



# VIN-VIEWS, IDEAS & NEWS

AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS



## MUSINGS

by the Principal

**Dear Parents, Students, and the Goenkan Family,**

**This month has been an inspiring journey of growth and achievements at GD Goenka World School.**

**Our students embarked on a CAS trip to Sariska, delving into wildlife conservation and sustainability. Another group visited Dehradun, where they explored the Forest Research Institute and the Indian Military Academy, deepening their understanding of environmental stewardship and discipline.**

**On campus, the Yale MUN x GD Goenka Conference was a grand success, fostering leadership and collaboration among young minds. Meanwhile, our students excelled at ISSO, showcasing their prowess and sportsmanship on an international platform.**

**These experiences embody our vision of holistic education, equipping students with values, skills, and global perspectives. I extend heartfelt gratitude to our students, parents, and faculty for their continued dedication. Together, we aim for even greater heights.**

*Warm regards,  
Mrs. Sonali Sinha  
Principal GD Goenka World School*



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# LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY 2024

## EMPOWERING STUDENT LEADERS: INVESTITURE CEREMONY

We are delighted to share the highlights of our recent Investiture Ceremony, a proud occasion that marked the appointment of the new student leaders for AS & A Levels and IB DP. The event began on an inspiring note with the school song, symbolizing unity and the shared spirit of our community. The ceremony celebrated the induction of the Prefectorial Board, with council members proudly receiving their badges and sashes as a mark of their leadership roles. Standing tall and confident, they took a solemn pledge to dedicate themselves to the service of the school and its values.



The address to the newly appointed leaders emphasized that their responsibilities extend far beyond titles and representation. They were reminded that true leadership lies in listening with empathy, guiding with wisdom, and uplifting the community through collaboration and meaningful action.

This ceremony is more than just a tradition—it marks the beginning of an exciting journey for our new Council. With their enthusiasm and dedication, they are poised to lead with integrity and create a positive and lasting impact on our school community.



# UNIVERSITIES PRESENTATIONS 2024

Exploring pathways to Canada's top universities at GD Goenka World School and GD Goenka High School!



We extend our sincere gratitude to Apratim Mukhopadhyay from the University of Toronto and Tanushree Bhattacharya from the University of British Columbia for their enriching interaction with our students.

The session offered a unique glimpse into the diverse, inclusive, and academically stimulating environments of these prestigious Canadian universities. Students explored a range of programmes, gained insights into student life, and learned about Canada's esteemed educational tradition that attracts global talent. The presenters shared valuable insights on scholarships for international students, guiding them on financial aid options and eligibility. Students were also advised on evaluating programmes and campuses based on academic reputation, co-op opportunities, faculty support, research, and employer connections.

Thank you for expanding our students' perspectives and inspiring them to pursue their dreams!





# AWARENESS 2024

## ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS CHANGE: AWARENESS



Our students recently participated in a thought-provoking Fairtrade Awareness Programme, highlighting the often unseen challenges faced by farmers and workers who labour tirelessly to provide us with food, clothing, and security.



The session also delved into the environmental impacts of popular clothing brands and encouraging us to rethink our choices when it comes to fast fashion.

Through a creative role play and an impactful presentation, our students not only raised awareness but also gained valuable insights into clothing materials and their environmental footprint.





# PYP JOURNEY 2024

PYP students explored Bharatpur on their day-1. Starting their day with a delicious breakfast at Mcdonald's. The adventure began at Keoladeo national park, a UNESCO world heritage site. Students enjoyed a guided bird watching tour, spotting a variety of migratory birds and gaining insights into the park's diverse ecosystem and conservation efforts. After a morning of exploration, students had lunch at the Udai Vilas palace before heading to Agra.

A perfect blend of nature, history, and culture made day 1 unforgettable, leaving everyone eager for the adventures to come!



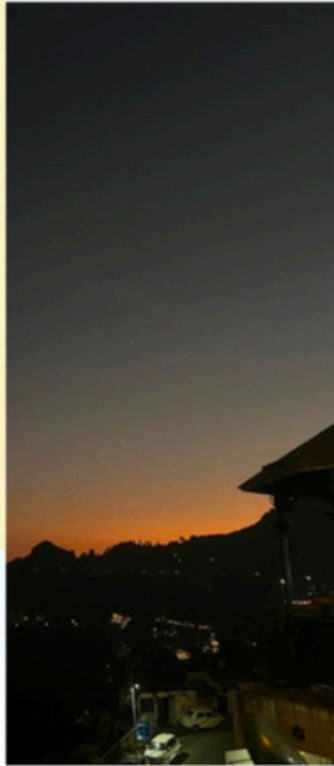
Day-2 kicked off with an early morning visit to the majestic Taj Mahal, where our students delved into the history and significance of this architectural wonder. The experience was followed by a delicious, authentic lunch and lively dance sessions filled with music and DJ beats!

