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VIN-Views, Ideas & News

An expression of the aspirations of young Goenkans

## Musings...

By Ms. Pallavi Mishra

Principal of GD Goenka World School

Dear Parents, Students, and Members of our School Community,

It is with immense pride and excitement that I share my first newsletter message with you. Since taking the helm, I have been inspired daily by the vibrancy of our progressive school culture. Our campus is buzzing with the energy of students who truly embody our vision: Thrive. For Life. The past few weeks have been a testament to our two-decade legacy of excellence, marked by outstanding achievements across academics, sports, and innovation.

### Academic & Competitive Excellence

Our Primary School students have set a phenomenal benchmark with their outstanding achievements in the Maths and Science Olympiads. Seeing our youngest learners embrace complex problem-solving with such enthusiasm is a clear sign that we are successfully nurturing lifelong learners.

As we speak, the academic rigour of our international curricula is in full swing. Our Cambridge students are currently focused on writing their final board exams, while our IBDP students are in the final stages of intense preparation for their upcoming assessments. We wish them all the focus and resilience they need to excel.

### Sporting Glory

On the field and the court, our athletes have been nothing short of spectacular. Our sports teams showed incredible grit in recent inter-school competitions, fighting their way through to the finals. A special mention must go to our Squash players, whose performance was truly elite, demonstrating the discipline and sportsmanship we value so highly.

### Innovation in the Classroom

At the heart of our innovative teaching practices is the integration of cutting-edge technology. I am delighted to see our teachers utilizing the new Teachmint interactive boards to their full potential. These tools are revolutionizing transdisciplinary teaching, allowing students to see the connections between subjects in a dynamic, visual, and highly engaging way.

### Our Commitment

*Through continuous professional development, our educators remain at the forefront of pedagogy, ensuring that your child's experience is world-class. Whether it is in our modern, "home away from home" boarding facilities or our high-tech classrooms, we are committed to providing an environment where every student can flourish. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership as we embark on this exciting chapter together.*



## GOENKANS JOIN 1 MILLION FOUNDERS PROGRAMME

Twenty-seven students from GD Goenka World School joined the 1 Million Founders Entrepreneurship Internship Programme with Consat Orah and Google for Education. The week focused on idea building aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047, along with prototyping, marketing tools and pitch development.

A standout achievement came from Sahibjot Singh Chandhok (Grade 10) whose project Synkai impressed the panel and earned him a ₹10,000 cheque during the pitch simulation.

Students also earned Level 1 Certification, explored industry tools, visited corporate workplaces and became part of the Orah Founders Club.

The programme strengthens our commitment to nurturing innovation, leadership and future ready thinkers who thrive for life.





## CAS VIGNETTE 2025

A vibrant showcase of purpose and creativity unfolded on 28 November 2025 as our IBDP students brought their CAS journeys to life at CAS Vignette 2025.



The exhibition featured community work, student initiatives and ideas shaped by empathy and initiative. Students interacted with visitors, shared what they discovered along the way and highlighted the projects that reflect their interests and values.

The showcase offered a clear glimpse into how our learners think, contribute and grow beyond the classroom.



## FOUNDER'S DAY 2025

Founder's Day 2025–26 at GD Goenka World School was a warm celebration of our vision and our spirit to Thrive for Life.

Heartfelt performances, reflections by our alumna Ms Akanxa Swami and the presence of our Executive Director Ms Nupur Goenka, Heads of Programmes and faculty made the day a meaningful tribute to who we are and what we aspire to become.

Led with confidence by our students, the celebration echoed the values that shape every Goenkan creativity, courage, compassion and community. Their stories reminded us that a Goenkan's journey only grows stronger with time.





## GOENKANS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our DP 1 students took a confident step towards real-world futures through an immersive aviation session led by industry experts from Airlink Flight School in the USA, with teams from Waterville, Maine, and Florida.



Exploring aerodynamics, navigation, meteorology, aviation regulations, and flight maneuvers, the experience offered a clear view of what it takes to build a career in aviation.

With strong emphasis on DGCA compliance and operational standards, the session connected learning with life beyond school, empowering students to think ahead, aim higher, and truly Thrive. For Life.





## INTO THE WORLD - CAS TRIP 2025

Our CAS trip to Jim Corbett was a perfect blend of adventure and purpose. From exploring the wilderness and bonding over shared experiences to engaging in meaningful community service at a local government school, our students truly lived the spirit of CAS.

With a jungle safari, hands-on service, and moments that built empathy, leadership, and teamwork, this journey became a powerful reminder that learning goes far beyond books.



Adventure with purpose.  
Learning with heart.





## GOENKANS SHINE IN FESTIVAL OF HOPE

Goenkans shone bright at Ek Pehchan – Festival of Hope 2025–26, a student-led celebration of identity, creativity, and human flourishing hosted by Pathways School, Gurugram on 16 December 2025. Centred on the theme “Luminescence – Shine from Within,” the festival brought together young minds to think, create, compete, and express with purpose.

Our Grade 11 students made their mark across different events—securing First Position in the Design X event (Ishan, Rajdev, Armaan, Ayaan, Paras), Best Speaker in the MUN committee (RAW) by Nerav Jain, a Special Mention for Reanna Sodhi (MUN), Second Position in the Chess League (Shubh, Arav, Vyyom, Jivitesh), and Third Position in PathArtWays by Khushi Sharma, whose artwork powerfully reflected the festival’s theme.

A true celebration of creativity, strategy, leadership, and collaboration—our students didn’t just participate, they shone from within.





