



# VIN-Views, Ideas & News

*AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS*



## Musings...

By Mrs Sonali Sinha  
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Dear students, parents, and staff,

As we joyfully navigate the pages of our December 2023 newsletter, let's relish the vibrant tapestry of events that marked this memorable month. From the diplomatic finesse showcased at the GWMUN conference to the collaborative spirit ignited at the North India IB Heads Meet, our school community has reaffirmed its commitment to intellectual growth.

Founders Day served as a poignant reminder of our rich legacy, and the IBPYP Sports Day highlighted the athletic prowess and sportsmanship of our youngest learners.

The Christmas Carnival brought us together in shared laughter and joy, creating lasting memories.

Lastly, the much-anticipated GD Goenka Confluence was a spectacular display of diverse talents, with celebrated dignitaries joining us as we embraced the spirit of education.

Heartfelt thanks to our students, parents, and dedicated staff for contributing to these successes. Farewell to 2023, and may joy accompany you into 2024.



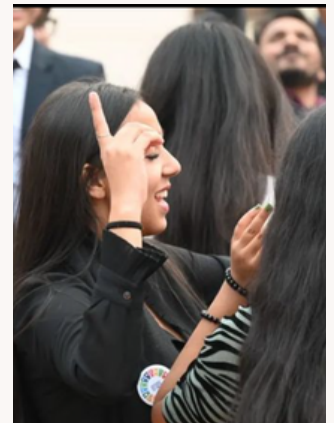
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# GDGWS MUN' 23 – DAY 1



**A CAPTIVATING START FILLED WITH  
ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES!**





# GDGWS MUN' 23 – DAY 2



**EXPERIENCE A CAPTIVATING CLOSING CEREMONY BRIMMING WITH ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES!**



# FOUNDER'S DAY



This year's festivities resonated with the invincible spirit of Goenkans – pride, commitment, and excellence. The celebration culminated in a traditional cake-cutting ceremony, marking 20 years of Founder's Day joyously.

Paying tribute to the visionary Shri. Anjani Kumar Goenka on Founder's Day, we express gratitude for his enduring legacy. The ceremony, graced by Principal Mrs. Sonali Sinha and distinguished heads, highlighted the amalgamation of performing arts.

The inclusion of a poignant portrait of Smt. Gayatri Devi Goenka and the display of the old logo added a nostalgic touch, allowing everyone to reflect on our institution's journey.

A parallel painting of our current logo showcased our visual identity, aligning it with the evolving spirit of our institution.





# NORTH INDIA IB HEADS MEET



It was a great pleasure for GDGWS to host the IB Heads meet, where discussions focused on best practices, opportunities, challenges, and strategies to advance the IB curriculum. This event provided an excellent opportunity to unite education leaders, with their impactful participation. Principals explored the GD Goenka Campus and enjoyed a delightful lunch at Le Cordon Bleu.

The insights from various Heads of School enriched the event's success. The school anticipates continued collaboration for an enhanced educational landscape in the region and expresses gratitude for the dedication to the IB cause. We eagerly look forward to an ongoing partnership.





# GOENKANS BRINGING LAURELS



## *SOARING PAST THE SKIES!!*

Mehak Khatter, Grade XI aviation enthusiast, and one of the top 5 winners of the "Be The Aviator" Challenge by OFLY on International Civil Aviation Day, recently co-piloted a Cessna 172 from Delhi NCR to Aligarh Airport, living the dream and inspiring aspiring pilots.



## *I CODE GLOBAL HACKATHON*

In a remarkable feat at the ICode Global Hackathon 2023, young talents, Himank Madan from Grade 7B and Nerav Jain from Grade 9, achieved an outstanding milestone in both the Python beginners and advanced categories.

Nakul Mital from grade 12 and Kunal Mital from grade 10 hold Rank 2 and Rank 4 in Haryana and Rank 27 and Rank 35 in National Ranking for Icode Global Hackathon in Python advance category. Besides this, Aanya Mittal got an All India rank 154.



## *BUDDING AUTHORS IN MAKING*

Young talents at Cambridge Lower Secondary are letting their creativity soar in a book writing competition! Thanks to Education World and "Bribooks," students got a chance to write and publish their own books.



The journey has just begun, and we're excited to announce that Vanshika Sudan (7B), Jagteshwar Singh (8A), Gunav Malhorta and Harshit Jasrotia have their books available for sale, sharing their inspiring stories with the world.







## ✦ SPREADING JOY !



Spreading Joy this Christmas! Our students from grades 9-12 came together for a heartwarming Christmas distribution drive as a part of the BIS program at the Bright Orange Foundation.

From thermals to samosas, cupcakes, and heartfelt conversations, it was more than just a drive; it was about fostering hope, love, and happiness.

Making a positive impact and building a sense of community, our volunteers danced, sang carols, and reminded everyone that no one is forgotten during Christmas.

