

# The Goenkan Vista

MAY 2018

THE GOENKAN VISTA IS AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATION OF YOUNG GOENKANS. IT HIGHLIGHTS THE MONTH AND SHINES LIGHT UPON THE DESERVING STUDENTS FROM EACH PROGRAMME!



GD GOENKA  
— WORLD SCHOOL —

Gurugram, Sohna Road

# Director-Principal's Message

“ Make each day count, as yesterday never comes back.

This has been both, a wonderful year so far full of frenetic activity and achievements. The secret of change is to focus all your new energy - not on fighting the old, but building the new.

During this holiday season, let us be, especially appreciative of the people in our lives who are most important to us. Cut off from the devices for a few hours in the day! - Enjoy the Real Moments of Life - Play games, go outside, feel the nature and create as many experiential memories as you can.

I, hereby, wish all our pupils' happy, engaging and memorable holidays ahead.

Happy Vacations

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**DR. NEETA BALI**  
DIRECTOR PRINCIPAL GDGWS

# Highlights of the Month

IBDP GRADUATION

IBDP FAREWELL

BLOOD

DONATION CAMP

GP FUNDRAISER

IGCSE BOARD EXAM

TOPPERS 2018



# IBDP Graduation

CLASSES  
OF  
2018

The most transcendental moment for the graduating Goenkans was here, the 19th of May 2018. It was time to see another astute batch stepping out of school in the world of their dreams to realise their innate dreams and ambitions. To grace the occasion and honour us with their presence, the Vice Chairperson GD Goenka Group and Chancellor GD Goenka University, Mrs. Renu Goenka and the chief guest for the ceremony, Mr. Jagmohan Bhanver, a renowned author of the age who is also a national award-winning educationist, were present for the event. The programme began with the welcome address and the academic procession of the graduating pupils. It was a traditional symbol of how values are passed on to generations maintaining the sanctity in its purest form. With passing on the light of wisdom the graduating students also invested the honour, culture and the great values as a tradition in the next batch. The school choir performed "I lived" by One Republic and was followed by Sanjana's serenade of "Dolce Vento" by Johnathan and "Ai goichi" from "Romeo and Juliet".

Bharatanatyam, a pre-eminent Indian classical dance form, presumably the oldest classical dance heritage of India was the next performance by five students of IB.

The gathering was addressed by the Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali, followed by the inspirational words of the chief guest. Dr. Bali called the occasion one of the 'Moments of time'. She shared the admission results of some students who have already made it into the ivy league universities and she showed her gratitude to the management for their support for making the school progress.

The chief guest, Mr. Jagmohan Bhanver, shared his words of wisdom by inspiring the students to find the right purpose of their life and then make decisions in life so that they 'get happiness with success.'

The students were presented with souvenirs and awards and the felicitations made the auditorium roar with the echoing applause from the parents.

The Head of Programme, Dr. Manisha Mehta, wished the pupils the very best in their lives. She said, "We want our students to carve a niche for themselves in the wide world." Each student who moves out of the portals of this school should have a sense of belonging and be a brand ambassador, be it in any field or any social cause.

The Yearbook was released by the honourable chief guest for the students to relish the memories of their school and move on with the sweet memories of their most lively years as students.

The best IB student (boys) was awarded to Kartikeya Sundaram and the best IB student (girls) was awarded to Diya Singh. The Valedictorian, Parnika Punwar, expressed her gratitude to the institution and shared her experience of growing up into being what she is, appreciating every aspect of the school. The students stood with their heads held high with the school song cantillated with honour and dignity.

The order of the world is that the old gives place to the new and thus the graduation is not the culmination of a phase rather the beginning of a new chapter. It is the time to celebrate the success as well as relish the memories of the past and at the same time welcome the new world.





# IBDP Farewell



Overwhelmed and zealous, the current 12th grade of GDGWS gathered to bid farewell to the outgoing class of 2018, on 20th May. The afternoon was a fiesta devoted to the years spent together with friends and teachers and this was their chance to reminisce joyous moments. This was the first time they would visit the campus with all their friends as Goenkan graduates. The theme for the occasion was the Great Gatsby. The decorations made were of the colours black and gold, aptly set the mood for the event and transformed the refectory into a room fit for the occasion. The University Auditorium was buzzing with excitement of the activities and contests organised for the day.

