

# VIN-VIEWS, IDEAS & NEWS

*An expression of the aspirations of young Goenkans*



## Musings..

*By Dr. Neeta Bali Director-Principal*

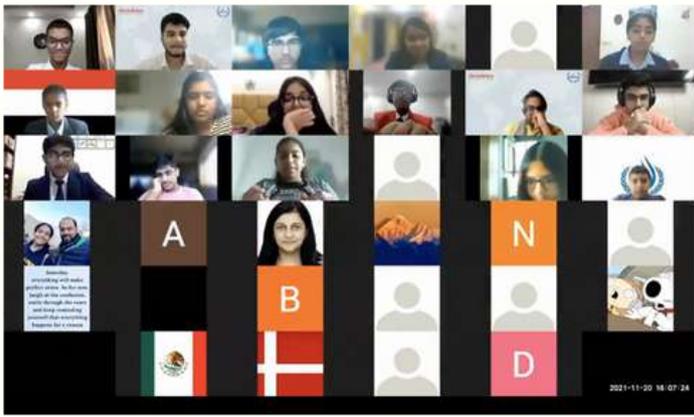
*We're edging closer and closer to the holiday season. But before we can go all the way, the season starts with a note of thanks and appreciation. November is a month of thanksgiving and we would like to be the first ones to thank everyone associated with the GD Goenka World School for their invaluable efforts to provide seamless and quality education. The month of November holds the promise of hope and excitement and some social responsibility as we lead up to those beautiful Christmas lights.*



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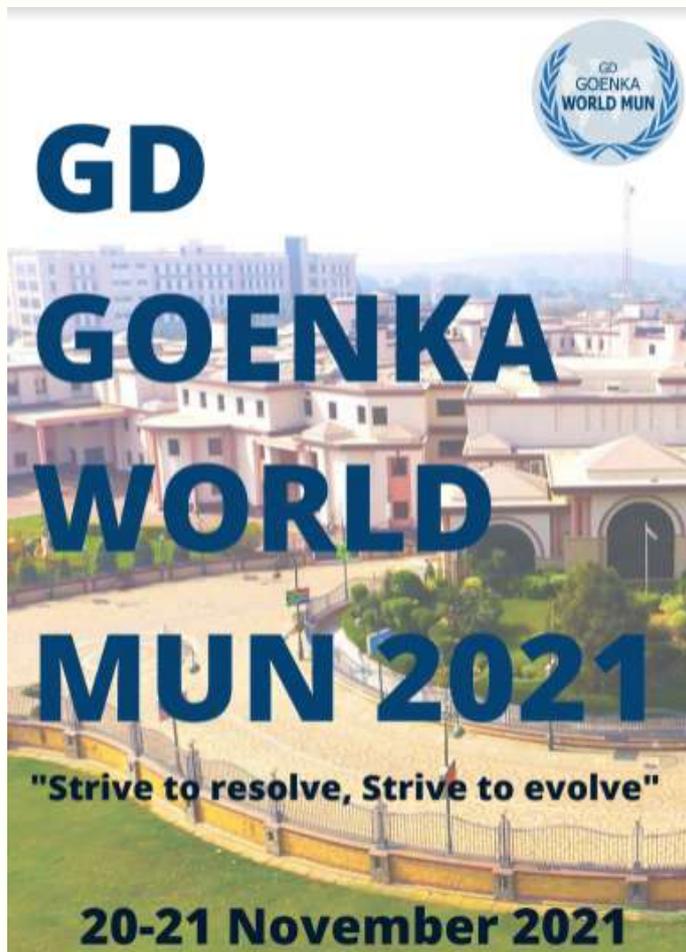
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## GWMUN 2021: A rip-roaring success!