# ENRICHING INTERACTIONS



## UNIVERSITY FAIR

Grade XI Goenkans seized a golden opportunity to connect with representatives from Canada, the UK, Ireland, the USA, and Australia. These events are key for students navigating the college search journey. The fair showcased a wealth of resources, providing insights into academic programs, admission criteria, deadlines, fees, financial aid, and specific requirements for prestigious honours programs. A comprehensive hub for informed decisions!

## International Collaboration

Indo Nigeria International Collaboration: Students of Grade 7 recently collaborated with Asha International Modern School, Nigeria, for a discussion on promoting healthier food choices. The interaction focused on sharing insights into preferences, exploring nutritious alternatives, and understanding the science behind food choices.



Both institutions exchanged thoughts on cultural influences, sustainability, and the impact of dietary choices on overall well-being. This dialogue not only encouraged a healthy conversation but also fostered understanding and respect for diverse culinary perspectives.



# CHASING DREAMS

Honored to welcome Major General Vikram Dev Dogra, AVSM, for an inspiring session on chasing dreams! Commissioned in 1981, his journey is marked by excellence, including leading The Poona Horse and commanding the 180 Armoured Brigade. His feats in Jammu & Kashmir, UN peacekeeping, and cycling from Leh to Chandigarh showcase his dedication and indomitable spirit.



As a motivational speaker and Ironman triathlete, having achieved this thrice in Austria, Germany, and Barcelona, and with triumphs in Germany and Barcelona at the ages of 58, 59, and 62.

Major General Dogra's journey attests to a relentless pursuit of excellence. Join us for insights on leadership, resilience, and self-improvement!



# GALA NIGHT 2023



In a fusion of tradition and creativity, our diverse boarding community came alive at 'The Boarding Gala Night.' Dressed in vibrant traditional attires, boarders showcased their talents, turning the crisp evening air into a symphony of performances. From captivating dances to soul-stirring songs, the night exuded unity and friendship.

Led by Grade 12 Boarding Head Girl, Ansika, the event celebrated our collective heritage and strengthened the unique bond we share. Laughter and applause echoed, leaving an indelible mark of joy and camaraderie. The Boarding Gala Night was not just an event; it was a testament to the magic that happens when a community unites.

**--BY ANSIKA GRADE 12 IBDP**





# ADVENTURE TREK BY BOARDERS



Recently, the boarders ventured into the soul-refreshing landscapes of the Aravalli Hills, embarking on an early morning trek. This immersive experience drew them closer to nature, allowing a revitalization of spirits and a deep connection with the tranquil beauty of the surroundings.

Each step amidst the Aravalli Hills not only brought physical rejuvenation but also offered a wonderful opportunity to bask in the pure, unfiltered freshness of nature.

Beyond the physical challenge, the trek became a journey of self-discovery, filled with exhilarating moments celebrating the wonders that surround us.



We express immense gratitude for these enriching experiences, serving as reminders of the beauty and tranquility within and around us.

# GOENKANS' INDUSTRIAL VISIT



The Humanities Department orchestrated a significant industrial visit for IGCSE, AS, and A-level students to Honeywell's Gurgaon Branch. Honeywell, a multinational company headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, operates across aerospace, building performance materials and technologies (PMT), and safety and productivity solutions (SPS). The Gurgaon office specializes in manufacturing Safety and Productivity solutions, including fire alarms and airport lights.



The visit commenced with an insightful introduction to Honeywell, emphasizing its role as an engineering company producing diverse goods, from the Blackbox of airplanes to airport lights and fire alarms. Following this, students, adorned in appropriate safety gear, explored the shop floor, witnessing first-hand applications of crucial concepts such as lead time, assembly lines, and critical path analysis. This experience proved to be both fascinating and educational, offering valuable insights that significantly contribute to the students' holistic learning journey.



# SOP/ESSAY Writing Workshop



In a recent SOP/ESSAY Writing workshop tailored for Grade 12, we witnessed impactful strides in refining their written narratives. Delving into the essential elements of Substance, Grammar, and Flow, the workshop aimed to guide students in crafting standout Statements of Purpose (SOPs).

Beyond the conventional focus on content, the session extended to refining grammatical nuances, precise word usage, and enhancing overall language skills. Moreover, the workshop inspired students to go beyond structural norms, encouraging them to artfully showcase their life experiences, achievements, and future goals. To enrich this learning experience, Himanshu Kohli, a Senior Recruitment Adviser at the University of Sydney, and a career coach from IDP Education was invited to speak with Grade 12 students. With a core mission to empower students in articulating the "Why," "How," and "When" in their narratives, this workshop not only elevated writing skills but also aimed at unlocking their potential to craft compelling stories that make a lasting impact.



# GDGWS CONFLUENCE 2023



Graced by leaders and celebrities, Day 1 of the 'Confluence' was a vibrant celebration of knowledge-sharing, team-building, and collaboration for 300+ principals from GD Goenka Schools from across India.

