'Sustainability Developers' and 'Ocean Acidification' which conveys the idea that human societies must live and meet their needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.



Science Activity ECO Club - protecting Our Planet - Earth

The little environmentalists of our school keep participating enthusiastically in many environment-related activities and competitions. Many intraclass, interclass and inter-house activities were held by the eco-club department of school viz. poster making competitions, art integrated activities, sapling plantations, celebrating various environmental days namely Earth Day, World Tiger Day, etc. The students have also been entitled as ECO WARRIORS.

To sensitize the students about the challenges faced by Mother Earth, an interactive session was organized for the students where they were made vigilant about the disastrous consequences yielded by the negligent and selfish activities of human beings through a PowerPoint presentation by teachers.



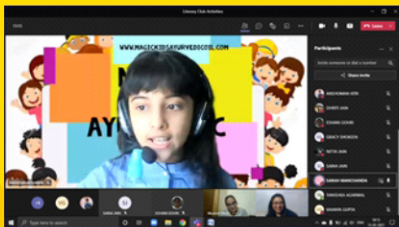
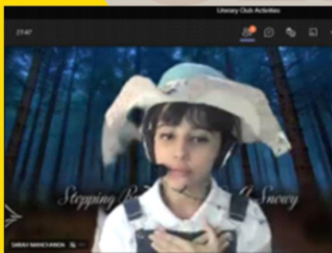
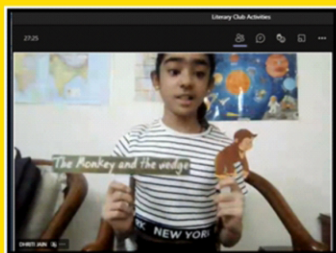
GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Rima Ailawadi, Principal

Model Town, Delhi

'I am a Profound Storyteller'- on weaving a yarn !

A discussion on 'What is a story?' was conducted wherein the students conveyed their thoughts about story composition which according to them is a writing skill or a narration where events are explored and studied. The components of a story which are - Title, Introduction, Characters, Events and Conclusion were discussed. Many different stories were efficiently told by all the students according to their profound choices and interests. The learners creatively created props and dressed up as their favourite characters. The students told the stories with proper intonation, voice modulation, content, grammatical accuracy and expressions.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Meenu Arora, Principal


Muzaffarnagar, UP

Congratulations Goenkans for qualifying for the District Level Science Exhibition (DLSE) under Inspire Manak Yojna 2020-21 Innovative ideas

These students have received Rs. 10,000/- each from the Government to make their Project/Model to participate in forthcoming rounds.

Kushaj Agnihotri- VI A, Kushagra Goyal - VII A

Parth Mundhra - IX A, Moksh Ahuja - IX A




Congratulations!


GOENKANS

for qualifying the District Level Science Exhibition (DLSE) under
INSPIRE MANAK YOJNA 2020-21 (Innovative Ideas).


These students have received Rs10,000/- each from Government to make their Project/Model to participate in forthcoming Rounds.




Kushaj Agnihotri- VI A



Kushagra Goyal - VII A



Parth Mundhra - IX A



Moksh Ahuja - IX A

www.gdgoenkamuzaffarnagar.com

7060671720/21

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Poonam Chaubey, Principal

Noida Extension, UP

Orientation Day at GDGPS, Noida Extension

To make the parent community conversant with the learning experience and opportunities that GD Goenka International School offered their students an Orientation Program organized virtually. The event was graced by our esteemed Chairman Shri. T.P. Singhal and Vice-Chairman Mr. Tarun Singhal. The guests were addressed by Vice-Principal, Ms. Monika Srivastava. She enlightened the gathering by guiding them to make promising choices for a bright and successful future. The functioning of the school was presented by a visual presentation that was appealing to the parents. Parents asked queries that were brilliantly explained by the teaching faculty. Parents appreciated the tireless efforts of the school management and entire faculty and were highly satisfied regarding the academic future of their wards.



