

# VIN-Views, Ideas & News

*AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS*



## Musings...

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*The Tricolour symbolises: Saffron for strength and courage, white for peace and truth and green fertility and growth. Over the years, the Tricolour has also demonstrated some enduring partnerships and professional synergies across all walks of life, skill levels and varied interests.*

*The GD Goenka community shares a similar attitude. Where every child's journey and goals may be different and we look to help each individual reach their fullest potential, at a pace that pushes, but is never too difficult.*



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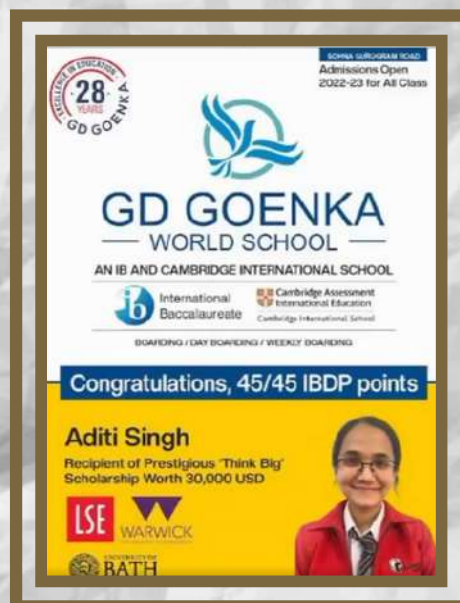
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## GOENKANS SOARING NEW HEIGHTS !!

Heartiest congratulations to Aditi Singh for securing a perfect score of 45/45 points in the IBDP 2022 results.

G D Goenka also congratulated other students who put in focus and effort to secure good results in IBDP exams 2021-22.

Sharing some significant highlights of the results.



Interview with Global Prodigy - Aliya Gupta Grade-10 and Soborno Issac Bari- Laureate at Da Vinci Institute, South Africa.

Winner of the PACT STAR 2030 awards organized by QS I – GAUGE, Aliya bagged the second position for her project – Share, Learn and Grow, under SDG# 4- Quality Education. Aliya has been preparing and uploading videos of Chemistry and Physics lessons for one and a half years on her YouTube channel 'Aliyaport', imparting knowledge while she is learning herself.

Aliya has talked about her channel, her motivation behind starting the channel, her areas of interest, and also about her future plans in her interview. GDGWS's heartiest congratulations to Aliya! We wish you all the best!!!

GDGWS is proud to announce that Yashassvi of Grade 10-C bagged a GOLD medal in the 14/15 category (Kata) in the State Karate Championships held at Rohtak on the Eve of Independence Day - 14th August 2022  
Congratulations Yashassvi!!



## HONOURS GALORE

It is with great honour that we announce that GDGWS is a proud recipient of Rotary International President Citation for the Rotary Year 2021-22 for the 4th consecutive time. This is one of the highest recognitions for the Interact Clubs worldwide conferred on the best Interact clubs. Our heartiest congratulations to our Management for their unstinting support and Director-Principal Dr. Neeta Bali who is the patron of the club and Ms. Anshul Srivastava the teacher in-charge.

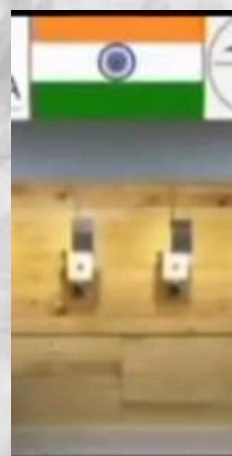


G D Goenka, is happy to share that our Head of school was invited as an esteemed speaker at Turnitin's annual conference 2022 -North India chapter on July 2.

Other co-panelists included the Vice Chancellor of Amity University, the Vice-chairperson of the HRIT group of institutions, and eminent educationists from the higher education sector. The focus was on promoting academic integrity in universities. Dr. Bali, as the sole representative of schools, spoke of the role of tools like Turnitin in promoting academic honesty in IB curriculum.

## GDGWS SHOOTING RANGE

"I have only one talent. I can work harder than anyone else." - Abhinav Bindra: The only Indian to win Olympic gold in an individual event. GDGWS's Heartfelt Congratulations on the inauguration of the GD Goenka Shooting Range!