The cultural programme showcased the multiple talents of students. Mesmerising group dance performances, one after the other, after a solo dance performance added to the beats which was to set the tune for the event. The dances were a blend of western as well as classical dances. The group dances were filled with enthusiasm and excitement of bidding farewell to the graduates. Contestants from class XII competed for the various coveted titles. The awards for the riveting pageant of Ms. and Mr. Goenka were taken by Ms. Natasha Batra and Mr. Archit Gautam. Towards the end Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali gave her closing address and congratulated the students for their stupendous efforts. She also reminded them how each one of them was now an ambassador of GD Goenka and wished that they would make the school proud, wherever they go. Overall it was a successful event and was the perfect way to send off the class of 2018 on their unimaginable journey.





# GDGWS Interact Club



The GDGWS Interact Club is engaged in various social outreach programmes. The Interact club is a service club for young people of Rotary International Association. Some of the projects carried out by the Interact Club are as under:

1. Collecting clothes from students and teachers of the school and donating it to Deep Ashram in Gurgaon for the use of poor and abandoned people living in the ashram.

2. Collecting books such as dictionaries, text books, encyclopaedia, fiction, etc. and stationary comprising of pens, pencils, crayons, paper, etc. from the students and distributing the same amongst the inmates of Deep Ashram.

3. Running a project of recycling of that will be donated to a school on Sohna Road, Gurgaon which caters to the poor and underprivileged students of the area.

- Shahnaz Banoo Butt (CAIE Head of Programme)

## Blood Donation Camp

We are happy to inform you that on 26th May, 2018, the Interact Club organised a blood donation camp during the PTM. Students above 18 years, parents and staff participated in this camp. We would like to thank parents for joining their wards in this noble endeavour which will definitely go a long way in inspiring the students towards social service in future.

We have also been collecting sanitary napkins from students and the staff and would be donating the same to The Earth Saviours Foundation Bandhwari Gurgaon which runs:

- An Old age home to look after homeless - abandoned senior citizens.
- Rescue centre to look after mentally disabled people.
- Jia Nari Niketan shelter to look after deprived females.



- Shahnaz Banoo Butt (CAIE Head of Programme)



"A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world" - Prophet Muhammad

The Global Perspective students of 10th grade – SL Aditya, SL Madhumita and Nidhi - from G.D Goenka World School conducted a fundraiser on 26th May, 2018 in association with DESIRE society. The fundraiser organized was a part of the global perspective curriculum where the students had to give back to society through their learning. The students had come up with this idea for their team project under the topic of 'Disease and Health'.

DESIRE Society is a non-profit voluntary organization. The organization is functioning with an objective of health development and well-being of children infected and affected with HIV and AIDS in India by having a presence in Hyderabad, Bangalore, Mumbai, Gurugram (Delhi NCR). The main focus of the organization is to provide ICH - Institutional Care Homes for the children abandoned and orphaned due to HIV/AIDS.

The event was an enormous success as students sold different articles like handmade paintings, beautiful glassware, homemade baked goods and paper quilled jewellery to enthusiastic and supportive parents. With the help of all the parents and teachers who donated for a good cause, the students were able to raise INR 21,000, which will be donated to the DESIRE society for the healthcare cost for the HIV infected children there. This couldn't have been possible without the help of the students who volunteer for this project, GP teacher - Ms. Priya Mahendru, IGCSE Coordinator - Ms. Shahnaz Banoo Butt and Director Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali.

- S.L Aditya, S.L Madhumita & Nidhi KR



## Global Perspective Fundraiser





# Achievements

## IGCSE Toppers 2018



Yashraj Nanda  
5A\*, 1A  
*Subject topper in Economics*



Vedansh Malhotra  
7A\*  
*Subject topper in Computer Sc., English, Hindi & EVM*



Yuvraj Chadha  
4A\*, 3A  
*Subject topper in Business Std., Physics, Global Perspectives & History*



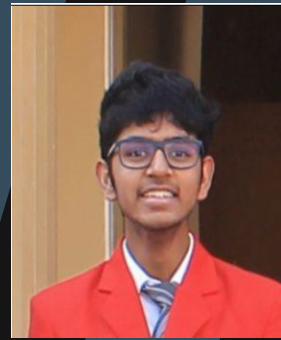
Aryan Kaushal  
3A\*, 2A, 1B  
*Subject topper in Chemistry*



