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Giving wings to dreams

GD Goenka Group is a leading conglomerate set up by avant grade industrialist, Shri 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 and ideal and conducive environment for providing education that can be benchmarked against the best in the world.

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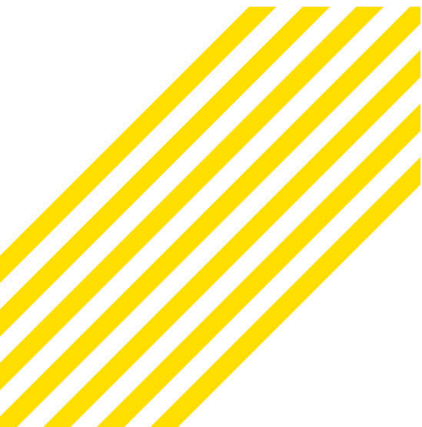
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The GD Goenka Group is a name synonymous with trust and quality. Since its foray into the education sector in 1994, the group has been at the forefront of starting a new learning environment in Indian schools and Universities which brought together world class technology along with innovation in teaching. In its motto, "From Foundation to Flight", the group envisions its role in conceptualizing and attaining that complete human potential which makes man the crown of creation.

The Goenkan Gazette is a testimony to, and a record of, the multifarious ways in which the GD Goenka Group of educational institutions has spread its wings and left an indelible mark throughout the country, and even in the world. It is a tribute to the efforts of every faculty and staff associated with the GD Goenka Group, as also a visual and written record of all those moments of learning and celebration that make complete an academic year in these institutions. The gazette is also a tribute to the visionary ideals of the GD Goenka Group which has always believed in and adopted, conscious, sustainable, and environment friendly practices.

# The Goenkan Network

GD Goenka Schools under the aegis of GD Goenka Group

J&K PUNJAB  
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UDAIPIUR  
UP & UTTARAKHAND  
JHARKHAND  
BIHAR  
TELANGANA

# GD GOENKA GROUP

## Setting High Benchmarks from Pre-Schools to University level



Established in 1982, with varied interests in Real Estate, Travel & Tourism and Exports, **GD Goenka Group made a foray into education 28 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. 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, Shri 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.

## Facts & Figures

65+

Toddler House  
Pre-Schools

20+

La Petite Montessori  
Pre-Schools

110+

K12  
Schools



## 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

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, Design, Communication and Law.

## Healthcare

GD Goenka Healthcare aims to provide best technical and career oriented education in the field of **Paramedics and Allied Healthcare** with **certification and diploma recognized from national and international bodies**; create employability and entrepreneurship through offered services and courses; institutionalize medical facilities and CSR solutions; and enhance medical and first aid awareness through customized corporate training programs for everyone.

## Facts & Figures

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UGC Approved  
University

20+

Healthcare  
Academy

1,50,000+

Students & Alumni  
across the country



# gd goenka group

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 endeavour 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.

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.



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## GD Goenka Chowk at Golf Course Road



Under the CSR work undertaken by corporate firms, GD Goenka University in its endeavour to beautify urban landscape took over the initiative of creating a first of its kind structure in Gurugram, at Golf Course Road roundabout, now known as **GD Goenka Chowk!** This initiative has been undertaken in collaboration with the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA).

## Vaccination Drives

GD Goenka University regularly organised **free vaccination drives** for all citizens including the staff and students of GD Goenka University and contributed considerably in achieving the milestone of vaccinations in India.



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## Convocation Ceremony

In view of the current pandemic situation, GDGU organized a virtual Sixth Convocation Ceremony on the 4th of September 2021. The ceremony was graced by **Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India; Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Govt. of India; Mrs. Renu Goenka, Hon'ble Chancellor; Mr. Nipun Goenka, Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor and Prof. (Dr.) Tabrez Ahmad, Vice Chancellor of GDGU.**



## Special Convocation

In a Special Convocation on 23rd November 2021, **Mr. Rezwan Razack, Joint Managing Director, Prestige Group** was awarded **Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa)** for his extraordinary research and scholarly contribution in the field of numismatics. The convocation was graced by the Guest of Honour **Mr. Basant Bansal, Founder Chairman, M3M Group, Mrs. Renu Goenka, Honorable Chancellor; Mr. Nipun Goenka, Honorable Pro-Chancellor and Prof. (Dr.) Tabrez Ahmad, Vice Chancellor.** After the convocation ceremony Rezwan Razack's Centre of Numismatic Studies and Research was inaugurated in the GD Goenka University campus.



Mr. Rezwan Razack, Joint Managing Director, Prestige Group

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## Alumni Meet

On 20th November 2021, the constantly extending family of GDGU remembered its good old days with its Alumni batches who assembled from far flung places at the Alumni Meet of the year. There was an atmosphere of great bonhomie everywhere, and the ambience was eclectic with people seen interacting and clicking pictures with each other. The office bearers and achievers of Alumni Association were felicitated with trophies.



## Model UN Conference

The Board of Student Activities, MUN & Debate Club organized a Model UN conference simulating the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women on the 20th of Oct 2021. The committee had representatives from different institutions. The discussion of the simulation was based on economic empowerment and the upholding of gender equality.

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## REVA Freshers' Day

On the 12th of November 2021, the university celebrated **REVA** - a new beginning, for the students who have taken admission in the GDGU. The event was filled with energy, and full of enthusiasm and zeal. The amphitheatre in the university campus was thronged with fresh faces. There were award competitions, cultural activities, DJ and celebrations throughout the day. It was a memorable day for all the freshers in GDGU.



## Udyami Bazaar

The Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) of GDGU in association with MSME 29 October 2021 successfully organized its 8th annual event Udyami Bazaar - **The Genesis of Student Entrepreneurship**. On this occasion 68 stalls of different goods and services were put up by the students which witnessed a huge crowd of visitors. Awards under different categories - Most Popular Stall, Most Innovative Marketing and Most Well Managed Stall, were given to students with an aim to encourage innovation and marketing skills of the students.

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## Transcend Farewell Get Together

A Farewell Ceremony, Transcend, was organised for the outgoing graduate students of GDGU on 17th September 2021. The faculty members, along with the junior students, put on a great display of affection and reminiscence to leave tears of joy in the eyes of the graduate students. In this ceremony the meritorious students from different schools were rewarded for their outstanding performances in co-curricular activities. The titles of "Mr. Goenkan 2021" and "Ms. Goenkan 2021" were awarded to Aditya Sharma (SoES) and Sejal Jain (SoHSS) respectively.



## Goenkan Premier League

The Goenkan Premier League - GPL was organised for three days starting from 12th October 2021 to 14th October 2021 by the Board of Student Activities, Sports Club. **The Cricket Match began with utmost enthusiasm with a total of 6 teams as participants.** The teams were named as Zenith, Storm Breakers, Run Heist, Caspians, Warhawks, and Riders. All the teams played two matches each before the semi-finals. The Finals were played between Storm Breakers and Warhawks. The title of the Winner was backed by Storm Breakers.



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## SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

GDGU is a 60 acres beautiful landscaped campus at the base of the Aravalli range. The green cover is 67% (40.2 acres) of the total land and 33% (19.8 acres) of land is built-up area. It has a boarding campus of around 1100 students and staff. GD Goenka has taken a lead in sustainability way back in 2001 when the visionary Chairman Shri AK Goenka created rainwater harvesting all over the campus. It has a total of 11 sub wells which have returned the normal level of water to 550 feet from 150 feet which is a remarkable level in India. Apart from

rainwater harvesting many methods of **Reuse, Recycle, Reduce and Refuse** are adopted at GD Goenka University towards sustainability.

We generate 196kg/per acre (11760 Kg) waste. This include:

Metal waste :-10%

Plastic, glass, used papers :- 35%

Organic food waste :- 43%

Sewer water waste:- 20,000 ltr per day

Dry leaves/ Dead plant waste.

Electronic Waste.

## Plastic Free Campus

University promotes plastic-free activities and has a complete ban on the use of polyethylene bags. All the other plastic waste is sent for recycling through scrap dealers after segregation.

**Paperless office - University promotes paper-less activities and almost all the administrative work is recorded on emails rather than on hard copy unless necessary.**

University uses **Digital Certificates** for its various events to reduce the use of paper in the University.

**Lecture notes, assignments, and other instructions for students are preferred in soft form as much as possible.** The webpage for each course is designed to circulate all the content among the students related to the course.



## Solar Energy

GDGU has one of the biggest installations of solar panels on the terrace of its building and parking area. It generates around 825 kg of electricity through the installed **solar panels** and works towards the long way of sustainability.

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## SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

### Liquid Waste Management

All the liquid sewage effluent from the four hostel and academic blocks of GDGU is channeled to the two **sewage water treatment plants** with a total capacity of 1,25,000 litres per day. The treated sewage water is reused for horticulture and agriculture.



### Solid Waste Management

The solid waste at GDGU is collected from more than 1200 waste bins placed in building blocks and the open area of the campus. It is then segregated into biodegradable, non-biodegradable, and recyclable waste. The University has tied up with **Green-o-Bin and Farm Pallet for recycling/reuse of solid waste**. Green-o-Bin collects the paper waste from the University for recycling and converts them into folders and other usable things for the University. While Farm pallet collects all the kitchen waste twice a day which is segregated into dry and wet waste. The waste is used by Farm Pallet as animal feed and for composting. In return, GDGU gets chemical-free manure and compost which is used in the field by the School of Agricultural Sciences. The university has **banned the use of polythene bags** which creates hindrances during waste segregation and sewage treatment.





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## SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

### E-Waste Management

E-waste is collected at the centralized store and disposed of at required intervals for recycling to "Reboot System India Pvt. Ltd.". Students are also encouraged to reuse electronic items for their academic projects.

### Rain Water Harvesting

The University has been harvesting rainwater systems, operational since 2013. To collect the rainwater and percolation in the ground, five rainwater harvesting pits are constructed. The purpose of rainwater harvesting is to reduce the storm runoff from entering sewage water and recharge the groundwater table. This helps in two ways, firstly by **reducing the sewage treatment cost**, and secondly by **increasing the groundwater table**. The water collected from the rooftop of academic, Lab and administrative blocks is collected in the pits through pipes and gutters. There are 7 pits designed in the university campus and each pit has a depth of 3m having a diameter of 1m.

### Dry Leaves Management

GD Goenka Campus has been designed and maintained as a green cover with lots of trees and a fully landscaped campus. To ensure natural regeneration of these areas, falling leaves are being collected at one point. It provides **home and food for native fauna** and breaks down with time to enrich the soil. From the academic block, hostel, and dining hall of the campus falling leaves are collected to make vermicompost.



### Green Practices

#### E-cart

- University provides the E-cart in case of emergency for the movement of students and staff within the campus area.
- The academic blocks are closely connected so minimal use of a bicycle within the campus.

#### Public transport

- University is located on the national highway 248A and well connected with the public transport like bus, shared auto, cabs, etc.
- Other than that university also provides the CNG buses at different routes that cover Delhi NCR and are available for both the students as well as staff.

#### Pedestrian friendly roads

- Vehicular movement is restricted in the vicinity of academic blocks and residential hostel blocks in the University. All the roads are designed for safe pedestrian movements.



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## University Schools

University with focus on  
Inter-Disciplinary Research

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**Architecture & Planning**

**Media & Entertainment**

**Education**

**Engineering & Sciences**

**Unitedworld Institute of Design (UID)**

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# GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL

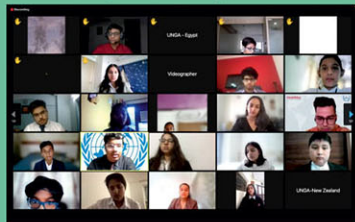
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## NLF Reading Challenge

GDGWS is happy to share that Goenkans emerged victorious in the Grand Finale Quiz of the NLF Reading Challenge 2021, by winning the second runner up position. The **Grand Finale Quiz** consisted of several rounds of questions which tested the student's memory and understanding of the books they have read through the span of five months. Two teams from GDGWS participated in the grand finale quiz and Team-A won the Bronze prize and received 10 books as prizes. Kunal Mital, Abhinav Ahuja and Varschavi Singh showed exemplary performance. Congratulations to the winners!



## GWMUN A rip-roaring success!



GWMUN 2021 continues to be a hallmark and most highlighted Goenkan event of the year. Its 4th edition saw many zealous delegates, eager faces with keen minds likewise in attendance all prepared to head off to the races. Present at the event's opening ceremony was our esteemed chief guest - Ms. Mitushi Khurana who truly infused this momentous occasion with enthusiasm! Our Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali's address to the audience, recounted the maiden edition of **Goenka World MUN**, and how spectacularly this forum has evolved year after year. Carrying out such an awe-inspiring two day event such as this is a testimony of teamwork and coordination by both teachers and students who worked together to make these 2 days perfect.

## Alumni Meet

The alumni of GDGWS met again this year on 18th December, on a virtual platform. This was another year for them to realise their roots and strengthen their bonds with their peers and teachers in a very nostalgic environment. The program started with the school song that struck the chord of unification followed by Director Principal - Dr. Neeta Bali's address where she mentioned that the students of the past batches are remembered with warmth and it was always a pleasure to see them reach places in their lives. The program was an amalgamation of various performances musical and dance blended with messages by some of the alumni.



# GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL

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## SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES



GDGWS students of IGCSE and IBDP are engaged in exemplary research work in the field of water conservation, with students from over 5 continents. The project is part of GCEI, an international organisation that has undertaken this as a collaborative project. Through project-based learning and dedicated research, our students are working on '**San-Rakshan**' initiative under the patronage of Director-Principal Dr. Neeta Bali and Ms. Naina Vaish as teacher-mentors.

We are proud that a webinar was arranged on Saturday, November 27 2021, where staff, students and parents interacted with Mr. Rajendra Singh, world-renowned Indian environmentalist and winner of the Magsaysay Award and Stockholm Water prize in 2015, also known as the Nobel Prize for water conversation!

Following that, GCEI participants met again virtually on December 2nd, 2021. The focus of this meeting was on the participant's research and experiences on '**Water resources**' in their part of the world, in some cases, they had met with experts, and drawn up action plans for themselves and the larger community. Some of the

issues in the discussion were about the challenges they are facing in their program and how they are planning to solve them.

The students shared the most thrilling part of their experiences and how people around them like their family, friends and the community respond to their new ideas, and to their 'action plan'. At the end of the exchange session, all the students were given the opportunity to interact separately one to one. The purpose was to make them exchange their experiences about the program in an informal setting. This helped to build a sense of global community among the students.

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## Sewa by Goenkans

It was a proud moment for GDGPS, when its students were felicitated for the humanitarian work done by them for the "Teens For Sewa" (TFS) programme conducted by the 'Sewa Bharti Team' on 30th October 2021. Mrs. Nidhi Ahuja, the Vice President of Sewa Bharti gave a speech acknowledging the superlative efforts of the school in spreading the Each One Teach One (EOTO) programme and mentoring forty five other schools of NCR. The honourable Chief Guest, Ms. Nupur Goenka, admired the efforts of the entire team. The Shining Star trophies were awarded to the Goenkan leaders - Shreevats Pandey, Kamy Kohli, Sparsh Jain, Mahek Arora and Adrian Hazarika. Appreciation Certificates were awarded to the children had worked in the online literacy programme for the underprivileged.



## GDGIMUN

GDGIMUN is a legacy that has been passed on for eight years. This year we launched the first ever Online MUN which was organized on the 6th and 7th of August 2021. 492 delegates from 32 schools participated this year. The conference was the right representation of our tagline 'Time to Act, Time to Change'. Change is never easy, it often creates discord. One twig lights a small fire but a thousand twigs light an inferno. With this thought in mind, this year too we managed to forge an atmosphere of excellence and accomplishment.

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## The First Miss Teen 2021

A young Goenkan Rayna Sikri of Class 9D showcased her intelligence and vivacity to reach the Final of the **All India Beauty Pageant**, "The First Miss Teen, 2021", hosted by First India and won the title of Miss Teen Delhi. She further went on to make her state and school proud by winning the crown of the First Miss India Teen 2021, beauty pageant, organized by First India in Goa in October 2021. A remarkable display of glamour and intelligence helped her to ace the national event. Kudos to Rayna for this stupendous feat!