## HIROSHIMA DAY- SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Hiroshima Day , August 8th, 2022, marked the 77th year of the use of the atomic bomb. GDGWS Grade 12-E students conducted a special assembly to commemorate the occasion and shared views on spreading peace in the world.

## YOUNG ACHIEVERS IN ACTION



"A diplomat is not a representative of a nation, it is a person representing its people and their interests whereas diplomacy is not just a way of mediation, it is also a way towards shared goals"- says Abhilaksh of IBDP, year 2.

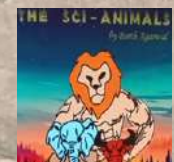
A video glimpse of Abhilaksh as the Outstanding Delegate of UNDP practicing diplomacy at its best. Abhilaksh was also appointed as Chairperson for the United Nations Commission on status of Women in Lakshya MUN 5th edition, wherein he effectively guided the delegates through the course of the committee and encouraged them to run for similar experiences in the future.

GDGWS is proud to share that in last two months Pari Singh , GDGWS student has won three Women National Championships in Spain. Being a non seeded girl in all the tournaments Pari had beaten all seeded players from Spain and other countries and emerged as a WINNER. Pari is currently getting trained at Walter Grunfeld Tennis Academy, Vilafranca, Barcelona. Keep it up Pari! Wish you all the best for your future!



G D Goenka Congratulated Ishika Verma of Grade 6B for winning a gold medal under 15 mix double and a silver medal under -15 singles in Badminton Delhi zonal tournament. Some snippets from the award being given by the chief guest, Dr. Amrita Singh President, DBCA

GDGWS congratulates Parth Agarwal, a new student who joined IBDP Grade-11, on completing his three books called The Agents of Shield, SIR - The Voyage, and The Sci - Animals. He has dedicated these books to his spirit of imagination and his love and passion for animals and technology. Way to go Parth!



# AN UPDATE POST VACATIONS

Glimpses of Professional development program day 1 and 2 for GDGWS staff G D Goenka had a guest lecture by Mr. Adnan, Head of the curriculum, Pledge Harbour School, Bangladesh who spoke on nurturing international mindedness.

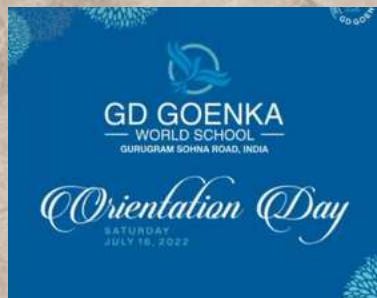
Day 2 was called 'The Other Side' - a session taken by our brilliant IBDP year 2 students.



Professional development program for GDGWS staff  
Prior to the reopening of the school, staff at GDGWS underwent a professional development programme for three days. Day 2 and 3 engaged staff in intensive workshops on ATL or approaches to teaching and learning, communication skills, and Yoga sessions. We share some glimpses of these.



Welcome back to a wonderful year full of fun and learning! GDGWS hopes you are enjoying a wonderful summer. We also hope you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year. G D Goenka welcomes and values your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education. Enjoy each day and know that you are surrounded by support. Try your best in everything you do.



GDGWS welcomes the New Goenkans into the G.D. Goenka World School Family.  
An orientation for new students was held on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

# CELEBRATIONS !

## KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS CELEBRATED



Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed on July 26 in memory of soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the Kargil War. On the 23rd anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas.

GDGWS had organized a memorable event to remember the courage and determination of our armed forces. The event was graced by the presence of esteemed Chief Guest Major General Prabdeep Singh Behl.

This day commemorates the success of "Operation Vijay" which was launched to take back the Indian territories captured by the Pakistani intruders in the Kargil-Drass sector in 1999. Let's remember the bravery of our soldiers who sacrificed their lives on this occasion.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



GDGWS celebrated the 75th glorious Independence Day with great pride and fervor. To mark this day, the teachers, students, and all staff members congregated to unfurl the Indian National Flag and celebrated this special day with pride. It was followed by the Independence Day Special Assembly where students enthusiastically paid homage to the martyrs and the unsung heroes. The energetic patriotic song, skit and dance performances mesmerised the audience.

