



# **The Goenkan Vista**

An expression of the aspirations of young Goenkans



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# Director-Principal's Message

Dear parents and students,

I hope you all are safe and healthy. Every month I look forward to sharing my feelings through this newsletter. This visual interaction gives me an opportunity to interact with you and I hope my message inspires you to think positive. It's time for us to take a step back from our busy lives and appreciate the little things that life has to offer. Instead of going outside to watch a movie let's stay inside and watch our health. So, while trying to make sense of things, let's learn to make peace with things. Hence instead of choosing the pain of regret let's choose the pain of discipline. Let's not call it social distancing, let's call it virtual connecting. Let us remain calm and ignore unsubstantiated rumours, and stay at home, taking advantage of living together as a family.

Keeping a healthy mindset is extremely crucial in times like these and it's important to realize that nothing is permanent. Negative thinking affects our mental health and, in an era, where physical fitness is given utmost importance, there is a huge lack of importance given to mental fitness. To keep a healthy mind, it is vital to have faith and belief that every ending has a beginning and that this too shall pass.

The lockdown has offered us an opportunity to learn and unlearn certain things and thus get reintroduced to ourselves with a different perspective. This time has offered us space for growth, resilience and reformation of our mind and thoughts. At the end of the day, "Tough times never last, but tough people do."





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## CAS Projects

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An important aspect of the complete CAS experience is the CAS project. A CAS project involves collaboration between a group of students or with members of the wider community. Students work as part of a team, with all members being contributors. A CAS project offers students the opportunity to be responsible for, or to initiate, be a part of a CAS project. Working collaboratively also provides opportunities for individual students to enhance and integrate their personal interests, skills and talents into the planning and implementation of CAS projects. During the CAS month, the students of grade 11 and 12 collaborated to initiate various engaging CAS projects. The projects are as follows:



# E-library

Project supervisor: Mr. Amit Chand

Project leader: Parisha Bhutani

"A library is many things, it's a place to go, to get in and out of the rain, it's a place to go if you want to sit and think. But particularly, it's a place where books live, and it's where the soul of a school lives. We may have to leave the school building for now, but we'll never give up its soul." For this CAS project, the students have created an online library. During this lockdown many people are unable to access their physical resources or are finding it difficult to collect resources online. So, in order to provide these resources to the students, parents and even teachers, the core team: (Parisha, Naman, Rakshita, Elena, Praman, Harsh and Shreya) along with six 11th graders, prepared a drive where they have collected and stored e-books, e-notes, past papers, links to several websites, crash courses for all grades, everything from as big as a required IB textbook to as small as that one equation you just can't understand. It is the one-stop for all information you may reasonably require for learning, but be deceived not, this is not a service bounded only to few students – this is something for the Goenkan fraternity, by the Goenkan fraternity. The students not only have focused on academic resources, but also included apps and websites where people can acquire a new skill or a hobby from the safety of their homes.



Since this is a CAS project, the students ensured that they completed all the CAS stages in order to achieve the aim of devising new planning strategies and tried to create a wholesome yet helpful working environment for everyone. As they also collaborated with grade 11 students, ways were devised to overcome common challenges such as cooperation and coordination while working for this project and it was the most crucial part while working online. This project helped the students to become better thinkers and communicators, and they also developed skills for inquiry and research.



# Ann Daan

Project supervisor: Mr. Jinas Panicker

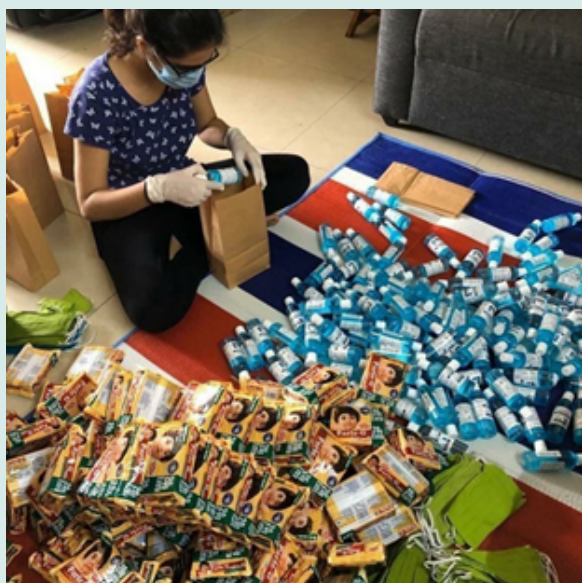
Project leader: Ria Arora

The Earth Saviours foundation is home to more than 500 underprivileged and mentally challenged people. During this crucial time of COVID19 they were lacking essential needs like food, clothes and medical aids. Therefore to help them the students of GD Goenka world school initiated a CAS project “अN Daan”.