Anisha Neogi  
6A\*, 2A  
*Subject topper in ICT & Computer Sc.*



Shaurya Singh  
6A\*, 2A  
*Subject topper in Biology*



Arpit Kumar  
6A\*, 2A  
*Subject topper in English Literature, French, Chemistry & Computer Sc.*



Palak Morya  
*Subject topper in Geography*



Aryan Bansal  
5A\*, 1A, 1B



Tanushree Kochar  
3A\*, 3A, 1B



Vikalp Jain  
3A\*, 3A, 2B



Pankita Malhotra  
*Subject topper in Art & Design*



Aniket Agarwal  
*Subject topper in Mathematics*

# Labour Day Festivities



GDGWS celebrated Labour Day on Tuesday, May 1st 2018 to acknowledge the efforts of our hardworking and dedicated workers. The students put up an elaborate special assembly. The function began with a speech welcoming the workers and acknowledging their tireless efforts in keeping the school running as smoothly as possible. Our talented PYP children displayed various performances such as songs, dances, role play and facts about Labour Day to the assembled workers to show their gratitude towards them. Last, but not least, the workers were presented with a 'Thank You' card by the students as a mark of respect and token of appreciation. They were also offered lemonade and cookies. The workers were overwhelmed and expressed their gratitude towards the school management, teachers and students for their endeavour.

- Madhu Nagia  
(PYP)



# Mother's Day Festivities



The day that recognizes the essence of a MOTHER !!!



"A Mother's love is a brilliant gem to be treasured."



Keeping this bonding emotion in mind, PYP celebrated Mother's Day in high spirits and merriment on May 11, 2018. The kids welcomed their mommies with a short cultural programme. The students of Nursery and KG had something really special and unique that brought a smile on their mother's faces - a ramp walk on stage with their dear mothers.

The tiny tots had also come up with new and innovative ideas for their cards and it was a pleasure watching the dynamic and energetic children prepare something exceptional for their mothers and then, finally handing their surprises over. The air was filled with heart-warming feelings of intimacy, gratitude, appreciation and acknowledgement as the little ones sang and danced for their mothers. Along with the cultural program, various activities were also planned for mothers like the paper fold dance, role play, singing and dancing on the song choreographed by themselves impromptu. All the mothers enthusiastically participated in these activities and it was amazing to see them so actively engaged with their little ones. For the final surprise, the kids also presented certificates of 'World's Best Mother' to their moms.

At the end, the Head of Programme, Ms. Poonam Yadav, concluded the event with a vote of thanks followed by High Tea. All in all, it was an enjoyable and memorable day for each and every child which left an indubitable mark on the innocent hearts.



# PYP Beats the Heat



One can't have more fun than playing with water on a hot day in a pool! Organizing Pool bash is indeed a brilliant idea to escape the heat. To combat the rising temperature, a pool bash was organized for our little Goenkans of Grade Nursery to Grade 5 on 18th and 21st May. The poolside was abundantly decorated with mermaids, fishes and balls. A photo booth was stationed in which the tiny tots posed in colourful costumes and headgears. Various water games like basketball, treasure hunt, races, etc. were planned, offering endless fun for the kids. The children were divided into groups and elated to play a variety of water sports. The cool pool and music made the surrounding ever delightful. At the end of the session, the kids were still beaming and in no hurry to get out from the cool waters!



# Our Personal Little Chefs



The little chefs of Kindergarten were excited for 'Cooking Without Fire', held on Thursday, 24th May 2018. The little ones were ecstatic to prepare a sweet and savoury dish with the support of Ms. Ruchi, a fellow parent and their form tutors. Besides the cooking skills, they also enhanced their social skills by waiting for their turn to mix the ingredients. By the end of the event they were eager and excited to taste the dish.

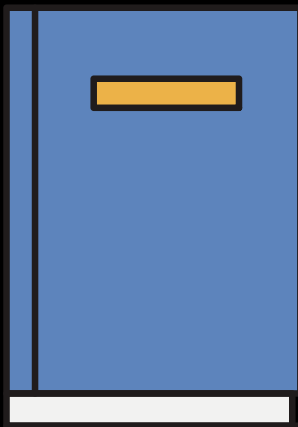
The fun filled day ended with the students being overwhelmed as bhel puri and mango yogurt with chocolate banana on a popsicle stick were served to them. It was an amazing yet knowledgeable treat for the young Goenkans. Lastly, all the kids surprised Ms. Ruchi with a thoughtful 'Thank you' card.