Counselling Session on Mental Health

Mental health is a vital factor to consider oneself healthy these days. Concerned for the families associated with the institute under the current circumstances, GD Goenka International School, Noida Extension conducted virtual online counselling sessions with parents and students on this crucial talk point by special educator Ms. Pooja Rojal who not only encouraged the Covid affected families but the entire school community to be expressive about their feelings. The session was to make people aware that it is not normal to suppress emotions when it comes to Mental health. These sessions were very innovative and many parents and students came forward to express and discuss their concerns with our expert.

Cheer up activities during Vacations



With the sudden declaration to prepone summer break due to adverse situations caused by the second wave of Covid-19, many challenges were faced by our students and their families to keep themselves engaged in a house arrest kind of a situation. The overview of the society presented by the media was causing a visible effect on the tender minds of students. Keeping this in mind, GDIS, Noida Extension conducted Cheer Up online activities related to art, music, yoga, cooking, and gardening every weekend to rejuvenate and optimize our students' energy which turned out to be the best decision in this context. These activities helped the students to feel positive energy and learning with fun at the same time.

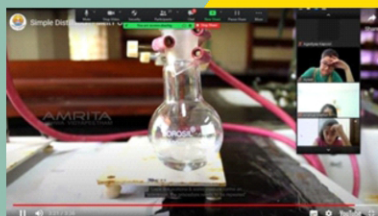
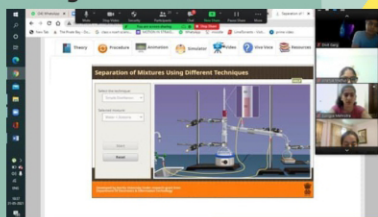
GD GOENKA GLOBAL SCHOOL

Nidhi Sirohi, Principal

Noida Sector-50, UP

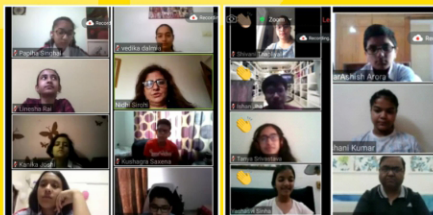


Integrated Project



2020 was a year that kept us on our toes, right from the onslaught of Covid 19 to apprehensions of students' education. No progress is possible even the progression of combating 'The Pandemic' if its young population languishes unread. It was a difficult time for the educators, parents and the students but as they say "winners don't do different things, they do things differently" GDGGS, Noida stepped in with extracurricular activities to help foster leadership qualities, teamwork as well as self-confidence. The School envisioned challenging activities to enrich its students both physically and mentally. Few of these unfold for you from the rich tapestry of our experiences over the past year reinforcing the Goenkan mission of creating visionaries.

Debate Competition



Montessori Laboratory

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Rekha Sharma, Principal

Paschim Vihar, Delhi

Annual Day-Euphoria

GD Goenka Public School, Paschim Vihar, celebrated its Virtual Annual Day - **Euphoria** with gusto and great elation. There were various themes for different classes for Annual Day which were presented meticulously through astounding performances by the students of Grade I to VIII. Our honourable Principal, Ms. Rekha Sharma presented the Annual Report highlighting the school's achievements and milestones throughout the year. This was followed by our respected Vice Principal, Ms. Monika Malik's address motivating students to keep their hopes alive during these challenging times. The programme was followed by a spectacular display of performances in the form of a cultural programme which included Fairy Tale, Udaan, Sampoorana Ramayana, Women Empowerment, Fusion Dance, Navarasa and Sutradhara. The Annual Function was a visual treat that enthralled every spectator.



