



# VIN-Views, Ideas & News

*AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS*



## Musings...

By Mrs Sonali Sinha

Principal of G.D. Goenka World School

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

In this October edition of our school newsletter, I extend a warm welcome as we embrace the enchanting autumn season. This time of the year radiates warmth, togetherness, festivities, and joy.

Our previous newsletter received well-deserved praise, a testament to the dedication of our editorial team. I extend my sincere gratitude to each team member for their commitment to crafting a newsletter that beautifully captures the essence of our school.

October infuses our school with excitement as our students wholeheartedly engage in their examinations, showcasing their

knowledge and dedication.

We take great pride in their diligence and have full confidence in their ability to excel.

I eagerly anticipate your continued support and enthusiasm as we persist in our pursuit of educational excellence.

Wishing you all a season filled with warmth and happiness!



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# IBCP

## Confluence 2023

Investing in staff professional development is crucial for cultivating an excellent educational culture. Three of our leaders recently participated in prestigious forums, expanding their knowledge and contributing to our school's development.

Our Principal, Mrs. Sonali Sinha, and Dr. Manisha Mehta, Deputy Head of School, participated in the **IBCP Confluence**, graced by distinguished figures like Dr. Balkishan Sharma, Founder of WACP, Ms. Sneha Asar, Director of WACP, Mr. Bhavin Shah, CEO of Education World, Mr. Mahesh Balakrishnan, Senior Manager of Development and Recognition for South Asia - IB, and Dr. Anton Beguin, Chief Education Officer - IB, who shared valuable insights on the importance of innovative high school education and how the IB Career-related programme shapes well-rounded individuals who excel academically and contribute to society.



Ms. Aruna Ahlawat, Head of Career Advisory, represented our school at the **2023 College Board India Global Higher Education Alliance Forum** to gather insights on the strategies for making crucial decisions in secondary and higher education, tailored to the specific needs of Indian students. This will open up new doors for our students to fly higher than ever before.

# QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION ACCOLADES



THE QUEEN'S  
COMMONWEALTH ESSAY  
COMPETITION 2023

The Goenkans across segments of CLS, IGCSE AND IB came out with flying colours in the prestigious essay competition.



**Yashika Yadav**  
Gr 10 IGCSE



**Sahibjot Singh Chandhok**  
Grade 8 CLS



**Khushi Jain- Gr 12 IBDP**



**Arshiya- Gr 9 IGCSE**





**Ansika Upadhyay**  
Gr 12 IBDP



**Aradhya Bindra**  
Gr 10 IGCSE



**Niral Ganeriwala**  
Gr 8 CLS



**Nerav Jain**  
Gr 9 IGCSE

# EXPLORING TOK ESSAY TITLES

The IBDP students delved deeper into the six intriguing essay titles for Theory Of Knowledge (TOK) with the very seasoned TOK faculty at GDGWS.

The IBDP Year 2 students embarked on this intellectual journey as the teachers unpacked the mysteries of understanding, perception, and the limits of knowledge through this year's essay titles.

Students and teachers pondered profoundly on the questions and more, and shared their thoughts on the journey to a better grasp of knowledge!



## TOK ESSAY TITLES

1. Is subjectivity overly celebrated in the arts but unfairly condemned in history? Discuss with reference to the arts and history.
2. How can we reconcile the opposing demands for specialization and generalization in the production of knowledge? Discuss with reference to mathematics and one other area of knowledge.
3. Nothing is more exciting than fresh ideas, so why are areas of knowledge often so slow to adopt them? Discuss with reference to the human sciences and one other area of knowledge.
4. Do we underestimate the challenges of taking knowledge out of its original context and transferring it to a different context? Discuss with reference to two areas of knowledge.
5. Do we need custodians of knowledge? Discuss with reference to two areas of knowledge.
6. Are we too quick to assume that the most recent evidence is inevitably the strongest? Discuss with reference to the natural sciences and one other area of knowledge.





# PREMIER RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS EDUCATION FAIR

Reflecting on our participation at the Premier Schools Residential Education Fair in New Delhi, GDGWS proudly stands out. We showcased our commitment to academic excellence, highlighting our esteemed faculty, cutting-edge facilities, innovative curriculum and co-curricular activities.

