

VIN-VIEWS, IDEAS & NEWS

AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS.



"PAYING ATTENTION TO THE PRESENT"

This month has been an example of what the future holds for all that you do today. Together as a sporting nation winning Olympic medals and as an educational institution whose students shone at the world stage, we have shown that each day that we spend doing what we do, we create our future.

That however, doesn't mean that we shouldn't appreciate the present as we must know that each day life brings us is a gift. And therefore, as educators and students as we continuously challenge ourselves, we must remember the present and spend each day in a passionate way that shapes our attitudes in order to link us further to success.

"The best way to predict the future is to create it." - Abraham Lincoln.

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Silver Fiesta - A Film Critiquing Festival

"Cinema is magic in the service of dreams" - Djibril Diop Mambety

It is rightly said that films reflect society, its past, present, and future. Not only do films impact society but society also plays a key role in the development of films.

GD Goenka World School hosted the third edition of the film critiquing festival Silver Fiesta on Saturday, August 14, 2021. The popular event saw participation from some of the best schools in the country. To name a few, The Doon School, Welham Girls' from Dehradun, Pathways School Aravali, Shiv Nadar School Gurugram, Step by Step School Noida, Kasiga School Dehradun and many other parts of India, and some others. The 17 eager teams gathered to discern and discuss the intricate techniques used in Marielle Heller's film "A beautiful day in the neighborhood"

Students made articulate presentations before judges, who are acclaimed personalities from Indian Cinema- Mr Kabir Sadanand - actor, director and producer - and Ms Barnali Ray Shukla - a seasoned director and producer. The presentations were praised profusely by the jury.



Scienamite - 2021

An inter-school science competition, hosted online by the Science Department on August 18th, 2021. More than 33 schools from all over India, having national and international curriculum participated in the event this year. Most of the reputed and top-most schools from Delhi and NCR also participated this year. There was an E-poster making and presentation competition for students of grades 6 to 8, an Online quiz competition for students of grades 9 & 10 and a Research Paper presentation competition for students of grades 11 & 12. 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. Nidhi Sandal, Dr. Arvind Bansal, Dr. Anandita Chaudhary, Dr. Shalini Joshi, Mr. Himanshu Arora and Ms. Anupama Joshi. Our students Simrat Das and Yashashwi Yadav scored the First position for e-poster making and presentation competition for Grade 6 & 7 and First position for online quiz Rik Kumar, Kutaliya Pandit and Dhruv Maheshwari. The idea for such events was to create an online community for students to create camaraderie by coming together and sharing knowledge & experiences.



Study Abroad-The Nitty-Gritty

GDGWS hosted a virtual session on 'Study Abroad-The nitty-gritty' to keep the students updated about the most daunting aspects of applying for higher education – college applications. Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali, gave an overview of important things to consider when choosing where to apply, how the school stands ready to assist in helping Grade 12 students meet university entrance requirements & prepare them for the onset of their career! The session was concluded by Careers Advisory- Ms Aruna Ahlawat, who apprised them about the nuances of application writing pertaining to different countries across the globe. The session was very insightful and informative as it shared a wealth of valuable inputs about the students' road map to college.



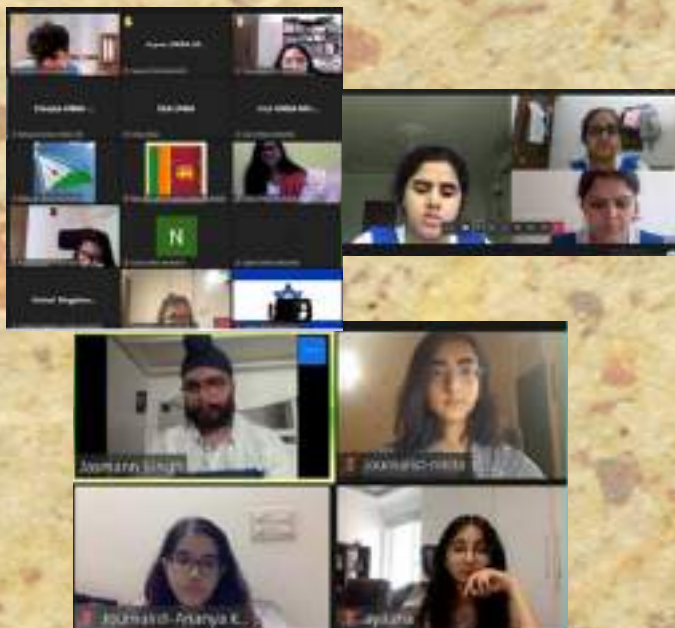


Career Counselling Session @ GDGWS

A career counselling session for students of IBDP and AS and A levels was scheduled on Tuesday, August 18, 2021. G.D. Goenka World School invited a guest speaker, Ms Charushilla Narula, a Career and College Planning mentor, College Essay expert, and Communications coach. Students were made to understand their potential, overcome obstacles and make important decisions to achieve their goals. This session covered all elements of the application process – shortlisting, funding, tests, essays, resume, letters of recommendation. The session was a good eye-opener and helped pupils to start with their college planning and learn how to create a great college application.