Earth Day celebrated with full gusto

Albeit staying at home, GD Goenka students celebrated Earth Day with full gusto on **22nd April 2021**. Associating to this year's theme "Restore our Earth". Goenkans virtually engaged in meaningful activities to show their love and respect for Mother Earth. Several activities were planned grade-wise like Art and creation, dab dab dabbing, planting a sapling, paper crown, thoughts on paper, placards, slogan writing, PowerPoint presentation making, best out of waste to bring out the theme, and so on. Teachers and students took special care to ensure that there is minimum wastage of resources while these activities were conducted. Through a myriad of activities, the students understood their responsibility towards nurturing the environment.

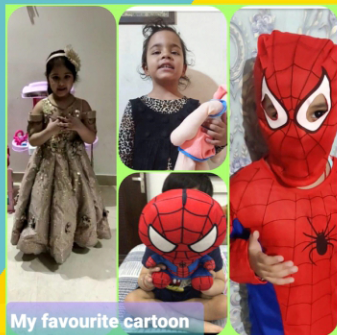
GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Rekha Sharma, Principal

Paschim Vihar, Delhi

Launch of Comic Magazine

Given his fondness for the French Language, Goenkan Divyansh Bharadwaj of IX A, was successful in bringing to life some characters from a very popular French animation series "MIRACULOUS", in his first-ever printed magazine, which is a congregation of a few of his favourite characters and their life stories. Divyansh has proved to be truly inspirational in his dedication and tenacity towards his field of interest. We at GD Goenka, stand proud to congratulate him on his efforts.



Skill Development Camp

Taking its commitment to children's quality education and growth, GD Goenka Paschim Vihar organised a Skill Development Camp: With Integrated Learning for Grades Nursery to VIII.

The camp came up with ingredients to help children gain different life skills which helped in their overall development. Saving water, sensitizing and helping fellow children in the immediate neighbourhood, maintaining healthy dietary habits, beginning to set clear goals in life, managing time and being disciplined. This camp aimed at making creative and dynamic citizens of India by instilling the belief that each individual is capable of making a difference.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Madhukar Jha, Principal

Patna, Bihar

Aiming for the Bull's eye!- by the shooting star, Samriddha Sharan

Some people dream to achieve something!

Some people aim to achieve something!

There is a mammoth difference between the people who dream and the ones who aim. The ones dreaming need effortless sleep; on the contrary, the ones aiming need to 'keep awake'. It gives us immense pleasure as we introduce our Star Rifle Shooter, Samriddha Sharan of Grade 9 who brought laurels for GDGPS, Patna in the field of Shooting Sports. Samriddha, with his proficiency, accuracy, precision and concentration, bagged 2 Gold Medals, 2 Silver Medals and 2 Bronze Medals in various categories of Rifle Shooting at the National Level and State Level. GDGPS Family, Patna salutes his achievements.



Earth Day

We truly need to understand that Mother Earth is also living. She also breathes, she also lives. We need to love, honour and respect her. Understanding the significance and prominence of Mother Earth, the students of Nursery, KG and Grade 1 virtually celebrated Earth Day. The students were enthused to participate in an activity called 'Best out of Waste'. The students actively participated in the activity and made numerous creations out of waste products. The students loved the activity and enjoyed it to the core. It was a great experience for the kids.

Further, various activities were also conducted on the occasion of Earth Day for Grades 8, 9 and 10 during their Science periods. The senior students were no less and full-fledged participation was noted. Activities like poster making, model making, etc. were conducted and students marked their cent percent participation.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Madhukar Jha, Principal

Patna, Bihar

Mother's Day

Mothers are the best gift to humankind. They are the ones who take care of us and protect us from all troubles. Hence, to honour the priceless companionship of mothers, the students of Nursery, KG, and Grade 1 celebrated Mother's Day on **May 10, 2021**.

They were also asked to attend the class with their mothers. The students made lemonade for their mothers. The sight of young toddlers making and giving lemonade to their mothers was just so soothing. The activity was a great success and the students enjoyed it a lot.