This garnered significant interest and left a lasting impression, reinforcing our position as a prominent educational institution. Our numerous accolades, including recognition in the Diamond category from QS I - GAUGE, and our distinction as a top school according to the Times survey, underscore our commitment to excellence.



Parents utilised the opportunity to interact with program heads and admission counsellors, to obtain information on application procedures, admission criteria and scholarships, and establish connections with other parents and educational experts.





# CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP



In a recent session, we explored the complex world of cybersecurity and its crucial role in our modern digital age. With a staggering 13.91 lakh cybersecurity incidents in India alone in 2022, it is clear that we need to be ever more vigilant. Our conversation focused on "The Future of Cybersecurity: Our Challenges and Safeguards," and we were glad to have Mr. Shahid Ahmed, Inspector at PS Cyber South Gurgaon, share his invaluable expertise with us.



We would like to express our gratitude to Mrs. Sonali Sinha, our Principal, our esteemed guests, and Dr. Manisha Mehta, DHM and IB Head, who helped to set the stage for the session.

Now it is our turn to apply this knowledge in practice and work together to strengthen our digital world.





# ZEALOUS BOARDERS IN ACTION

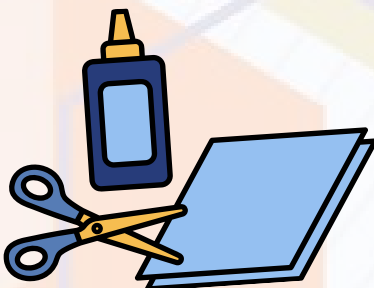


Our enthusiastic Goenkans attended the enriching Design Disha session at UID GD Goenka University. Our primary aim was to introduce students to career options in design, where they had a fantastic opportunity to explore the world of design and learn about UID's programs.

Various workshops were conducted about interior, product, fashion and game design.



Participants actively created art under expert guidance, from paper painting to crafting bird nests from waste. It was a memorable experience for the students.





# FESTIVE FERVOUR AT GDGWS BOARDING

## THE GARBA NIGHT



The “Garba Night” held at GDGWS boarding brought together students and teachers to celebrate the vibrant festival of Navratri in style. The joyful celebration featured colorful attires, melodious music, and intricate dandiya moves. Witnessing our school community uniting to celebrate our diverse culture was truly heartwarming. This event provided a delightful way to immerse ourselves in the spirit of Navratri and strengthen the bonds within our school family. We eagerly anticipate more such joyful gatherings in the future!

Ansika (Grade 12), a boarder captured this beautiful experience in her words .



# GOING THE EXTRA MILE

## PROJECT: THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

Two interactors from Grade 10: Riddhima Lavanya and Anusha Neogi decided to work together on a project called "The Butterfly Effect". Their main goal was to raise awareness about the daily struggles of people who live on the streets. By going up to multiple houses to raise awareness about their issues and discussing solutions, they were able to raise ample funds.

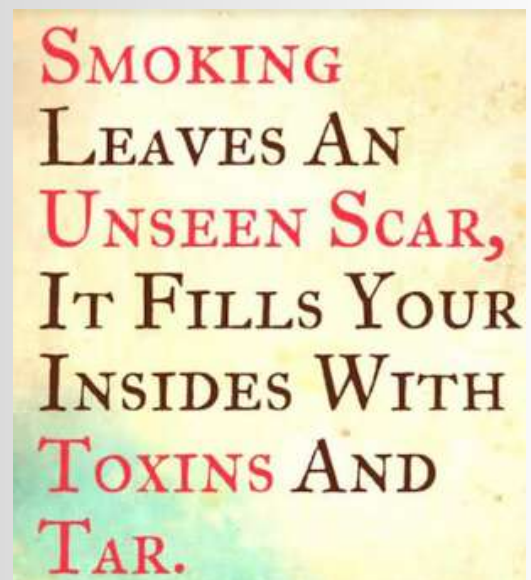


Many people had a lot to offer; individuals donated clothes, food items and more. With the money collected, they arranged plenty of grocery items and necessities. They were able to distribute the collected clothes and food items to those in need.