अN Daan is a food donation drive where essential food items were collected and donated.

The donor was requested to make a bag that consisted of 5 items:

- 5 Kg Wheat
- 1 kg Sugar
- 1 kg Pulses
- 1 L oil
- glucose biscuits



The donator kept this bag at their main gate and it was collected by the staff of The Earth Saviours Foundation. The core team played a huge role in promoting the campaign of अN Daan through various posters and videos. They also polished most of their IB learner profiles like knowledgeable, thinkers, caring, communicators, balanced, principled and reflective.

Their aim was to collect 40 bags but they actually collected more than 120 bags! Which is more than 600 kilograms of wheat, 120 litres of oil, 240 packets of glucose biscuits, 120 kilograms of sugar.



# Opportunity in Crisis Webinar

Due to the covid-19 pandemic, many countries have temporarily closed down schools, colleges and universities, bringing about a sudden change in the education system. The lockdown has greatly impacted the social life and learning of children all over the world. Furthermore, online teaching is hard to adapt to for both students as well as teachers. These interruptions may not only have a short-term consequence, instead it can have long term consequences which we must try to reduce. Faced with uncertainty and a lack of the conventional resources, we have to be able to seize the opportunities presented to us.

**The Opportunity In Crisis**  
CAS PROJECT  
A LIVE WEBINAR BY GOENKAN STUDENTS

**Deepak Sharma**  
• Masters in Economics along with HR Certification  
• Diploma in T&D from ISTD  
• Licentiate Learning and Development professional from Asian HR board  
• Life skills blogger along with being a NLP Practitioner and a life coach

**MODERATED BY**  
**Sumer Kaistha & Nishka Mittal**  
STUDENTS OF GRADE 12

**June 20, 2020 @ 12pm**

**PROJECT MEMBERS:** Dhruv Wadhwa | Saloni Mohan | Anika Singh | Atufe Shabnum | Sumer Kaistha | Nishka Mittal | Harsh Gupta | Jusjeev Singh | Nandini Kapoor |

Hence, the students of Grade 12 initiated a CAS project to conduct a series of webinars to inform students about the opportunity in the crisis. The first webinar was conducted for the students of IBDP, wherein we were joined by Mr. Deepak Sharma, seasoned learning and development professional with more than 14 years of experience, having conducted training programs for various reputed organizations like HDFC Sales, India bulls Housing Finance, Piramal Capital, Future Group, Avighna and various Colleges and Schools. Mr. Deepak Sharma held an interactive session in which he spoke about the various ways we can uplift ourselves and pursue our goals, all the while maintaining a productive routine, so as to maintain our mental health. This was followed by a question-answer round, in which multiple students raised their doubts, and were enthusiastically responded by Mr. Deepak Sharma. The second session was conducted for the students of MYP, wherein he spoke about the efficient use of the internet during the lockdown and the impact of Covid-19 on education. The interactive session enabled students of Grade 6th-8th to participate in discussions concerning the pandemic, all the while reflecting on their own personal experiences.

This ongoing project encouraged us to research and spread awareness on topics that are of utmost prevalence during this lockdown. Being able to gain expert insight as well as the opportunity to share our own knowledge with students of various ages helped us develop as IB learners, for we learnt the importance of time management and seizing the various opportunities we are presented with.

Nishka Mittal  
Grade 12-A



# MUN @ GDGWS

"MUN is more than a hobby. It is something that helps the students to evolve into people they want to be".

The motto of the GD Goenka World School Model UN Club has always been, "Strive to resolve, strive to evolve". The GDGWS MUNers have always tried to do their best to withhold the same. In our endeavour to maintain world peace through diplomatic discussions, the MUN Club held an Intra Model United Nations Conference on 24-25 June 2020. Amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic, the MUNers and the Secretary-General of the United Nations feel that right now is the most sensitive time in the global community and holding Model UN activity now is the most important ever. The GDGWS Intra MUN 2020 was organised by the Secretariat - Secretary General Mikul Manocha; Deputy Secretary General Eeshaja Swami; USG Delegate Affairs Krish Bansal, Kashvi Kathuria and Rishabh Agrawal; USG Media Lakshit Kalra and Praman Bansal, Head of IPC Nikita Marwah, Head of Caricature Alisha Karwasara; and MUN Coordinator and Chief d'affairs Ms. Priya Mahendru.