Crucial insights from Amitabh Kant - G20 Sherpa, Former CEO of Niti Aayog, candid conversations with Mr. Anupam Kher, and enlightening thoughts by Ms. Swati Bhargava- Co-Founder, Cashkaro made the day even more special. The day ended with an electrifying drum circle concluded by Roy Roberts.





# GDGWS CONFLUENCE 2023



Day 2 started with an immersive session on NEP 2020 by Mr. Himanshu Gupta - Secretary, CBSE. Legends Kapil Dev, Chetan Bhagat, and the hilarious Sunil Grover aka Gutthi or Dr Mashoor Gulati! also had a great time and even enjoyed a meditation and yoga session by Dr Rupesh Kumar.



A spectacular crescendo marked the grand finale of GD Goenka Confluence 2023! Eminent personalities from diverse fields illuminated the event, with the gracious presence of Buddhist Guru, Chokyong Palga Rinpoche and the mesmerising mentalist, Sanchit Batra amidst 300+ delegates.

The Promoters League cricket match, pitting Delhi NCR against the Rest of India, and a spirited Badminton clash for the ladies, added a sporting flair. The 3-day extravaganza concluded with an award ceremony honouring the contribution of schools and faculty members in continuing the legacy and stride of the GD Goenka Group and harnessing the true meaning of holistic education in their respective institutions. A touch of nostalgia at the Retro-themed Gala Night marked the perfect end to a celebration of knowledge, collaboration, and cultural splendour.



# STUDENTS' VOICES

## OLIVER- THE INVISIBLE MAN

-BY PRAKHAR NAITHANI (GRADE 6 A)

It was a windy day. Trees were swaying, and flowers were fading. Oliver was in his room watching movies with a side of sweet caramel popcorn. Suddenly, there was a thunderstorm outside his house. He went out to check what happened and saw a potion. Oliver was confused about whether he should drink it or not. "Here goes nothing," he said. As soon as he drank it, he didn't feel a thing, but after a minute, he felt like someone was scratching his intestines!

He went inside the house, and when he checked the mirror, he couldn't see himself and was invisible! Oliver had a big smile on his face. There were many things that he could do while being invisible. First, he pranked his Math teacher by placing a pin under the seat. Next, he went to an unknown house and took a chocolate. He did a lot of other things when suddenly the potion's effect wore off. He said, "I had a lot of fun when being invisible and I miss it. What an adventure it was!"



Origami by Nayuta 7A



# DISMAY

-NERAV JAIN (GRADE 9 IGCSE )

The time has come, the reign has begun  
Folly it is not, the Aryan's portray  
The führer, Adolf, slays Jews without dismay

Amidst the German Lebensraum, no Jew shall reside  
Only in concentration camps, enslaved they shall thrive  
If not they oblige, then gunshots beyond eventide

Try to run? the secret police will find them  
Not the enforcers of the law, rather  
The militant forces that bind them

Once in the camp, it's still satanic  
Death by the millions  
Much worse than Titanic

When they least expect, they'll be called to bathe  
In a chamber, they collect the expected water  
All they receive is a painless slaughter

Gas is passed through the room  
colourless like the Reaper smelling like doom  
The holocaust is dubbed in the modern realm

No Jew remained by the end of the reign  
Hitler's plan was not just to inflict pain  
Alas we must never know what his true intentions were

For he has joined the devil, in the realm of hell  
His unyielding power led innumerable Jews to dispel  
The führer, Adolf, slays Jews without dismay



# Artwork



**Mansi- Grade 8**



**Niral- Grade 8**



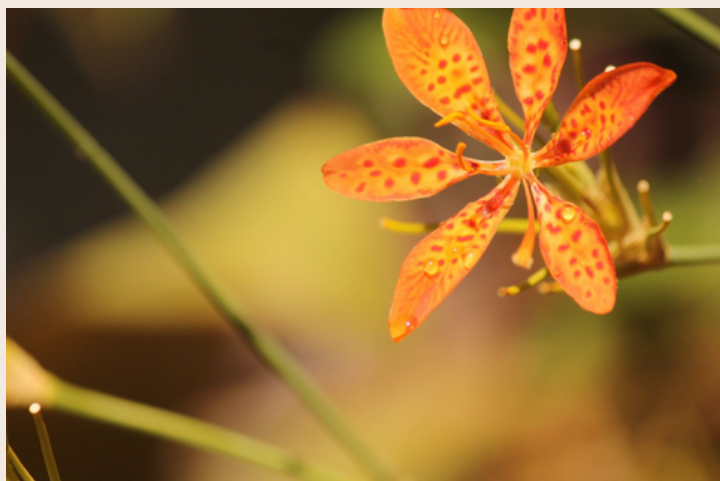
**Angel-Grade 7**



**Nayuta-Grade 7**



# PICTURE PERFECT



EKAMBIR SINGH Grade 10 IGCSE



NIRAL GANERIWALA Grade 8B

## UPCOMING EVENTS :

- REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION
- PARENT ORIENTATION
- IGCSE EXAMINATIONS

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