The Goenkan Vista

An expression of the aspirations of young Goenkans





Director-Principal's message

Dear Parents and students One of the most important factors in achieving success in life is self-belief. If we do not believe in ourselves and do not have enough self-esteem. If we do not try – the answer is always going to be NO! Even if no one seems to believe in us, we can still succeed, but if we do not believe in ourselves we are doomed to fail.

You can be the most talented and knowledgeable person in the room, but if you do not communicate it with self-confidence, other people won't "buy" it, "believe" it, or know about it – as it is not written on our forehead how good we are! Therefore, if you truly want to achieve great success in career and life, and make your mark in the world, apart from developing your professional skills and your IQ, it is also very important to increase your EQ and practice Emotional Intelligence skills such as building confidence and self-belief, leadership skills, stress management, and self-empowerment.

There has been increased attention to emotional intelligence (EQ), broadly characterised as a set of interpersonal, self-regulation, and communication skills. EQ is now widely seen as a tool kit that plays an important role in helping us succeed in multiple aspects of life.IQ is the minimum you need to achieve, but AQ is how you will be successful over time,"AQ is not just the capacity to absorb new information, but the ability to work out what is relevant, to unlearn obsolete knowledge, overcome challenges, and to make a conscious effort to change. AQ involves flexibility, curiosity, courage, resilience and problem-solving skills too.

"Learning to learn is mission-critical. The ability to learn, change, grow, and the experiment will become far more important than subject expertise."

Stay safe!

Dr. Neeta Bali

Director-Principal



G.D. Goenka World School, Sohna hosted their first ever IBDP E-Graduation Ceremony for the class of 2020, on May 23, 2020.

Honourable Chancellor, GD Goenka University and Vice Chairperson, GD Goenka Group, Mrs Renu Goenka sent her blessings to batch of 2020 on this solemn occasion and released the yearbook.

Director Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali and the Head of programme, Dr. Manisha Mehta gave inspiring messages to the students. A virtual visual art exhibition by IBDP students was a unique highlight. Scintillating performances by IBDP students added colour to the occasion. An optimistic video message by the chief guest, Mr. Simarjeet Singh, an international motivational speaker created an aura of reassurance when he emphasized on the ability of humans to adapt to the ever-challenging circumstances. His encouraging words will remain with the students for their lifetime.

The never tiring form tutors of grades 12-A to 12-E expressed their affection by giving individual citations to their form students. All the IBDP teachers, PYP and IGCSE teachers who taught the students in the past expressed their love and showered their blessings through a video. The unprecedented times could not deter the students of the outgoing batch from expressing their feelings while giving their emotional speeches, which reverberated their memories .Tanushree Kochar was declared the valedictorian while Anisha Neogi and Yashraj Nanda were declared best IB girl and boy respectively.

Interact club receives Rotary citation with platinum distinction

The interact club of GDGWS has received the prestigious "Rotary citation with platinum distinction" for the second time in a row. Rotary is a global network of 2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. Interact clubs bring together young people to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Through the interact club, students organise and participate in several social initiatives where their only aim is to serve society. The variety of innovative projects and the socially sensitive work done by the club was awarded by the Rotary Citation with Platinum Distinction which is a highly recognized award, won by few of the Interact Clubs across the globe.

2019-2020 ROTARY CITATION

WITH PLATINUM DISTINCTION



Awarded to the Interact Club of

G D Goenka World School, Sohna

for helping **Rotary connect the world** in the lives of people all over the world.



Events @ GDGWS

During this self-isolation period, it might feel like the menace caused by coronavirus has put the world on hold as we very anxiously wait for our release from this temporary imprisonment. Even in these dreadful times, our school has extended a hand towards productivity and togetherness by ameliorating the current situation. To do so, our school organised and conducted several engaging events during the months of April and May, from conducting an online interschool movie critiquing festival to participating in online model UN conferences. The students of our school are taking further initiatives to bring a sense togetherness through these activities while maintaining the social distance essential to fight this pandemic. Apart from that, our school also organised and celebrated the Graduation of the class of 2020 from the safety of our homes and bid them farewell.

