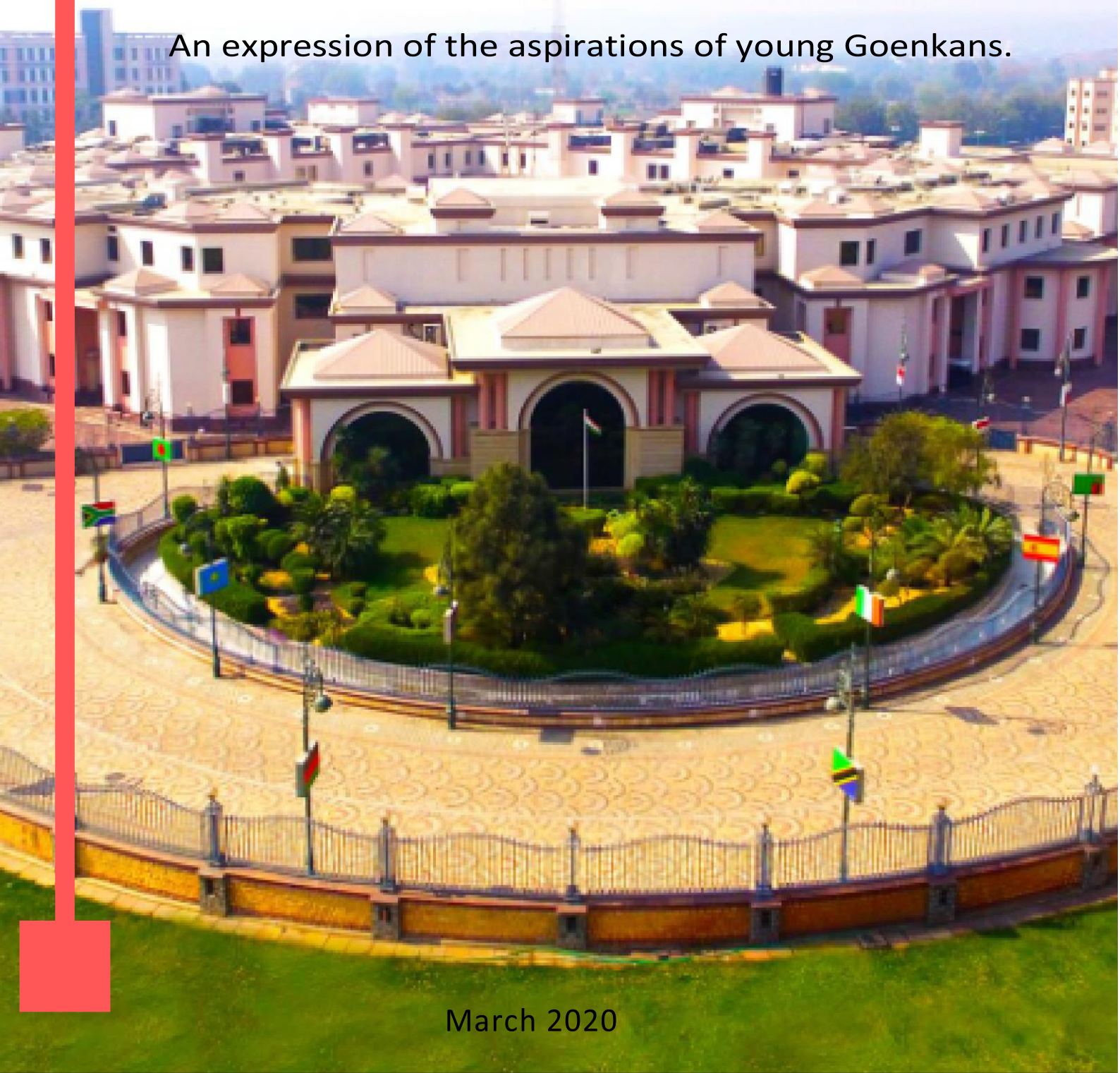


The Goenkan Vista

An expression of the aspirations of young Goenkans.