Capacity Building Workshops for teachers

To deliver the best in the classroom, a teacher needs to get updated with the present. At GDGPS, Patna, various workshops and training sessions are conducted frequently so that our teachers get updated and present themselves as a perfect blend of the classic and the contemporary. Hence, understanding the importance of delivering the best content in the classrooms in the best way possible, various Capacity Building Workshops were conducted for the teachers by CBSE. Workshop on Stress Management; Value Education, Mass Media and Values; Mindfulness; Gender Sensitivity in Classroom Environment and Gender Pedagogy (Mathematics) were conducted between **January 2021 and June 2021**. Further, in-house workshops on Ice Breaking Activities and Innovative Ways of Teaching were also conducted for the teachers of the Pre-Primary Wing.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

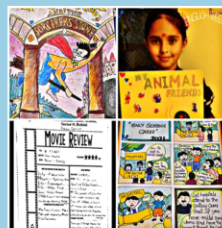
Rajeev Kumar, Principal

Rohini Sector 9, Delhi

Graduation Day for Kindergarten students



Education makes people easy to lead, but difficult to drive: easy to govern, but impossible to enslave. - Henry Peter Brougham. Let them be little, fill their hearts with laughter, help them grow wings, nurture their sense of wonder, inspire them to believe and love them like there is no tomorrow. Kindergarten Graduation is a celebration that marks the journey of a child to a school in which they will be spending 10 long years facing ups and downs, experimenting and exploring new ideas and things and shaping themselves into tomorrow's leaders. With a spark in their eyes for a better tomorrow, cheerfulness in their hearts and enthusiasm in their spirits to shine their future, kindergarteners of GGD, graduated recently. Celebrating milestones and educational achievements helps in giving children a sense of accomplishment and pride. Our little Goenkans are now no longer that little. Our not-so-little Goenkans enjoyed their last day in kindergarten with snacks; they danced on their toes; sang their favourite songs and shared their emotions with their teachers. We wish all the very best to our Goenkans for their bright future. The special graduation day was organized for the little ones to showcase their learnings throughout this challenging session.



English Week

"English language is the most universal language in history, way more than the Latin of Julius Caesar. It's the most wonderful language because its vocabulary has a certain critical mass that makes a lingo good for punning." - Richard Lederer. Themed on "Enriching English in the New Normal", on the occasion of the birth anniversary of William Shakespeare - The Bard of Avon, the Department of English, GDGPS, organised English week 2021. A week filled with frolic amalgamated with constructive language building activities from April 19 to 23, 2021 was conducted for

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Rajeev Kumar, Principal

Rohini Sector 9, Delhi

the students of Grade III-XII, wherein our stalwart Goenkans composed poems on the given themes, dug into concocting stories, crafted book covers and comic strips, reviewed for the movies and finally hailed the occasion with their proactive participation in the Inter-house debate competition and pep talk activity. The young inquisitive learners displayed unswerving dedication and the jamboree from learning to compose poetry to concocting fancy tales and embellished verbal expression lasted through the week. The Department of English takes courtesy in acknowledging the constant support and guidance of the Academic Coordinator, Ms. Ritu Vashisht in the successful conduction of the organised English week.

Summer Camp

"Child needs more than academic learning to build holistic development"

GDGPS has always envisaged an all-around and inclusive development based on sound intellectual, physical, moral and social formation. With such a sanguine vision, the school carried forward the legacy of organizing summer-camp yet in the year 2021 despite the unusual situation. The school has been striving incessantly to pave the way for the students to become skilled, dexterous and competent personages of tomorrow. This year as well the school has constructed 24 clubs and approximately 500 students participated in the clubs. With utmost pride, the students have indeed walked through the last year with great fervour and with even higher spirits commenced this session. We shouldn't let the pandemic pin us down. We must remain positive and keep our hopes alive as it is believed that

"Nothing is predestined. The obstacles of our past can become the gateways that lead to new beginnings."