- Madhu Nangia (PYP)

Cooking Without Fire



# AN EXCITING STORY TO TELL



Recently, the nursery and kindergarten children gathered around in the JPR to listen to a story narrated by a fellow parent, Mrs. Kanak. You could clearly see the curiosity on their faces throughout the entire session as they listened intently. At the end of the story, they were asked to present a moral that they learned from the story and with the use of their thinking skills, they were able to come up with the same. It was a special day for the little ones as not only was it fun to listen to the story, but they also learned many new things. The story telling session helped to encourage cooperation between the kids and enhanced their listening and thinking skills. Along with that, it also encouraged their use of imagination and creativity and helped them communicate their thoughts and feelings. We hope to organize many similar sessions in the future!



## ShareStories!



# International School Award



by Madhu Bhargava  
(International  
School Award Coordinator)



## Windows to the World – Philately

The young Goenkans of Grades IV and V have been engaged in the International School Award activity 'Windows to the world - Philately' with an aim of inculcating the habit of searching, locating, indexing and display of postage stamps and flags of Sri Lanka, India and Portugal.

Research has been undertaken by the students to find the stories behind postage stamps and flags of the countries mentioned. Students created scrap books and collages with the information and pictures. These have been shared with St. Theresa Girls College of Sri Lanka who are also working on the similar theme. To measure the learning outcomes and share knowledge with other students, an extremely engaging and interesting quiz was organized by the students. All present learnt fascinating facts about postage stamps of Sri Lanka, Portugal and India.

To give the project a final shape, an exhibition of student work including scrap books, collages and school postage stamps were put up in the Assembly Hall for the students and parents to view.

**STAMPED**



# Reading is Catching Up!



"Summer reading loss refers to the decline in children's reading development that can occur during summer vacation times when children are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs" (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003).

Keeping in mind the previously-stated research and to engage students in reading during summer vacations, GDGWS Libraries had organized a Book Fair for the whole school community. The book fair lasted for three days, inviting books from renowned publishers. Students were seen all over the school with books in hand and discussions about the books could be overheard in buses, classrooms and corridors. And if you happened to cross by the book fair, you could see students busy selecting books with great enthusiasm and happiness.

Another important event was held to encourage more students to read – an author meet took place on the 25th of May for grades 6-8. Mr Ranjit Lal, the author of more than 35 books for young and teenage students came over to interact with students. It was an amazing story telling session of his recent book 'Little Ninja Sparrows'. Students listened to the author intently who very gently unfolded the issues of bullying and animal cruelty through a story about little sparrows. The students asked him questions spanning from 'Tell us about your first work' and 'Why did you become a writer?' to 'How do you choose your subject?'.

Lastly, a Reading program 'Battle of Books' has been launched by the GDGWS Library for senior students. A selection of books has been offered to students to select one and after reading during the summer, a presentation in any format including digital tools has to be made for voting the best book. A series of assemblies will take place for these presentations and one book will be voted as the best book for the 'Goenkan Book Award'. The presenter student will be honored as well.





# English Week



## A Week to Make Chaucer Proud!

Recently, our school celebrated English Week from the 14th of May to the 18th of May. The week consisted of various fun-filled activities for students like making bookmarks and leaflets during their respective English classes. Several students created posters and book covers while others enjoyed making charts and writing creative stories and letters. Along with these activities, an inter-house poetry competition was also held for students of IGCSE and IBDP. The theme of the competition was humor and satire and we witnessed several amazing recitations by the students.

Another important part of this exciting week was the assembly that was held at the end on Friday, 18th May by the students of IGCSE. Marking the completion of the English week, it gave a platform for the students to show their skills through skits, presentations, poetry recitation and much more. The assembly started off with a beautiful prayer by Amishi and then, the thought of the day was shared by Khushi. Further on, an informative presentation on the importance of language was shown by Adi. Along with that, to test the students on their knowledge of the different poets, genres and the figurative language, a quiz was conducted with participation from each and every student. Finally, a thought provoking skit was prepared and enacted by Harshul, Rudraksh, Mann, Devanshu and Aekum. The assembly came to an end with the discussion of results by the Head of Programme and the National anthem.