## Vocal for Local

Ronit Gupta of Class 12 had a Eureka moment during an online class where he conceived the idea of creating an online platform for artists to have direct access to buyers and also to establish themselves professionally. Applying the concept of "vocal for local", he created an e-commerce website "Best Guide", to connect the artisans with buyers. 39 artworks have already been sold through this website. Currently, 198 artworks and 183 artists are registered on the website.



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## SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

### Best Out of Waste

To sensitize the children on keeping the environment clean and to bring about awareness to **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** - a Best out of Waste activity was planned for our Junior Goenkans. The Lil Goenkans showcased their creativity as they transformed walnut shells and other waste material into the beautiful animal craft. They also learned some interesting walnut facts, its immense nutritional value, and the manifold benefits of eating walnuts daily.

### Save Water

To raise awareness amongst everyone regarding the conservation of water, students of class 5 made beautiful posters on "SAVE WATER".



### Gender Bias: Presentation Value Creation Club

The Value Creation Club held its first presentation on the topic "**Understanding Gender Bias**". The presentation commenced with a short introduction to the club and an explication of the topic by the founder member, Ansh Kapoor. Gauri Nagar, Laksh Nagpal, and Shreevats Pandey analysed the causes and ill-effects of the practice of gender bias. Various interactive activities were conducted by Anshika Kapoor and Samia Singh, viz., hashtempore, multiple-choice questions, true/false statements, and a Bollywood quiz. Each activity created awareness about gender bias prevalent in society.



# Save Water

Water is a  
Gift from  
the creator,  
Protect it !!  
Respect it !!

Water  
is  
Life



WATER  
LEAKS  
ARE A DRAIN  
ON OUR  
WORLD

NO WATER  
NO LIFE  
NO BLUE  
NO GREEN

SAVE WATER  
SAVE FUTURE

SAVE WATER  
SAVE LIFE

# GD GOENKA SIGNATURE SCHOOL

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## World Aids Day

A synergistic session on World Aids Day with the students of class 9 and 11 was conducted by our mentors on 1st December 2021 in hybrid mode for both online and offline students. It was an interactive discussion highlighting the misrepresentation of facts related to this disease. In order to spread awareness, the students also wore red ribbons.



## Anti Bullying Workshop

Socio Emotional Learning is key to a healthy mind and body. The hostellers attended a session on 7th October 2021 based on **anti-bullying culture and atmosphere** which we maintain in our GDGSS campus. Our school boasts a healthy social atmosphere where bullying is absolutely not tolerated and all necessary measures to curb such behavioural patterns are put in place to create a safe space for our students.

## Foreign Language Immersion Spanish Festival

The Spanish students across grades 5 to 8, indulged in a cultural exposure session by learning about one of the prominent Spanish festivals '**El día de Los Reyes Magos**' on 2nd December 2021. They were acquainted with the renowned traditions of baking the sweet delicacy '**Rosca de Reyes**', enactment of the nativity scene, and the ritual of bestowing a pair of shoes with a note, along with food and water.



## Oral Health Day

GDGSS organized 'Oral Health and Hygiene Day' on July 22, 2021 for the students of Pre-Primary to Grade V. It was a live event for both students and their parents. The guest speaker of the day was Dr. Ravi Chabbra. He is a renowned Senior Consultant Surgeon, who enlightened the partaking members of the event on the necessity of maintaining oral health and hygiene.

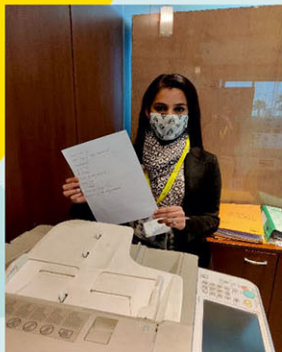
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## SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

"Being green is more than just buying 'eco'. It is an unshakable commitment to a sustainable lifestyle."

- Eco-warriors from all the wings (Junior, Middle, and Senior) are appointed and have been entrusted with the responsibility to encourage the students to curb the wastage of power by turning off their devices and gadgets timely. They have also been sensitized to the need of **disposing of e-waste** in a proper manner.
- Teachers at GDGSS believe in **reusing paper**. For the Interdisciplinary projects (IDP) students have been instructed to use old newspapers as material to make necessary models.
- Plastic is one more item to absolutely refuse while moving towards a **zero-waste lifestyle**. To execute this, the boarders in the cafeteria are served food on stainless steel plates.
- Plastic glasses have been replaced by **stainless steel glasses** and have been kept at the water dispensers.
- All the reports and official **communications are done through e-mails** by the staff members. For submission of any report to the hierarchy, teachers reuse the papers rather than printing a separate page.
- **Rainwater harvesting and sewage water treatment** is an essential part of the school ethos at GDGSS.



# GD GOENKA CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Bharti Sharma, Sr. Director - Academics GD Goenka Group of Schools

## Empowering Teachers with Enhanced Instructional Practices

With an intention of creating collaborative and participatory learning environments where the teachers' existing skills are upgraded, honed and transformed, the **Teacher Online Professional Development Services (TOPDS)** was offered to the teachers of all the schools under the GD Goenka aegis by conducting a 11 days series of hands on training sessions from 15th to 27th November, 2021.

The keynote address was given by Ms. Bharati Sharma, Senior Director, Academics. The resource person emphasized that the educators must make their lesson plans highly interactive and should allow maximum scope of participation to get the desired outcomes from the learners. The learning outcomes not only help the teachers to select appropriate strategies for teaching, but also allow other stakeholders to be responsible and alert towards their role of ensuring quality education.



Mrs. Bharti Sharma

## Empowering Leaders with Process and Procedures of School Quality Awards

At GD Goenka, imparting quality education to the learners has always been one of the priority areas. We strive to prepare our students for an increasingly complex and interdependent world. For this we need to assess and endorse our schools as learning organizations that meet the established standards.

It is our endeavor that all the schools under the aegis of the GD Goenka Group reach the top echelon of schools in the country, and globally. In our quest for excellence we have segregated some areas, made rubrics and indicators for it to facilitate self assessment. For motivation and acknowledgement we have instituted awards for the same. For further discussion, we conducted an online session on **"Newly Instituted School Awards Process & Procedures"** on 3rd Dec 2021 for all the Principals / Vice-Principals / HM / InCharges / Coordinators / HODs / Administrators of the schools concerned.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mrs. Priyanka Tank, Principal  
Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh

## National Thang-Ta Championship

Proud participants of GDGPS participated with great zeal and enthusiasm in 27th National Thang-Ta Championship 2021 which was organised by Jammu and Kashmir Thang-Ta Association. In this National Championship a total of 21 teams participated from all across the country. Thang-Ta Championship started on December 18 and concluded on December 21, 2021. Under the mentorship of Coach Sunny Sir, our star participants brought laurels to the school by bagging one Silver medal and two Bronze medals. Kudos!



## Independence Day

The All India Inter-School Independence Day English Debate, 2021, took place virtually on 15th August 2021. In this event students participated from all across the country and presented the best live performances in the presence of esteemed judges. Each school was being represented by a team of two students, one for and one against the motion. Teacher in-charges also witnessed the performances of the participants and had a great experience virtually. Our enthusiastic participants participated with zeal in the event and represented our school with great honour to grace the occasion of Independence Day.



## Suno Kahani Pratiyogita

To enhance presentation skills, creativity, imagination and build confidence Virtual "Sunno Kahani Pratiyogita" was conducted for the students of Nursery and KG Class. Students participated enthusiastically and showcased their versatility by presenting beautiful stories using creative props, proper settings, content, innovation, accuracy, by wearing creative costumes relevant to the theme. The students presented Amazing stories with correct pronunciation and proper voice modulation. Teachers were left enthralled with their endearing acts. The event concluded with the encouraging words of the teachers in-charge who appreciated the admirable performances by the students.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Madhu Gandhi, Principal  
Amritsar, Punjab

## Gurupurab

On the occasion of Gurupurab, a special Morning Assembly was held dedicated to the martyrdom week of the young and old Sahibzadas. The assembly was organized to pay homage to the martyrs and to make the new generation aware of their great sacrifices. Students sang Mool Mantra, poems. The unique Ghatka performance was an outstanding display of valour & art.



## Diwali Celebration

A special assembly was held on the eve of Diwali Celebrations in the school premises. The festive celebrations were held over a week, which included the Door Decoration, Share a Story, Doha reciting competition, Poster making, Quiz based on Ramayana & so on. The cultural programmes included dramatic enactments of important scenes from Ramayana and doha recitations. There was also a poetic recital depicting the Saga of Bandi Chod Diwas echoing the Spiritual Dimension of 'EK ONKAR', which was like Cherry on the Cake.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Madhu Gandhi, Principal  
Amritsar, Punjab



## Christmas & Sports Day

Christmas was celebrated along with sports day events at GD Goenka Amritsar as students soaked in the festive spirit with carols and songs. There was an active participation from the teachers, fun games, make a wish corner and of course santa came with goodies for all. Sports Day was for classes VI with games like frog race, relay race, hurdle race, etc. A tug of war between teachers and students added to the fun element.



## Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration

Ganesh Chaturthi is one of the important Hindu festivals that marks the birthday of Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles. At GDGPS, Amritsar, this day was celebrated with great fervour. Classes Pre-Nursery till One enjoyed Chocolate Modak delicacy and enjoyed craft such as making Paper Modak, Wall Hangings, Face Mask etc related to Lord Ganesha.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Meenakshi Phulera, Principal  
Akhnoor, Jammu & Kashmir

## Fancy Dress

Akhnoor Goenkans are aware of the significance of our Community Helpers and understand their role in our society. Apropos, theme chosen for Fancy Dress Competition was to instil awareness in our children about the importance of community helpers. The little toddlers were given an array of options to choose from. Some of our wonderful kids dressed themselves as doctors, scientists, teachers and some of them even essayed the role of farmers, pilots, air hostesses, astronauts, army officers and police officers. Each and every child participated and performed with full vigour and energy making this virtual event a treat to the eyes of our esteemed guests.



## Donation Drive

Scholars of GD Goenka, Akhnoor, with their parents, came forward to make an impact in our society by extending help to the needy and financially marginalised community by donating basic food & clothing. The team GD Goenka Akhnoor organised a Donation Drive from 17th Sept to 10th October wherein students made an appeal to people around them to donate as per their capabilities and also motivated people to contribute meaningfully to support the cause. The school received an overwhelming response throughout the drive to which an album of 300+ pictures is testimony.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Meenakshi Phulera, Principal  
Akhnoor, Jammu & Kashmir

## Green Diwali Safe Diwali

In the spirit of a green diwali G D Goenka Public School Akhnoor decided to limit the celebrations to diyas and candles, and discouraged bursting firecrackers to promote a pollution free Diwali. This small gesture and effort would definitely bring about a big difference in the mindset and further manifest into a new era of GREEN DIWALI.

A special assembly by the little Goenkans of KG was organised virtually to spread awareness about green Diwali. The event also witnessed an enthusiastic participation of parents who were presented with saplings and diyas, who in turn distributed the saplings with diyas to many others.



## World Soil Day

GDGPS Akhnoor observed World Soil Day by giving children lessons on protecting our ecosystem. Children from standard One demonstrated the making of compost from kitchen waste whereas the students of Nursery practised germination of the seeds pursuant by planting and potting. Goenkans were taken for virtual visits to our fields, rivers, mountains and jungles to assist their understanding of the importance of soil. Moreover, using their ingenuity a few children planted some saplings in waste plastic bottles which in turn were used to decorate the school wall.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mr. Johnson P.J, Principal  
Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir

## Inter-School Speech Competition

The school held a virtual Inter School Speech Competition for the students of Class IX-XII on 30th August, 2021. The competition was conducted in a virtual mode where students from different schools like Tyndale Biscoe, Mallinson Girls School, Presentation convent, Doon International and Delhi Public school, Budgam participated. The competition began at 3pm and around 30 guests from different schools were watching the live screening of the competition. The event was judged by our esteemed panel of Judges, Ms. Oricia Baba working as a senior Lecturer in English in the Department of Education, Ms. Asma Rashid, English Faculty, senior school, GD Goenka and Dr. Nafeesa, school counsellor of GDGPS



## Art Competition

To explore the creative potential in the young minds, painting competition was organized on 24 August 2021 with the theme "Pot Painting / Bottle Painting" wherein children showcased their creative skills in painting, colouring and drawing on bottles / pots. The event was well-received by all, with children ranging in age from Nursery to Grade 10.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mr. Johnson P.J, Principal  
Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir

## Inter-School Badminton Competition

GDGPS conducted an Inter Class Badminton Competition on the 16th of October, 2021 at the G.D. Goenka School Badminton Court. It was a 3-day event and students of renowned schools of the valley took part. The participating schools were Tyndale Biscoe School, Mallinson Girls School, Doon International School, Delhi Public School. The event was thrown open with lighting of the torch by the esteemed Chairman, Mr. Imtiaz Kawoosa and the managing director, Ms. Masarrah Kawoosa. The guests of honour were the various Principals of the participating schools. The event was a great success as the participants came in huge numbers and with greater enthusiasm. There were some nail-biting finishes. The closing of the competition was on the 18th of October 2021.



## Fancy Dress Competition

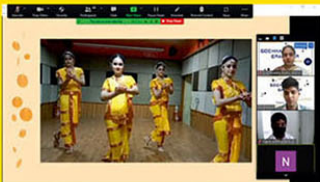
On October 28, 2021, the Grade 3 department held a Fancy Dress Competition. The goal of holding this competition was not only to combine learning and fun, but also to instil confidence in students by providing them with a platform to speak and perform. It began with a preliminary round in which children were chosen based on their dialogue and expressions. The second and final round introduced new categories, such as Bollywood, Messenger, Daily Helper, Fairytale, and Culture, with each student portraying a different character. This competition was held via Google Meet, with Mr. Byju, school administrator and Ms. Asia Mushtaq, school coordinator serving as honourable judges. The winners were selected based on their costumes, facial expressions, and dialogues.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dr. Neha Sharma, Principal  
Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

## Goenkan Grandeur

Life becomes a festival when gaiety and culture blend. To develop cooperation & communication skills, GGDGPS hosted the Inter-School Cultural festival 'GOENKAN GRANDEUR 2021' for two days on 28th-29th October 2021 on a virtual platform. More than 50 schools across the country and abroad competed zealously. The students participated in various offline & online competitions on the lines of art, music, dance and academics. The event promoted curiosity, exploration and excitement amongst the participants providing them with a fun-filled learning experience. The school Principal complimented the diligent teams of the participating schools for showcasing creativity, endeavour & innovation in the event.



## Goenkan Soccer League

Soccer is simple...you just need to have the right mentality, fighting in every game, in every practice and for every ball." GDGPS organised GOENKAN Soccer League for the students of grades IX-XII from 4th October to 7th October, 2021. It was based on a 6 vs 6 league format. The Boys team of the four houses competed enthusiastically to beat the pandemic gloom. Tagore and Teresa House teams qualified for the Finals. Teresa House proudly lifted the trophy by defeating Tagore House. The teams displayed high levels of sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork and cooperation.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dr. Neha Sharma, Principal  
Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

## MUN

The Two-Day Model United Nations Conference was hosted on 24th-25th of November'21. Every participant of UNEP, UNSC and UNHRC enjoyed the prodigious journey of intense debating, opinion building and lobbying giving participants an experience of a lifetime!

GDGGMUN 2021 furnished an opportunity to learn about diplomatic negotiations and peaceful dialogue processes. The event also gave a unique chance to the students to associate themselves in intriguing discussions about the agendas that captivate the world community at large, and shape the world as it is today.



## Adventure Camp

Adventure education provides students a great platform to unleash their inner strengths and imbibe new skills. A carefully planned Rocksport Adventure Camp was organised for the students on 18th Dec, 2021 in the school campus following all the Covid-19 protocols. The simulated environment of Adventure Sports helped every individual inculcate the quality of self-assessment, boosted confidence and enhanced decision making skills. Young Goenkans participated with utmost exhilaration in the plethora of activities offered at the camp under the able guidance of the Rocksport team.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Shashi Luther, Principal  
Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

## Founder's Day Celebration

Founder's Day celebrations at GDGPS culminated on 4th of December 2021 with a grand Sports event. The esteemed dignitaries who marked their presence on this occasion included Honourable DCP (West) Shri BBGTS Murthy, Dr. Surabhi Yadav, Chairman Sir Dr. Chandan Aggarwal, Director Madam, Mrs. Jyoti Agarwal. The gamut of performances included Ganesh Vandana, Drills, Relays, Pyramids and a melodious presentation by the School Choir. Venerable dignitaries praised all the participants and felicitated them with medals and trophies. Principal Madam, Mrs. S. Luther, gave the Vote of Thanks and also appreciated the majestic efforts of the teachers and children in making the event a grand success.