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

-Henry Ford

SILVER FIESTA

INTERACT CLUB
DONATION TO BHAGAT
FOUNDATION





Silver Fiesta - A Movie Critiquing Festival

GD Goenka World School proudly held online annual 'Silver Fiesta- A Movie Critiquing Festival', on 30th May, 2020. It is an inter-school event conceptualised by Director Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali and conducted by the English Department, which this year had participants from nine schools. Silver Fiesta this year was unique as it was held online. The movie screened was "Aftermath" by director Jessica Ferizo and Trent Gillham. All the teams critiqued the film based on the already shared criteria. The participants shared their own opinions on the movie and the dystopian themes of the movie. Everyone had to critique on different aspects like – Plot, Characterization, Dialogue, Music/Sound, Camera Work, Use of Colors, Symbols, and Analysis. The school had invited Soul for Screen Ltd. www.soulforscreen.com) a short film production company in London UK and its esteemed film-makers Ana Maria Radulescu and Zaigham Hameed Butt, a GDGWS alumnus, as judges for the competition. In the presence the judges who explained very clearly the criteria for critiquing the movie, the students were inspired to strive for and perform the best that they can The participants exceeded all expectations with their extensive and profound analyses in just 5-7 minutes.

During the opening ceremony, the Director Principal Dr Neeta Bali talked of the importance of cinema as an art form and also in daily life. She also commented that it was a proud moment for the school to have its alumnus Zaigham as one of the judges.

RESULTS:

WINNER:
GD GOENKA PUBLIC
SCHOOL, VASANT KUNJ

FIRST RUNNER UP: GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL, SOHNA

SECOND RUNNER UP: SHIV NADAR SCHOOL, FARIDABAD

After screening of the movie the teams were given 45 minutes to review and prepare for their oral presentation. One by one, teams presented their critiques for the judges to judge and mark the same based on the set criteria. We are glad to announce the results shared with us by the judges:



GDGWS INTERACT CLUB DONATION TO BHAGAT FOUNDATION

G.D Goenka World School Interactors of Grade 11 organised a fundraiser for Bhagat Foundation in October 2019 through sale of muffins, cakes, etc. prepared by the members of the Club. Glad to share with you that Rs.8500 were raised. It was planned to organise a sports day at Bhagat Foundation and distribute sports kits to the kids at the Foundation.

Unfortunately due the lockdown and restrictions on account of COVID 19 since the Sports Day as earlier planned could not be organised the Club donated the funds raised to Bhagat Foundation for use by it for the benefit of their kids under the current difficult times. We hope the funds donated do help the kids in taking care of their needs. We will continue making efforts to help such organisations in future. School appreciates the participation of all the members of the Club wholeheartedly in this social cause.

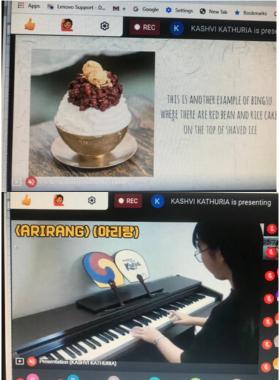


World Cultural Day Assembly

Diversity is a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts, which include race, ethnic origin and colour, religion and creed, sexual orientation, age and ability, to name but a few. As ever-evolving creatures in an ever- changing world, the innumerable aspects of our humanity - all our ways of being, knowing and moving through the world - are contained in this one concept. The recognition of common humanity is the first step in the celebration of our differences - differences in the form of our cultures, our values, our minds, and all our ways of being in the world. Diversity is the chief informant of the creative life force, the central reality in our understanding and stewardship of it.