# GOENKAN CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Our students came together for a special Christmas celebration filled with festive cheer and a lively carnival atmosphere. From enchanting carols and captivating dance performances to colourful stalls and joyful activities, every moment reflected the vibrant spirit of our Goenkans. The smiles and laughter all around truly brightened the day.

May the true spirit of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with happiness today and throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas!





# BOARDER'S FORMAL DINNER

The boarders of GD Goenka World School recently gathered for an elegant formal dinner - an evening to remember. Dressed in their finest, they added grace to the occasion, while the pleasant weather lent a magical charm to the atmosphere.

The celebration came alive with music and dance, filling the night with energy and joy. A delightful spread of sumptuous dishes made the feast truly special.

The Principal and Coordinator shared inspiring words on discipline and unity, reminding everyone of the strength of togetherness. It was a memorable evening of laughter, warmth, and cherished moments.





## GRADE 7 SHOWCASE - FOOD MILES & SUSTAINABILITY

Every meal tells a story — from the soil where it begins, to the plate where it ends.

The Grade 7 Showcase explored Food Miles and Sustainability, highlighting the journey of food from farm to fork and its environmental, economic, and social impact.



Through narration, role-play, data insights, and visual storytelling, students brought together ideas from science, geography, economics, and environmental studies to showcase the importance of local and sustainable food choices. The presentation ended with a clear call to action, leaving the audience informed, reflective, and inspired by the power of experiential, student-led learning.



## IN REMEMBRANCE OF LATE SMT. GAYATRI DEVI GOENKA

We remember Late Smt. Gayatri Devi Goenka with deep respect and gratitude, whose love, care and guidance continue to light the path for the GD Goenka family. Her values live on in the institutions built in her name, shaping generations with purpose, integrity and compassion.

This legacy remains the foundation of all that we strive to do.

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Late Smt. Gayatri Devi Goenka  
(21.7.1942 - 23.12.1990)

It is her love, care and guidance that still illuminates our path.

A path that has lead us to prosperity, growth & success.

Following her principles and values, we are striving towards greater achievements and contributing our best towards community betterment.

May her spirit continue to guide us as we learn, grow  
and Thrive. For Life.



## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY LAKSHIT YADAV

Lakshit Yadav delivered a stellar performance at the ISSO Cricket Tournament, showcasing skill, grit, and winning intent. Scoring a crucial 55 off 34 balls and claiming 3 wickets against Lancers International School, he powered his team to a memorable victory. He followed it up with another explosive 55 off just 26 balls against Pathways School, continuing his remarkable form.

His consistency and determination have earned him a well-deserved place in the ISSO National Team. Many congratulations to him for playing with passion and purpose!

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## GD GOENKA CONFLUENCE 2025

Confluence 2025 brought together educators, leaders and institutions from across the country in a shared moment of dialogue, reflection, and forward thinking. Over the course of three days, ideas were exchanged, perspectives were challenged, and meaningful connections were formed, all centred on the future of education. This event captured the people, the energy, and the intent that defined Confluence 2025, a collective step towards building learning environments that are thoughtful, relevant, and future-facing.



**Dr. Shashi Tharoor**  
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**Mr. Pankaj Kapur**  
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**Ms. Nupur Goenka**  
 Executive Director  
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## GOENKA BEHIND THE SCENES

Great classes start long before students arrive.

Behind the scenes, our teachers were busy planning lessons, sharing ideas and getting classrooms ready. A lot of thought, teamwork and care go into every class, well before the first student walks in.





## GOENKAN EQUESTRIAN CHAMPION

Super proud to share that Arshiaa Chodhry (Grade IX) secured 3rd place at the All India level, winning a Bronze Medal at the Junior National Equestrian Championship (JNEC) 2025 held in New Delhi.

A remarkable achievement and a moment of immense pride for GDGWS. Her dedication, discipline, and passion reflects our true Goenkan spirit.



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### JUNIOR NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

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26 DEC 2025 - 06 JAN 2026





## AKANXA SWAMI - GD GOENKA ALUMNA

From being an IGCSE Topper in 2017 and receiving the Chairman's Award to making her mark in the world of strategy consulting, Akanxa Swami's journey is truly inspiring.

An alumna of GD Goenka World School (Batch of 2019), Akanxa graduated from Ashoka University with a major in Economics & Finance and a minor in Entrepreneurial Leadership and Strategy. She is now a Strategy Consultant at Monitor Deloitte.

Her journey and address at the GDGWS Founder's Day reflects the power of strong foundation, critical thinking, and a global outlook—values we are proud to nurture at GDGWS.

We wish her continued success as she scales new heights!





# GOENKANS CELEBRATE 77TH REPUBLIC DAY

Celebrating  
the spirit of  
unity,  
integrity,  
diversity, and  
pride! Our  
little stars  
shine bright  
as we honor  
India on its  
77th Republic  
Day.





## INTERHOUSE POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

Held on January 30th, our Grades 9-12 artists unleashed their creativity and impressed the judges with expressive and imaginative art, working together in harmony. The theme, Climate Change & Responsible Consumption and Production, urged them to think about how to spread awareness about this sensitive topic while flourishing the art seamlessly.





## GOENKANS SHINE THROUGH SPORTS

This Wednesday, Lancers International School visited GDGWS for a series of friendly matches across basketball, soccer, and cricket. A total of six teams participated, showcasing great sportsmanship and teamwork. In basketball, GDGWS won the U-14 Boys, U-14 Girls, and U-19 Girls matches, while LIS won the U-19 Boys match. In soccer, LIS won the U-17 match, and in cricket, LIS won the U-14 match. Overall, it was a wonderful day filled with healthy competition, excellent communication, and a truly friendly environment.



# STUDENT ARTWORK



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