The 4th edition of GWMUN, a hallmark Goenkan event, has once again proved itself to be the highlight of the school year! With our zealous delegates in attendance, the conference was populated with keen minds and eager faces as the delegates prepared to head off to the races. Our esteemed chief guest for the opening ceremony was Ms. Mitushi Khurana who truly infused this momentous occasion with enthusiasm! GWMUN, initiated nearly 4 years ago, holds a special significance to Goenkan students, and to reflect on this we began with a short video of some glimpses of our school's MUN journey and closed the two day Model UN forum with witty recaps of committee proceedings. To invigorate the audience, we had a stellar dance performance by KaynatAmarsinghe and an awe-inspiring musical performance by Devansh Gupta, and these were certainly appreciated by all those in attendance! Our Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali's address to the audience, recounted the maiden edition of Goenka World MUN, and how spectacularly this forum has evolved year after year! To carry out such an awe-inspiring event is a testimony to teamwork, as students and teachers worked together to make these 2 days perfect! We congratulate the secretariat for their dedicated efforts, Ms Priya Mahendru, and Ms. Monika Ohri for their sagacious guidance, as well as Dr. Neeta Bali and school management for their continued support; upwards and onwards!



## GD Goenka - Going Green!

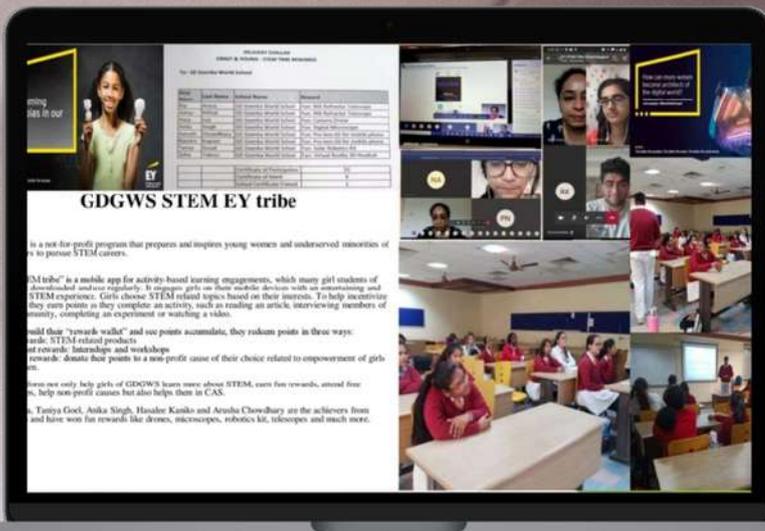
GD Goenka in its endeavour to beautify urban landscape took over the initiative to create the first of its kind structure in Gurugram at Golf Course Road roundabout now known as GD Goenka Chowk! We undertook this initiative in collaboration with GMDA.



## Just say no! Teaching teens about good and bad touch

STEM EY tribe is a not-for-profit program that prepares and inspires young women and underserved minorities of all genders to pursue STEM careers. "EY STEM tribe" is a mobile app for activity-based learning engagements, which many girls in GDGWS download and use regularly. It engages girls on their mobile devices with an entertaining and gamified STEM experience. Girls choose STEM-related topics based on their interests. To help incentivize learning, they earn points as they complete an activity, such as reading an article, interviewing members of their community, completing an experiment or watching a video. This platform not only helps girls at GDGWS learn more about STEM, earn fun rewards, attend free workshops, and help non-profit causes but also helps with CAS.

Ria Arora, Taniya Goel, Anika Singh, HasaleeKaniko and Arusha Chowdhary are the achievers of GDGWS and have won fun rewards like drones, microscopes, robotics kit, telescopes and much more! Congratulations!