On 21st May 2020, our school conducted an online World Cultural Diversity day assembly to celebrate and honour the cultural diversities comprising our school and the world. This assembly allowed us to learn about different countries and their cultures and along with that, several students from IGCSE and IBDP participated to bring a global perspective on the table by showcasing and sharing information about their countries with their peers through traditional music and dances from around the world.







Cambridge Learner Attributes Assembly

GD Goenka -IGCSE students attended an assembly on Cambridge Learner Attributes on Wednesday i.e. May 06, 2020. The online assembly was educational and inspirational, using a series of edifying videos on each of the key attributes to elaborate on the implications of these characteristics in our lives.

This assembly, being the first to be held online, has set us off on the right track as students were kept engaged and entertained via a multimedia presentation made by Nikita, who was the in-charge of presenting the assembly along with Eeshaja, Alisha, Suhana, Kashvi, Devansh and Krish.



IBDP Learner Profile Assembly

IBDP students put up a wonderful assembly on May 18th, elucidating IB Learner Profile. The unprecedented times could not stop the students from displaying their innovative skills and they made sure that online learning enhances their personality while making them an IB learner in its true sense.

The attributes comprising the profile are the soul of the IB accredited programmes. The attributes make the students imbibe common set of values, developed in the IB programmes that transcend international boundaries and help develop internationally minded people. IB learners strive to become inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective. It is the responsibility of all members of the school community to model these attributes.





University Fair





To provide further advice and support to our GDGWS students whose studies and university planning are being affected by the pandemic, GDGWS is providing the "Deep-dive, a series of interactive sessions of webinars, virtual university fair for Indian and foreign universities, Weekly updates about the latest examination and admissions updates, online PSAT & SAT classes. Students are gaining further insight into selected programmes, campus updates, and get answers about the admissions process. This is a special opportunity to learn virtually what's new and to ask questions they may have about the university





GDGWS organised a virtual university fair on Saturday, May 16,2020, with some top overseas and Indian universities, including GDGoenka University. The opening address was given by Director Principal, Dr Bali. The fair was 2 hours long, from 11 am to 1 pm, students from grades 10 to 12 joined along with their parents

Online Classes

G. D. Goenka World School ensured that students are kept productively engaged during the online classes, as learning is necessary to keep the mind occupied. Initiation is a powerful deed, and bringing in several initiatives during the classes have certainly been advantageous for the students. The teachers invited parents, guest lecturers and experts to make the lessons more enriching which not only made the online classes interesting but also helped in augmenting the learning.

In the midst of May, a live webinar series " for well-being and learning during the crisis" was proclaimed by G. D. Goenka Up Learn Academy, in association with G. D. Goenka University. There have been many successfully practiced webinars that have shed light since the announcement, for instance, the webinar themed "Parenting Challenges during COVID-19" (Conducted on the 9th of June, 2020) dictated by Dr. Roma Kumar who is a senior consultant and psychologist at the Institute of Child Health. The event, additionally, was moderated by Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali. Such informative events maintain the consistency of productivity, through the prolonged lockdown.

Families become part of online classes

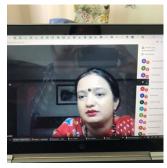
Not just GDGWS kids but families are also part of online classes. We had a guest speaker session by Mrs. Reeta Jain, Grandparent of Archit Nrip Jain. The Grandparent of Archit Nrip of grade 4 B was invited to share the old ways of processing food item of her choice. We were glad that she agreed and very enthusiastically shared the ways carrots and amla sweet fruits(murabba) are processed. She showed how to cut carrots in small pieces and the steps involved in processing sweet fruit so that it can be preserved for good one month. Archit also accompanied his grandmother that showcased his confidence and communication skills. We are really thankful to Mrs.Reeta Jain for taking out time and sharing the information with the children online during this difficult lockdown time.

