THE GOENKAN VISTA

An expression of the aspirations of young Goenkans







Director-Principal's Message

"Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations"

Today, the role of a school is not only to pursue the academic excellence but also to motivate and empower the students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and productive members of an ever-changing global society. Converting every individual into a selfreliant and independent citizen, our school provides an amalgam of scholastic and co-scholastic activities.

The world today is changing at such an accelerated rate that we as educators need to pause and reflect on this entire system of Education. The New Education Policy 2020 aims to overhaul the country's education specially cultivating '21st-century skills' among students, including critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity and digital literacy. I am happy to share our

recent inter-school science event, conducted by GDGWS fostered great knowledge, sharing and created a competitive spirit among students. It was organized on a digital platform and had an overwhelming response from 27 schools across India comprising 400 participants.

Overall, Scienamite was a grand success. We will continue to provide excellent learning opportunities to our students whether they are at home or school.

We hope that all members are keeping safe and well during this most challenging of times. We are looking forward to the return of our bustling school environment full of energised students sometime hopefully in the not too far distant future...

Dr.Neeta Bali (Director-Principal)



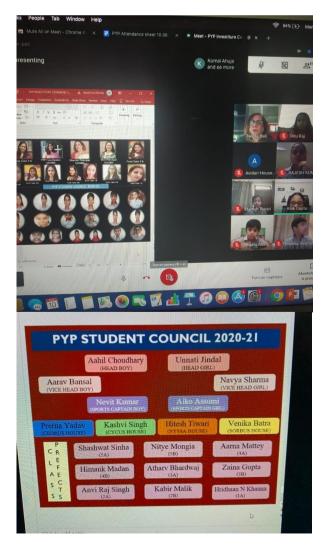
INVESTITURE CEREMONY

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> "True leaders always practice the 3Rs: Respect for self, Respect for others, and Responsibility for their actions."

To inculcate the leadership qualities in the students, a school prefectorial board was formed on the basis of an online voting and the speech delivered by the nominated students for the much deserved posts.

The ceremony began with a melodious and an inspiring song - I Have a Dream by the PYP choir. This was followed by announcing the names of the Cabinet posts. The Cabinet then took the oath read out by the PYP Head of Programme, Ms Poonam Singh. The Director-Principal Dr. Neeta Bali inspired and motivated the elected leaders to be dutiful and responsible. She extended her heartfelt gratitude to both students and the parents for their unstinted support during these challenging times.



JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS

To mark the birth of Lord Krishna, PYP students celebrated Janmashtmi on August, 2 with great fervour and enthusiasm in collaboration with their teachers. Students of Nursery to Grade 2 engaged in activities like dressing up as little Radhas and Krishnas, decoration of flutes, decorating "dahi handis", and making crowns with peacock feathers while also learning their relevance. Students of Grade 3 to 5 created mesmerizing "jhankis" depicting scenes from Lord Krishna's childhood.



LEARNING CONTINUES

A five day virtual professional development session was facilitated by the PYP Coordinator and was attended by the entire PYP staff. It focused on Conceptual understanding, inquiry in teaching and learning, and collaborative planning.

We appreciate the entire team for participating wholeheartedly.



CLS ONLINE READING PROGRAM

Students of CLS have been engaged in a series of activities which promote reading, conducted by the CLS librarian. A digital library has been created for students using media such as google classroom to access at their homes during lockdown. Innovative tools such as graphics, audiobooks etc. have been used to encourage students to develop proper reading habits. Students are encouraged to read aloud in class to enhance their confidence and speaking skills. Along with this, students are sent a list of useful e-resources weekly, which consist of links to online books and sites which aid them in studies. Creativity and innovation is motivated among students through activities such as digital bookmark making and book cover designing, which make the idea of reading fun for students and the occasional author session boosts students' morals regarding reading. More activities will be regularly planned for students for them to enjoy and benefit from.



Reading for the mind

Reading is perhaps one of the best hobbies in the world, and one of the healthiest. Whether you are reading fiction or nonfiction, a newspaper or Reading is not only poem. а educational and informative, it's entertaining and relaxing too. The wide range of advantages of reading include the ability to empathize, build vocabulary, reduce stress and alleviate symptoms help of depression.

Happy reading!

INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

Interdisciplinary learning is an integral part of international curriculum at GDGWS. Students of grade-8 prepared an Interdisciplinary project in English, Maths, social sciences, Science and ICT. Each one of them contributed with great zeal And enthusiasm.