WEBIFAIR

GDGWS invited students and parents to WebiFair (virtual university fair) on Saturday, 21st August, to meet with 60 global universities from 9 different countries. The purpose of this event was to create an open direct platform between the students and the participating International universities. The WebiFair encouraged the students to gain critical knowledge on where to study, what to study and how to make it happen. They assess what the universities had to offer by way of career choices and freely move around the platform to explore options and learn about programs, scholarships, and how to plan for college. The participating institutions were well-reputed internationally ranked universities offering considerable academic options, scholarships and admission information to students. In addition to the virtual university fair, a special workshop was conducted on *'How to write a good college essay'* by Ms Deepali Shah, Assistant Director of International Student Recruitment Foothill + De Anza Colleges.



GDGIMUN

Students of GD Goenka World School recently participated in the 8th edition of the GDGIMUN, hosted on the 6th-7th August 2021. IB Year-1 students got an opportunity to experience lively and informed debate in avant-garde committees, wherein they ameliorated their socio-political understanding and consensus-building skills amidst nearly 400 other participants. It is a pleasure to announce that Nikita Marwah received an award for "Best Journalist" in the International Press Corps and will receive a cash prize of Rs. 3000 for the same. Additionally, Abhilaksh, as the Delegate of Jordan, received a "Special Mention" for his efforts in UN Security Council

The best caricaturist award has been given to Eeshaja Swami! Thanks to all the students who participated and for putting their best foot forward, and special thanks to Ms Priya Mahendru, the teacher-in-charge, for her continued support to students in the MUN club!

The Stakeholder's Meet

Students of Grade 11 IBDP Course organised a historical event called "The Stakeholder's Meet" on 14th August 2021. The main aim of this event was to develop business analytical knowledge and enhance researching skills amongst students. To make the event more interesting and interactive, students invited Mr. Bejoy Suri, co-founder of *Learn With Leaders*, and Mr. Vinay Gupta, Founder of *My Tea Chapel*. Special thanks to our guest judges who came to judge our participants for the debate session, Mr. Rahul Bajpai (Judge for Technology Sector), Ms. Divya Sachdeva (Judge for Healthcare Sector), Mr. Sandeep Kedia (Judge for Automobile Sector), Miss Amrita Rathi (Judge For Food Sector), and Mr. Pranab Sharma (Judge For Airline Sector). Participants varied from students of GD Goenka World School from Grade 9 - 12. This was organized by students Abhilaksh, Lakshya, Jae Woo, Moksha, Suraj and Eshaja. Special thanks to Director Principal Dr. Neeta Bali, Head of IBDP Program Dr. Manisha Mehta, Mr. Jinas CAS Coordinator, Mr. Pranab and Ms. Harpreet our business teachers, for making this event an immense success!



Independence Day Assembly

This Indian Independence Day, the 75th for our nation, GD Goenka World School held a virtual awe-inspiring assembly on 13th August 2021. In order to give the audience a little insight on India's struggles before freedom, hosts Adi Mishra and Rabya Kharbanda gave a speech packed with inspiring messages from some of our nation's greatest leaders, including Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Jawaharlal Nehru. This was followed by cultural events - all depicting the true spirit of freedom. Director Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali addressed the assembly, reminding everyone to thank every person who has made the nation a better place to live.

PYP - RECOGNITION DAY

Appreciation brings in a feel-good factor, lifts up the mood of children, builds self confidence and self esteem in young children.

In PYP we believe that every child is unique and special in their own special way and so to recognize each one of them, PYP at GD Goenka World School organized Recognition Day on Saturday, 21st August 2021 and recognized every student for having displayed the IB PYP Learner Profiles for the academic year 2020-2021. It was a pleasure to see them smile as they heard their names being called out and being appreciated. The e-certificates of appreciation were mailed to all the students. We wish each one of them the very best for the years to come.





Vision and Drive continues...

We are proud to share that our Director Principal, Dr Neeta Bali, has been selected among '50 Effective Principals 2021' by leading educational magazine 'Education Today'. This feat would not have been possible without the support of our Management, staff, parents and students.