Guest Lectures

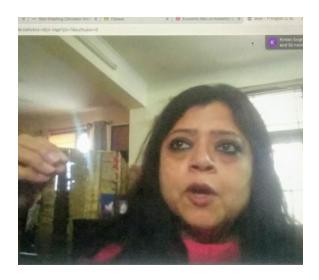
On April 23, 2020 a guest lecture by Mr. Varun Chaudhary, Manager of Conduct CSR, NEXT PLC, UK was arranged for the students of grade 11 IBDP Business Management on the topic 'Corporate Social Responsibility CSR' during the online classes. The session provided some useful information about a few brands like H&M and Nike on how they carry on their responsibilities as a corporation towards society.

The session was an insight into the practicality of the concept in the corporate world for our future entrepreneurs





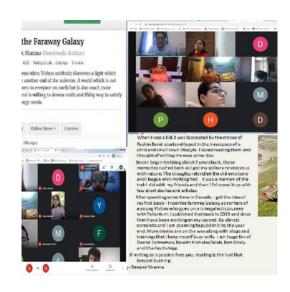
IBDP Economics students enjoyed a session by Ms Anamica Banerjee, guest speaker from NMIMS Mumbai, ASOMAC and ICFAI Business school. The topic was impact of COVID-19 endemic on global economy



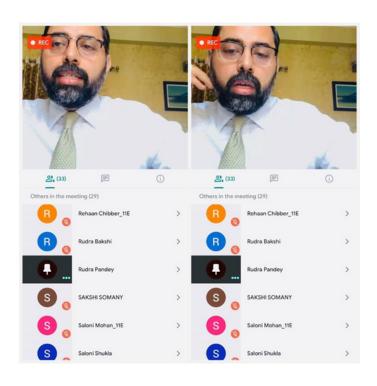
IBDP students enjoyed a guest lecture with an anthropologist, Dr Bobby Luthra Sinha, during the Language and Literature class. She shared some valuable inputs on her knowledge of Latin American history and author, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and how a translation text is different from an original piece

A guest lecture by Mr. Rudra Pandey for students across grades 10-12 on Economic impact of the latest financial stimulus by government of India. Mr. Rudra Pandey is a Partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. He has 17 years' of experience in corporate commercial transactions, general corporate advisory and advising on corporate governance matters. He has been very actively involved in various national and international deals. He has been endorsed as a notable practitioner for financial and corporate laws by The International Financial Law Review 1000.

His areas of expertise include corporate structuring, mergers & acquisitions, takeovers, delisting's, private equity investments, joint ventures, real estate, banking and finance, project finance, establishment and management of funds (onshore and offshore).



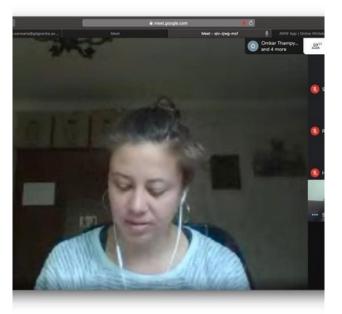
Today the students of grade 6, CLS attended a session with the author Deepak Sharma, who is a famous blog writer and author of the book 'From the Faraway Galaxy'. He introduced the students to his debut novel and talked about his passion for writing and reading. It was an extremely fruitful session, as the student discussed the writer's latest blog on habits and routine during quarantine. Mr. Sharma explained the proper way of acquiring a habit and practicing good habits during quarantine such as reading and writing. We look forward to more sessions like this!



Online Learning



Learning at GDGWS goes beyond the ordinary. It is a blend of experiential learning or learning by doing, guest lectures to gain different perspectives and other innovative ways of learning. While Grade 8 students were asked to prepare a foldable wheel reflecting "Laws of Indices", older students enjoyed guest lectures by Ms. Kimberly Lerch, an environmentalist from Germany who joined an Ab initio Spanish class and had an interactive session on climate change, covid - 19 and future challenges. The session was quite engaging and interesting where students received wonderful inputs and different perspectives were explored.





Parent Appreciation

Our parents continue to support and commend GDGWS for the exemplary work and the streamlined online teaching for our students. We thank you and continue to look forward to a stronger collaboration with our parents.