The Theme of the project was 'Globalisation'.



Global perspective Interdisciplinary

CLS LIBRARY ACTIVITY



On the occasion of J. K Rowling and the famous fictional character- Harry Potter's birthday, students of CLS made digital book covers and bookmarks on Harry Potter themes. Students were introduced to a new online platform to make digital bookmarks and covers. This is an informative and fun activity for students, giving a boost to their imagination and innovation while discovering new platforms to enhance their skills.



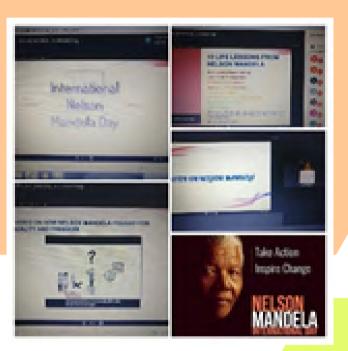


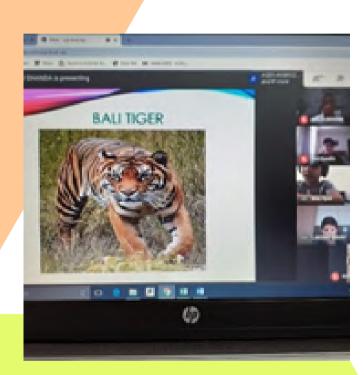
ASSEMBLIES TEACHINGS OF NELSON MANDELA

Young Goenkans Grade 6 A came together producing a spectacular online assembly on the teachings of Nelson Mandela. They celebrated International Nelson Mandela day by sharing his principles and how he spoke on elimination of racism.

<mark>TIG</mark>ER DAY

Students of CLS, grade 7 celebrated International Tiger Day on August 29,2020, with great gusto through a special assembly dedicated to the day.





HIROSHI<mark>MA DAY</mark>

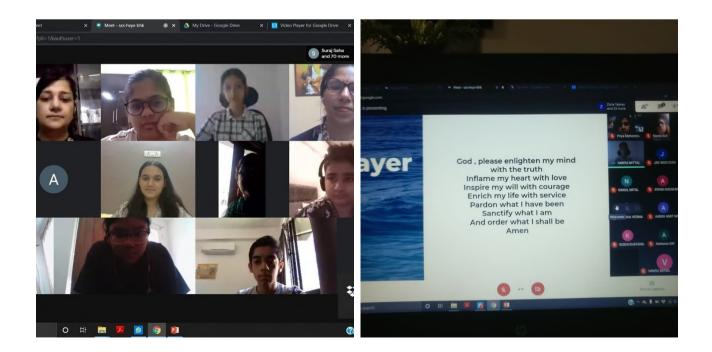


Hiroshima Day, August 6, 2020 marked the 75th year of the use of the atomic bomb. CLS students from grade 7B conducted a special assembly to commemorate the occasion and shared views on spreading peace in the world. IGCSE

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Keeping this quote as the theme, the students of 9A presented a virtual assembly dwelling on the meaning of gratitude. At the same time, showing their gratitude to their teachers and essential workers for all the assistance during these unprecedented times. During the presentation, the Director-Principal apprised the students of GDGWS about how important it is to be thankful in life and no matter how big the hardships, we always sail through with the attitude of gratitude.

"Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance" -Eckhart Tolle



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International Baccalaureate

IGCSE TOPPERS 2020 EXAMINATION



RAJSI SHARMA 1^{s™}**POSITION** 4A*, 3 A'S Total Subjects -7



VANSHIKA AGARWAL 2rd POSITION 5A*, 2A's Total Subjects -7



ADITI SINGH 3rd POSITION 4A*, 2A's,2B's Total Subjects -8

#GrowWithGoenka gdgws#stay home, stay safe.

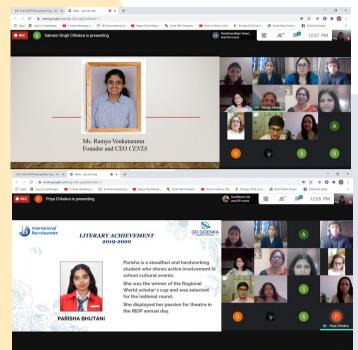
IGCSE & IBDP

RECOGNITION DAY

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant"- Robert Louis Stevenson

Recognition Day, 22 August 2020 was a highly-anticipated day on the academic calendar of GD Goenka World School. Like every other Recognition Day, it celebrated the culmination of all the hard work put in by students through the academic year. It is an occasion to flag them off further on the road of excellence, teaching them to aspire, achieve and overcome, besides inspiring fellow under-achievers to strive harder.