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Anuradha Pant, Principal

Rohini, Sector 22, Delhi

Covid-Relief Assistance Programmes

Goenkans continue to exemplify the practices of inclusive and collective living with their ongoing efforts in the direction of providing adequate and timely assistance to the needy and underprivileged sections of society. From the provision of complimentary heal-meals (nutritious and sumptuous meal to accelerate recovery from Covid) to fund-raising drive for Funeral-Ground workers to running successful campaigns for coordinating and ensuring the provision of medical necessities and finally, volunteering in the hospitals to ensure an effective management system- our learners have exemplified the ethos of the collective. Our alumni too continue to leave no stone unturned in ensuring the availability of assistance to those in need. Gaurav Jain (Batch of 2016) facilitated airlifting underprivileged passengers for their safe and quick journey to home.

With various awareness campaigns and engagement strategies initiated and promoted by the school, the learners ensured the application of empathetic and value-based learning in these turbulent times.



Student-Led Conference



To inculcate 21st Century Skills of Collaboration and Creativity, a virtual Student-Led Conference (SLC) was organized in March for Junior School learners. Engaging dance rendez-vous, musical symphonies, street plays, puppet and magic shows were presented by the learners with great enthusiasm. Leadership skills and confidence-building strategies enabled young learners to unfold their wings as they used their creative power and linguistic skills to showcase their talent to their peers and the parent community. With learners working in tandem with their parents, SLC 2021 also enabled them to foster stronger and more effective emotional bonds.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Anuradha Pant, Principal

Rohini, Sector 22, Delhi

Fit-Fest Programme

Ensuring unhindered and effective physical development of our learners, Fit-Fest Programme was organized in **May 2021** to keep our learners engaged, active, and energetic. In order to channelize the energy of the learners, the fitness challenge proved to be an inspiring exhibit to testify our learners' year-long engagement with various Sports related activities through virtual mode. As students battled it out across a series of zones: velocity, force, strength, and endurance, they also learned to test their capacities in these zones and to strive for improvement.



Virtual Science Fair

Moving in sync with the scientific and technological advancement in society, the school leads an 'inquiry-based approach, a cornerstone of successful Science teaching. The first ever Virtual Science Fair, 'Inquisitive Impulses' was held at GD Goenka Public School, Sector 22 Rohini which proved to be a testament to the evolution of Goenkans' knowledge, confidence, speaking skills and scientific inquiry. The students of Grades 3-8 actively participated in it and exhibited their knowledge through models and hands-on experiments based on a range of themes like 'Our Universe', 'Our Body' and 'Agriculture'. As an exemplary embodiment of scientific research and learning, the show was a celebration of the inexhaustible Goenkan reservoirs of talent and knowledge.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Seema Sahay, Principal

Sarita Vihar, Delhi

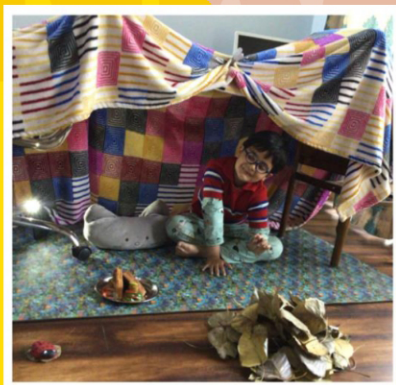
Career Crossroads



GDGPS Sarita Vihar has curated its flagship Career Counseling Program, Udaan...A Gateway to Future. The school has been organizing several career counselling sessions for classes IX-XII, calling in industry experts and renowned career counsellors. The session began with a panel discussion with senior faculty members and school counsellors on the theme 'Career Crossroads' on **May 20, 2021**. The school Principal emphasized the importance of mapping aptitude and interest. The panellists dispelled myths with relation to selecting a specific stream in class XI. The session was summed up by reiterating the importance of researching, rather than restricting oneself to only popular belief.