## ANTI- TOBACCO, ANTI-DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS"

The students of Grades 11-B came together to discuss and raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol. Also, acknowledging these issues was crucial as they continue to plague our society.

The students aimed at educating and reaching out to the listeners, and becoming advocates for change. They reinforced the same by fostering a community that promotes awareness and provides support. Together we can build a future free from the shackles of addiction and its devastating effects.





# THE SPORTS BUZZ



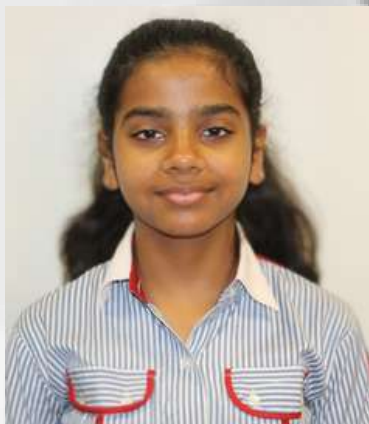
## DUNKING TO VICTORY!

The school's basketball court buzzed with excitement as Cedrus House and Nyssa House students faced off in a heart-pounding Inter House Basketball final. Nyssa House emerged as champions with a 19/15 victory.



## SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES

Kudos to Unnati Jindal of Grade 8, the "Fighter of the Tournament." Shoutout to Yuya Fujiwara of Grade 8, the "Most Valuable Player."



UNNATI JINDAL -  
GRADE 8B



YUYA FUJIWARA  
GRADE 8B



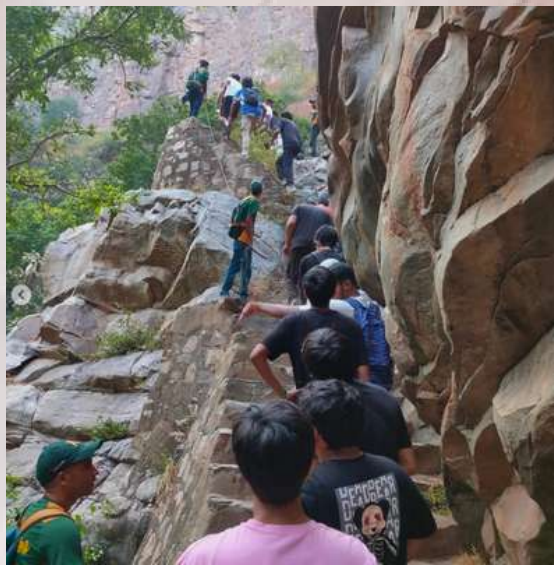




## COMMUNITY WORK- CAS TRIP

### *Nature's classroom*

Grade 12 students embarked on an inspiring CAS trip to Sariska, Rajasthan. They delved into adventure with zip lining, wall climbing, and dedicated their time to a government school. From cooking to crafting, they left a lasting impact.





# BEYOND THE BOOKS

## RANTHAMBORE WILDLIFE EXPEDITION



The students of Cambridge Lower Secondary , IGCSE and AS/A Levels embarked on an enriching journey to Ranthambore National Park. This educational tour was a perfect blend of fun and learning. During a thrilling wildlife canter safari, they encountered an array of flora and fauna besides witnessing a strolling tiger. A visit to Dastkar Craft Village provided a glimpse of the sustainable local handicraft industry.

The guided tour to Ranthambore Fort and the Ganesha Temple left them spellbound, offering insights into history and culture. They relished delicious meals, enjoyed a lively folk dance night and participated engaging team-building activities. During this remarkable journey, these experiences have become their cherished memories.



# STUDENTS' VOICES

## THE WRECKAGE

--ANUSHA SINHA , GRADE 10 IGCSE

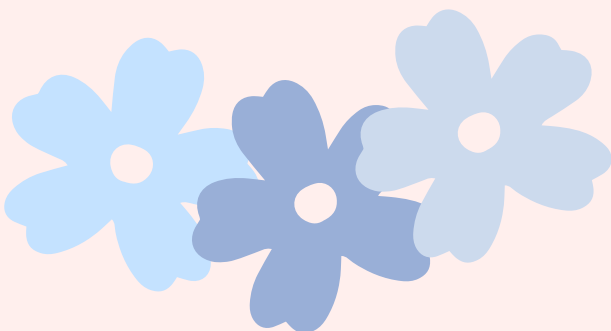
The sky turned dark and grey, any signs of the previous honey-like pastel blue sky gone. The once laughing and giggling children now rushed into sealed homes and cars, as the sounds of car engines roared before taking off. The sky crackled, as its tears slowly dripped at the once lively event. Winds steadily crept as it gradually increased its strength.