The virtual event witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of proud parents and teachers. It was graced by our esteemed chief guest Mr Paulias Korni (High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea) in the IGCSE and Ramva segment Ms Venkataraman (Founder and CEO CENTA) in the IBDP segment. The Recognition Day ceremony commenced with the pre-recorded lamp lighting and the invocation of Vandana. Saraswati Director-Principal, Dr Neeta Bali addressed the gathering by welcoming all and sharing her thoughts on the value of perseverance and dedication. She further congratulated all students with her encouraging words. This was followed by a scintillating dance performance by Kaynat and Rajsi.



Next was the much-awaited award distribution in the different categories namely, Scholastic, Music, sports, MUN, newsletter and overall Excellence amongst others. The anticipation on the faces of the young achievers was quite evident as they waited for their names to flash on the slides of the virtual screen. The winners received their awards to a vigourous applause by all present. The Head of IBDP Programme Dr Manisha Mehta finally offered a vote of thanks and culminated the programme.





AQUAWASH

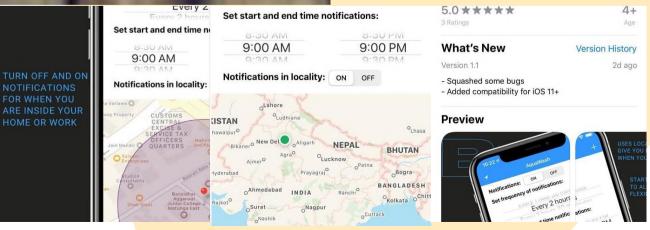
IBDP year 2 students, Sumer Kaistha and Harsh Gupta developed a useful app 'AquaWash'.

It is more necessary than ever to wash our hands regularly and at the correct times to promote cleanliness and hygiene. They have developed an app called AquaWash which was created with the intention to aid our community and help promote hygiene and safety in the society. It is programmed to use advanced



algorithms to send you notifications based upon your location and the time of the day. This app makes use of location services and sends you notifications to remind you to wash your hands when you enter a set location, such as your home or workplace. Furthermore, it allows the user to schedule the frequency and time of notification. The user is also able to decide whether they want notifications when they are within a certain locality or not through the use of a simple switch. These features allow the users to decide and set flexible timings for the notifications retrieved according to their daily schedule. It is an important, user-friendly application which allows you to quickly set crucial reminders for washing your hands based upon your schedule.

"We hope to assist everyone to stay healthy and safe during these harsh times and this app is a simple and efficient method to promote public health" opined our innovative students.

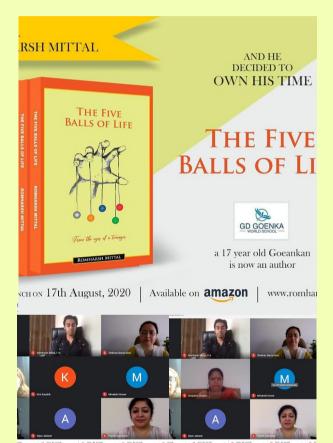


ASPIRING AUTHOR

The IB curriculum that has its foundations on the learner profiles makes every candidate a confident global citizen. Our school which aligns with IB Vision and mission provides a unique platform to students for becoming not only knowledgeable but also confident communicators.

Romharsh Mittal is one such student of IBDP who has proven with his insurmountable passion that there is so much to do with your capabilities if you want to, and are determined to do so. He has written a book to which the Director-Principal, Dr Neeta Bali, so graciously added a foreword. This was in order to encourage and support such budding talents. The school conducted an assembly to acknowledge the feat of the student and to release the book 'The Five Balls of Life'. Dr Neeta Bali, who has also written the foreword for the book, released the book and congratulated Romharsh for his achievements and inspired young minds to use this time productively using more of such opportunities.

Ms Payalh, Romharsh's mother, was also a part of this event. She was very appreciative of the tireless support extended by the Director Principal and the whole school community in encouraging and recognising students' abilities.



