



VIN-Views, Ideas & News

AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS



Musings...

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"Making a connection" Building relationships with students is the backbone of a positive school culture. This is not through a survey but through conversations.

These connections are relationships that are made outside of the academic arena. Have fun. Play games. Laugh at yourself, because everyone will recognise that you are human, you enjoy what you do, and everyone in your classroom.

As educators, we need to adapt to an ever-changing educational landscape. Poor or uncaring teaching does not result in quality learning that good teaching does.

Good teaching includes accessibility to students, positive attitude, engaging pedagogies, relevant content, effective use of technology and transparent teaching standards.

When we make connections large and small with our students, when we consciously build trust, we improve learning opportunities for everyone. And coming to school is just plain fantastic.



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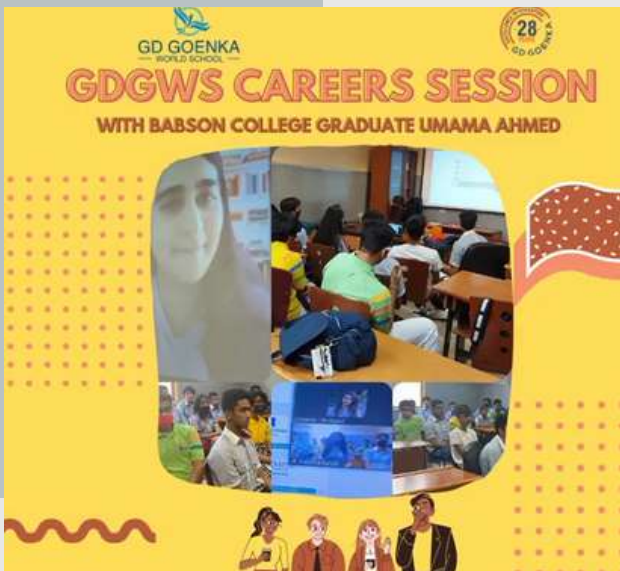
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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

The month of May was the MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, Grade 12 IBDP PSYCHOLOGY students decided to engage themselves in an activity campaigning for the GDGWS students as well as teacher community about the significance of reaching out to a Mental Health Professional in case they see an issue in themselves regards to their mental well-being. The students, through the video tried to inform everyone on approaching a trusting individual who can be just anyone from their friends or family but yes, an expert in the field will be your real refuge because the way he/she will be able to hand hold you, no one will be able to do that in a better and clearer way. An appeal to students and teachers : To all those who have lost rhythm or reason, please reach out to a therapist, a counsellor or a clinician whenever you don't see yourself okay: BECAUSE IT'S OKAY NOT TO BE OKAY!!



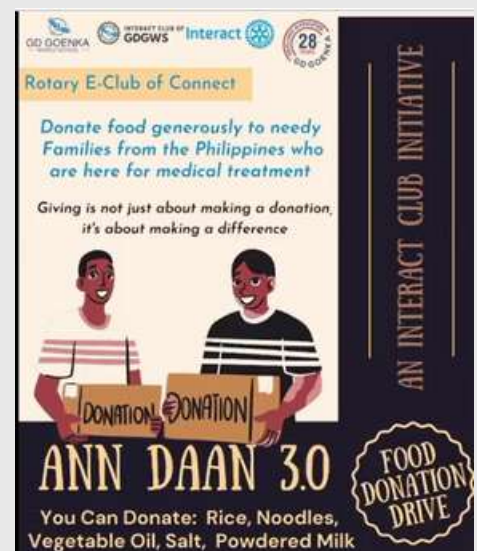
CAREER GUIDANCE SESSION



Babson College graduate Umama Ahmed was invited to guide students to learn more about their interests and strengths and connect their experiences to their long-term career aspirations. She made the students familiarise with decision making, matriculations, university & course choices, university & course matching, search, research, applications, and career planning.

AN INITIATIVE BY INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club of GDGWS, under the patronage of Rotary E-Club of Connect, urges you to donate food generously to needy families from the Philippines who are here for medical treatment in the form of rice, noodles, vegetable oil, salt, powdered milk, etc.



GOENKANS SOARING NEW HEIGHTS !!

Heartiest congratulations to Akshath Mishra, class of 2022, AS and A levels for securing a place at Baylor University, USA with a Baylor distinction Award with a scholarship of USD 80,000 to pursue a B.Sc, Computer Science. Akshath, who is valedictorian, AS and A-Levels, is a true blue Goenkan, having spent 14 long years at GDGWS!