Director Principal Dr. Neeta Bali lauded the students for their contribution and the efforts put in. She emphasized on our Prime Minister's vision of "HAR GHAR TRIANGAA". The students participated in a quick quiz by her, reinforcing few interesting facts about our country.

May this spirit of freedom lead us all to success and glory in life.

## YOUTH POLICY DIALOGUE 2022

A National Level Student Debate tournament held at GD Goenka World School on July 30th - 31st, 2022 in collaboration with Indian Principals' Network (IPN) and Eduace.

The popular event saw participation of some of the best schools in the country. To name a few, Welham Girls and Kasiga from Dehradun, GD Goenka- Vasant Kunj, Blue Bells and many more.

Each Youth Policy Dialogue tournament is a celebration of ideas, with students exploring a wide variety of topics and critically examining them.

Designed to be interactive and challenging, each tournament rewards top individuals with qualifications to The Congratulations Goenkans! To reach the Nationals:-

- ABHILAKSH
- PARTH AGARWAL
- DESH SHARMA
- AIZEN AMBROZ SINGH
- SHARVI GUPTA
- SHASHWAT KUMAR SINHA
- RACHIT

### AWARDS

- \*Abhilaksh-Special Mention
- \*Samrath- Verbal Mention
- \*Sharvi Gupta- Special Mention
- \*Anya- Verbal Mention
- \*Arsha- Special Mention
- \*Lakshit Kalra- High Commendation
- \*Avdhi Kapoor- Best Delegate



## TOK EXHIBITION

The Grade 12 Theory Of Knowledge Exhibition: Epistamai held on the 13th August, was an edifying experience for as parents, teachers, and students in attendance, as IBDP Year 2 students beautifully presented their work with great pride! In a culmination of their yearlong efforts, students showcased 3 objects in relation to a selected prompt under the umbrella of different themes. Director Principal Dr Neeta Bali emphasised on the importance of TOK and declared the exhibition open.

After the opening ceremony, students and parents moved to breakout rooms where scintillating discourse on philosophy and knowledge transpired! Each student brought a unique perspective to their exhibition and explained their views articulately and passionately. The event was punctuated by a captivating Indian-Classical dance performance by Kaynat Amarsinghe. Finally students reconvened in the closing ceremony to share their thoughts and experiences, new discoveries, and general feedback on respective sessions. Theory Of Knowledge remains a key component of the IBDP curriculum and such invigorating interactions reaffirm the importance of imparting Goenkan students with critical thinking skills and international-mindedness!

# IBPYP TAKING CENTRESTAGE

## INTERNATIONAL MINDEDNESS FESTIVAL

PYP students at GD Goenka World School celebrated the International Mindedness Festival in the form of a cultural parade – a celebration of different country's cultures. Students were given the agency to choose a nation and explore its culture and traditions. By enabling them to make this choice, the students felt empowered to make decisions and feel independent.

The celebration saw zealous participation from all stakeholders. The parents interacted with the students during presentations, and indulged in the regional cuisine.

This erudite event was the perfect way to respect and acknowledge the varied cultures of nations across the globe. The students were presented with an opportunity to work in tandem with peers from different regions, learn from each other, and accept different perspectives. They took away a lot from the table and developed quintessential qualities of empathy, compassion, and respect.



## IBPYP INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The newly elected Prefect Body of Student Council of the IBPYP, grades 1-5 stepped into the leadership role and took oath to deliver their duties, striving to impact the school community positively on the success path. Elected prefects would develop a sense of responsibility and discipline, and will try to inculcate the same in others around them. We wish them the very best in this step forward.



## JANAMASHTAMI CELEBRATION !

The PYP students of grades Nursery to 5 at GDGWS celebrated the festival with great fervour and enthusiasm.

Students of grades Nursery- 1 were dressed as Krishna and Radha, adding a traditional touch to the entire celebration. Students of grades 2-5 participated in a musical dance drama showcasing the life of Lord Krishna, which added a dazzle to the celebration followed by 'dahi handi' ritual and distribution of prasad to everyone. May lord Krishna bestow his blessings upon all of us.

## RECOGNITION DAY 2022



The GDGWS community celebrated Recognition Day 2022, felicitating all the deserving students. It made proud, both the parents as well as the teachers. Director-Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali, at first warmly welcomed all and said how this Recognition day was threefold because we were not just recognising the children but also parents for their unflinching support and the teachers who have been the frontline warriors during the lockdown. She also appreciated the ability of the children to learn the 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 amid difficult times.