March 2020



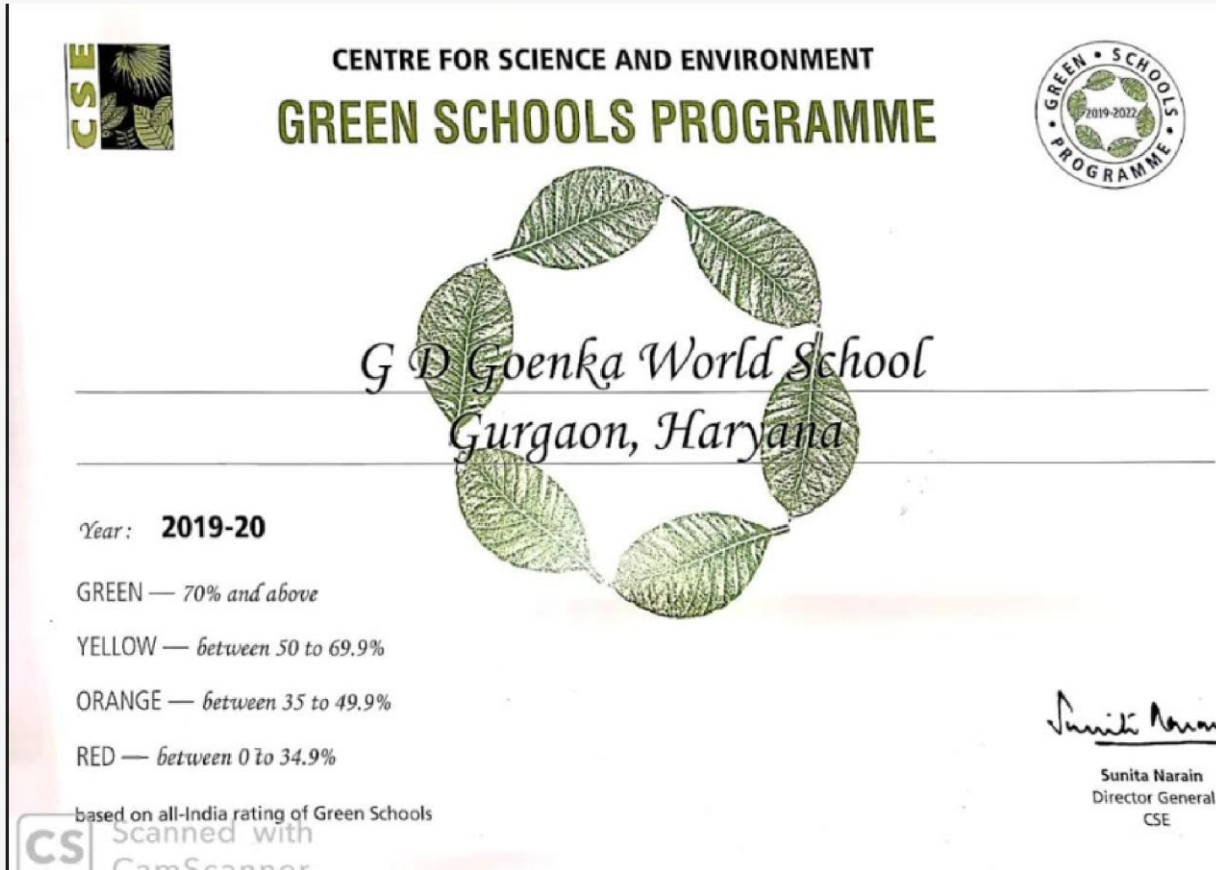
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR - PRINCIPAL

Life can sometimes throw completely unexpected situations at you, where one has no other recourse but to draw upon inner reserves of resilience. The outbreak of Covid-19 has left us in a situation where we are forced to be confined to our homes, but our spirit to fight back must not be undermined. We must continue unrelentingly to overcome challenges . My congratulations to most of you on your performance in the annual examination. As you brace yourself for the new session, this time around, the teaching-learning environment will be different. We will begin with online classes from April 6 , 2020. I am certain, each of you is excited about these classes . We look forward to welcoming each of you in the e- classes !!