## CAS Vignette - 2021

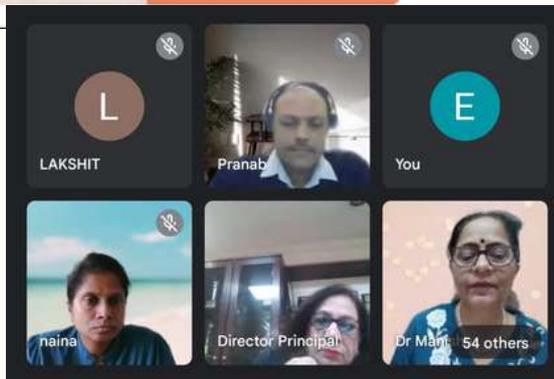
CAS Vignette, initiated in 2020, was back again this year to highlight the newer CAS initiatives by IBDP students. This event aimed to illustrate the myriad efforts made by students in their CAS Projects. This event was to recognise the works of all the students by showcasing their projects, CAS experiences and many other collaborative works like managing CAS MAX E-magazine and the CAS Website. We are grateful to have our esteemed guest, Mr. Vikramjit Singh Rooprai, who is an author, heritage activist and educator, grace our occasion with his presence. It was very enlightening to hear from him about the importance of heritage sites and his encouraging ideas to excel more in the field of CAS and make our projects more sustainable! Congratulations CAS achievers!





## Rendezvous – The Extended Essay Cafe

GDGWS hosted Rendezvous' -The Extended Essay Café again to introduce the process and modalities of one of the key IBDP core components, the Extended Essay to the DP Year 1 students on 24th November 2021. The event was hosted by Naavya Nagumotu and Priyanshi Yadav (Grade 11) under the guidance of the IBDP Coordinator, Dr. Manisha Mehta and the Extended Essay Coordinator, Mr. Pranab Sharma. The event delved into the elements and detailed criteria of the Extended Essay which were presented comprehensively by the seasoned DP teachers and EE supervisors of the school. It was to equip students to make an informed decision regarding the choice of the Extended Essay subject and treatment of the criteria strands. The session also gave an opportunity to the students to have a retrospection of their EEs and ensure it addresses the criteria strands in their final work.



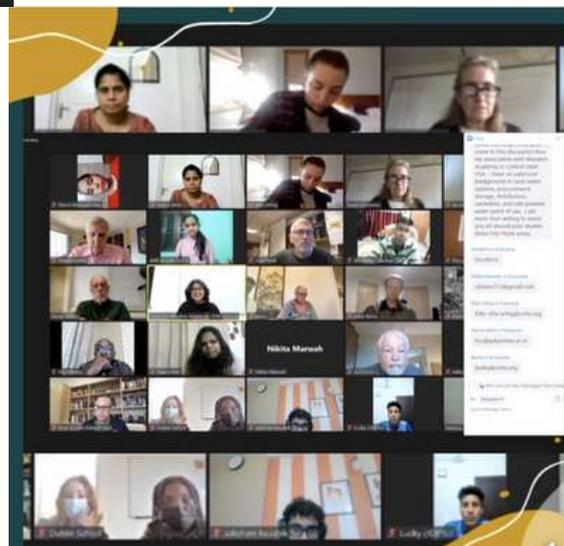
## The SanRakshan Initiative

GDGWS students have embarked on an international project under the guidance of the Director Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali and Ms. Naina Vaish, as a guide in collaboration with Colorado Rocky Mountain School, USA and Dublin School, New Hampshire, USA. The project is part of collaborative work with schools across 5 continents. Our students are engaged in research on the depletion of groundwater levels in the Aravalli region.

The GCEI meeting held on 29th October 2021 laid grounds for our students to present their progress and accomplishments. Our students - Nikita Marwah, Anya Mittal, Dhruv Maheshawari, Rik Kumar and Sakshan Kaushik participated with enthusiasm amongst other schools globally. The presentation was no individual feat and as a result of collaborative efforts by the entire team of students. In addition, they gained knowledge about other issues relating to 'Flooding and Erosion' that other schools and students are working towards.

Students of IBDP and IGCSE segments have also initiated a new project within this initiative to help address the groundwater crisis in India. In light of this, a series of engaging competitions have been organized to spread awareness for their issue!

We congratulate our students on their diligent research and excellent presentation skills lauded by the members of GCEI!