## Thanks Giving Day

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good." Instilling values like gratitude and charity are an integral part of life skills. It is imperative that we help our children to be cognizant of their blessings and to imbibe a spirit of sharing with the less privileged fragment of the society. With this objective, the school organised an event "I CARE, I SHARE" on Thanks giving Day. It was an overwhelming experience as parents and students extended absolute support and assisted the school in accumulating clothes and food grains in appreciable amounts.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Shashi Luther, Principal  
Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

## Dussehra Celebration



A special assembly was organised to celebrate the festival of Dussehra. It was a delight to witness a wonderful illustration of the nine Devi's particularly worshipped during the Navratri. The beautifully choreographed and performed garba and dandiya presentations filled the ambience with synergy and joy. The musical and brief presentation of incidents from the life of Lord Rama was highly appreciated by one and all. Principal Madam, Mrs. S. Luther, congratulated all the students and teachers who were part of the assembly.



## Children's Day

'Every child is a different kind of flower, but all of them together make this world a beautiful garden.' Children's Day was observed with much fanfare and gaiety in the school. A special assembly was organised by the teachers for the students. The primary students thoroughly enjoyed the MOVIE SESSION in the school auditorium. Senior students enthusiastically participated in Kho-Kho, Throwball and Cricket Matches, particularly the match between teachers and students. Special refreshments were provided to all the students. Principal Ma'am and all the facilitators bestowed our dear children with blessings and best wishes.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dr. Renu Sehgal, Principal

Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh

## Independence Day

75th Independence Day of the country was celebrated on August 13, 2021, with great zeal and fervour. Celebrations began with the song 'Vande Mataram', followed by a recitation of Tagore's poem, 'Where the mind is without fear'. On this patriotic occasion, the students dressed up as great freedom fighters – Bhagat Singh, Subash Chandra Bose, Sarojini Naidu, etc. and recited their famous slogans spreading the message of peace, non-violence and love for the nation. A beautiful dance performance on foot-tapping a medley of patriotic songs was the major attraction of the event. Principal, Dr. Renu Sehgal, spoke highly about the efforts of the students to make the special assembly truly wonderful.

## Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony was organised on Saturday, 28 August, 2021, on the virtual platform, to honour the newly elected Office Bearers of the 'Prefectorial Board'. Principal, Dr. Renu Sehgal lit the traditional lamp with invocation to God on this online, virtual platform. Honourable Chief Guest for the ceremony was Mr. Abhishek Pandey, Senior Manager- Results and Market Development. The 'Welcome Song' by the school choir gave the zest to begin the grand ceremony. This time the Parents conferred the prestigious badges and sashes to the elected members of the Students' Council and House Prefectorial Board members on the virtual platform. The principal administered the Oath of Office to the elected members and they pledged to collaborate earnestly and to uphold the honour and glory of the institution.



## Alumni Meet

GD Goenka hosted its second virtual Alumni meet on 30th of October 2021 in the presence of the Principal Dr. Renu Sehgal and all faculty members. The ceremony began with the school prayer, followed by incredible compering by the present class XI students. Speaking on the occasion the Principal welcomed the Alumni with her compassionate words, full of praise. The inaugural session was followed by cultural programs of various kinds. The performers of class XI amazed the audience with their vocal skills and mesmerised them with their splendid dance performances. The event was a great success in its prime motive of Connecting and Networking the alumni, the faculty and the students.

## Inter School Commerce Fest

On September 3rd, 2021, under the guidance of the esteemed Principal, Dr. Renu Sehgal, the school hosted Online Commerce Fest, which witnessed participation from many reputed schools. Mr. Nandan Mishra, CEO Algo 8, AI Company was the chief guest for this event. Students from different schools participated in various events like Manthan, Nav - Vichar, Yudh Viraam, with full spirit and zeal.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms Veena Soni, Principal  
Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

## Staff day out with Family

The School conducted Family Day out for its Staff and their family members to reward them with a change of scene from the regular work schedule. We played multiple games with them like Family got talent, tambola, Pictionary, Quiz, Musical chairs, etc. It was the perfect opportunity for everyone to have a good time and make fantastic memories. The great day came to an end with a scrumptious feast.



## Health Checkup

Covid has taught us the need to be healthy all the time and so Goenkans and school staff underwent a health check-up done in collaboration with Heritage Hospital doctors. These checks included eye, ENT, paediatric and Orthopaedic. All records of the medical history of each child and staff are maintained by the school and the remark for every student is shared with their parents. The health check camp program has increased the trust in us and our work. The people from our community welcome more such programs.

## Christmas Celebration

Christmas brings cheer and love and we celebrate it with the same fervour, spreading the message of love and joy among our teachers and children. All the teachers received surprises from Secret Santa while the students enjoyed dancing to the tunes of Jingle bell Song. Secret Santa met all the students. Kids had a gala time singing and dancing with Santa Claus.

## Children's Day

The most remarkable day for children commenced with great zeal and enthusiasm. The children witnessed the teachers arranging multiple games for them. A great children friendly ambience was observed as the teachers' conducted showers of various events and programmes especially for the kids. It's worth mentioning about students watching movies with popcorn and playing 7 ups and downs, passing the parcel, relay race, etc. The spectators witnessed the blooming buds hop up and finish off the game. No matter if they won or not, they stole the hearts of the audience.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Raveen Pande, Principal  
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh



## Green Garden & Bingo

The event focused on instilling in the students the values of conserving the environment. The Pre-Primary students spoke about plants, performed experiments on chemical reactions like magic milk, lemon volcano eruption, walking water, rain cotton balls, water detection and the formation of smog, they also highlighted the properties of air, causes of air pollution and recommended methods to control it. The concept of Density was defined through the exciting egg experiment and by using the concept of moving water. The students also explained the process of the water cycle, shared amazing facts about the human body, and demonstrated the concept of floating and sinking. They also explained the concept of solubility in front of parents and teachers.



## Gandhi Jayanti

Students of GDGPS commemorated the birth anniversary of the leader of our freedom struggle, Mahatma Gandhi with joy and enthusiasm. The day was marked by several presentations by the students in the School Auditorium. Students presented skits based on the life story of Mahatma Gandhi, which reflected how the great leader was always fascinated by the values of truthfulness and solidarity. Students delivered speeches about the life of Mahatma Gandhi. Melodious renditions of bhajans like "Vaishnav Jan" and "Raghupati Raghav" left the students and teachers mesmerised. The students as well as the teachers paid homage to Gandhiji and pledged to fulfil his dream of making India a world leader.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Raveen Pande, Principal  
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

## National Pollution Control Day

The Primary Wing students observed National Pollution Control Day on December 2, to spread awareness about the dire need for controlling pollution. An interactive session was organised between the students of Class IV and V. The climate campaigners explained the role their juniors need to play in controlling pollution. Views on how they perceive their future to look were taken. Through a beautifully choreographed dance, the role humans play in safeguarding nature was emphasised upon. All pledged to recycle and protect trees. The session concluded with a message from the Principal, to preserve natural resources and discourage further depletion of the environment.



## Vigilance Awareness Week



The 2021 Vigilance Awareness week was observed from 26 October to 1 November with the theme "Independent India@ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity". During the observance, the students were edified through a presentation about the registration on the CVC website and how they can lodge complaints against corruption. A special assembly was organised wherein the students delivered speeches on National Unity and the importance of being self-reliant. An Integrity e-pledge was also taken on the CVC portal in three steps. The students, parents and teachers all participated in it with dedication and commitment.

# GD GOENKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Ms. Monika Srivastava, Principal  
Noida Extension, Uttar Pradesh

## Bastille Day

The event started with a brief introduction of the history of France with a beautiful picture presentation. The speech was followed by Fun Facts about France such as the popular belief that turning a baguette upside down is unlucky, Liberté, Egalité and Fraternité is the national motto of France etc. The presentation included the picture of Parade at Champs Elysée, fighter planes showing French flag colours, and a firework show at Eiffel Tower. A group song was presented on a French song 'Je suis une Pizza'. The event was followed by the National Anthem of France through a video presentation. The video also included facts about this day - burning of Bastille, anger of public, Army Parade, Firework etc. with the audio of National Anthem of France 'La Marseillaise'. At the end, a quiz was conducted in which students from Grade 4 to 9 participated.



## Investiture Ceremony

If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are an excellent leader. The momentous day of Investiture Ceremony 28th July, 2021 dawned to bestow responsibility on the deserving young candidates to lead their School. The ceremony was held with great enthusiasm where the young leaders were given the mantle of leadership and discharged the responsibility entrusted to them by school. The ceremony began with prayer and lighting of lamps. Guests were welcomed by Ms. Samita with a welcome speech. Vice Principal ma'am administered the oath to newly elected council members.

# GD GOENKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Ms. Monika Srivastava, Principal  
Noida Extension, Uttar Pradesh

## Science Exhibition

Unity is strength, when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved GDGIS organized a Science Exhibition which was surely splendid. The amount of enthusiasm from the participants and the talented work of the students from class sixth to ninth was remarkable. Parents shared their opinions on the thoughtful ideas and presentations given by the students in the exhibition and also gave their feedback on conducting such events for the overall development of the students. Highlights of the exhibition were the paintings made by the student of grade -9 Shambhavi Singh which were wonderful and very much praised by the guests. Definitely this exhibition will prove to be beneficial for our students and such opportunities will help them bloom and bring out their creative ideas.



## Children's Day

GDGIS celebrated Children's Day on Saturday, 13th Nov 2021. The day started with a welcome speech by Ms. Tripta Mehta, welcoming our Chairman Mr. TP Singhal, Vice Chairman Mr. Tarun Singhal, Vice Principal Ms. Monika Srivastava and Guest of Honour Ms. Poornima (a renowned Kathak dancer) and Mr Deepanshu Sen (Indian and Western dance Choreographer) followed by lighting of the lamp. The function began with a puppet show on the theme "friend in need is a friend indeed" by Primary Teachers. To make this day memorable and more exciting a Bollywood Dance competition from Nur- Grade 2 was organised where the students performed with full enthusiasm. A speech by our respected Chairman Sir was delivered in which he appreciated our little Goenkans for their wonderful performances, and their confidence after a long break of Covid.

The day ended with certificates and prize distribution by our chief guest and the management of the school.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Puneet Vashishtha, Principal  
Agra, Uttar Pradesh

## Investiture Ceremony



This year, the Investiture ceremony in our school was held on 23-Oct-2021. The event started with a motivational song sung by the students of GDGPS, Agra. Selected Students were honoured by the Chief Guest, Pro Vice Chairman Mr. Sanjay Agarwal. Ms. Ananya Bhatia was selected as the President Student Council, whereas Mr. Animesh Singh & Miss Anushka Agarwal were chosen as the Head boy and the Head Girl respectively.

## Children's Day

This year Children's Day was celebrated in our school with full joy & enthusiasm. Respected Sanjay Agarwal was present at this event as the Chief Guest. Children enjoyed various dance & music performances. Chocolates were distributed among children on this occasion.



## Postcard Campaign



As a part of the ongoing celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), our Students of Classes IV to XII participated in the "75 Lakh Post Card Campaign" conducted by the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, in collaboration with the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education. Students wrote on the suggested topics 'Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle' & 'My Vision for India in 2047'.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Anupama Chopra, Principal  
Karkardooma, New Delhi

## Independence Day

75th Indian Independence Day was celebrated virtually to recognise the efforts of all those unsung heroes who raised our country to new stature. The flag hoisting ceremony was followed by spectacular and enthralling dance, music and literary performances. The events highlighted the significance of intrinsic national values such as unity, diversity, cultural heritage, and celebrated the contributions of our freedom fighters and armed forces. The chief guest of the day was Dr Saroja Vaidyanath, (Padma Bhushan recipient) choreographer and Bharatnatyam exponent. The programme concluded with a humble tribute to all our corona warriors.

## Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony successfully inducted the newly selected members of the School's Student Council on October 8th with an objective to espouse confidence, development of leadership qualities and inculcate a sense of responsibility. The ceremony began with the Principal, Ms Anupama Chopra's address where she emphasised upon the values and duties to be undertaken by the badge holders during these trying times. This was concluded by the oath taking, wherein the office bearers, looking resplendent in their uniforms, pledged to dispense their duties to the best of their abilities and abide by the rules and regulations of the school.



## E- Shashtrath 1.0

E- Shashtrath 1.0, the Annual Goenka Flagship Commerce Event was conducted virtually on 14 December, 2021 with an aim to enhance the entrepreneurial skills of the students of Classes VI-VIII through various competitions. The event comprised of three competitions- Buzz Logo, Market Kshetra & Ad Gyapan. Several schools participated in this Inter School Event and the entries were judged by Mr. Jatin Agnihotri, & Dr Suruchi Vasudev, Senior Subject Matter Experts. The events were indeed innovative, interesting and informative for one and all.

## Hindi Saptah

Hindi Saptah was observed from 13th to 17th September virtually across classes III-XII. This event was a prelude to the Hindi Diwas celebrations that is conducted by the Hindi faculty every year to help instill traditional values amongst students and to reinforce the importance of one's native language. A host of online activities such as Hindi slogan writing, poster making, poem writing, dialogue delivery and story writing was conducted so as to orient the students about the importance of Hindi language and to take pride in their mother tongue.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Rima Ailawadi, Principal

Model Town, New Delhi

## T4 World Education Week

GDGPS was selected to share its practises and perspective at the colossal platform -T4 World Education Week, a resplendent initiative with a unique theme: School Celebration. More than 120 schools with thousands of proficient educators, zealous students, parent fraternities and Global communities joined in for this week long event. Through this event the school, in a small way endeavoured to impact the Global audiences, inspiring them to lead a harmonious, prosperous and tranquil life

Performances on the Sub theme: Environmental Sustainability was an aesthetic blend of Dance and Drama where the students unravelled the magical mystery of the Five elements of nature: Earth, Water, Sky, Air and Fire, which form the rudiments of the universe, as well as our bodies.



## Wizards World of Harry Potter

Reading is often synonymous with Harry Potter to a lot of us. With its universal themes like friendship, the triumph of good over evil, love over hate, humour and a world steeped in secrets and dazzling magic, it mesmerizes young and old alike.

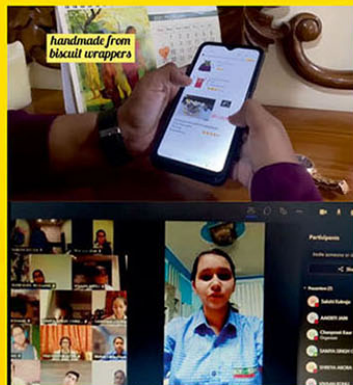
It was euphoric to revisit the mystic "Wizards World of Harry Potter" and the participants cast a magic spell on the virtual audience with their versatile talent on 31st July, 2021. The Mode of Participation ranged from submissions of Videos, Documentary, Write ups, Artwork, Blogs to Live events like Performance, Presentation and Quiz. The Event received immense response with around 40 schools and more than 350 participants in 13 events. The judges for the event were amazed by the creativity, critical thinking, oratory and presentation of the participants.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Rima Ailawadi, Principal

Model Town, New Delhi



## Commerce Fest

The Commerce Society organised "Commerce Fest 2.0" on 11th and 12th August '21. Commerce education equips students with specialised skills that come useful in tackling problems in different functional areas of business, industry and trade. Such competitions among students help in real time application of the knowledge. The aim of this event was to build self confidence and imbibe a proactive approach towards life. Consequently, enhancing their communication skills, developing a fine personality and sanguine attitude. A total of 48 schools had participated in Commerce Fest.