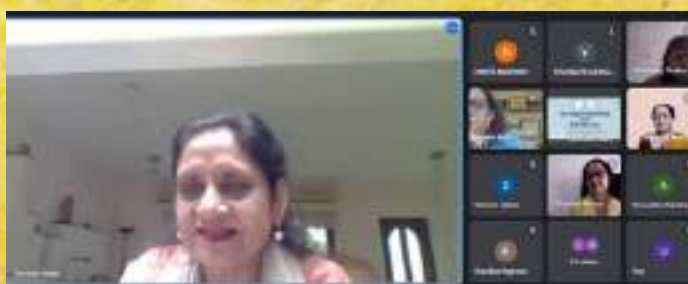
IBDP Recognition Day

The Recognition Day for IBDP, which was celebrated on 21st of August, brought felicitation and honors to all the deserving students making both the parents as well as the teachers proud. The Director Principal warmly welcomed all and said how this recognition day was threefold because we were not just recognising the children but also the parents for their unflinching support and the teachers who are the frontline warriors. She also appreciated the ability of the children to learn life skills and the ability to cope with every situation and in this way they had taught us how to adapt and sustain ourselves in life.

The Chief Guest for the occasion, Dr Kumud Diwan, a renowned classical singer, was very impressed with the accolades and the performances of the students. She said, "A holistic development of the students in today's world was very necessary and it is necessary that along with the academic prowess the extracurricular is given due importance. The most important thing is to develop the excellence to be a good human being which can be possible by contributing to the community."

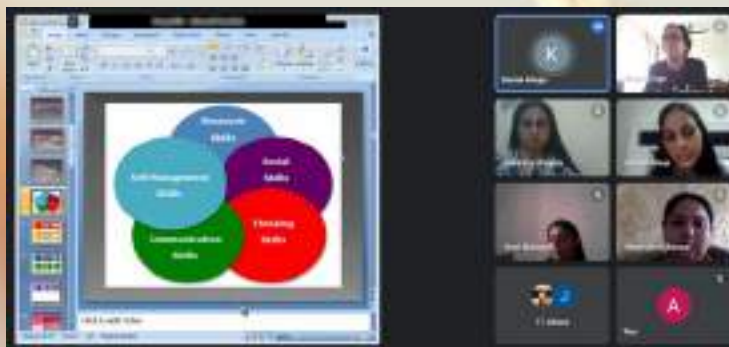
The program culminated with a vote of thanks from the IBDP Head of Programme, Dr Manisha Mehta, who also expressed her delight in announcing some achievements of students in IBDP 2021.

The most prestigious award, the Chairman's award, for IBDP 2021 batch went to Sumer Kaistha, who scored 44/45 points and Nikita Marwah of IGCSE, 2021 for securing A-stars in all subjects.



Tête-à-tête

On Saturday, July 31, 2021, the PYP segment held a Coffee Morning, to further strengthen the understanding of PYP pedagogy among parents. Parents not only participated enthusiastically but also commended the initiative!



PROJECT 'AVOW' - AN IBDP INITIATIVE



It goes without saying, this pandemic affected our emotional well-being to a massive degree. A lot of us, especially students, had developed feelings of anxiousness, irritability and frustration without knowing how to deal with them. This problem is precisely what led to the creation of Project Avow. Avow was led by the executive team, consisting of five IBDP Year-2 students: Aditya Gupta, Advait Rao, Anika Bahuguna, Annanya Goenka, and Athena Biju. And, created in collaboration with our international partner, Win-Win connection, Barcelona. All with the guidance of Dr. Neeta Bali, Ms. Marta Vernet, Mr. Manolo Garboyo, Dr. Manisha Mehta, Ms. Divya Sachdeva, and Mr. Jinas Panicker.

We organised pen-pal sessions where Goenkans had the chance to talk to students of the American School of Barcelona, allowing them to learn and grow with practical application. Together, the students discussed emotional health-related topics; helping each other through creating an emotional connection.

We look forward to organising further editions promoting emotional health awareness for all of us. And, lastly, don't forget to: reach out to us, reach out to your emotions, and always *Avow!*

CONGRATULATIONS NAISHA!

Our heartiest congratulations to Naisha of IGCSE has developed a travel app, under the guidance of her ICT teacher, Ms Shalu, where you can see Covid stats for every country and know whether or not you need a COVID-19 test to visit. It can also direct you to an Instagram page to see pictures or gather information on where you want to visit.



Most Visionary Idea Award

Our heartiest congratulations to Shashank Kataria and Kanishka Sammi of A-levels (Team Eleven-Eleven) for receiving the 'Most Visionary Idea' award in Young Tycoons Business Challenge 2021. The team competed with 7000 applications and 20000 students to win the laurels! Both students will receive certificates and mentorship from Harvard Student Agency. The assistance extended by Ms Harpreet, our Business and Management teacher is commendable.



CONGRATULATIONS ARYAN!

We congratulate our student Aryan Somesh for clinching an internship with the prestigious IITB (IIT, Mumbai) as a Campus Ambassador. He has been appointed to this position for the Entrepreneurship Cell at IIT Bombay.

Well done, Aryan!

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