Goenkan Fun Camp

In the unprecedented times of the pandemic what the children yearn for is some adventure and outdoor experience. Realizing the importance of such an educative experience, GDGPS, Sarita Vihar organized the Goenkan Fun Camp to Jim Corbett National Park on Friday, **March 19, 2021** for the students of classes Nursery to II. The camp commenced with the best wishes of the school Principal, Mrs. Seema Sahay who ensured that all Goenkans boarded the virtual bus safely. Upon arriving, the students learned to pitch their tents, followed by the cloud gazing activity where the inventive Goenkan minds gazed at the clouds, associating their shapes to different objects. To beat the hunger pangs, a lip-smacking camp snack was prepared by the students themselves. A refreshing nature walk helped the little explorers to observe the flora and fauna around them. The stone painting activity allowed them to handcraft their souvenir. The camp concluded with the students enjoying a bonfire, complete with songs and dance.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Seema Sahay, Principal

Sarita Vihar, Delhi



The challenging times have left deep ramifications on the emotional well-being of the children who are not only witnessing suffering and negativity but also are bereft of social interactions which could reduce the impact on their mental and emotional well-being. Acknowledging the importance of building upon the emotional quotient of the children, GDGPS, Sarita Vihar conducts the Heart to Heart Programme where any student can meet his/her teacher in a one-on-one virtual session and talk about whatever he/she wishes to. The talk could center around any thought or worry the child has on his mind or any happening or occurrence which he would like to share with the teacher. The sessions enable the most vulnerable ones to express their thoughts, relieve, build a bond and connect with the teacher as the teachers play a vital role in every child's life. Such sessions allow them to give vent to any negative thoughts and turn them into positive ones, thus helping them to feel secure and happy.

The Heart to Heart Programme



Summer Enrichment Programme

The 'Summer Enrichment Programme' conducted by GD Goenka Public School, Sarita Vihar, aimed to indulge the Goenkans into myriads of activities and explore the untouched facets of their personality. The program was conducted across classes III to VIII from **April 27, 2021 to 21 May, 2021** and endeavoured at building upon the happiness quotient of the children. Students were given hands-on experience in activities such as The Gourmet Chef, Pratima Lakshana, Miracle Science, Puppet Chronicles, Lights-Camera-Action, Gamification, etc. to equip them with creativity, logical and analytical skills. The activities commenced with mindfulness sessions to foster positivity among the students.

GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Sonika Sharma, Principal

Siliguri, West Bengal



GYOF -grow your own food, a unique initiative

The school campus, spread around an area of about eight acres provides ample space and opportunity to explore the possibility of self-sufficiency and honing one's skill at having green fingers. This kindled an enthusiasm for the Project – "GYOF". The campaign started with around 120 caretakers, ignited a passion in the understanding of where your food comes from and in growing your Food. Students and staff members are also a part of this Self-Sufficiency Campaign where they grow plants in their homes and vicinity too. Looking at the success of this project, the school has decided to take a step forward and has made this project a part of our Assessment policy. Every child in our school has to take part in this programme and shall be graded accordingly. The grades shall reflect in the student's report card too.

Educate to Elevate

With a vision to spread the wings of education beyond the classroom and children, the school aims to provide harmonised learning for its caretakers too. The school started its project- "Educate to Elevate" with a team of 115 female caretakers from various departments in the school. NTT (Nursery Teacher Training) is being availed by 15 staff members, through which they are being trained to be assimilated as Teachers in the Pre-Primary section.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

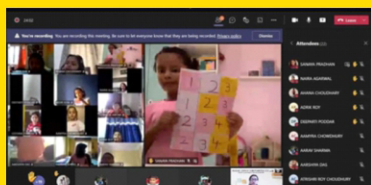
Sonika Sharma, Principal

Siliguri, West Bengal

Connect and Build Programs

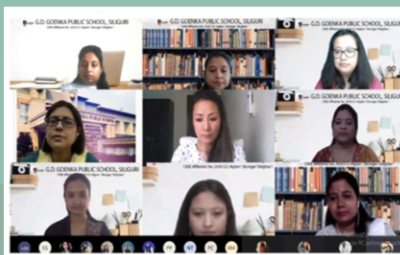
Bridge Course – This course was conducted in **February and March, 2021**, for students up to Class II. This transition course aimed at bridging the learning gap of the students (new admissions) with the present students and amalgamating them into the school curriculum.