The most prestigious award, the Chairman's award for IGCSE and IB DP toppers for 2021-2022 went to SHAURAYA MOHAN and ADITI SINGH respectively who scored 45/45 points.

The Management of GD Goenka convenes this prestigious award every year, as a cash prize of 1 Lakh and 50 thousand INR respectively and certificates of appreciation to recognize academically brilliant pupils.



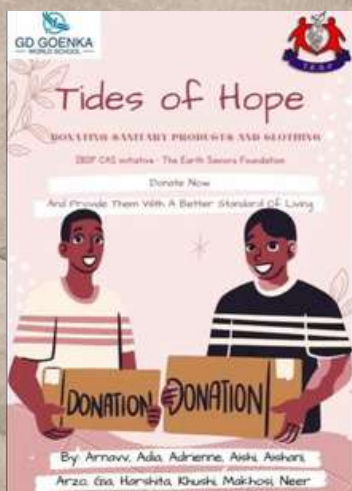
We were graced with the luminary presence of Dr. Mohammad Amin- Former Joint Director/Chief Of Protocol Election Commission Of India, Government of India, Ad.P.S. to Eight Union Ministries and has traveled all over the world as part of the Ministry of External Affairs. He was impressed with the accolades and the performances of the students. The program culminated with a speech by our eminent Chief Guest who also expressed his delight in announcing achievements of GDGWS students.

## INTERACT CLUB INSTALLTION CEREMONY

Every year the Interact Club of GDGWS has an Installation Ceremony for the club, which is a celebratory event to express their gratitude towards the previous board members as they complete their service towards the club and to welcome the newly elected board members by giving with badges for upcoming academic session. This year the installation ceremony was graced by the presence of our esteemed Director Principal Dr. Neeta Bali and Rotarian Dr. Nischal Pandey, who is a recipient of the Service above Self award. The Interactors pledged to keep the motto of Service above self and to bring a positive change in the society. The event was a huge success.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE ENDEAVOURS



Tides of Hope is a project that GDGWS students have put together to donate food and other various items to a local NGO called The Earth Savors Foundation. The Earth Savors Foundation is mainly specialized in rescuing numerous abandoned and neglected senior citizens, the homeless, mentally and physically disabled individuals as well as people with incurable diseases such as cancer. This foundation also takes in women who have been victims of extreme acts of violence, rape, sexual and physical assault and emotional trauma. GDGWS sends donations and works with The Earth Savior foundation as we believe that what they are doing for the society of homeless people and the mentally disabled greatly impacts their lives and we would like to be a part of their amazing cause.

The Interactors from GD Goenka World school in collaboration with Scope for Change foundation organised a Stationery Collection drive in the school to collect basic stationery items and generate the awareness about the dire need for the basic tools in the journey of education for millions of children. The project was a huge success and witnessed maximum participation from the young Goenkans of Primary Year Programme. The interactors successfully collected and made around 200 stationery pouches which were distributed to the road side school run by the NGO scope for change.



The Goenkan boarders engaged in a plantation drive, where they planted various shoots and stems across the vast, spacious campus of the Goenakn Education city, while learning about the numerous forms of plant sowing and growing techniques. Mr Sumer Singh, instructed the students regarding growing plants through cultured stems and twigs, using equipment such as pruners and knives safely and provided other technical information on the science of horticulture.

This was a very interactive and interesting session, and were brimming with enthusiasm over learning new techniques and knowledge from the school Horticulture department.



Let's make every strand of our clothes matter. Interact Club GD Goenka World School was organizing a Clothes Collection Drive. GDGWS is looking forward to your generous contribution to our project. The clothes collected will be distributed to the Earth Saviours Foundation. Let us spread the warmth by donating.



## SCIENAMITE 2022

SCIENAMITE 2022 - Inter-School Science Competition hosted by GDGWS Science Department. Scienamite, a forum for young minds at work. This year it was an honour to reconnect with all the young scientists in the making. Various schools from Delhi and NCR participated in the event which comprised a research paper presentation competition for students of grades 11 & 12. A Science Quiz Competition for grades 9 & 10 and Model making Competition for grades 6 to 8 was held. The event was judged by 4 experts from reputed organisations.