AMONG THE STARS

We congratulate our students Mikul Minocha and Ria Arora on their contribution to observation of 'Near Earth objects and main belt asteroids' through their participation in an event organised by International Astronomical Search Collaboration.



DIALOGUES OF HOPE

JULY

GDGWS students from IBDP, along with two staff members were invited to attend a webinar titled Dialogues of hope - The role of schools in creating thought leaders. Director-Principal was one of the select speakers along with heads of prominent schools and Chairpersons of prestigious schools like Jayshree Periwal, across India. The keynote address was given by Ms Kali Taylor, Advisor UN SDG lab, Geneva. For our students, it was a great learning and exposure. The webinar was organised by CEII, a leading non-profit confederation that promotes global knowledge, research and training initiatives.



AUGUST

Selected students of IBDP attended a webinar, as part of series "Dialogues of Hope" along with Director-Principal, diploma program coordinator, Dr Manisha Mehta and CAS coordinator with the NGO, Navratan Foundation. The webinar was about the work of Navratan foundation and how they help undiscovered talents to find their ways in the world. They help people of all ages, caste, gender to find hope in their lives.

After this session with the members of Navratan foundation, we got to know the people and their talents. The founder, Mr Ashok Srivastava and mentor, Ms Priti Shrivastava told us about how they are helping people in need of masks during Covid-19 by using the talents of stitching through women seeking employment. They are providing a platform to the people who want to show their talent to the world. We commend the work they are doing and would like to participate in their cause. The NGO has offered internship opportunities to our students.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The most auspicious ceremonial occasion of the GDGWS Investiture Ceremony was celebrated on 31st August 2020, with full zeal & zest and enthusiasm. The Investiture Ceremony is one of the momentous occasions when the school entrusts hope, faith and the mantle of responsibility to the newly appointed school cabinet. This ceremony signifies the reliance and confidence that the school consigns in the newly elected office bearers. The proud parents, teachers and students graced the occasion. The ceremony started with a warm welcome speech by Director-Principal Dr Neeta Bali felicitating all council members and encouraged each one with her inspiring words. Infact she also conveyed very generously to one and all that every child has the potential, to bring out the hidden talents. She further guided the Student Council Members to be the role models and render their responsibilities sincerely as the nation builders of tomorrow. She also advised the students to inculcate the values of punctuality, dedication, discipline and determination as they are the torch bearers of tomorrow. Later she administered the oath to the newly constituted Student Council Members.



"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality"

Following the oath, the prerecorded school song was sung and a beautiful video prepared by the senior student council was presented. The school Head Boy, Mikul Manocha and School Head Girl, Ria Arora offered the vote of thanks to all expressing gratitude to all their mentors.

Extremely well presented by all students and staff, the programme was a grand success.



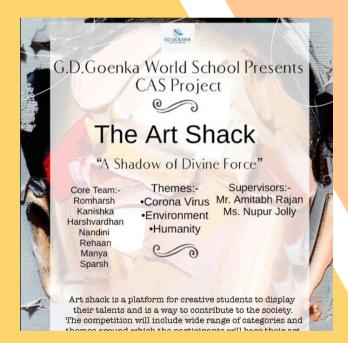


CAS IN THE IB

ART SHACK AND NIGHTINGALE DIADEM

IBDP students start two student driven contests as part of the CAS namely- Art Shack and Nightingale Diadem.

Expressing the reason behind initiating the two, students opined "When we provide an NGO with T-Shirts and masks or entertain them with different melodies, there is always more to it. It is a matter of caring for people and to see that smile on their faces, which not only gives satisfaction but also great pride. jArt shack and Nightingale Diadem ust not contests, they are platforms to collect the like-minded people together and to walk that extra mile in making the world a better place. They also incorporate two categories with various themes so that people have choices. So, if you are one of those who want to walk that extra mile with us, then do join us."



THE CAS WEBSITE

IBDP students at GDGWS have developed a website dedicated exclusively to CAS under the guidance of CAS co-ordinator. The focus of the website is on three strands of CAS, Learner attributes, events and CAS resources. We share some snapshots of student's efforts.





INTERACT CLUB

INSTALLATION CEREMONY



CLOTHES DONATION DRIVE

GDGWS Interact Club embarks on a clothes donation drive. Let's join hands with them in this noble endeavour.