At the conference, 2 committees were simulated simultaneously - the United Nations General Assembly and the International Press Corps. Two agendas were set for the General Assembly - The Right to Self Determination with Special Emphasis in Crimea and The Kashmir Conflict. The International Press Corps was responsible for the documentation of the committee and presentation of the conference newsletters. The General Assembly was chaired by Mikul Manocha and guest chair Arya Agrawal. The committee encouraged many healthy and fruitful discussions, with introduction of 7 crisis updates, which the committee handled well. Vikram Anand Thakur grabbed the best delegate award, followed by Yash Kumar with the High Commendation.



# International Interact Webinar

An international Interact webinar was held on 21st June 2020. The Interact core team members from GDGWS joined Director- Principal, Dr Neeta Bali; DHM, Ms Shanaz Banno Butt and Rotarian Dr Nischal Pnadey to discuss how Interact clubs selflessly serve people.

Each Interactor present picked one project they believed had the best learning outcome. They briefly explained the project, its significance as well as the learning they gained. An Interactor shared, "At the end of the project I was casually talking to some of the children from the Bhagat Singh Foundation. They were telling me about how hard their life is, how they had to create a balance between school work and provide for their family. The reason why this project was my favourite was because they told me how much that day meant to them and how much they appreciated what we did for them. This instance brought me a lot of joy and I felt really grateful to have a platform like the Interact Club to bring a smile on children's faces."

Later during the meeting, interactors from New Zealand and Chile joined to discuss their recent projects, this helped Interactors from different countries learn about different points of views and learn new ideas and techniques that would be helpful in the social work community. The webinar was concluded by presenting an impressive video on projects that the GDGWS Interact team has successfully completed in the past year.