Thank you, Mrs Mishra, for your kind words! Dear Dr. Bali,

When COVID-19 entered our lives, we were all fearful and uncertain of how life would take a turn and how we were going to cope with such dire circumstances. It is with great relief and pride that I say, our lives didn't change much and we adapted to this way of life quite easily. This only became possible because of GDGWS which took ounus of our child's (Akshath Mishra of Grade 11) education so responsibly that he is more engaged and keen to learn than ever. His day starts as per the school time-table as usual. Many thanks to all the teachers who are giving it their all: the moment they see that a student is not joining the online class, an immediate phone call is made to the parents. Moreover, daily communication through emails has left us feeling just as connected to the school as before.

We proudly continue to place our trust in the hands of your prestigious institution and would like to thank you for your efforts.

Warm Regards,

Sweyta Mishra







Achievements

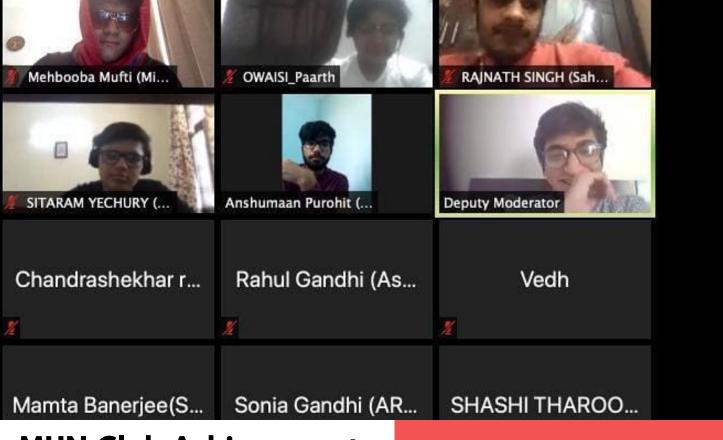
the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and a dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater of the nation"

-John F. Kennedy

G.D Goenka is dedicated to offering a balanced and holistic education that not only prepares the students well for academic excellence, but also helps children find their talent and realise their full potential. Children are provided with a plethora of opportunities which help equip every child with the confidence and open-mindedness they need to pursue their dreams, and develop a healthy understanding of the world. The hard work and dedication of the teachers and students are evident in the remarkable accolades that students have received over the past month.

Mikul Manocha and Krish Bansal of GDWS participated in an online Triumph MUN, where Mikul Manocha won a special mention in the all India political parties meet, where he represented Mehbbob Mufti.

With the aim to provide further advice and support to students whose studies and university planning have being affected by the pandemic G.D Goenka has also organised several interactive sessions of webinars, virtual university fairs for Indian and foreign universities to provide a platform for students to gain a further insight into selected programmes, campus updates, and get answers about the admissions process in an attempt to make sure our students embark on their future journeys in the best way possible.



MUN Club Achievements

In our endeavour to strive for world peace, GDGWS MUNers have not stopped their efforts, even in lockdown. With the need for humanitarian, monetary and social aid, Mikul Manocha and Shashank Singh Kataria (as the Secretary General and President respectively) of IBDP organised La Révolution MUN as their CAS Project, where more than 10 schools participated with more than 100 delegates. All the proceeds went towards COVID-19 relief in the form of rations & healthcare equipment Haryana Corona Relief Fund. At the conference, on 23-24 May 2020, GD Goenka World School won the Best Delegation, with Somin Shah winning Special Mention in UNGA, Vikram Thakur winning the Best Delegate & Abhinav Gupta winning the special mention in AIPPM. The students also participated in REMMUN, another MUN organised for a social cause, where all proceeds went to charity. Mikul Manocha served as the Head of IT and Vice Chairperson for UNGA: ECOFIN and Abhinav Gupta & Vikram Thakur won the High Commendation and Special Mention respectively in Historic AIPPM respectively.

"I believe that children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way."

Whitney Houston









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