# IBDP TOK Session

A special TOK session for Grade 11 was conducted on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, by Dr. Usha Kamal (TOK Coordinator) to help students further understand the TOK element of the Diploma programme. The objective of the workshop was to assist students in understanding the usage of TOK guide, as well as the content and concepts of the same. Students were advised on how to use the TOK guide effectively and about the important content which need to be looked at in detail. The topics included "TOK at a glance", "Nature of the subject", "Aims and objectives".

The students were made to understand the Knowledge Framework in each of the Areas of Knowledge (AOK). They were also taught that the AOKs add increased scope to the essay and Ways of Knowing (WOK) add depth. The Knowledge Questions (KQ), arguments, real life situation, and examples add analysis to the assessments. Overall the session gave the students greater insight into understanding TOK.



**Conducted By**  
**Dr. Usha Kamal**

# IBDP Extended Essay Workshop



On 25th May, 2018, an IB Extended Essay workshop was conducted by our Head of Programme, Dr. Manisha Mehta. Extended Essay is a core component of the IBDP, without which a student can not their Diploma.

The workshop covered the following points –

- Why an extended essay?
- How much time and when?
- The research process- beginning with a suitable research question
- Literature survey, the collection of data, analysis and conclusion
- The assessment criteria
- Timelines - a student contract? An EE schedule
- Progress tracking. Writing the final draft
- Supervisor advise. Academic honesty. The Viva Voce
- Submission requirements

In the end, students found the session useful and felt glad that this session took place as they would be able to research on their EE subject and topic during the vacations.

**Conducted By**  
**Dr. Manisha Mehta**  
**(IBDP Head of Programme)**



# Annual Swimming Meet

The Annual Goenka Inter-School Swimming Meet was held on 3rd and 4th May, 2018. More than 400 participants from 22 schools in total joined us for the event with admiring motivation. It was an exuberant and adrenaline pumping event with participants from the under-13, under-11 and under-9 age groups. There were 46 events in total and the best swimmer of each age group won a trophy in both the boys and the girls category. The participants swam with excellent endurance and displayed exceptional talent. It was one of the most exciting competition in the entire Gurgaon district as it was accompanied by National and State level swimmers.

Our school, GD Goenka World School, won the overall trophy with 28 medals and 197 points in total. This victory was a moment of immense happiness for the Goenka Swim Squad. The trophy was presented to Goenka swimming team by our Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali. The runner-up team was the team of fantastic swimmers from The Shri Ram School, Aravali, who were also presented with a trophy by our Director-Principal.

Competitions are not all about winning and losing - they are also about participating and making new records, which was surely witnessed during the event. This competition was mark of the hard working swimmers and their devotion to swimming and we would like to congratulate all those swimmers. An event can't be successful without its diligent volunteers and teachers, who have to be thanked for their remarkable approach towards the event as well. The swimming team of GDGWS looks forward to more events and competitions after this very successful one.

## Annual Goenka Inter-School Swimming Meet

### TOP TEN

Position	Name of School	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medals	Total Points
1	GDGWS	4+4	9+1	9+4	28	197
2	TSRS Aravali (Sr.)	8+2	5	3	18	159
3	Pathways Aravali	-	6+4	3+1	14	155
4	TSRS Moulisari	4+1	5+2	3+1	16	129
5	Manav Rachna Gurugram	5	6+2	6	19	118
6	TSRS Aravali (Jr.)	3+2	1	4+1	11	94
7	DPS EDGE	3	3 + 1	2+1	10	72
8	Scottish High	4+1	1	1	7	69
9	The Adree High School	-	2	1	3	26
10	Manav Rachna Faridabad	1+1	1	4	7	25

+1 are Relay Medals\*



# Friendly Basketball Match

GD Goenka World School played a friendly basketball match with DPS, R K Puram. GDGWS WON 48-40 !



**GDGWS Sr. Boys  
Basketball Team**  
Coach: Mr. Lakshya Mohan



# Forthcoming Events

IB-PYP 3-Way Conference

*30th July till 3rd August, 2018*

COMCON 2018

*3rd August, 2018*

Recognition Day

*25th August, 2018*

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