The Interact Club of GDGWS had an online installation ceremony on July 11, 2020. The ceremony, which was eloquently co-ordinated by ex-President, Yashrai Nanda, had participation by Rotarian Dr Nischal, who has been mentoring the club for nearly three years. Director-Principal, Dr Neeta Bali along with DHM, Ms Shahnaz Banoo Butt and Rotarians from U.S., Chile and other parts of the world, including Governor-Rotary District 7730(USA) Rtn Nancy Barbee Rtn Alejandra Bustos, Interact Incharge and Charter President of Rotary Satellite Club of Araucarias, Rotarv International District 4340, Rtn Rosie Roppel and few others as the new core team was welcomed, with Mikul Minocha as President and Ria Arora as Vice President as well among other office-bearers.



MASK DONATION DRIVE

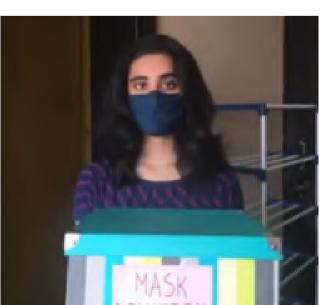
The rise and spread of coronavirus has left us with many obstacles but as Interactors it has not hindered our ability to be a resource for those in need. The interact club of G.D Goenka organised a mask donation drive wherein 1223 reusable masks were collected, sanitized and donated to physically and economically challenged residents of the earth saviors foundation. As Covid cases continue to rise in our country, the public use of face masks has become a necessity. Acting as the only physical barrier to protect oneself and others from the viral particulates, the mask can be seen as life-saving in these daunting times. Keeping this in mind our Interactors organised this drive to provide high quality masks to those who require them the most.

Main LRPs: Ria Arora

Core team: Saloni Mohan, Aekum Kamboj, Elina Kher, Anya Arora and Harsh Gupta







SCHOOL AT LARGE

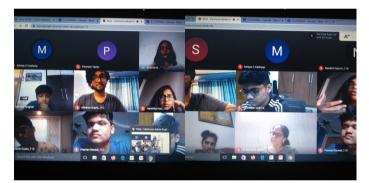
INTER-HOUSE DEBATE

online Inter-House Debate An competition was held in GDGWS on the 5th of August, 2020. The aim of the competition was to hone public speaking skills of the students with articulation while expressing their thoughts and opinions. The speakers from grades 9-12 from all four houses spoke eloquently on the topic 'Actual Classroom VS Virtual classroom'

The highlight of the event was the question -answer- round where the interjectors posed a volley of questions speakers inviting counter to the questions which were aptly answered by our witty and vivacious speakers.

The session was a kaleidoscope of opinions, thoughts, ideas and perspectives that definitely enhanced the knowledge and understanding of the topic among students.

The DHM and the judges appreciated the effort put by the students. Culminating the event, Director-Principal, Dr Neeta Bali congratulated all participants on their wonderful delivery and inspired them with her encouraging words.



REM MUN

Students from GD Goenka World School MUN Club participated in Rem MUN, an independent student hosted conference, to generate funds for COVID-19 relief. At the conference, eight committees simulated. were Abhinav Gupta won the High Commendation award, and Vikram Anand Thakur won the Special Mention Award in the All India Political Parties Meet. Mikul Manocha served as a member of the Secretariat and Vice-Chairperson for United Nations General Assembly: ECOFIN.



REM MODEL UNITED NATIONS 202

The REM Model United Nations Secretary General i proud to present this Certificate of Appreciation tc **[ikul Manocha**, for successfully fulfilling their role the Head of Design and Technology.

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SCIENAMITE 2020

This pandemic has reset & shaped our lives in many ways. We are learning newer and smarter ways to do things and our first venture to conduct an online social gathering/event to foster knowledge sharing & create competitive spirit was Scienamite 2020.

GDGWS conducted its first ever remote Inter-School Science event with aplomb, aptly called Scienamite 2020 and successfully organised it on a digital platform through Google meet on August 26, 2020. It was a day long event comprising of three competitions involving students from grades 6 to 12.

The three events included were:

Event 1: Model Making: Grades 6 to 8 -Topic - Young innovator's race to save the world (Making energy related models with minimum carbon footprint)

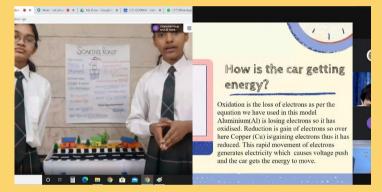
Event 2: Online Quiz: Grades 9 &10

Event 3: Poster Presentation: Grades 11 & 12- Topic: Towards Sustainable development: Use of Solar Energy in our daily life.