Dr. Neeta Bali
Director-Principal

FEBRUARY 2020

GREEN SCHOOL AWARD



GD Goenka World School was conferred with Green school certificate and was rated a “GREEN SCHOOL” by CENTER OF SCIENCE and ENVIRONMENT. The Green school Audit was very intense and was done by CLS students, supervised by CLS HOP and supported by Major Karttikeya Sharma. This audit had six sections – Air, Energy, Food, Land, Water, and Waste. The audit tracked all the critical elements like mobility, energy consumption, food consumption, biodiversity, water usage, sanitation, and solid waste management which directly or indirectly contributes to global heating and empowers students to practice sustainable use of natural resources.



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SAT CRACKERS



We congratulate the following students from the GDGWS the cohort for securing close to 1500 and above 1500 in their SAT scores this year which place them in the top 99th percentile nationally out of the 1.7 million students taking the SAT in the year 2019.

1. Sumer Kaistha-1520
2. Tanushree Koachar-1570
3. Abhinav Gupta- 1500
4. Arshia G Sarah-1500
5. Anika Singh-1540
6. Dhruv Wadhwa -1480

FEBRUARY 2020 CAREER

FAIR



-----GD Goenka World School hosted a Career Fair for students of Grades XI-XII (IBDP) on Tuesday, February 04, 2020. About fourteen universities promoted their educational ethos at the fair. The flow of the visit was as follows:

A counseling session focused on “21st Century Skills and Emerging Career”. Introduction and critical information was shared about each of the universities as well as details of their highly ranked programs and scholarship opportunities by the American University admissions representatives.

Students interacted individually with the representatives and had a chance to ask specific questions regarding the universities, academic programs, admissions and scholarships.



OUR DEMOCRATS

“Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people.” To elucidate the political system of democracy, an inter-house election campaign competition was organized on 5th Feb, 2020 at GDGWS. The students showcased a canvassing process for their chosen leader. So far, this was one of the most entertaining competitions. The audience went into fits of laughter as each group came up with a novel way of presentation. All the four groups were brimming with enthusiasm and energy as they showed off their party slogans. It was a real task for the judges to use their discretion and give an unbiased opinion. The results of the competition were as follows:

First Position Cycass House

Second Position Nyssa House

Third Position Cedrus House

Fourth Position Sorbus House



FEBRUARY 2020

KER NIGHT



A few IBDP students got the wonderful opportunity of attending KER night - a grand showcase curated by students and educators, comprising music, dance and theatre. The event was organised by FICCI ARISE as part of the KER National Summit. The students and accompanying staff found it a very enriching experience.

FEBRUARY 2020

WASATCH ACADEMY USA



The Collaboration between Wasatch Academy, USA and GDGWS moved to another level wherein our teachers along with Head of Programs, exchange coordinators, Naina Vaish and Anumeha, counsellors and special educator along with Director Principal had the first Teacher Online Exchange session with Ms. Kara Loftin who is the Head of Student advisory at Wasatch Academy. The broad topic of this consultation session was 'Academic support systems for students with learning differences.' The main points discussed were the following—

1. Developing a school culture of peace and empathy
2. Helping students making and meeting long term and short term goals
3. How are social skills and study skills integrated into a student's life
4. Universal screening tools to assess learning difficulties
5. Sensitizing teachers about students with learning difficulties
6. Normalizing differentiation in classrooms

FEBRUARY 2020

CAS PROJECT

The students of IBDP, accompanied by Head of Programme, Dr. Manisha Mehta and CAS coordinator, Jinas Panicker visited the UNDP office on a special invite. The team's effort to send medicines to Sikkim, in spite of the difficult terrain was hugely appreciated by Ms. Nadia Rashid from United Nations Development Programme.



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GD GOENKA STUDENTS GOT SELECTED TO REPRESENT HARYANA IN U-17 & U-21 CATEGORIES IN 'KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES 2020'



GD Goenka students, 14-year old Pari Singh (grade 8) got selected to represent Haryana in the U-17 category in 'Khelo India youth games 2020' and 17 year old Sanya Singh (grade 10) got selected to represent Haryana in U-21 category (in girls Lawn tennis) which was held in Guwahati, Assam in January 2020. They competed well with the top players in India in their respective categories and Sanya finished at Podium with a Bronze medal in girls U-21 doubles category. Pari Singh was ranked no 3 in India in under 16 category.

Heartiest congratulations to the girls!!