Soon, the venue had changed completely, the once luscious gardens, filled with crimson red roses, sweet lilies, the most extravagant lavender and pure wisteria now struggled to hold on to their ground and branches as the wind kept pounding on them relentlessly. The neat, tidy and extremely smooth creamy white cloths scattered around in rage with the wind, as if they were separated from their loved ones. The tables and chairs which were once well-maintained now looked hideous, scattered around everywhere. Their once well-thought-out layout was now in shambles as bits and pieces of shiny thick cutlery scattered everywhere. The enraged winds stopped at nothing to completely wreak havoc at the venue.

The fluorescent turquoise cake that once stood high, was now smashed to the ground with no resemblance to its original look as its vanilla scent soon disappeared. The stacks of various unique juices and wines both crumbled to the ground, being no match to the almighty wind and rain. The endless rows of mouth-watering food, whose fragrances reached heaven and above were all gone in the blink of an eye, gobbled up by the weather.

No matter how hard the venue fought, its attempts proved futile against the vicious weather. Its sovereignty became more and more evident. It made sure that the once humongous venue was nothing but a tiny block in front of the mighty weather. Soon thunder bellowed aggressively as if to mock the venue at its current state.

Not a single part of the venue remained; it was stripped off its elegance and beauty. It now lay there destroyed and without purpose, as the wretched winds and raging rains continued to devour it whole leaving no mercy. And soon the weather stopped its torment, as the broken pieces of the venue lay bare waiting to be restored to their original elegance.



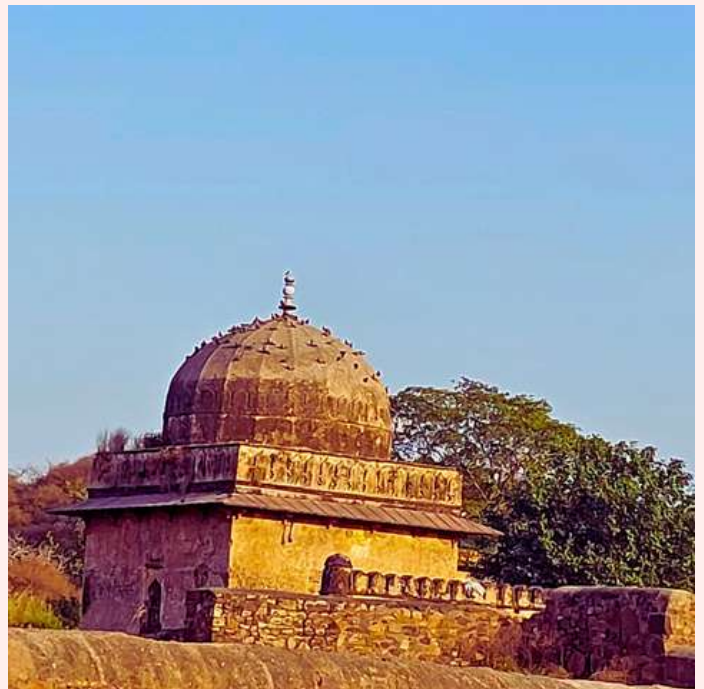


# PICTURE PERFECT



**HUED CANVAS**

*By Ms. Swati Naithani*



**THE HISTORIC PERCH**



*By Devyani Chandra Grade 11*





# PICTURE PERFECT



*By Devyani Chandra Grade 11*



# Artwork



Ruhaan, Grade 8



Unnati , Grade 8



Minayal, Grade 8



Aarna, Grade 7

## COMING UP EVENTS:

- **CHILDRENS' DAY CELEBRATION**
- **CAS VIGNETTE**
- **PARENT ORIENTATION**
- **INVESTITURE CEREMONY**

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