The inaugural address to august gathering was given by our revered Director Principal, Dr Neeta Bali who welcomed the teams and mentioned that we have revived this event this year.

Highlighting the overwhelming response received for this event, she added that twenty seven schools comprising of 400 participants from across, participated in the event.

The idea for such events was to create an online community for students to create camaraderie by coming together and sharing knowledge & experiences. To grace the occasion and honour us with their esteemed presence, were the judges for various events who were eminent personalities from the Scientific Community. The jury for the competition comprised of Dr. Dipankar Saha, Dr Vallika Reddy, Dr Neena Jain, Dr Divya Jain, Dr Minakshi Chauhan, Mr Pivush Goval and Mr Ravi Kochhar.



The Contemporary classical dance performance by Ms Rajsi Sharma, a student of IBDP who enthralled one instrumental and all. The performance by Ms Ahra Jo, a student of grade 9, who played the school song on a piano, eased the anxiety of the participants before the event. The participants were segregated into different breakout rooms. Participants in each group demonstrated immense zeal and were bubbling with energy & joy.

For Quiz, there were 27 teams. The elimination round was used to shortlist 6 teams for the final round.

Similarly, Model making had a total of 34 teams contesting and for Poster presentation, the number of entries was 17. The judges appreciated the innovation, articulation and the critical thinking skills, exhibited by the participants.

Before the closing ceremony, the head of IB Diploma Program, Dr Manisha Mehta interacted with the judges and the students to bring them on a common platform. The judges applauded the efforts of the teachers and the students. Mr Piyush Goyal, one our judges quoted that he had attended so many virtual meetings globally but this event was so well managed both in terms of technology and team-work from GDGWS that it could be benchmarked with any other world class virtual-meet. Dr Dipankar Saha, while stating that our future is in the right hands since students are really conscious about the concept of sustainability, highlighted that cultural & environmental awareness begins from the family & is engraved in its roots and which is where the solutions emerge from.

Rozario, a student of IBDP, kept the audience enthralled by playing the Pick panther on Piano before the results were announced.

EVENT 1: MODEL MAKING



1st Position- Lancers International School, Gurgaon

2nd Position-Scottish High International School, Gurgaon and Neerja Modi School, Jaipur

3rd Position-G D Goenka Public School, Gurugram & Cambridge International School, CMS, Lucknow

EVENT 2: ONLINE QUIZ

1st Position- Neerja Modi School, Jaipur

2nd Position- Podar International School, CIE, Powai, Mumbai

3rd Position- G.D.Goenka World School, Sohna, Gurugram

EVENT 3: POSTER PRESENTATION

1st Position- Neerja Modi School, Jaipur

2nd Position- Modern school, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi

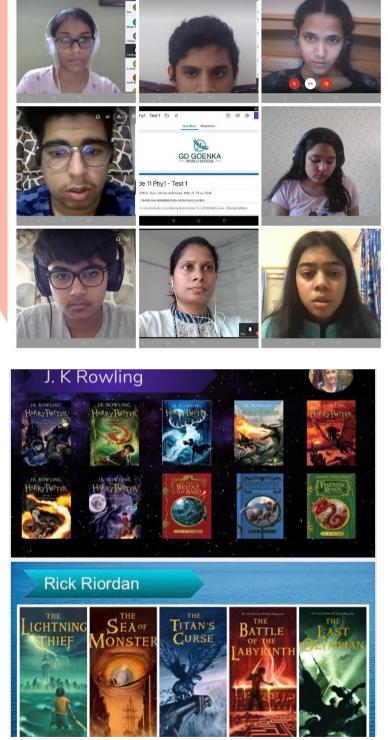
3rd Position- G.D.Goenka World School, Sohna, Gurugram

ONLINE CLASSES

In these unprecedented times of Covid19 pandemic, technology appears to be the key solution in making our lives function as normal as possible with social distancing. To continue with the pursuit of knowledge, teachers at GDGWS are conducting online classes with PPT presentations, videos for revision and notes for reference. Even some simple home experiments. experiments using mobile apps and database (secondary data) analysis are done to work on the investigation and research skills of the students. As Charles Darwin once said - "It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is most adaptable to change", the GDGWS students and teachers community seems to be adapting exceedingly well with the change.