Congratulations Kandisa Agarwal, IBDP class of 2022, on securing admissions in top-notch universities, Durham, Bath, BITS – Pilani, and University of Auckland.



Heartiest congratulations to Rajsi Sharma, class of 2022, Head Girl and Best IB girl on securing a place at University of Alberta to study criminology with Presidents International Distinction scholarship worth INR 73 lacs. Keep shining!



Congratulations Aditi Singh of IBDP, class of 2022, on receiving conditional offers from top-ranked universities- Warwick, Bath, Manchester, Bristol, LSE. Aditi is also the recipient of 'Think Big Scholarship' for 30000 pounds. All the best,

Congratulations to Nikita Nunes of IBDP on securing admissions to University of Toronto, Bristol, Manchester, Glasgow, and King's College. We are proud of you. Keep shining!



Congratulations Vanshika Agarwal, class of 2022, on receiving offers from some renowned universities, including University of Toronto, Waterloo, UBC, University of Alberta, Manchester, and others.



Congratulations Sakshi Somani, on securing admission in Penn State, York University, and the University of Toronto.

VICTORIOUS AT IMUN JAKARTA

Recently, Abhilaksh of Grade 12th, IB second year has been awarded the Most Outstanding Delegate Award at IMUN Jakarta 2022 in United Nations Development Program. His role as Delegate of China in the committee had been crucial in formulating the major decisions and ultimately making a successful draft resolution. More than 130 delegates joined the conference from all of South East Asia. This marked his 50th successful MUN.



Throughout the conference, he displayed excellent public speaking skills, diplomacy, and professionalism which made him recognizable for this award after three days of intense conference. Many delegates alongside him exclaimed that he had helped them learn a lot as a diplomat and have been supportive throughout. He met several delegates from various nations' embassies in Jakarta i.e. Dutch Diplomat, Poland Diplomat, Swedish Diplomat, etc. During his ultimate remarks to the committee, he stated, "Our role as delegates remains implacable and essential for policymaking around the world. This is just the start, see you all on the top." He continues to spread the idea of international diplomacy and internationalism in the society and we wish him all the luck for the same.

CHECKPOINT EXAM ACHIEVERS

Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint is a series of assessments designed to assess learners at the end of the Cambridge Lower Secondary program. It enables schools to obtain an international benchmark of learner performance to identify and address learning needs. Students of GDGWS performed exceedingly well and brought laurels by scoring a perfect 6.0-grade scale in all checkpoint subjects.



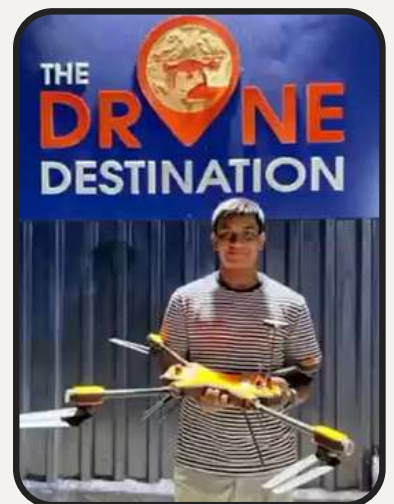
KARATE CHAMP

GDGWS is proud to announce that Unnati Jindal from CLS (grade 7-B) participated and won the Gold in State Level Karate Championship and now will go for National Level. Congratulations Unnati for winning the Gold. Way to go!!

YOUNGEST DRONE PILOT

GDGWS is proud to announce that Krishn Kedia became the youngest certified drone pilot of India at 18 years. Krishn achieved this feat by passing the 5 day-long grueling courses conducted by Drone Destination; DGCA-approved Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO) in Bilaspur. Mr. Anurag Shukla, Accountable Manager says, "It's a proud moment for us to train and impart skills to young and bright minds like him." Talking about his achievement Krishn says, "The experience of drone flying is exhilarating. My interest in nature photography has now got added wings. With a birds-eye view, I am looking forward to taking some great shots."