## DPSI Econspire 2021 event winners

The IB Diploma Programme at DPSI had organised Virtual Inter-School competition, 'DPSI Econspire 2021', on November 13, 2021. Various schools from India had participated in the event. The research paper team from GDGWS constituting Aditi Singh and Athena Biju from Grade 12 were adjudged as Winners in the Econography- a research paper and presentation category with special commendations as they won with a huge margin

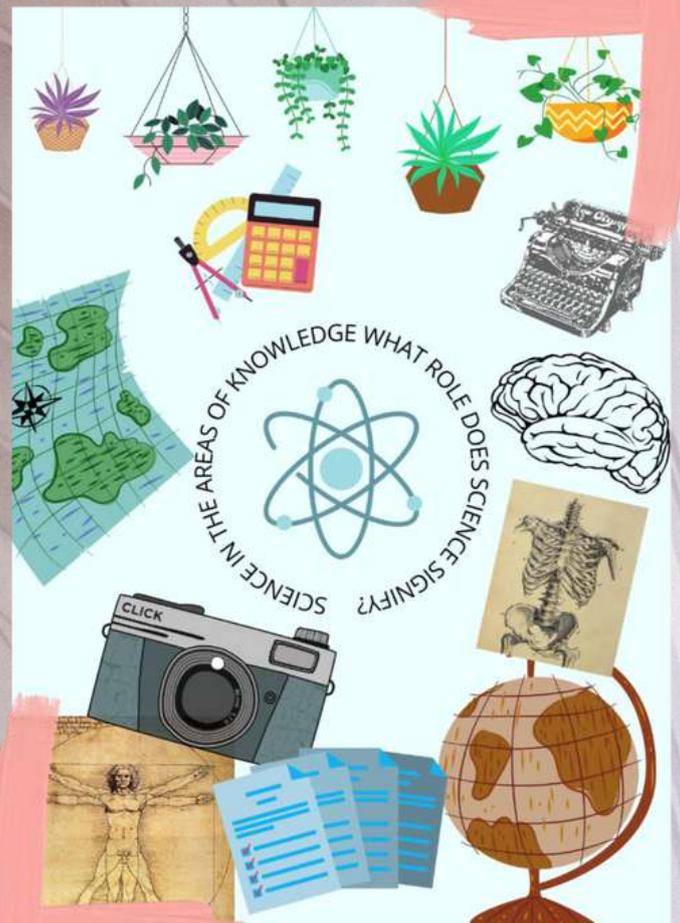


## GDGWS Science week 2021

"Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to the humanity and is the torch which illuminates the world" Louis Pasteur

We, at G D Goenka World School, celebrate the science week to instil Scientific attitudes in the students and inspire our younger generation with Science, technology and Engineering. the week progressed with a series of events across the segments, CLS kids celebrated the week by participating in quiz on Environmental Issues and made posters on the following topic "Stubble burning, Dengue: The menace and Ways to counter and protect for Corona"

The IGCSE segment participated in a quiz and conducted an Assembly on Stubble burning: A problem for the Environment, agriculture and humans. The students also participated in a debate on the burning issue of Air pollution.





## Parent Speak!

Our wonderful parents continue to support the efforts of the staff who are always approachable and welcoming. Mrs. Seema Chaudhary mother of Ria and Rohan Chaudhary grade-11 IBDP expresses how effective virtual learning has been transacted and their smooth transition from CBSE to IBDP.

Thank you, dear parents, for your support and acknowledgment!

## Parents Testimony!

As we continue to share our wonderful experiences with parents at GDGWS, we hope to further enhance the learning of our children through concerted efforts of the facilitators and parent community, who have been supporting us very generously in our efforts.

Mrs. Pem Bidha- mother of our student Rigzang from grade 11- IBDP expresses how online classes have been professionally and effectively imparted by teachers at GDGWS.

Thank you, dear parents, for your support and acknowledgment!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON WORLD AIDS DAY-11B**
- **SAT EXAMINATION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2021**
- **FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**
- **PYP SPORTS DAY**
- **CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS**



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