## Chrysalis Career Fair

GDGPS organised 'Chrysalis' - a Career Fair for the students of Senior classes. This Career Fair is an initiative by the institution to expose students to a variety of career options available in order to jumpstart their thinking about the future. By preparing early, students will be more likely to be college and career ready and it is important to get their priorities straight as the job market is more competitive than ever.

Representatives from various Renowned Universities were available for Counselling Session to provide all the details and clarifications to the students and their concerned and vigilant parents alike about the process of admission to the professional courses. Their years of experience, expertise and valuable guidance was beneficial for the children.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Rekha Sharma, Principal  
Paschim Vihar, Delhi

## Diwali Celebration

Diwali is not just about celebrations but also sharing inspirational vibes with one another. GDGPS celebrated the festival of lights with great zeal. A special Assembly by Grade-1 students was presented on our Facebook page with a special theme- 'Say No to Crackers'. Morning Assembly too was conducted in each and every class during a 30 minute session with the class teachers of Grades Nursery- VIII. Also, there was a special program conducted in the premises of GDGPS which was graced by the presence of honourable Chairman Sir, Director Sir. A special performance by the teachers was acknowledged by all, glimpses of which can be seen on the Facebook page.



## Independence Day

Freedom in the mind, faith in the words, pride in our hearts and memories in our souls... Let us salute our nation on Independence Day! GDGPS, celebrated the 75th Independence Day on August 13, 2021 with great patriotic fervour and zeal. The whole school was beautifully decorated with tricolours. The Chairman, Mr Bedi accompanied by the Principal, Ms Rekha Sharma and the Vice Principal, Ms Monika Malik, unfurled the tricolour flag followed by the National Anthem. This entailed a short celebration including a patriotic group song, poem recitation and dance performances by teachers glorifying our independence. The honorable Principal, Ms Rekha Sharma addressed the assembly and shared details about India's struggle for Independence and freedom. Indeed, it was a day of elation, a day of love and respect for the country, instilling the values and reverence for the gift of freedom by the great leaders of the country.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Rekha Sharma, Principal  
Paschim Vihar, Delhi

## Inter-School Competition

The month of November unleashed the festive spirit in one and all. GDPS was a witness to a myriad activities that were conducted for the juniors as well as the seniors. Various Competitions through the online medium were held to mark the festivities. The competitions were a fusion of talent, imagination, creativity and alertness. Whether it was the melodious solo song and dance instrumental, art, handwriting, soliloquy or debate, the activities helped to bring out the uniqueness of each individual. Spontaneity and confidence were the hallmarks of the competition. The students left everyone awe-struck and were applauded for their superb performance. Winners were awarded with certificates.



## Christmas Celebration

May the true spirit of Christmas shine our heart and shine our path always. Illuminating the torch of love and happiness all over, GDGPS organized Christmas Carnival on 23rd December and 24th December 2021 for the students of classes 1st to 5th. It was a fun and frolic event with enchanting hymns and carols all over. The students were ecstatic to come to school after so long, they had gala time with their friends and teachers and were thrilled to be the part of the Christmas party organised by the school which included activities like dance, fashion show, musical chair etc.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mr. Rajeew Kumar, Principal  
Rohini Sector-9, New Delhi

## Cleanliness Drive

Although we at GDGPS have switched over to online teaching mode, even then our young Goenkans have left no stone unturned in order to contribute their part to celebrate this Grand Day. This year too we celebrated the 152nd Gandhi Jayanti but in a virtual mode. Our little Goenkans and all the teachers actively participated in cleanliness drive where little children cleaned their nearby parks, gardens, their homes etc. and pledged to make our country clean and green in order to pay tribute to the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. They also made a beautiful craft piece of charkha. This virtual celebration of Gandhi Jayanti was a great way to make our little ones aware about Mahatma Gandhi.



## Conglomerate

Conglomerate is a gala of competition and signature programme organised by GDGPS. With utmost ecstasy, we wish to extend our gratitude to each one of the participants for exhibiting such verve and making it a grand success. The school always strives to cater to the all-round development of their students. The event had 1800 participants from 104 schools. Participation in such huge number and producing innovative prototype is worthy of applauds. Moreover, the event provided the platform to the students to participate in diverse activities. Hope this string of families gets stronger with each growing day.

## Amalgamate

GDGPS believes that learning can only take place only when the learners are provided with an environment beyond books where they can experiment, experience and conclude. During the event, all the learners of grades III-V were provided with an educative, learning environment wherein they were able to connect theories and knowledge learnt in the classroom to real-world situations. This event was a perfect example of amalgamation of various subjects like: English, Hindi, Mathematics, Art, Music, Theatre, Science, etc. Children recited poems, performed role plays, presented various models and games and so on. They presented themselves creatively and enjoyed a lot while watching the live performances of their classmates. All the participants were given participation certificates as well.

## Ad Mad Show

AD MAD SHOW an Advertisement Making Competition was organized that provided students a platform to showcase their creativity in marketing products and services. Students presented humorous and conceptual Ad and acted out on advertisement scripts relevant for different sectors including household products, goods, and social awareness.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Seema Sahay, Principal  
Sarita Vihar, New Delhi

## The Goenkan Literazzi

The school organised an Inter School Literary Competition, Goenkan Literazzi- A Celebration of Language and Literature, on Saturday, October 30, 2021, aimed at providing an authentic literary experience to the students across Delhi NCR. To grace the occasion Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Congress MP from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, writer, former international diplomat and Ms. Nilima Sinha, an acclaimed author and the President, Association of Writers and Illustrators for Children (AWIC), two erudite personalities from the world of literature were the eminent guests of honour.



## Digital Exchange Program

From the liberal arts perspective and with the zeal to bring about a difference, GDGPS has been collaborating for the past two years with The Glenelg Country School, Maryland, USA through a digital exchange program. The pandemic has not derailed our practice of reaching out to the global partners and bringing out sensitization amongst our learners. The students have aced the cross-country collaboration by animatedly partaking in intriguing sessions over a plethora of topics such as Covid Pandemic and its socio-cultural and economic impact along with issues like Climatic conditions and its ramifications across the world.

## Sports Webinar

Sports Webinar: Khel - Ek Vikas Pedia was successfully organised by GDGPS, on Saturday, August 28, 2021. It marked the celebration of National Sports Day. The objective was to feature the drift of sports in our lives and create awareness amongst all on the eve of National Sports Day, also marked as the birth anniversary of the Indian Hockey Wizard, Major Dhyan Chand Singh. The revered captain of the Indian Men's Hockey team, Mr. Manpreet Singh was the Honoured Guest. Goenkans congratulated the team on the commendable victory of the nation in the Tokyo Olympics, 2021.



## Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

A case study of a heritage site of Delhi - Sunder nursery as part of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat program by Students and Teachers of GDGPS. The cultural heritage taken up for the case study is Sunder Nursery. An ecological paradise, it is beautifully nestled adjacent to Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is in close proximity to the Dargah of Hazrat Nizamuddin. Sunder Nursery is a fine amalgamation of human creativity, artistic marvel, engineering prowess and most importantly the zeal to renew and revive our rich cultural roots. In Delhi, it not merely acts as a breath of fresh air but also acts as a major catalyst for aesthetic and ecological rejuvenation besides acting as a major link pin between natural and cultural heritage.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mrs. Jayshree Patel, Principal  
Indore, Madhya Pradesh



## Paper Bag Day

The 3R(s) Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle were the key concepts that were introduced on paper bag day. Little Goenkans made amazing paper bags out of waste papers available at home. The kids enjoyed folding and sticking the newspaper and were happy to see the paper turn into a bag! Children were encouraged to use paper bags instead of plastic bags and spread the same awareness in their surroundings.



## Ventura Business Plan Competition

To polish the potential in its students, GD Goenka becomes encyclopaedic to nurture their talent. "Ventura" an Inter House Business Plan competition was one such test by fire for its students to explore themselves. It was all about a unique business plan where each house presented one business plan within a time duration of 20 minutes. Presentations were given by two students from each house. To Judge this competition Mr. Ankit D Mittal Director in Mittal Coin Private Limited (MCPL) was invited. Mr. Ankit D. Mittal appreciated it a lot and congratulated students and teachers for putting their best efforts.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mrs. Jayshree Patel, Principal  
Indore, Madhya Pradesh

## Drop Everything & Read

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all!" - quoting the words of Jacqueline Kennedy, GDGPS Indore is taking this privilege to inform you that we are beginning with the reading campaign to widen the horizon of the young minds, D.E.A.R. Every Wednesday, for 15 minutes every member of GD family would: Drop Everything and Read. Pick up a book of your choice and get ready. Reading on gadgets like phone, ipad is not allowed. So, gift your child the joy of reading!



## Diwali Goodie Box

The school planned to share the joy of festivity with underprivileged kids. The idea is to impart the value & importance of sharing & bringing smiles amongst underprivileged kids. Students designed and customised "Diwali Goodie Box" with the help of their parents. Our children performed this activity with ample zeal and enthusiasm. Our children shared Goodie boxes with their domestic help at home & also distributed winter clothes, food items, sweets, books etc to several orphanages in association with Sewa Bharti at school. This gesture of kindness can bring smiles to their faces & make our students' Diwali more meaningful.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Sujata Chatterjee, Principal  
Dakshineswar, West Bengal

## Centenary Celebration of Ray

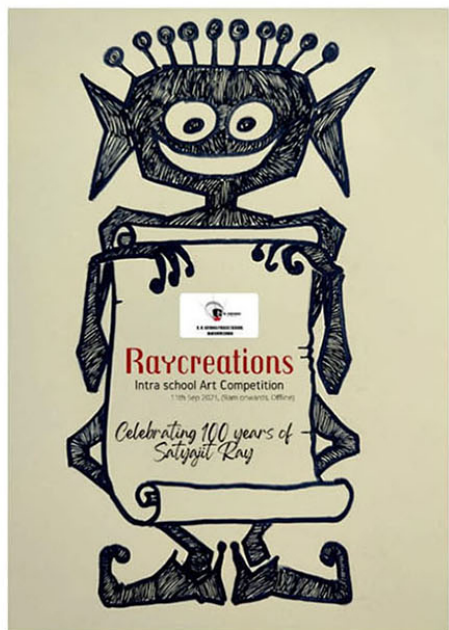
In the month of July this year, we had the notable Centenary Celebration of Satyajit Ray. An Online Music Competition based on the song compositions of Satyajit Ray was held in three categories. Category 1 comprised students from Classes Nursery to Class II. The second Category comprised students of Classes III to V and the third Category of Classes VI to IX. Anshika Nayak of KG D was the winner of the first category; Diptarka Dutta of V B was the winner of the second category and Sansthita Mukhopadhyay of VII B shone bright in the third category as the winner.



DISTINGUISHED GUESTS & JUDGES  
MS. SUJATA CHATTERJEE  
PRINCIPAL, G.D. GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL, DAKSHINESWAR  
DR. ANSHUJITA BHATTACHARYA  
VICE PRINCIPAL, G.D. GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL, DAKSHINESWAR  
DR. PARANITA BACCHIN  
PRIMARY INCHARGE, G.D. GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL, DAKSHINESWAR

**INTRA  
SCHOOL  
MUSIC  
COMPETITION**

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ONWARDS



## Ray Creations

An Illustration Competition was our September challenge. Here Category 1 was Classes VI to VIII and Category 2 was Classes IX to XII. Students took up the challenging task of imitating the illustrations by the celebrated Oscar-winning director of Bengal, Satyajit Ray. Priyasha Bhattacharya VI G and Jayjeet Chatterjee XI A were winners of Group A and Group B of Ray Creations respectively.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Sujata Chatterjee, Principal  
Dakshineswar, West Bengal

## Do...Learn...Grow

The school is proud to mention the achiever of the year 2021, Shreyans Mondal of VII D who stands at Rank One in Science Olympiad Foundation National Science Olympiad and the winner of Spell Bee Competition this year. He won the 10th rank State level Grand Final of WIZ National Spell Bee 2020- 21 and 23rd rank in National Mega Final of WIZ National Spell bee 2020- 21.



## Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

The month of August saw some gorgeous Dance Competitions based on patriotic songs. 'Tiranga' was done by Classes I- III students; 'Azaadi' by students of Classes IV and V and Jayatu Bharatam by students of Classes VI- IX. Tiranga and Azaadi were held on the 13th whereas Jayatu Bharatam on the 14th. Jaanvi Saha of Class III D won the Tiranga Competition; Sonal Gupta V E won Azaadi and Anuhka Digar of VI G and Dyuti Jana of VIII A were winners of Group A and Group B of Jayatu Bharatam respectively.

CLASSES 1, 2 & 3

## TIRANGA

INTRA SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION  
13 August 2021 (Friday) 8:00 pm onwards

**Organized by:**  
GD Goenka Group  
GD Goenka Public School  
Dakshineswar, West Bengal

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CLASSES 4-5

## AZADI

INTRA SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION  
13 August 2021 (Friday) 7:00 pm onwards

**Organized by:**  
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GD Goenka Public School  
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CLASSES 6 - 10

## JAYATU BHARATAM

INTRA SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION  
14 August 2021 (Saturday) 8:00 pm onwards

**Organized by:**  
GD Goenka Group  
GD Goenka Public School  
Dakshineswar, West Bengal

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# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Sonika Sharma, Principal  
Siliguri, West Bengal

## Gyan & Daan Utsav

We celebrated 'Gyan Utsav' and 'Daan Utsav' as a part of our G4H - Goenka for Health, Humanity, Hope and Hygiene. With a vision - "Educate to elevate", the school under the guidance of our Director Principal Ms. Sonika Sharma, initiated NTT-Nursery teacher training for 13 members including the caretakers and F&B team. While the teachers are enhancing their skills through professional development courses and teacher workshops, our caretakers undergo soft skills and communication skills training. Charity and giving is incorporated into the school's mission through our vision of G4H-Goenka for Hope, Humanity, Health and Hygiene. STD XI students initiated 'Toy collection' and organised funds to help children in underprivileged areas. Hygiene Kit distribution and Blood donation camp was also held in the school.



## Goenkan Achievers

The young budding talents of GDGPS have made their mark in all fields, be it Academics or Co-curricular activities. In the recent times the following students have made us proud: State Championship Skating - Ashish Agarwal Std 4 bagged 1 Gold and 2 Silver Medals, Shaurya Kundalia Std 5 bagged 1 Bronze and 1 Silver Medals. Both have qualified for the National round. Swati Agarwal 3rd position in Aaraadhna, a national level Inter School Classical Dance Competition. Ricky Thendup Sherpa won the 40 m cyclathon on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas by Govt. Of Sikkim. Anubhav Basu Std X won gold medal in North Bengal Karate Championship. Riju Dutta and Supratik Banerjee won Bronze medals in the Zonal level and Vignesh Chettri won Bronze medal in Budding Genius National Level in the India Today Young Master Quiz.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Sonika Sharma, Principal  
Siliguri, West Bengal

## Folk Art Fusion

An open-air Folk Art Fusion- The Incredible India was organised by the Art Department on the 17th and 21st of December 2021 for students of STD IX to XII. The exhibition displayed a plethora of student's artwork (paintings) with acrylic colours on Canvas boards. The theme being Folk Art Fusion, there was traditional Indian Art like Kerala Murals, Miniature, Odisha Patachitra made by students in open air amidst the beautiful natural surroundings of the school. The event was loved not only by our young artists but also the spectators who watched them paint with joy in their hearts.



## Vedic Maths Week

The Mathematics Department of GDGPS observed the 'Vedic Maths Week' from 13th September to 16th September, 2021 in all sections, Primary, Middle, Secondary & Senior Secondary by conducting workshops of various levels. Students from all sections participated very enthusiastically and enjoyed the sessions very much. In this workshop students learnt various tricks and techniques of solving complex problems in simple ways. They also actively participated in the questionnaire round at the end of the sessions. After the workshop, the students were motivated to practise and apply the Vedic system of Mathematics in various mathematical computations.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Swati Ahmed, Principal  
Purnea, Bihar

## Science & Tech Exhibition

An Online Science and Tech Exhibition was conducted in the middle school on 20 November 2021. The objective of this event was to promote interest in Science and Technology among the younger generation and encourage scientific and technological creativity among students.

It was also to grade students on practical skills and provide opportunity to students to compete with others. This exhibition provided exploratory experiences, encouraged creative thinking and promoted psychomotor skills among school students through self-designed models.