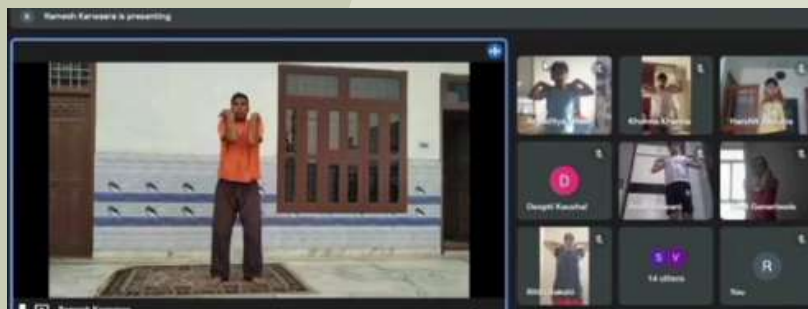
Krishn Kedia recently completed his Cambridge Board exams and also loves football and is a budding amateur nature photographer. Congratulations Krishn! Way to go!



WORLD YOGA DAY SESSION 2022

"If you can control the rising of the mind into ripples, you will experience Yoga."
 — Swami Ramdev

Yoga, an ancient discipline, is one of the best practices we can adopt for both physical and mental well-being. As a combination of careful body postures and meditation, yoga can help us achieve harmony of the mind, body, and soul. In addition, it can boost your immunity and resistance to illnesses, stress, and anxiety. To celebrate World Yoga Day and its theme "Yoga For Humanity", GD Goenka World School hosted and organized an International Yoga Day Session to increase awareness about the positive effects of this holistic practice and ensure the healthy well-being of Goenkan students and parents. The session brought a refreshing start to the mornings of students, parents, and teachers, while also reminding them of the benefits of yoga and exercise.



CAS ACTIVITY : ORGANIC FARMING 2022

The last two years have been very tough on everybody, mainly due to the intense pressure exerted on students during online school. For this semester for CAS, organic farming has turned out to be a quite refreshing experience, especially when compared to the dull and unexciting ordeal that was online school. It is a fresh, new, and unique activity, and really helps students who have sat at home for two years to revert back to how life was before the COVID-19 virus.

Being an outdoor activity, the first few lessons for organic farming have been very different. Venturing out into the fields behind the university really helped many students gain various new insights. In addition, the activity itself has sparked innovation and has genuinely engaged many students.

Team of Goenkans- Keshav, Shauraya, Daksh, Nakul, Swayam, Aditya, Noor, Aaliyah, Ahra, Kkriishh, Dhruv, Aadyaa, Ruhaan. Way to go!



E-WASTE COLLECTION DRIVE

E-waste recycling helps recover valuable materials from electronic products that are either old or no longer used. To contribute to this issue, IBDP students at GD Goenka World School have initiated an E-Waste Collection Drive wherein they'll be collecting the following electronic goods: - Battery, cell phone, charger, printer, monitor, computer, and audio/visual devices. Boxes will be placed around the school campus and students can come and place their e-waste inside them.

Kindly help us by bringing electronic waste as small steps make a big difference.

Initiated by: - Aakash, Priyanshi, Akshat, Aditya, Naavya, and Vanshika.



A TETE-A-TETE WITH DR. HARPREET A. D. SINGH



Dr. Harpreet A. D. Singh, Executive Director - Headquarters at Air India Limited, Former CEO of Alliance Air was interviewed by our students Shivom Takkar and Nikita Marwah, Vice Head boy and Vice Head girl. We would like to share with you a few valuable points made by Dr. Singh that are immensely motivating and eye-opening.

Dr. Singh said, "There happens to be a lack of awareness, especially in the field of aviation and aerospace and that is something that must be changed. Awareness about these fields must be spread. Outreach is required and universities must inculcate this sort of awareness into themselves.

Things have changed for women, there are now many more opportunities, and some credit for this can be given to the men who are more open about women entering newer fields. Women themselves must have confidence and ambition to go higher, and it is always not right to blame the men for it.

The reason I got into all these charitable trusts and organizations is because I believe that a true leader is somebody who can make more leaders. I wish to make at least 50 more women go higher than myself, that is my aim.

I never feel low, that is a decision of mine to never feel low. This is how I have trained my mind. Professionally I always idolized Padma Bhushan Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam as I could relate to him and saw many similarities between him and myself."

Dr. Singh concluded with this beautiful quote, "Humility takes you very far in life, you should always be respectful towards people around you, no matter what position they occupy in the system."

UPCOMING EVENTS

- PDP sessions for staff
- GK Quiz: Grades3-5
- CT 1 for IBDP,AS& A Levels
- Student council Positions Announcements
- Orientation of new admissions

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