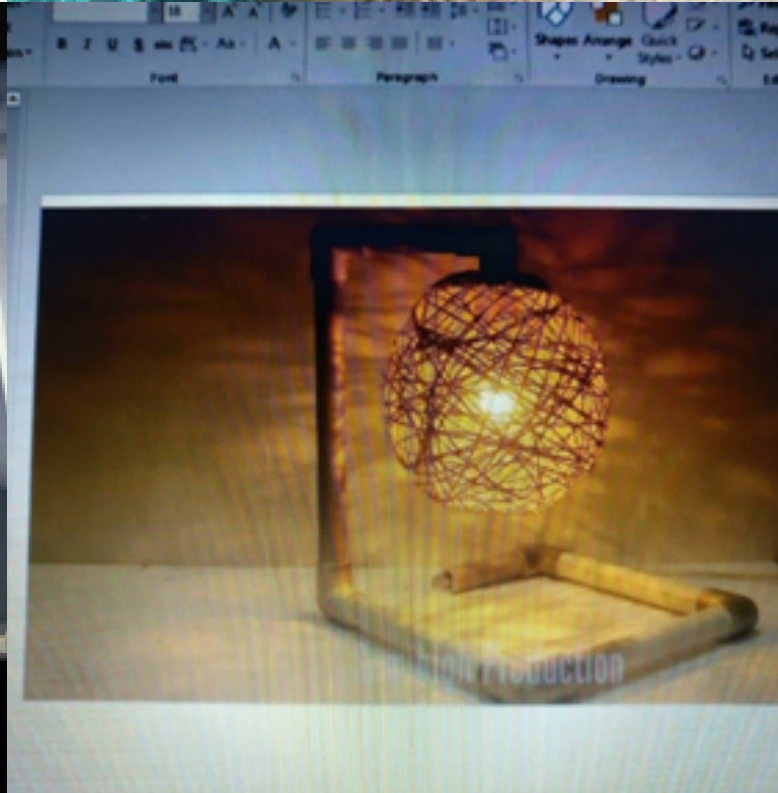
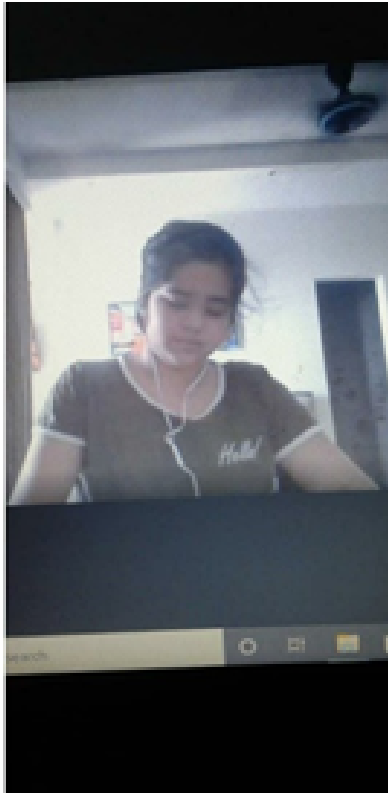
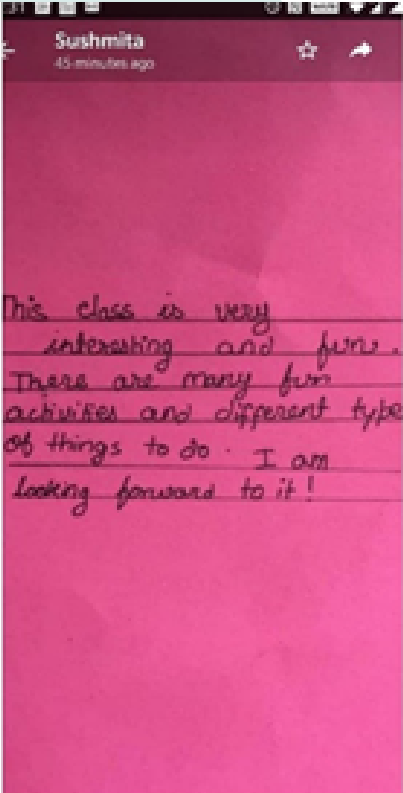
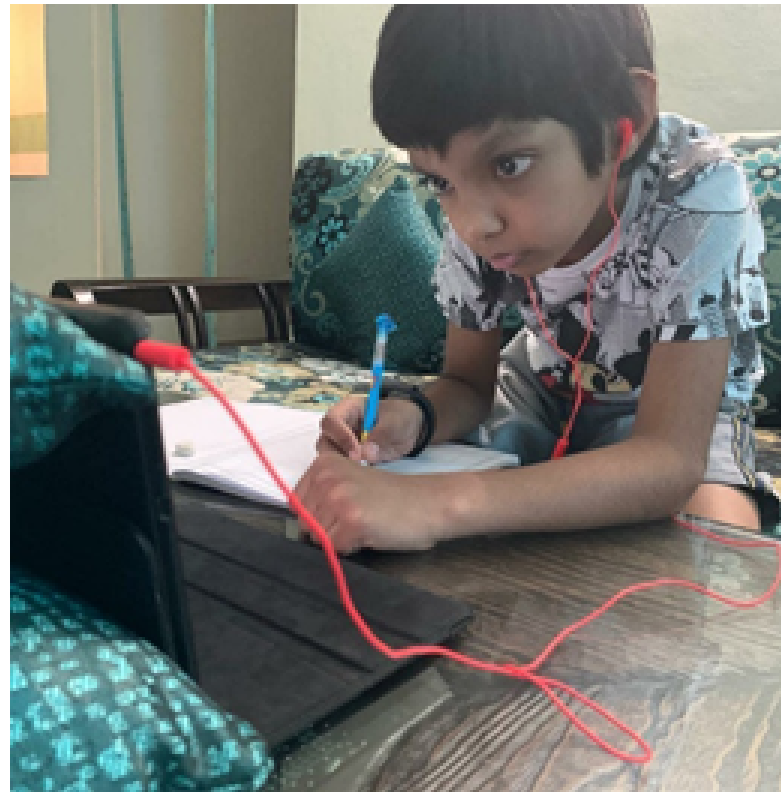
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# Summer School program

The first ever GDGWS Summer School Programme was conducted between the 2nd and the 15th of June, 2020. The crux of the programme was to build in self-confidence, and attribute it greatly with the students' personas. Making them independent learners and, consequently, enthusiasts in the field, by teaching them various skills, was also a consistent aim of this initiative. Numerous activities were planned like, such as, a guide to Becoming a Culinary Expert, a journey to Understanding Vedic Mathematics, a commencement of Enhancing Writing Expressions, a path to Re-Defining our Fitness, and many more exciting pursuits. Students were enabled to learn and grow, and gain confidence by showcasing the best versions of the knowledge they gained. The variety of avenues explored and set, made it an inviting, intensive, and skill-diverse programme.





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**27<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020**

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## **Indian Principals' Network**

Our Director Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali, was one amongst the selected Heads of Schools, invited by the IPN (Indian Principal's Network) as a speaker at a webinar conducted on Sunday, the 28th of June. The meeting itself also included over 50 enthused students, and the webinar was live-streamed on YouTube, which served as another mode of accessing the insightful occurrence. The Global School Leader's Confluence, included in attendance, Dr. Siva Kumari - Director General, International Baccalaureate, as the keynote speaker. The event vibrantly included many personalities who expressed their views on various questions. Prominent school heads from India and the overseas spoke avidly, and shared comprehensions on several topics, such as, sustainable development and education, with objectives and opinions.





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