The event concluded with the valedictory ceremony with the announcement of winners by the Director –Principal, Dr. Neeta Bali and vote of thanks by chair of Department –Science, Ms. Sonia Kochhar. The Goenkans Somin Shah and Rishabh Aggarwal bagged the First position for research paper presentation competition and quiz. The event was a huge success, an engaging platform to nurture innovative minds! Our gratitude to all participants and the schools represented and Congratulations to all WINNERS!

### THE RESULTS

#### A) Research paper presentation Competition (Grade 11 & 12)

1. G.D. Goenka World School - First Position - Somin Shah and Rishabh Aggarwal
2. Lancers International School - Second Position - Hugo Alberto & Akhila Polisetti

#### B) Science Quiz Competition (Grade 9 & 10)

1. G.D. Goenka World School - First Position - Aizen Singh and Aliya Gupta
2. Blue bells Model School - Second Position - Ayush Aggarwal & Aditya Kumar
3. Apeejay School, Sheikhsarai - Third Position - Shaurya Gautam & Tanush Gupta

#### C) Model Making Competition (Grade 7 & 8)

1. Lancers International School - First Position - Samarth Agarwal, Adhi lakshmi Bhardwaj, Mokshida Jamwal
2. G.D. Goenka World School - Second Position - Dhriti Yadav, Nerav Jain, SHASHWAT Kumar Sinha
3. G.D. Goenka High School - Third Position - Janav Yadav, Sharanya Goel, Shabd Singh Sanhotra



### ASSEMBLY BY GRADE 11



Assembly by Grade -11B focussing on the importance of 'Time management'. The IBDP as well as IGCSE students were encouraged through the assembly to remain focused on their respective submissions by following the school's IBDP timelines periodically. Students were inspired by the videos of two of the outgoing batch children with 45/45 marks and 39/45 score in IB respectively. Some deep and enlightened strategies were shared by the aluminis as to how they planned their 2 years of the Diploma Programme judiciously. Our student audience definitely got empowered by listening to them by making significant notes for themselves. The assembly ended with the Director Principal's address by reiterating the importance of these two years by highlighting the importance of the 'time' well beforehand.

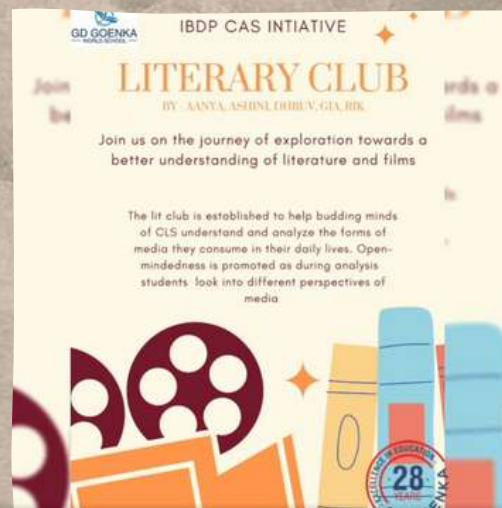
## INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Interact club of G D Goenka World School recently collaborated with the Interact club -Ponta Delgada of Portugal, as we believe that wherever there is a human being there is an opportunity for kindness. The meeting was chaired by the flagbearer and mentor of the club ,our esteemed Director Principal Dr. Neeta Bali along with the newly appointed office bearers of Interact club at GD Goenka World School and District Governor Rtn Vitor M. Nobre and President Ana, Rtn John from the Interact club of Portugal.



During the meeting Interactors discussed the various possibilities of running projects simultaneously in both the countries and also discussed the pertinent social and environmental issues which are common in both the countries. The interactors of the both countries were quite vocal about making Mother Earth a better place and to raise awareness for sustainable use of resources. The first joint project that both the clubs shall be doing will be Plantation drive followed by drive on Women empowerment.

The Literary Club is a CAS initiative established to help budding minds better understand and analyse the forms of media they consume in their daily lives, mainly in the form of entertainment. Our mission and objective are to help students broaden their scope of understanding by looking into and analysing books and movies in depth. Open-mindedness is promoted as during analysis students look into different perspectives and cultures.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Triangular Conference*
- *PYP IB Review*



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