Foundation course A recap session was done for students from Nursery to X where revision of the previous class was done at the beginning of the session. It allowed the teachers to assess the previous knowledge of the children based on which remedial classes were given and further course of action was planned.



Mentoring the Mentors

This unique project was started in **May 2021**. It is aimed at preparing future leaders, sharing best practices, empowering teachers, knowledge sharing through workshops, and encouraging innovative teaching. Teachers as resource persons made a commendable effort wherein, they researched extensively on the topic to train their colleagues. These in-house workshops not only helped the participants but also helped in building the confidence of the resource persons. These workshops were conducted section-wise to ensure the maximum number of resource persons and to cater to the needs of age-appropriate teaching-learning processes.



GD GOENKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Dr. Moupali Mitra, Principal

Surat, Gujarat

Graduation Day

The 8th Pre-Primary Graduation Day titled 'Drive-in Grads' was celebrated at GDGIS, Surat on the **13th and 15th March, 2021**. Students along with their parents drove in, in their theme based decorated cars. The kindergartners were super elated as they dressed up in graduation gowns and drove into the school campus after a year of virtual learning, to receive their certificates. They were welcomed by a beautifully decorated campus. The little Goenkans were conferred with graduation certificates by the Principal-Dr. Moupali Mitra, Sec. Coordinator Ms. Binal Desai, Asst. Coordinator- Ms. Padmini Jhaveri & all Pre-Primary section teachers.



Shakespeareance 2021

GDGIS, Surat organized the virtual event 'SHAKESPEARENCE' to commemorate the 457th Birth Anniversary of William Shakespeare. 23rd of April was the Opening Ceremony and the Closing Ceremony was held on the **30th of April 2021**.

Luminaries such as Ms. Bharti Sharma, Senior Director of the GDG group of Schools, Dr. Moupali Mitra, the Principal, GDGIS- Surat addressed the virtual gathering in the Opening Ceremony. National Level Literary Competitions such as Declamation and Article Writing were organized throughout the week. Around 250 students from 25 schools all over the country portrayed their dramatics and creative skills through the virtual competitions.



GD GOENKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Dr. Moupali Mittra, Principal

Surat, Gujarat

GDGIS, Surat made history by securing a place in India Book of Records

GDGIS, Surat is the first school in India that took the initiative and hosted MUN during lockdown under the title Sports – MUN on **30th & 31st Dec. 2020**, where the focus was mainly to cover all the areas of sports. It was met with grand success with a good number of students taking part in it.

It was a very successful event and eventually we are into the India books of record for hosting Sports - MUN for the first time in India. We received the Achievers pack from the "India Books of Records" as a token of appreciation in **March 2021**.



World Environment Day

GDGIS, Surat School organized live conversations on Facebook with the Green Man-Viral Desai to bring students close to nature and help build our environment. During the chat with the Green Man, a virtual tour of Green Udhana Station, the first Indian Urban Meyawaki Forest 'Shaheed Smritivan' was shown to the students & parents. Mr. Viral Desai informed on how the Railway Station turned into a model station, the green gallery. Environmentalist Padma Shri Kartikeya Sarabhai also conveyed a message to sensitize the students towards nature. It was a week-long event that culminated with prize distribution and we were also a part of the tree plantation at the urban forest.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Arty Awasthi, Principal

Varanasi, UP

Summer Camp

While addressing the children, the Principal of the school Ms. Arty Awasthi informed about the benefits of summer camp to all the children which was organized through the virtual medium from **17th to 31st May 2021**. This time, dance, art and craft, music, non-fire cooking, face painting, and other activities were included in the summer camp so that all the children of the school can participate from home. School kids had a great time with our teachers. Summer camp kept students creatively engaged and helped them explore new ideas while engaging in all the fun activities available to them. All the children enthusiastically completed the summer camp and enjoyed learning during the camp.