## Jazz and Jive

Jive is a lively and fast-paced dance that is typically danced to up-beat swing or contemporary music. In the competitive ballroom dancing communities, the Jive is considered a Latin dance, however, it also belongs to the swing dancing family. The health and physical fitness benefits of jazz dance include increased strength, flexibility, coordination, and endurance. The activity proved to be a great learning experience for the students and gave them a platform to explore their talents. To inculcate the value of dance school organised an activity Jazz and jive on 20 November 2021 where little Goenkans from grade 1 to 5 dressed up with beautiful attires and showcased their versatility with their teachers.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Swati Ahmed, Principal  
Purnea, Bihar

## Goenkan Master Chef

Goenkan Master Chef was organised to inculcate healthy food habits and awareness regarding the choice of food among children. Music is the food for the soul but in this case food was like music to the soul. It is an art because it involves all aspects of life which needs to be nurtured in a child. Cooking boosts self confidence and personal development. As suggested by NEP 2020 this collaborative learning activity was planned to promote oral competition, self management and leadership skills in students.



## Donation Drive

True value of one's life can be measured if the person is able to make a significant difference in someone else's life. A Donation Drive was organised from 16 to 21 December 2021, with the help of our kindhearted little Goenkans and staff members. They donated many useful items like rice, clothes, biscuits, soaps & woollen clothes to the less fortunate ones. This activity inculcated the value of kindness, generosity and hope amongst the students and members of the institution.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mr. Madhukar Jha, Principal  
Patna, Bihar

## Aiming for the Bull's Eye!

It gives us immense pleasure as we introduce our Star Rifle Shooter, Samridha Sharan of Grade 10 who brought laurels for GDGPS, Patna in the field of Shooting Sports. Samridha, 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.



## Show and Tell

Grade 5 students seemed overjoyed when the unique activity called 'Show and Tell' was announced to be conducted in the EVS period. The activity was conducted on 21-22 Sep 2021. The entire class participated in the activity with extreme fervour and zeal. The activity was associated with the chapter 'Save Wildlife'. The children made projects highlighting amazing facts about the diverse wildlife. They completed the activity in the class. On completion of the projects, the final display was made and the students shared the facts among their friends.

## Debate Competition

It is far better to debate a doubt without settling it than to settle a doubt without debating it. Debating is one such area that not only gives a boost to the oratory skills of an individual but also develops his/her outlook towards a situation. The department of Social Science organised a Debate Competition for the students of Grades 9 and 10 on 13 August 2021. The topic of the debate was 'Exciting Career Opportunities in Humanities'. The students presented their views and opinions with great intellect and remarkable skills of oration. The event was a great success.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Niharika, Principal  
Bhagalpur, Bihar

## Durga Puja Celebration

On 9th October, an activity was organised for all the students on Durga Puja eve which included making students aware about the origin and importance of Durga puja celebration along with the message behind it. Related pictures and short animated videos were also screened for students. The students were also given a platform to express their own feelings, views on Durga puja and its celebration. Students were also given a chance to display sketches & paintings of Goddess Durga made by them.



## Diwali Celebration

On 1st and 2nd November the school organized activities for all students on the occasion of Diwali and Chhath Puja. Essay writing and speech competition was planned for students above grade II. The essay topic was "How to protect and promote nature". Topic for speech competition was "Diwali, its importance and cause of its Celebration in an Indian society". Students amazed spectators with their thoughts and way of expressions. Sketch & Painting, and Art & craft competitions were also held. Students presented their creations related to Diwali. Certificates were given to the winners as also to participants.

## Christmas Celebration

Christmas was celebrated at GD Goenka, Bhagalpur with a quiz competition based on facts of Christmas and its celebration. Certificates were distributed to the winners. Students also actively showed their interest in expressing their own views on Christmas. There were musical and dramatic performances on the theme of Christmas on stage. Santa of course visited with his bag of goodies for all.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Neera Mudgal, Principal  
Sonepat, Haryana

## Fit India School Week



Physical Education promotes positive self image and good well being! To integrate physical fitness, to alter the behaviour from passive screen time to active field time and to develop sports quotient among all the students, Akam- Fit India School Week 2021 was organised for classes Nursery - XII from 1-10 Dec 2021, wherein a plethora of activities such as traditional games & dances, presentations-cum- lectures, brainstorming activities, yoga and meditation sessions were organised which provided the students a pathway to achieve healthy lifestyle in an innovative way. This also enhanced their self esteem and confidence.

## Dance Competition

Dance is the hidden language of the soul. To hone the dancing skills of the students, an Inter- Class Dance competition was organised on 28-29 Oct 2021 respectively for classes III- XII. It was divided in three categories i.e- Street Jazz (III- V), Classical Jazz (VI- VIII), Broadway (IX- XII). True to theme, the air came alive as the dancers clad in vibrant accoutrements , whirled and twirled to the rhythmic beats of melodious songs and set the floor on fire with their energetic performance which was a reflection of their passion and hardwork. The choreography, rhythm, synchronisation and presentation were laudable and it was a challenge for the judges to select the winners. The Principal, Ms. Neera Mudgal appreciated the efforts of all the participants and encouraged others to be a part of this art form and participate in such events.





# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Neera Mudgal, Principal  
Sonepat, Haryana

## Christmas Celebration



Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. To keep the yuletide spirit high, to spread the joy of festivity and to rejoice the birth of Jesus Christ, a cultural programme was scheduled on 23 December 2021 wherein the students presented a nativity play on the birth of Jesus Christ and the significance of the festival followed up by the dance performances on the tunes of Jingle bells and carol singing. The entire campus was festooned with colourful streamers, stars and a brightly decorated Santa.



## Winter Carnival

Winter Carnival was held on 25 December 2021 in the school grounds where a lively crowd geared up for the celebration of happiness and love. Mr. Nikhil Madaan, Mayor of Sonepat, graced the occasion with his honoured presence and delivered a speech full of motivation to students. It was a perfect destination for everyone to re-kindle their bond with umpteen exciting activities, games, lip smacking food and non stop foot tapping music and dance performances.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dr. Naveen Adlakha, Principal  
Rewari, Haryana

## Independence Day

GDGPS Rewari celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm. The very first performance "Patriotic Song" gave an enthusiastic start to the show and mesmerised everyone. The main attraction of the event was a Patriotic medley and a Short Play "Sapno ka Bharat" which gave goose bumps to the audience and brought tears in their eyes. The play laid emphasis on the casual and irresponsible behaviour of the citizens for their country. It was indeed a memorable day for everyone.



## Janmashtami Celebration

An Illustration Competition was our September challenge. Here Category 1 was Classes VI to VIII and Category 2 was Classes IX to XII. Students took up the challenging task of imitating the illustrations by the celebrated Oscar-winning director of Bengal, Satyajit Ray. Priyasha Bhattacharya VI G and Jayjeet Chatterjee XI A were winners of Group A and Group B of Ray Creations respectively.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dr. Naveen Adlakha, Principal  
Rewari, Haryana

## Children's Day

GDGPS Rewari organised a Fun Fete 2021-22 at its premises on November 13, 2021. The Fun Fete included 13 games stalls, food stalls, fun rides like bull ride, zorbing ball, bouncy and many more. The Fete proved to be a good source of enjoyment for all the students and parents. It also helped them to socialise, meet and interact with others.



## Christmas Celebration

Christmas is a time to give and forgive. Rekindling the same spirit and fervour, students of GDGPS Rewari presented an excellent show on the eve of Christmas. All the students took part in this spectacular show with the theme music. The students sang carols and played instruments. The show also witnessed the blooming buds of Pre-Primary perform with their utmost energy, zeal and vigour. The entire campus was festive with colourful streamers, stars and brightly decorated Christmas trees. At last Santa Claus distributed chocolates and cupcakes to everyone and wished Merry Christmas.

# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Navneet, Principal  
Bahadurgarh, Haryana

## Goenkans Hunt Asteroid

Tushar Kumar of Class X and Khyati Topwal of Class IX of GDGPS marked their names in the scientific hall of fame with regard to space research. The meritorious scholars of our institution have made the provisional and preliminary detection of the Asteroid with respect to the campaign organised by AIASC-NASA. Our School is proud of you and looks up to you as showing a light to fellow students.



## Joy of Giving

Soaking in the spirit of sharing is caring, GDGPS celebrated 'The Joy of Giving Week'. The students and staff were motivated to bring diyas, candles, pulses, rice, wheat flour, biscuits, stationery items, used clothes and toys. The Council Members of the school visited Blind School and Orphanage and donated these items. The excitement of the children had an invigorating effect on the council members who could not hide their happiness while sharing their experience. Everyone participated wholeheartedly in the event and contributed their best.

## Jallianwala Bagh Massacre

April 13, 1919, is a dark day in Indian history. On this day, acting Brigadier-General Reginald Dyer ordered the British Army to shoot mercilessly at the unarmed crowd in Amritsar's Jallianwala Bagh. To pay tribute to all those who lost their lives in Jallianwala Bagh, the incident was enacted by the students of grade X of GDGPS. The play was interlaced with very heart wrenching and iconic moments infused with entertainment. It offered participants the chance to experience the excitement and rewards of theatre arts while developing poise, social skills, confidence and the ability to work with others.



# GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Anuradha Handa, Principal  
Gurugram, Sector 48, Haryana

## Amiable Host

GDGPS was one of the host schools for the 5th Annual IC3 Conference held at Hotel Taj Palace, on the theme "Onward". Our school students gave a brilliant dance performance at the graduation ceremony being presented in the hybrid mode that was witnessed by high school leaders, college counsellors, teachers & university representatives from around 80 countries. Mr. Biswajit Saha, Director (Training & Skill Education) and Mr. Sanyam Bhardwaj, Controller of Examinations, CBSE were the guests of honour. The school also hosted the second edition of Virtual Inter School Competition PRATIBIMB 2021 in which more than 50 schools, with nine hundred participants, were engaged in 30 innovative competitions.



## Career Counselling Series

'I Discover Me' is a unique Stream and Career Guidance Programme that provides personalised experiences to students to understand their compatibility with the potential career options available. Students & parents were taken through Career Exploration, Goal Setting, Decision Making & Guest Speaker Sessions and a session on 'Have I Discovered Myself?' by our school Principal Ms Anuradha Handa. Mr. Deepak Madan, Chief Mentor - Career Launcher, provided an update on emerging career trends and new courses offered by institutes of repute, along with giving guidance on admissions. This was followed by detailed Psychometric Assessments to ascertain students Aptitude, Interest and Personality.

## International Dimension Award

For the second time in a row, the school has been bestowed with the International Dimension in Schools Award for the years 2022-2025 by British Council for presenting an impressive range of seven international projects that were highly appreciated by the assessors encompassing international dimension, conducting research work, collaborating with five international schools and documenting it in an impressive dossier. The school Principal Mrs. Anuradha Handa, IDS Coordinator Ms Shalini Tandon, and the core team, were recognized for their efforts towards completing all projects successfully. The school was awarded the IDS trophy and Certification at the British Council's IDS Award ceremony.



# GD GOENKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Dr. Shilpa Indoria, Principal  
Surat, Gujarat

## A road map to career ahead in USA

A seminar on 'Studying in USA' was organised for the students of grade XI and XII on 23rd Dec. 2021. It is a fact that the ultimate aim of most Indian students is to go abroad for higher studies. But most of the time due to lack of information they are not able to choose a right college and then face lots of difficulties. Ms. Janet Turner, Centre Chief, Sr. Adviser, Mr. Jaydeep Buch, Adviser, Ms. Vaishali Sharma Outreach Coordinator & Business Development Manager of Education USA guided and enlightened the senior students. After the much informative session there was a fruitful round of question answer sessions. Students cleared their doubts and enquired about future prospects.



## Christmas Celebration

School celebrated the red and white Day wherein students and staff came dressed in red and white attire to mark the spirit of Christmas. The value of sharing was emphasised as students shared their home made delicacies with their peers. The Christmas spirits were in the air long before the grand day, as the pre-primary children visited the Lady of Mount Carmel church at Nanpura with their mothers on 22.12.21. At church the tiny tots were explained the message of Christmas by the priest, Father Joseph. Students presented carols followed by a presentation by KG teachers and PVA incharge. Students also donated gifts at the church as a gesture of joy and in the giving spirit of the season.

# GD GOENKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Dr. Shilpa Indoria, Principal  
Surat, Gujarat



## Celebrating Childhood

Children's day, the most awaited time of the year for all the kids to chin-up, smile and celebrate the day specially dedicated to them. The occasion also commemorates the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India who had ardent admiration and love for children. GDGIS, set its tempo for Meet and Greet sessions (offline) through the joyous, fun-filled and action packed Children's day-2021 which are celebrated on 18th November, 2021. A multitude of activities like percussion session, Zumba session, glitter tattoo spot, art corner, kid's circuit station, mud play & many more were open for kids to explore. Students of class PG to II came dressed up as their favourite superhero or fairytale character and were galvanised by the thought of meeting & involving in activities with their classmates and teachers in person.

## Grandparents' Day

Grandparents Day was celebrated on 18 September 2021 with a view to spend quality time with grandparents and make them feel special. The event consisted of a variety of presentations that showcased talents of dancing, singing and acting of children. Grandparents also showcased their verve and liveliness in games and quiz followed by photo session with their grandchildren. The occasion was graced by renowned theatre artists Kapil Dev Shukla and Dr. Hema Shukla.



# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Meeta Dhawan Ohri, Principal  
Dwarka, New Delhi

## Guru Nanak Jayanti

On the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti a special assembly was organised, wherein the students came dressed in traditional Sikh attire. The assembly started by paying floral tribute to Guru Nanak Dev ji followed by information related to his life and teachings. The celebration included PowerPoint presentation on virtual excursion to Gurudwara and Guru Nanak Dev ji's contribution to society. Children recited mool mantra along with teachers. It was a day to remember.



## Teachers' Day

An eternal Guru and guide who can inspire hope and ignite imagination and who's loving arms grows generations is a Teacher. The little Goenkans celebrated the day with great gusto by performing scintillating activities and surprising their teachers. They beautifully denoted their love, respect, acknowledgement and gratitude and made the day memorable. It was a beautiful projection of the student and the teacher relationship.



# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Meeta Dhawan Ohri, Principal  
Dwarka, New Delhi

## Dussehra Celebration

Dussehra also known as Vijaydashami was celebrated by the children on 15th October 2021 with great zeal and enthusiasm to mark the victory of Good over Evil. Three effigies of Meghnath, Kumbhakaran and Ravana were made and the children dressed in the attire of Lord Rama, Sita and Lakshman performed beautifully. The cultural programme started with the welcome song followed by various Art and Craft Activities. Plants were also planted. In the end the celebration concluded with the speech of the Principal. Overall the blended celebration was very enjoyable.



## Gandhi Jayanti

Mahatma Gandhi was born on 2nd October 1869 in Gujarat. A great social reformer, freedom fighter, also known as The Father of the Nation, he saved the country from the clutches of the Britishers. The school took an initiative to celebrate his birth anniversary by helping children with beautiful slogans of independence. Children were dressed as freedom fighters. Beautiful hand made charkha was displayed at the school entrance. We celebrate Gandhi Jayanti to remember and promote all his endeavours and principles.

# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Shivani Rateja, Principal  
Chattarpur, New Delhi



## Janmashtami Celebration

On 27th August, little Goenkans virtually celebrated Krishna Janmashtami with pomp and festivity. Students dressed up as Radha-Krishna, giving a traditional touch to the entire celebration. The story of Lord Krishna was explained with videos and pictures. Teachers performed a Radha-Krishna dance to further invoke the spirit of the celebrations. A few children performed a dance on the theme of Janmashtami while a few of them shared stories and some recited poems and also thoughts on Janmashtami.

Children made beautiful crafts with Matki and decorated them with stars and mirrors. It was a superb show.

## Independence Day

Independence day has a special place in the heart of every Indian. On this patriotic occasion our little Goenkans showcased a colorful spectacle of India's vision on a virtual platform. The children were seen in different freedom fighter attires. Our teachers were also seen in orange, green and white attire. They made a craft of the national flag using the techniques of fingerprinting. They also made beautiful crafts of our national bird Peacock. There was a presentation shown on the national symbols of India, followed by those of national/historic monuments. The virtual class ended by singing the national anthem.



# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Shivani Rateja, Principal  
Chattarpur, New Delhi

## Diwali Celebration

The festival of lights (Diwali) was celebrated virtually on account of the pandemic. It was an exciting experience for the kids as well as the teachers. The session started with a story of Ramayana followed by pictures and videos. All children were dressed in ethnic attire. Children painted diyas with beautiful colors and decorated them with stones. Mouth watering coconut ladoos were made by the children on this auspicious occasion. Lakshmi Ganesh pooja was also performed by the teachers followed by Ganesh aarti. The event concluded with a strong message i.e. Victory of good over evil.



## Christmas Celebration

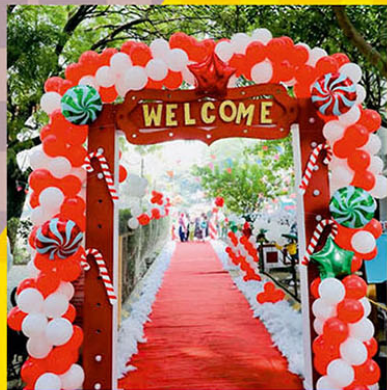
The school celebrated Christmas in the school premises on 18th December with all protocol and COVID precautions. Celebrations began with the story of the birth of Lord Jesus Christ. Our Goenkan made beautiful crafts of Christmas trees followed by very interesting games like musical chairs and treasure hunts. KG class students sang Christmas Carols. Cookie decoration was also a part of this splendid show. Children enjoyed delicious sandwiches, cupcakes and cookies. At last Santa came with jingle bells and distributed lovely goody bags to all children. The boundless joy of celebrating the festival brightened the little faces present there.

# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Hemakshi Gupta, Principal  
Greater Kailash 1, New Delhi

## Christmas Carnival

The month of December brings a lot of warmth, hope and glad tidings. To spread the message of love and good cheer, our school presented Winter Wonderland on the occasion of the world's most loved and celebrated festival, Christmas. As true to every celebration, there was a live music band which sang Christmas Carols. The school lawn looked gorgeous with the Balloons and Shimmering Props. Children enjoyed fun filled games and activities like Balloon Art, Reindeer Game, Stone art, Pottery etc. The entry of Santa Claus took everyone by surprise and was the highlight of the event.



## Feeding Ducks and Rabbits

A fluffy bunny. A clucky duck. You can't miss the delight on a child's face when they interact with animals. Yes, they love furry cuddles and experiencing the different ways that animals look, eat, move, sound and feel - but research shows that animal interaction reduces stress and anxiety and increases motivation and learning. In our school environment, children have opportunities to have direct contact with animals and develop bonds with them. Caring for a pet instills respect for life and an awareness of the needs of others.

# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Hemakshi Gupta, Principal  
Greater Kailash 1, New Delhi

## Nature Love

Our little Goenkans took a great initiative of plantations in the school campus on the occasion of World Soil Day. This is an important step of afforestation to maintain the ecological balance of nature. The benefit of connecting children to nature is conclusive - their social, psychological, academic and physical health is positively impacted when they have daily contact with nature from watering plants to watching bees pollinate a flower, to watching birds chirping as you find nature all around. Nature is a Happy Place for children.



## Children's Day Celebration

14th November is celebrated as Children's Day in India. We tried to make this a memorable day for our little ones. The school was decorated with Balloons. The teachers involved children in various activities like Robotics, Pottery etc. One of our teachers dressed up as Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. Children enjoyed their favorite meal on the school lawn. Our little Goenkans were overwhelmed and enjoyed the day.

# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Mrs. Kamaljeet Kaur Sareen, Principal  
Paschim Vihar, New Delhi



## Togetherness

At our school a major focus area is emphasising on inculcating social relationships in children. We believe in strengthening the bond between a mother and child besides other social relationships. Keeping this motto in our mind we had organised a togetherness event, where parents and the children were invited together. The event was conducted in small batches. They sat together and multiple craft and fun activities were conducted. The day started with prayers and exercise followed by Rhymes and Craft activity which included making school bags. To make it a more enjoyable event, an electric train ride was also there. This event met the objective of togetherness through fun and frolic activities.

## Janmashtami Celebration

A special virtual Janmashtami celebration was held at the school premises in association with the Iskcon Temple-Punajbi Bagh priests. The eighth avatar of Lord Vishnu and the Supreme God in his own right was remembered through various activities like dancing, singing, and shlokas. Children as well as parents also participated with zeal. The tiny ones donned the attire of Lord Krishna and Radha. The life history of Lord Krishna was shown to the children and that gave them the message that "Whenever there will be evil, 'He' will reincarnate to knock down the evil and rescue the good."



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Paschim Vihar, New Delhi

## World Emoji Day

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## Christmas Celebration

Christmas brings cheer and love and we celebrate it with the same fervour, spreading the message of love and joy among our children.

One such initiative was undertaken at our school this year in the form of the 'Joy of giving' activity along with Virtual Christmas celebration. On this day parents dropped their kids' old clothes and blankets, which were distributed among the unprivileged kids. In the virtual Christmas celebration kids were dressed up as Santa and different activities were conducted like muffin decoration, making of greeting cards and singing carols.

# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Meeta Dhawan Ohri, Principal  
Patel Nagar, Delhi

## Christmas Celebration

Christmas Celebration was organized for a week in December this year. The celebration included different art and craft activities and carol singing throughout the week. PowerPoint presentations were also used to give a visual representation of the festival. Along with that Kitchen Activity was also organized which was a yummy treat for all our little Goenkans! An added attraction was the Rhyme Day which was conducted during this festive season. Children presented rhymes related to the Christmas and Winter theme. On 23rd December, students wore beautiful dresses in red & black. The school was decorated beautifully! One could easily notice the excitement of Christmas in the students' eyes. Santa too made a grand entry in the school assembly, carrying a bag full of goodies!! Altogether students had a blast and it was a memorable celebration of the year 2021!!



## Independence Day

India's 75th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. The students and staff were dressed up in tri-coloured clothes and the whole school was decorated beautifully with the colours of the Tricolor. All the students and teachers saluted the flag and the assembly concluded with the National Anthem. To instill a feeling of patriotism, children dressed up as great freedom fighters – Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh, Subash Chandra Bose, etc. and recited their famous slogans spreading the message of peace, non-violence and love for the nation. The students sang patriotic songs glorifying our independence. Kitchen Activity was also conducted in the branch. Children enjoyed the craft activity.





# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Meeta Dhawan Ohri, Principal  
Patel Nagar, Delhi

## Janamashtmi Celebration

Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated with great pomp and fervour by our little Goenkans. To celebrate the extraordinary bond between children and the Almighty, teachers took the opportunity to both jubilate and learn with these young minds. The celebration started with a PowerPoint presentation explaining to them about the importance of the festival. Dressed as Radha and Krishna, the cute little Goenkans added a traditional touch to the entire celebrations when they danced to the beats of Janmashtami songs, filling the air with joy and festive spirit. The most significant event of the programme was "Dahi Handi", organized for our little ones. Craft activity "Flute Making" was done with the students, which was their takeaway of the day!!



## Orange Day

Orange colour day was celebrated with zest. The little Goenkans were dressed in vibrant shades of orange and learnt many things about the orange color. The children were asked to bring various orange coloured objects and the classrooms looked beautiful decorated with orange colour objects like balloons and soft toys. Various activities involving orange colour were performed. The children of Nursery and Kindergarten introduced and identified various objects with orange colour. The colour represents the health and energy of our kids.



# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Deepika Arya, Principal  
Pitampura, New Delhi

## Halloween Day

Halloween day was celebrated on 29 October 2021, Friday. Students were super excited for the celebration. They dressed up as different characters like zombie, vampire, cowboy, horse, superhero etc. for the celebration and they enjoyed scaring their classmates with their scary expressions. Students enjoyed making the craft for Halloween and they played fun games at the end of the session. Students were told about Halloween in detail by the teachers.



## Diwali Celebration

Diwali was celebrated on 2 November 2021, Tuesday. Diwali is an auspicious festival which was celebrated with great fervour. We ensured that the virtual platform did not deprive the children of any fun and festivity. The online session started with Diwali Pooja. Students did proper Diwali pooja with thalis which had flowers and sweets. All the students were looking stunning in their Indian attire - girls in Indian suits and boys in kurta pyjamas. An animated story was shown to students on the importance of Diwali and why it is celebrated. They were explained as to what all is done for Diwali like cleaning the house, visiting relatives & friends, buying new clothes, sweets etc. Children were made aware about the need to control pollution by not burning crackers.

# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Deepika Arya, Principal  
Pitampura, New Delhi

## Christmas Celebration

An event "Meet & Greet Santa" was organised in school on 24 December 2021, Friday. All the students dressed up in red or white dress for the event. Some students even dressed up as Santa. Children got pictures clicked with their friends at the beautiful selfie corner. They also enjoyed getting tattoos made on their hands and learned new magic tricks from the magician after thoroughly enjoying the magic show. Many fun games were organised for students like feed the snowman, tumbler stacking, bowling, reindeer nose pasting etc. Students also enjoyed dancing with their parents and friends on Christmas songs.



## Fun under sun

An event "Fun under sun" was organised so that students could interact with their peer group. Children visited the school with their mothers for this event. They enjoyed playing with their friends on swings. They heard an interesting story of "The Hungry Caterpillar" with the prop of a caterpillar. Students were super excited to hold this prop and show it to their friends. They made a caterpillar craft which they carried home to show to their family members. They played with the blocks and enjoyed making towers with their friends.

# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Bharti Bhasin, Principal  
Sonepat, Haryana

## Teachers' Day

Teacher's Day is a great occasion for celebrating and enjoying the relationship between teachers and their students. The influence of a good teacher can never be erased. To keep this spirit high, an online program was held by the school for their students to make them aware about the importance of teachers. Children enjoyed the various activities and also dressed up like teachers. They thanked teachers by expressing their gratitude.



## Gandhi Jayanti

We should always choose the right path and speak the truth. Let us all follow the path of truth and wisdom and pay homage to the Father of our Nation. To keep this spirit high, the school celebrated the National festival through an online program. Teachers explained to the students about Gandhi ji's ideology of peace, non-violence and his idea of swachhta. Children enjoyed craft activities and dressed up as Gandhi ji. This small effort by the teachers made them more aware about the Father of our Nation, his ideas and philosophy.

# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

Ms. Bharti Bhasin, Principal  
Sonepat, Haryana

## Diwali Celebration

Shine like sparklers, Glow like the lamp of candles and burn all the negativity like crackers. To keep this spirit high, to spread the light of joy and happiness among children, a cultural programme was scheduled in the school premises. The programme was started by welcoming the little Goenkans with 'Tilak'. After that teachers explained to them the importance of the festival, that it spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness. Children decorated diyas, enjoyed craft activities and made beautiful rangolis. They also worshipped Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Ganesha. The teachers and the children enjoyed the celebration wholeheartedly.



## Christmas Celebration

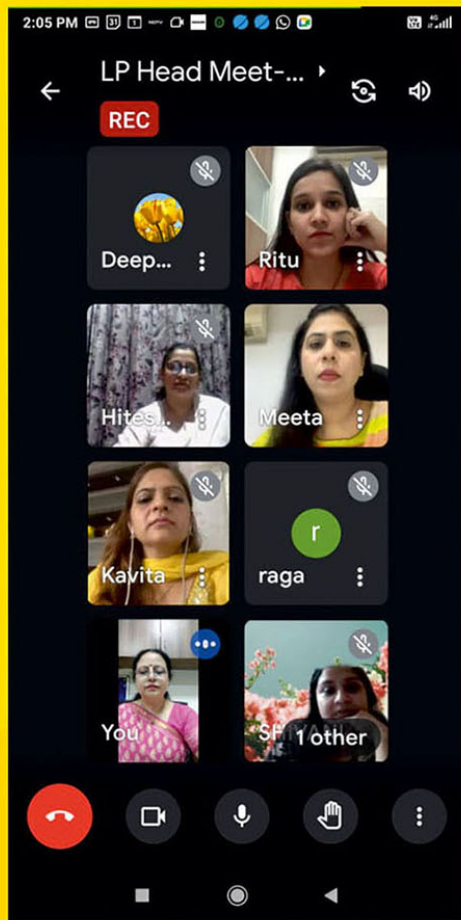
Christmas is the day that holds all the time together. May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve. To keep the spirits high, to spread the joy of festivity and to rejoice the birth of Jesus Christ, a small effort was done by the teachers for our little Goenkans through a visual programme. Children enjoyed various activities like making chocolate balls, doing craft activities, a story session along with Christmas carols and dancing. It was a great programme and both the teachers and students enjoyed it immensely.

# GD GOENKA LA PETITE

## Annual Heads' Meet GD Goenka La Petite Preschools

7th July 2021 was the day to meet the Heads of GD Goenka La Petite schools virtually for an Annual Heads' Meet. Coping with the testing times and knowing that we are all there for each other, gave a lot of solace to the team members. **Every one shared the new acquired skills and innovative ways to keep our children engaged and motivated. Positivity in midst of the pandemic was endearing.**

Teaching very young children via online medium wasn't easy. It required more effort from the facilitator and active involvement of the parent. **Our schools witnessed tandem between the caretaker at home and at school and the results were evident.** The children eventually learnt to comprehend the instructions given by their teachers and with parents' assistance, we ensured that there is no learning loss. **"When the going gets tough, the tough get going".**



# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Mamata Guha Roy, Principal  
Guwahati, Assam

## Parents' Day

Parents Day is celebrated on 25 July every year, to appreciate all parents in all parts of the world, for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship. Our school celebrated Parents Day through a virtual function. Parents and kids played a reverse role play activity. It was very joyful to see kids enacting the role of Mom or Dad and the parents playing the role of the kids. The activity helped us understand how children emulate their parent's actions and behaviours.



## Navratri Celebration

On 9 October 2021, our school conducted a virtual Navratri Celebration. All the students and parents were part of this virtual Navratri celebration. Children dressed in festive Indian attire added spark to the event. They were told the significance of Navratri followed by the performance of children to various rhythmic tunes of Garba & Dandiya. The virtual event concluded with a dance recital by the educators which the children enjoyed immensely.

## Diwali Celebration

The COVID 19 pandemic could not dampen the Diwali spirit. Our school celebrated Diwali in its true spirit in the virtual mode on 2 November 2021. The highlight of the celebration was the story of Ramayana enacted by our educators. The school was decorated with diyas and Rangoli. Diya decoration and Rangoli competition was organised for the children. The participants and winners were also awarded certificates and trophies.



## Independence Day

Independence Day is one of the important national festivals of our country. Each year on 15 August we celebrate the day we became an independent nation by hoisting the National Flag. This year we organised a virtual celebration of the 75th Independence Day of India wherein, children and educators were dressed in either white or tri coloured dress. The virtual celebration began with the singing of the National Anthem. The educators then spoke about the significance of Independence Day followed by the children singing and dancing to the tune of various patriotic songs.



# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Mrs. Meenakshi Phulera, Principal  
Akhnoor, Jammu and Kashmir

## Grandparents' Day

Teachers, historians, playmates, mentors, nurturers, spiritual guides, caregivers the list is endless when it comes to the role being played by our grandparents in our lives. The toddlers from our school celebrated Grandparents Day to express their gratitude for all that their grandparents do for them. The little Goenkans made beautiful cards and badges. They recited poems, danced and made their dada- dadi, nana- nani dance as well. Goenkan tots also walked the ramp with them. These heartwarming gestures by the toddlers surely made this Grandparents' Day worth cherishing and etched an everlasting mark in the memories of their grandparents.



## Janmashtami Celebration

We believe in the importance of celebrating Indian festivals along with imbibing the teachings disguised in them. Hence, we endeavour to impart moral lessons by way of organising various events on the day of festivals. For Janmashtmi, our teachers did the decor and stage setting for a Puppet Show, prepared hand made puppets and recorded an appealing video of eight minutes for the virtual platform of the school. This puppet show was followed by a special assembly by Pre- Nursery students. From swallowing mud to showing the whole universe being engulfed in his mouth, the characters were perfectly played by our tiny tots. The expressions alongside their innocent voices stole the show for sure!!



# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Mrs. Meenakshi Phulera, Principal  
Akhnoor, Jammu and Kashmir

## Drawing & Colouring Competition

We explore We learn We create! The simple activity of colouring or drawing not only helps children develop fine motor skills but also keep them entertained for longer duration. They can freely express their thoughts and ideas through creative arts. Drawing and Colouring competition was organised virtually for the toddlers of Akhnoor. The beautiful drawings by KG, and Colouring by Pre- Nursery and Nursery students, clearly spoke about their love for colours and art. They not only drew planet Earth but also beautiful landscapes and nature at its best. Every participant was awarded with a certificate of appreciation and participation.



## Rhyme Recitation Competition

Rhyme recitation helps children to experience the rhythm of the language, develop oratory skills, builds confidence, self expression and much more. The little Toddlers from Pre - Nursery and Nursery participated in Rhyme recitation competition with zeal and enthusiasm. They were judged on parameters like clarity of speech, props used, expressions etc. All the toddlers were appreciated for their participation and winners were awarded with e-certificates. Irrespective of the platform being virtual, the participation of these toddlers was remarkable.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Anshu Gupta, Principal  
Vikas Nagar, Jammu

## Christmas Celebration

Christmas celebration at our school was virtually organized on 24 Dec 2021. Students were dressed as Santa and sang Christmas songs, with their pockets full of gifts and candies. They also decorated their trees with glitter and lights. One could easily notice the excitement of Christmas in their eyes. The teacher talked about the importance and significance of the festival. The program ended with a hands-on activity - making a snowman. We wished each other a Merry Christmas.



## Fireless Cooking

Our students donned their virtual Chef Caps to exhibit their culinary skills in "Cooking without Fire" held on 12 Nov 2021. Children participated with full zeal and enthusiasm. Artefacts and food items displayed were a visual treat and were presented in an artistic and aesthetic style. Teachers interacted with the budding chefs about the ingredients of the recipes and their nutritional value. They also taught them how to wash as well as measure and count the basics of vegetables and fruits. The event not only provided a platform for the students to foster their thinking, creativity, and decision making skills but also helped them explore their hidden talent and discover new areas of interest.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Anshu Gupta, Principal  
Vikas Nagar, Jammu

## Diwali Celebration

This year's Diwali celebration was really different as the pandemic saw us locked in our homes. In spite of this Diwali was happily celebrated virtually on 1 November 2021. The house of the kids was lit with beautiful diyas, lights and rangoli. A pooja was conducted by the teachers followed by giving them lessons on the importance and significance of this holy festival. Children were dressed beautifully. Sweets and firecrackers were one of the main interests. The celebration ended with a beautiful craft activity of Diya Making using Paper Origami. Teachers also urged them to celebrate an eco-friendly and safe Diwali.



## Janmashtami Celebration

To seek the blessings of Lord Krishna, Janmashtami was celebrated on 27 August 2021 with mirth and joy. To celebrate the extraordinary bond between children and the Almighty, we took the opportunity to both jubilate and learn with young minds. The students dressed up as Lord Krishna and Radha, complete with flutes, peacock feathers and matkas. A lot of fun activities like dancing, matka making and decoration happened. The event ended with the words of the Principal, who gave them the message of looking ahead instead of reminiscing about the past. Her words truly summed up the efficacy of virtually celebrating festivals of devotion and obedience towards their parents and teachers.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Saima Mir, Principal  
Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

## Cultural Fest

On 27 January 2021, a colourful cultural fest was organised. The school was decorated with traditional items. The program commenced with an introductory speech by one of the teachers; home-room of the Nursery group, followed by the speech of KG students on various traditional items used in Kashmiri culture like Kashmiri Shawl, Carpet, Kangri. The traditional items showcased by students were a perfect icing on the cake. The conclusion of the event was marked by the performance of teachers on the Kashmiri Rouf Song. There was a prize session. The function revealed many aspects of our culture before the students. The cultural day was truly celebrated in its full spirit.



## Children's Day

Our school witnessed a very beautiful celebration of this year's children's day. The celebrations were exclusively staged by teachers and the whole school was decorated with colourful balloons. The celebrations began with a warm welcome from the Centre Head. One of the teachers enacted the character of Mickey and entertained students by dancing and laughing with them. The little munchkins were fascinated as a group of teachers surprised them by dancing on some beautiful songs. The importance of this celebration was also explained to the children by teachers in a group. The celebrations were concluded by gathering all the students in the lawn area and playing music on which all the children danced. Gifts were also distributed among the children.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Saima Mir, Principal  
Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

## Christmas Celebration

On 25 December 2021 the school celebrated both Christmas & New year. The celebrations took place in the school's activity room; the room was decorated with stars and balloons and streamers. The celebrations began with decorating the Christmas tree. The participation was from both the students as well as teachers. Painting competitions, singing Christmas carols, photo sessions and many other activities took place at the event. Gifts were distributed by secret Santa. Children dressed up in red and white Christmas attires and looked pretty with innocent smiles. It was a fun-filled event.



## Graduation Day

Illuminated with the shining faces of the Nursery group, the school celebrated its first ever graduation day ceremony on 20 December 2021. Tiny tots were dressed up with theme-based activities. The celebrations began with the school prayer. The outgoing batch enchanted the audience with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Another child narrated a moral-based story from the 'Pepper series'. After this, the KG group gave a mesmerising performance on their favourite rhymes. The munchkins also shook a leg on one of the popular numbers "Taare Zameen Par". The most important part of the day was the conferring of graduation certificates on these little ones by the Centre Head which was indeed a heart touching and proud moment for teachers and parents. These little munchkins looked very cute in handmade graduation caps, carrying graduation scrolls with their tiny hands. The graduation day concluded with a photo session.



# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Kriti Arora, Principal  
Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

## Undo - Redo Camp

If you don't choose to reuse, our planet will lose! The purpose of the camp was to create a recycling program and teach young ones the concept of the three R's & waste segregation. As a part of the day a "Costume Show - Dress out of waste" was organized. The students were creatively dressed up. The efforts taken by the parents were really admirable.

The camp involved hands-on recycled projects as well, which children made with the help of their teachers and parents. Overall it was a great opportunity to teach children about the importance of recycling and living an eco-friendlier lifestyle.



## Diwali Celebration

Our school celebrated the festival of lights in the school premises along with the tiny tots. All the teachers and the students came dressed in their best ethnic attire. Teachers explained the importance of Diwali, that the festival signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and hope over despair. Craft activity was organized for the little ones and the teachers made rangoli on the floor using vibrant colours. Students were encouraged to celebrate the festival without causing any harm to the environment. Thereby, a message of green and clean Diwali was conveyed to the children.



# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Kriti Arora, Principal  
Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

## The Ramayana Puppet Show

It's said "Children are not vessels to be filled but lamps to be lit". This Diwali, we tried to enlighten their minds with our Puppet Show - Ramayana, A Story of Diwali !! It was great to see how kids can very quickly learn and understand about the glories of Lord Rama. The Ramayana is not just a story, but also an educational medium to demonstrate the importance of values. In fact Nothing is better than puppets to teach these moral values. Role Play Activity by the kids was a cherry on the cake. Children enacted different characters of Ramayana with great confidence and justified the characters.



## Stem Week

In an effort to boost students' interest and raise parents' awareness of STEM education, an Online Program- Stem Week was conducted for class Nursery & KG. It was an amplifying opportunity for little Goenkans to perform exciting hand-on experiments. The program included.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Sangeeta Awasthi, Principal  
Lucknow, Indira Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

## Diwali Celebration

This day started with Lord Ganesha & Goddess Lakshmi puja in which children offered flowers, and sweets to the Deities. Aarti was sung by all the kids, post which they were given Prasad. Children also decorated earthen lamps with mirrors, sequins, glitter etc. They were told in brief about Diwali - Festival of Lights and were requested not to burn crackers in order to keep our environment clean.



## Children's Day

Children were made aware why this day is celebrated across India. They were told a short story about "Chacha Nehru" and his unconditional love towards kids. This day was a fun filled day in which the children enjoyed dance moves on their favourite songs and enjoyed their favourite food. They also made Children's Day cards.



# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Sangeeta Awasthi, Principal

Lucknow, Indira Nagar, Uttar Pradesh



## Christmas Celebration

On this day the children were told a Christmas story. This was followed by the surprise entry of Santa Claus who came with lots of candies, sweets, and gifts for the little ones which brought a big smile on each and every little face. The little ones performed on jingle bells song along with Santa and had a party having their favourite snacks.



## Awareness of Physical Fitness

Fitness helps to improve the immune system and one should work for mental fitness. The children were taught how to perform daily activities along with warm up exercises. They were taught how doing regular exercise, taking proper rest and a healthy diet improves their overall wellness.



# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Sumi Ghosh, Principal

Lucknow, Gomati Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

## Gross Motor Skill

Students participated in the Gross Motor Skill Evaluation program initiated Online which included aspects such as Running, Jumping, Catching, Crawling, Balancing, Hopping and Walking. Parents were requested to facilitate tasks for their wards given by the school by taking them to open areas/garden/lawn/park to check their gross motor skills under set conditions. They had to make their ward perform a few timed actions on the above aspects and upload the video for evaluation by teachers. The event witnessed a very heartening response and parents appreciated this initiative of GDGTH. Analyses were conveyed online to parents which proved an eye opener for many.



## Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is a wonderful time to cherish the bonds we share with our grandmothers and grandfathers. This event was the first offline interaction with students after COVID restrictions were lifted and saw enthusiastic participation by many grandparents. Seeing grandparents with little grandchildren holding hands, sitting, talking and laughing together was awesome. Kids and grandparents participated in play dough activity, colouring theme based sheets, guessing tunes of old songs etc. A stall was put up by teachers and students containing gift hampers containing hand painted glass jars (by students) and crafts which were handed over to all grandparents.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Sumi Ghosh, Principal

Lucknow, Gomati Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

## Christmas Celebrations

Christmas brings cheer and love and we celebrate it with fervour, spreading the message of peace, harmony and joy among our students. Week-long celebrations were organised for children. Our KG and Nursery toddlers performed a Christmas skit and danced to joyful tunes. Pre-nursery kids also enthusiastically danced on stage. A decorated & vibrant Xmas tree was the centre of attraction along with Santa who interacted with the kids and gifted them their goodie bags. Singing of carols was done by teachers. Christmas cake, candy floss, popcorn & red balloons were the additional attractions for little Goenkans.



## Diwali Celebration

Diwali was celebrated by us as a five-day festival. The significance of Diwali was explained to all the children. Students painted their own clay diyas. Rangoli patterns were made outside front doors. New diwali cards were also made by them. The entire school was decorated with lamps and coloured lights & diyas. Kids wore vibrant dresses and participated in games such as musical chairs, paper dance and 'passing the parcel'. They also lit the fire sticks cheering "HAPPY DIWALI". Gifts & sweets were enjoyed by all. A charity box was kept outside for people to donate generously for old age homes.



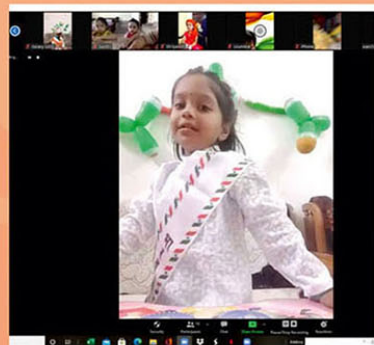
# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Deepti Bhatt Roy, Principal

Lucknow, Eldeco, Uttar Pradesh

## Environmental Week

The need of the hour is to adequately sensitise our students towards preserving mother nature. Keeping this in mind, the children were made aware about the importance of controlling pollution. Putting first things first, the students were asked to water the existing plants in the school premises. Seeds of seasonal flowering plants were also sown by kids in earthen pots. The teachers explained at length, the workable ways of minimising the menace of pollution, like use of paper bags, recycling of water, pooling in of vehicles, etc. The activities executed have surely made the desired impact on the young minds towards being sensitive on the issue.



## Independence Day

The freedom that we enjoy today wasn't just served to us on a platter. Many of our Freedom Fighters had to make the supreme sacrifice for the cause. In order to instill the importance of the day within our students, various activities were conducted for them. All students arrived in the school in the attire of famous Freedom Fighters like Rani Lakshmi Bai, Subhash Chandra Bose, Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel etc. They also narrated famous slogans of these Freedom Fighters. Dance performances by kids on patriotic songs delivered the additional punch towards making the activities more fun filled. Importance of the day was also explained to students by the teachers. These events have largely impacted our young minds in better comprehension of the essence of the word Freedom, which they swore to uphold at all costs and against all odds.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Deepti Bhatt Roy, Principal

Lucknow, Eldeco, Uttar Pradesh



## Children's Day

The day's importance and its connection with one of our prominent leaders Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru was aptly brought out through various activities which the students participated in. Firstly, the entire school premises was vividly decorated on a birthday theme. This gave our students a feel that the day holds special importance to the children. Subsequently, cake cutting was organised, followed by the conduct of exciting games, dance and other fun and frolic activities. A packet of sweets served as an icing on the cake, before the students went back to their homes.

## Dussehra Celebration

The importance of Dussehra which epitomises the victory of good over evil was well comprehended by our students through the conduct of various activities. A short story revolving around Lord Rama and the 10 headed evil monster Ravana was narrated by teachers. For better comprehension, a relevant video was also screened for the students. Children were initially made to blow ten balloons symbolising ten heads of Ravana and later instructed to burst the balloons one by one, symbolising the fall of evil. Dandiya dance was also done by kids. Similar activities were also held in online classes.



# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Shivangi Jain, Principal  
Agra, Uttar Pradesh

## Ganesh Chaturthi

The festival of Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with great pomp and show on 11 September 2021. As all the toddlers were joining the school event after a very long time, and because for some it was the very first time, we made sure that they enjoyed it to the fullest. We planned various fun activities that started with one to one interaction, where kids introduced themselves and showcased their talent by singing, dancing, poem recitation & story telling of their choice. Activities were planned class-wise which included pasta necklace, shape cutouts jewellery, Ganesh picture puzzle making and DIY Ganesh Mask.

A special session on eco-culture was organised by the teachers which excited everyone.



## Children's Day

The event began with a story narration on 'Why Children's Day is celebrated every year' followed by a cake cutting ceremony. Thereafter events started with Pom-Pom transferring(number)activity followed by DIY Lion Paper Bag Making and 'Bunny loves carrot' race. Kids enjoyed themselves to their fullest and did not want to stop. Lastly, gifts were distributed to children and refreshments were served. Indeed the smiles on their faces were priceless.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Shivangi Jain, Principal  
Agra, Uttar Pradesh

## Show and Tell

A Show & Tell Event was organised for all the classes on 26 November 2021. The theme of the event was 'My Favourite Fruit/Vegetable'.

It was a pleasure to see the little toddlers dressed up as their favourite fruit/vegetable. Pre Nursery and Nursery children recited rhymes while KG students enacted and spoke a few lines. The children were confident and it was a delight to watch them perform so gracefully.



## Christmas Celebration

Christmas was celebrated on 17 December 2021. The celebrations started with a story narration on the birth of Lord Jesus Christ. The children together decorated the Christmas tree with ornaments and sang Christmas carols and danced to the beats of their favourite songs. A Christmas-tree craft activity was also conducted by the teachers. The kids even had the chance to meet Santa and were too excited to click pictures and enjoy themselves with him. The event concluded with the distribution of chocolates and gifts by Santa to the little toddlers.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Neha Narayan, Principal  
Patna, Bihar

## Diwali Celebration

Our little Goenkans celebrated Diwali on 4 November 2021. Rangoli making & Diya decoration competitions were organised on our school premises. All students enthusiastically participated & enjoyed the celebration.



## Christmas Celebration

Christmas was celebrated on 25 December 2021 to usher in the holiday spirit. If there is no competition there is no progress, so we organised a story telling competition. A variety of stories were narrated by all students according to their choice. It was a good learning experience for everyone. The school was decorated in the colours of Christmas, and Santa visited with his bag of goodies.