FEBRUARY 2020

GD MARATHON



The GD Goenka University organised a marathon to extend the message of women's right to safety in society. The marathon included four categories: 3km for age 35 and above, 5km for age 14 and below, 10km for age 15years and above and 21km half marathon for 18 and above. 32 students of GD Goenka World School participated in three categories where Masood Ahmed, Anish and Akin participated and showed an exemplary performance in the 21km category. In the 5km girls category, Ritika of grade 7 made us proud by bagging the third position and Swayam of grade 8 showed commendable endurance by coming fourth in the 5km boys category. In the pre-marathon poster making competition, Aliyah secured the second prize with a cash prize of RS 2000 and the consolation prize was taken by Khanak and Seo Jin of grade 7.

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GOLF LEARNERS



GDGWS students attended a session at the ITC Classic Golf Course to learn new skills and techniques regarding golf to grasp the fundamental knowledge of this sport. The ITC golf course is South Asia's first ever 27-hole Jack Nicklaus' designed Signature Championship golf course. At the foothills of the picturesque Aravallis, the cynosure of the golfing community comprises an 18-hole signature championship course; Ridge & Valley, and a 9-hole signature Canyon course, where the students practised various shots and techniques. It was an overall constructive and unique experience.



FEBRUARY 2020

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



On 29th February 2020 our school went for basketball tournament held at Kunskapsskolan International school .We secured the winning position. Aiko Assumi Grade 4 A got the best player of the tournament award.



FEBRUARY 2020

ROMAN EMPIRE



A scintillating presentation on Blended Learning was made by students of CLS grade 6. Blended Learning is an approach that involves a group of students working together to solve a problem, complete a task, or craft a product. It not only brings a remarkable change in the classroom milieu, but it also brings a radical shift in the learning outcome as they discuss, opionate, incorporate, and create a unique learning finale that is unparalleled. And we, GD Goenka World School take pleasure in carving our own trail- a trail of trust and faith to nurture the young minds and offer opportunities for them to blossom. The precocious students of grade 6 presented a spectacular class presentation on the topic "The Roman Empire" on 14th February, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the parents and students.



GDGWS HOSTS JAS AND NINNS MEETING



When educators work together, they form important professional and personal relationships. Collaboration between teachers to share the best practices contributes to school improvement and student success. GD Goenka World School hosted a Job Alike session for the IBPYP teachers and NINNS meeting for Coordinators and Principals of IB Schools of the Northern Region on Saturday, February 15, 2020. Various renowned and new IB Schools came together to share the best practices followed by their respective schools. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp followed by the welcoming address given by the Director Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali and the welcoming of the guest Mr. Mahesh Balakrishnan, Manager, Development & Recognition at International Baccalaureate Organization who enlightened the gathering about the IB Programmes. Students of GD Goenka World School then gave a mesmerizing musical performance. Mr. Mahesh Balakrishnan also was a part of the coordinators and principals meet where he discussed the enhancement of PYP and updated the gathering about the evaluation and authorization of the IB Schools. There were 13 moderators from GD Goenka World School who led the various sessions sharing their experience with the participants from various schools.

FEBRUARY 2020

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

International Mother Language Day is celebrated every year on 21st February. The main purpose of celebrating this day is to promote the awareness of language and cultural diversity across the world. To acknowledge its importance, the pupils made bookmarks inscribing salutations in various languages and learnt basic greetings in foreign languages.



FEBRUARY 2020

PYP EXHIBITION 2020




On February 29th students of Grade 5 showcased their PYP Exhibition under the Transdisciplinary Theme "How We Express Ourselves" . It was a memorable day for them as this gave them an opportunity of showcasing their learning of the 7 PYP Concepts. The umbrella topic was Social Media and they investigated different issues like Child Labour, Civic Rules, Caring for Stray Animals and the Impact of Social Media. Most of the research work was done through social media, different websites, surveys and interviews. The students worked enthusiastically with their teachers. They also presented a drama depicting the impact of social Media. They performed an impactful dance on the addiction of social media and sang a song promising to make this world a better place. It was a pleasure to see our students become more aware and concerned about a number of important issues and want to take actions, making a difference in their community and the world around us.



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