Annual Day Celebration

GD Goenka School, Varanasi, organized its first Annual function virtually on the theme 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' on **23rd March 2021**. All the students participated in the event. All the dialogues and videos were sent accordingly to each child.



GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Arty Awasthi, Principal

Varanasi, UP

Appeal to take the vaccination

अब हमें वैक्सीनेशन के साथ हेल्थकेयर पर भी देना होगा ध्यान

पिछले साल हमने संपूर्ण लॉकडाउन में पूरा देश बंद देखा। लेकिन आपदा भी बड़ी थी और दूसरा कोई उपाय भी न था। लेकिन संपूर्ण लॉकडाउन कोई हल नहीं है। आइए हम सब मिलकर कोरोना के खिलाफ चल रहे वैक्सीनेशन अभियान से जुड़ें और 18 वर्ष से अधिक उम्र के लोग वैक्सीन अवश्य लगवाएं तभी हम कोरोना पर जीत हासिल कर सकेंगे। वैक्सीन लगवाने के बाद संक्रमण का असर कम हो रहा है। वैक्सीन पूरी तरह सुरक्षित है। विज्ञानियों ने कोरोना संक्रमण की तीसरी लहर के लिए आगाह कर दिया है। इस लहर का क्या स्वरूप होगा, यह अभी स्पष्ट नहीं है। पहली लहर से हम गुजर चुके हैं, और दूसरी लहर का कहर जारी है।

दिनेश गुप्ता
(चेयरमैन-जीडी गोनका)
हरदत्तपुर, मोहनसराय, वाराणसी



Published in Hindustan Newspaper Varanasi Edition
23rd May, 2021

GD Goenka School, Varanasi Chairman, Mr. Dinesh Gupta appealed to all the citizens of the country for vaccination against Covid-19. Due to the global pandemic Covid-19, last year we faced lockdown not only in India, but the entire world was in turmoil. All eligible people above 18 years of age must register and get themselves vaccinated, only then will we be able to win over Corona. The infection damage reduces with the vaccine shot and the vaccine is completely safe. At the same time, scientists have warned all of us about the third wave of corona infection so we need to be careful.

Republic Day Celebrations

72nd Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in GD Goenka School, Varanasi. The program was duly started with flag hoisting, National Anthem followed by lighting the lamp in front of Mother Saraswati. On this occasion, children organized various programs and expressed their patriotism. Shree Tiwari of Nursery presented a splendid dance performance on Nanna Munna Rahi Hoon. A beautiful presentation of fancy dress was given by the little children dressed up as freedom fighters. Shaurya Verma of class 1 captivated the audience gallery by reciting poetry. There was a dignified presence of the Chairman, Mr. Dinesh Gupta; Managing Director, Mr. Rahul Gupta; Director, Shubham Gupta; Principal, Arty Awasthi, all the teachers and students. At the end of the program, the vote of thanks was given by Principal Aarti Awasthi.




Coming together is a **beginning**, staying together is **progress**, and working

GD Goenka Group

GOENKAN
gazette

Giving wings to dreams



together is a **success**.

- *Henry Ford*

Editorial Team

We would like to thank all our contributors for their collective effort in bringing together snippets of their achievements and helping us accumulate them into the Goenkan Gazette.

We sincerely hope that you all enjoyed reading it, as much as we enjoyed collaboratively creating it. We look forward to greater contribution on various events from all of you in the future editions.

Please share your feedback on
gazette@gdgoenka.ac.in

    /gdgoenkagroup

Special Thanks

Dr. Neeta Bali
Ms. Meenakshi Bhakuni
Ms. Bharati Sharma
Dr. Tabrez Ahmad

Staff Support

Neeta Rastogi
Meha Prasad