E- LIBRARY

Reading is a very beneficial hobby, lockdown. especially during The lockdown presents students an opportunity to develop their reading habits and enjoy its benefits. In order to help students continue their journey with books, online platforms such as Google classroom are used as e-library. The e-library is regularly updated with books, PDFs and e-magazines, for students to enjoy during the lockdown. For easier access to books written by students' favourite authors, links of online books are sent to students. The



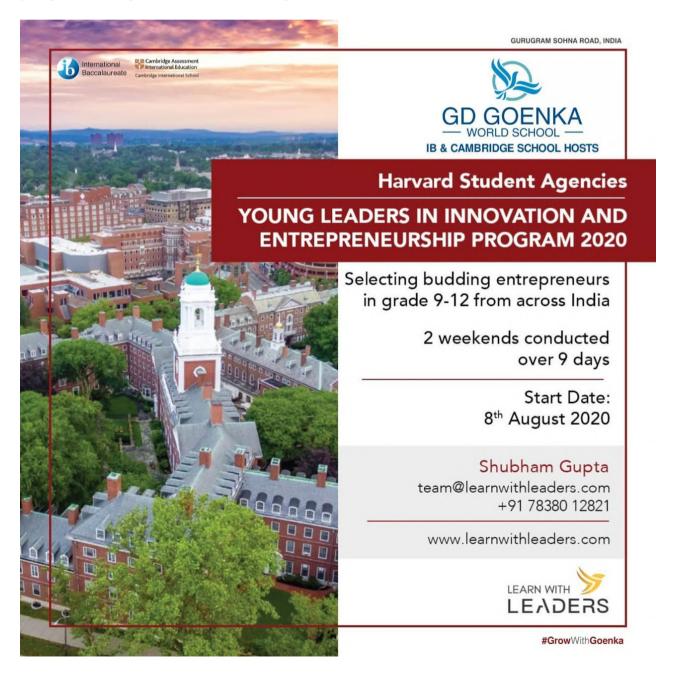
website provides the most popular books written by authors, with features such as night read, zoom in & out, bookmarking etc.

YLIEP 2020

GD Goenka World School is proud to be the host school for the Harvard Student Agencies programs in India.

HSA Young Leaders in Innovation & Entrepreneurship Program (YLIEP) 2020 has been designed to encourage entrepreneurship at the school level. Developed and taught by Harvard Student Agencies (HSA), this program is designed to teach school students (grades 9-12) how to pitch business ideas, perform market research, and generate investment. It includes a range of activities including team breakout sessions, reviews, group work, presentations, feedback, and discussion.

The HSA YLIEP seeks to empower students by encouraging them to think innovatively and develop a team-oriented mentality. The program was conducted over 2 weekends, from 8 to 16 August 2020. It was an online program using video conferencing.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

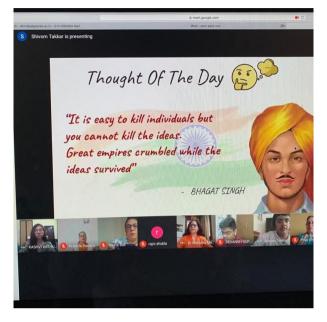
At GDGWS, India's Independence Day celebration 2020 was certainly unique: A virtual celebration filled with pride and joy by numerous students who either organized or featured for a performance in the assembly.

The assembly was hosted by Kashvi Kathuria and Somin Shah from Grade 10. It started with a passionate quote in Hindi, which certainly put everyone in high spirits to celebrate the occasion and resounded the emotion of every Indian.

As the flag could not be physically hoisted, a video of the past hoisting along with the National Anthem was the highlight of the special assembly. Director-Principal addressed the gathering encouraging everyone to work hard through the trying times.

A video on why August 15 was chosen to be the date of our independence was presented and India's biggest achievements post-independence were also shared on which the audience was quizzed.

To add to the fervour of the occasion, many students recorded their performances which were presented in the assembly. It included a Hindi patriotic poem written and recited by Alisha Karwasra, a medley of songs by Sukhpreet Kaur and Elina Kher, an encouraging song in English by Shaivi and the assembly concluded with Rajsi Sharma's dance performance on the



beats of a Hindi patriotic song. Special technical support from students, Devansh and Shivom made the special assembly a great success.











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