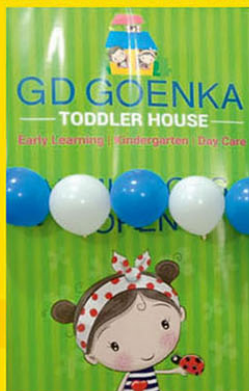
# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Neha Narayan, Principal  
Patna, Bihar



## Drawing Competition

Our school organised a Drawing Competition on 26 November 2021 in which students displayed their creativity with crayons, brush and colours. Students from each class participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. A certificate of Merit was awarded to the three best students & the rest were awarded with complimentary gifts.



## Children's Day

Children's Day was celebrated with great fervour on 14 November, 2021. Dance presentations, games and fun activities adorned the day. It was a day full of the fun and magic of childhood as the air reverberated with the happy voices of the children.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Mrs. Samriddhi, Principal  
Zirakpur, Punjab

## Eco Friendly Dussehra Celebration

An Eco friendly Dussehra celebration was held at school. The little ones gathered in their best traditional attires and were excited to see the giant balloon Ravana standing in the school garden. They enjoyed bursting the balloons of Ravana. There was delicious food for everyone to make the party better and happier. Little ones made Ravana in creative ways and made their teachers and paren proud. Teachers narrated the story of Ramayana with the help of Popsicles. It was a fun celebration on the occasion of Dussehra.



## Grandparents' Day

Whether maternal or paternal, grandparents have a very important role to play in their grandchildren's lives. The parents of both the families are equally cherished and loved and yearn to be with the little darlings. On the occasion of Grandparents Day teachers planned lots of fun games and surprises with Little Goenkans for their beloved Grandparents and indeed it was a fun filled day. For memories, planters were gifted to grandparents. It was a lovely event with a thoughtful social initiative. It was also celebrated to express the significance of grandparents in the lives of our children.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Mrs. Samriddhi, Principal  
Zirakpur, Punjab

## Science Exhibition

It's amazing to see little minds at work! An important part of learning is in actually performing, observing and concluding with experiments. Our children were given an opportunity to learn and perform several activities during Science week when the school organised a science exhibition where students of K.G-Little Ducklings explained and presented their favourite science experiments with enthusiasm. We are proud of our Little Einsteins.



## Sports Day

Sports is an important aspect of every being's life that helps in improving our health as well as teaching us some good qualities like discipline, hard work, patience, respect, Team work etc. Like every year we celebrated Sports Day on Children's Day. On this day we took a break from our daily academic school schedule and gathered on School ground in an integrated manner to participate in games and have fun. We teach not to dwell on the winning or losing aspect of sports, instead encouraging our students to participate more in gaining experience and attaining a better sense of sportsman spirit. It is our tradition to award every child with a Gold medal and celebrate their efforts for participation.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Mrs. Sangeeta, Principal  
Bhiwani, Azad Nagar, Haryana

## Christmas Celebration

Christmas is a time of fun, hope and joy for all the children around the world and we celebrated it with the same fervour on 24 December 2021. The school was decorated with balloons of red, green and white colours. A Christmas tree was decorated with toys, flowers, stars and gifts. A snow man was also made by the teachers. The day commenced by seeking blessings of the Almighty. All the children danced to the tunes of exciting Christmas carols. Christmas cakes were distributed to the students. The function ended with the arrival of Santa Claus who gave blessings to the children and distributed gifts among them.



## Red Colour Day

Our students celebrated Red Colour Day on 12 November 2021. All the little angels had dressed up beautifully in red clothes. The school was decorated with red balloons. The teachers also dressed in red-coloured clothes. The day continued with the introduction of Red colour and activities related to the colour red. Even the treats given to the students were red in colour. A lovely day passed by with the children getting introduced to the colour of love - Red!

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Mrs. Sangeeta, Principal  
Bhiwani, Azad Nagar, Haryana

## Visit to Plant Nursery

Learning in the lap of mother nature is the best way of learning. The tiny tots of our school visited a plant nursery on 12 November, 2021. There the students learnt a lot about plants. They saw different varieties of plants and flowers and the various tools that are required in gardening. Different parts of plants were introduced to them and they were told about their specific functions. They also learnt how manure is formed with the help of dried leaves and cow dung. Refreshments were distributed to the children. It was a fantastic visit that enabled the students to learn about plants in a play way method.



## Navami Celebration

Maha Navami is the ninth day of the Durga Puja festival. This year on 14 October 2021, the festival was celebrated by our little Goenkans. The day started with the offering of flowers to Goddess Durga. The school was decorated beautifully. Dandiya dance was organized by the school during which one could hear the constant noise of sticks and dhols that day. All the students were dressed in traditional attire. A lunch party was also organized by the school. Diya Decoration Activity was also organized for the students.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Roli Mishra, Principal  
Bhiwadi, Arawali Vihar, Haryana

## Christmas Celebration

Christmas celebration in our school was organized on 23-24 December 2021. The young ones participated in the craft activity in which they made Santa Claus using Red & white paper. Cake decoration activity also filled the kids with immense joy. On 24 December, an excursion to a church was also organized. Children got excited when Santa arrived at the church and distributed sweets among the students. The story of the birth of Jesus Christ and his teachings was also told to the kids, so as to encourage them to always do the right things in their lives.



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## Dining Etiquette

It is never too early to start teaching your kids basic table manners. The aim of the activity was to equip them with tools that will instill social confidence in them and will help them to grow into polite and respectful adults. During this session, the children practiced correct table setting procedures that are used during meals. The teachers told the students about various skills to be followed while eating, such as not to talk while eating, holding a fork and spoon in the correct hands, use of Table Mats and Napkins. This fun-filled activity really helped the children to learn basic dining etiquettes which they enjoyed wholeheartedly.

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Ms. Roli Mishra, Principal  
Bhiwadi, Arawali Vihar, Haryana

## Guru Nanak Jayanti

Our little Goenkans celebrated Guru Nanak Jayanti with great zeal and enthusiasm. A visit to the Gurudwara Sahib was organized on 18 November 2021. A story about the life of Guru Nanak Dev Ji was told to the young ones and they were encouraged to follow the teachings of Guru sahib which includes kirat karo (do hard work honestly), Naam japo (pray to God), and wand chako (share with the needy).



## Pink Day

To bring enormous joy among the tiny tots of GD Goenka Toddler House, Pink day was celebrated in the school premises on 9 december 2021. The aim of the activity was to introduce this vibrant colour to the young ones. It was wonderful to see the children bloom and blossom in different shades of Pink. Art and craft activity was also performed by the tiny tots using pink colour papers. The blooming buds enjoyed a lot and simultaneously understood the aesthetic sense of the colour Pink .



# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Mrs. Anamika, Principal  
Rohtak, Haryana



## Janmashtami Celebration

The birthday of Lord Krishna was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm on 30 August 2021. All the staff and the students joined this program. The program was addressed with a warm welcome given by the Principal. The idol of Lord Krishna was worshipped by everyone with prodigious devotion. The students were beautifully dressed as Krishna and Radha. The children performed various cultural programmes and dances on the stage and added dazzle to this celebration. The whole school was beautifully decorated with mango leaves and flower garlands.

## Haryana Day

Haryana Day was celebrated on 1 November 2021. The festival is celebrated to commemorate the day when the state of Haryana was carved out of Punjab in 1966. All the staff and the students joined and celebrated Haryana Day enthusiastically. The program was addressed by the Director, Mr. Balraj Singh. After that a speech was delivered by the Principal, Mrs. Anamika Balhara and Ms. Kalayani Samanta. The students were beautifully dressed up in Haryanvi costumes and performed a cultural program. The teachers showed the glimpses of Haryana through Haryanvi Dance. The whole school was beautifully decorated.





# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Mrs. Anamika, Principal  
Rohtak, Haryana

## Fancy Dress Competition

To enhance creativity, imagination and build confidence a Fancy Dress event was conducted for the students of Pre-nursery, Nursery and KinderGarten on 14 December 2021. The students participated in huge numbers and showcased their versatility with the help of the character chosen. They were all smartly dressed up and took part with much enthusiasm. The students presented themselves by sharing information about the characters they depicted. This way the students could explore their hidden Talent and groom their personalities as well. Prizes and participation certificates were distributed on the same day. The event concluded with the encouraging words of the teachers in-charge who appreciated the admirable performances of the students and the efforts taken by their parents.



## Christmas Celebration

Christmas celebration was organised on 24 December 2021. The entire school was beautifully decorated with glitter, lights and various kinds of balloons. All the staff and the students were in red attire. Many students dressed up as Santa Claus. One could easily notice the excitement of Christmas in the students' eyes. Some students had brought candies and Christmas gifts for their friends. All students were assembled in the AV Room for singing Christmas carols together along with a variety program. It was a fun-filled day for the students. At the end of the program, the Principal distributed cake, sweets and presents to all the students and staff along with a Christmas card wishing them all a "merry Christmas".

# GD GOENKA TODDLER HOUSE

Mrs. Ritu, Principal  
Hisar, Haryana

## Pool Party

Though this has been a trying time for both individuals and institutions we tried to open the school with the best of our efforts. To promote the idea of children being free and independent, we started school with post holi celebrations and let children interact freely and enjoy their very first pool party at school.



## Mother's Day Celebration

Children brought their mothers during the online sessions and their mothers helped them with Mother's Day card making using colours of their choices. They thanked their mothers for always being there for them. With their little cute expressions, excitement and love, children presented cards to their mothers.



## Independence Day

15 August- Independence day is the biggest and the most important day for every Indian. Children were told as to how with great hardship and valour we achieved independence, and why we celebrate INDEPENDENCE DAY, during our online session. Every child prepared a patriotic song and poem of their choice. Children attended the session wearing tri- coloured dresses. It was a beautiful sight to see them all excited to be a part of the event.

## Diwali Celebration

The children tried their hands at decorating diyas with different colours and they were also shown the story of Lord Ram and told why we celebrate diwali. It was a spectacular view to see kids enjoying the songs played, and their individual performances wearing Indian ethnic clothes made the day even more special.



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# GD GOENKA HEALTHCARE

Mr. Mohit Mehra, Chief Executive Officer



## Training Centers

In India, there is a lot of room to expand healthcare services penetration, which means there's a lot of room for the healthcare industry to grow, especially in the field of paramedics and allied healthcare. With a deficit of over 2 million skilled healthcare employees, the sector is expected to grow to 15 million in the next decade. Thus GD Goenka Healthcare Academy has expanded its presence across India at around 20+ new locations, and still counting, to satisfy the sector's expectations by working with highly exuberant and passionate people. When you join forces with GD Goenka Healthcare, you will be in a unique position to actively contribute towards society with powerful, effective answers to rising health and safety concerns.

## Ambulance Services

The GD Goenka healthcare group's well outfitted and maintained BLS and ACLS enabled ambulance services with well-trained EMS experts seeks to bridge the time gap between arrival and treatment, saving and protecting more individuals in need. We are able to provide some respite in the current situation which has seen huge demands on the healthcare sector. GD Goenka Healthcare currently delivers these services to residential complexes and corporates like DLF & IREO, on a long-term basis.



# GD GOENKA HEALTHCARE

Mr. Mohit Mehra, Chief Executive Officer

## Health & Safety Trainings

In the current scenario where medical emergencies are becoming more common, it is critical that people be trained in and equipped with adequate resources to employ proper life-saving procedures and information. More importantly, it displays a more responsive and caring attitude toward mankind. GD Goenka's Health and safety programs restore company-wide readiness across all industries, in schools, corporates, and private/government settings. Our recent training conducted at 'The Lodhi Hotels' have equipped them to handle such critical emergencies to save lives.



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Health & Safety Trainings



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E-Health

# GD GOENKA HEALTHCARE ACADEMY

Nawada, Uttam Nagar, Delhi

## Interview Preparedness Workshops

When the interview's goal is established ahead of time, it's usually a good idea to give the person involved plenty of time to prepare for the conversation before engaging in it. These workshops are held by GD Goenka Healthcare Academy, Nawada, for our students to learn about interview strategies such as what to bring, what to wear, and how to make a good impression.



## Art Competition

The GD Goenka Healthcare Academy, Nawada, recently organized a painting competition in which city school kids competed enthusiastically. Painting the plain canvas allowed the children to show off their talent and creativity.



# GD GOENKA HEALTHCARE ACADEMY

Nawada, Uttam Nagar, Delhi

## Simulation Lab Sessions



At the GD Goenka Healthcare Academy, a variety of laboratory-themed simulations designed by the Training Department are integrated into course modules throughout the institutional phase. These simulations allow students to try the experiments they would undertake in the lab in a risk-free environment, allowing them to make mistakes and learn how to correct them based on the immediate feedback they receive.



## Free Medical Health Camp

The GD Goenka Healthcare Academy at the Nawada Centre, Delhi, frequently hosts free health screening camps with services such as ECG, Vitals, BP and Blood Glucose Monitoring, BMI, and vitals.

# GD GOENKA HEALTHCARE ACADEMY

Kirari Chowk, Delhi

## Opening Ceremony

The GD Goenka HealthCare Academy at Kirari, New Delhi was inaugurated in September, 2021. It is spread across more than 8000 sq ft and has a state of the art set up that can cater to hundreds of students annually.



## Seminar

A lecture was held at Sultanpur Govt Girls Senior by GD Goenka Healthcare Academy, Kirari Centre to educate the kids on the importance of Healthcare Education in India.



## Free Health Camp

Free medical camps are held at Kirari Centre with the sacred goal of raising awareness among the country's lowest income groups who lack access to basic healthcare.

## Career Counselling Session

The students of Mubarakpur Govt Girls School were given a seminar and career counselling session on the importance of paramedical and allied health sciences courses and related job prospects.





# GD GOENKA HEALTHCARE ACADEMY

Sonipat, Haryana

## Career Counselling Sessions

GD Goenka Healthcare Academy, Sonipat organised a career counselling session for Healthcare Workers (ASHA), and students at Government Healthcare Centre Kundli, Government School on allied healthcare education.



## Opening Ceremony

The GD Goenka Healthcare Academy celebrated the opening of its Sonipat Centre, thus expanding its footprints in Haryana. With the addition of this academy students can cut down on their travelling hours to Delhi and can get quality healthcare education within the vicinity of Sonipat.

## In house Events

The GD Goenka Healthcare Academy, Sonipat Centre hosts a variety of events, such as health camps, workshops, and symposia, on the Academy's campus to help students gain the required confidence and practical exposure relevant to their subject knowledge.



## Guest Lectures

Guest Lectures propose techniques to make the speaking engagement more valuable as well as a model for ensuring that the presentation and the classroom objectives are aligned. GDGHA, Sonipat invited successful alumnus and industry experts to visit the classroom on a regular basis to speak with students and share their experience, thus imparting knowledge related to healthcare profession.

# GD GOENKA HEALTHCARE ACADEMY

Chennai, Tamil Nadu



## Opening Ceremony

The first branch of the GD Goenka Group in South India, GD Goenka Healthcare Academy Chennai, was inaugurated. Attendees included well-known Chennai residents.

## Simulation Lab Sessions

Basic anatomy of the human body was taught to non-medical students on the grounds of GD Goenka HealthCare Academy Chennai to pique their interest in the field of paramedical and allied sciences.



## Personality Development Sessions

To help students build confidence, self-esteem, and a positive attitude, the GD Goenka Healthcare Academy Chennai Centre offers personality development classes on a weekly basis.

## Seminar & Career Counselling

The students of CSI Monahan Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Royepettah, were given a seminar and career counselling session about the awareness and job opportunities in the field of paramedical and allied sciences.



# GD GOENKA HEALTHCARE ACADEMY

Kamla Nagar, Agra, UP

## Workshop

Learning should be enjoyed rather than endured. Workshops allow students to develop a greater interest in their subjects by allowing them to work hands-on from the beginning.



## On Campus Events

To commemorate festivals, students, staff, and teachers host regular events in the GDGHA, Agra premises.

## Seminar

A training, discussion, or study session with professionals on paramedical courses was offered by GD Goenka Healthcare Academy, Agra.



## Career Counselling Session

The first step towards excellent career counselling is to gain a broad understanding of the discipline. In order to provide students with the best possible guidance, GDGHA, Agra Centre, recently conducted a career counselling session at Maa Sharda Coaching Centre and Saraswati Vidhya Mandir to spread awareness about healthcare education, and the acute shortage of frontline healthcare professionals in India.

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