The adventure continued with a visit to Agra fort, where students explored its grand architecture and rich legacy. On the journey back home, a quick dinner stop made for a perfect end to an incredible trip.



# BOX OF MEMORY 2024

Grades 6-11 students embarked on an exciting journey to Dehradun, starting with a scenic drive through lush Sal forests. At the Forest Research Institute (FRI), where Ajay Sharma shared fascinating insights about nature, birds, and life before modern technology. His words, "Whatever we are today is somehow connected to forests," they explored fascinating exhibitions on forest conservation, followed by a lively DJ night filled with dance and laughter.



A highlight of the trip was the visit to the prestigious Indian Military Academy (IMA), where students gained a deeper understanding of the history and rigorous training behind one of India's finest military institutions. Children's Day continued with an exhilarating session of zip-lining, rock climbing, and archery at the Himalayan Adventure Institute in Mussoorie. A stroll along Mall Road added the perfect finishing touch, with students exploring shops and savouring local treats. The final day included a relaxed morning and a delightful lunch stop at Sarovar Portico, Haridwar, before heading back home with cherished memories and new friendships. This trip was a true celebration of camaraderie, exploration, and community spirit, creating lasting memories and strengthening bonds.





# CAS TRIP 2024

Our Grade 12 students enjoyed a three-day adventure at Rocksport Residency in Sariska, blending Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) with thrilling experiences. They faced challenges like rock climbing, high-rope courses, and ziplining, fostering teamwork and resilience. Highlights included stargazing, an early morning safari at Sariska Tiger Reserve, and a trek to the serene Naldeshwar Mahadev Mandir, offering moments of discovery, reflection, and a deepened appreciation for nature. The trip was a perfect mix of adventure, learning, and unforgettable memories!



The trip concluded with a heartwarming community service activity at a local government school, where students painted walls and bonded with local children. This experience fostered meaningful connections, leaving a lasting impact on both the students and the community. More than an adventure, the journey encouraged personal growth, social responsibility, and lasting memories, embodying the true spirit of Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS).



# YALE MUN X GD GOENKA 2024

This weekend, young diplomats from around the country gathered at GD Goenka World School for the Yale MUN x GD Goenka Conference 2024, engaging in vibrant debates, thought-provoking discussions, and collaborative problem-solving. The event highlighted unwavering dedication, in-depth research, and dynamic exchanges. We were honoured to welcome Mr. Prateek Kanwal, a distinguished public policy and development consultant, as our chief guest. His insightful address on globalisation inspired all in attendance, and he rightly pointed out, “This is such a great training ground for the leaders of tomorrow.”



The ceremony also included the unveiling of the Goenka Buzz, the Yale MUN at GD Goenka 2024 newsletter, which captured the essence of the conference beautifully. The chairs of various committees, including COPUOS, CRISIS, WHO, UNCSW, IP, DISEC, UNFCCC, and UNESCO, shared their reflections, celebrating the remarkable efforts of the delegates. The event concluded with the announcement of results by Ms. Poppy Stowell Evans, the esteemed Secretary-General, followed by a heartfelt vote of thanks from our MUN Coordinator, Ms. Monika Ohri.

The Yale MUN x GD Goenka Conference 2024 reminded us that true success lies not just in the destination but in the journey—one of continuous growth, resilience, and the pursuit of excellence. To all the participants, your creativity, critical thinking, and oratory skills were exceptional.

We are proud to announce that the Best Big Delegation Award went to GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj, while the Best Small Delegation Award was earned by GD Goenka Global School, Noida—congratulations to both teams for their outstanding performance!





# STUDENTS' VOICES

Oh, Butterfly Park, a place so dear,  
Where laughter echoed loud and clear.  
Our PYP days, carefree and bright,  
Spent under the sun's golden light.

We ran through meadows, wild and free,  
Chasing dreams that we couldn't see.  
Laughter echoed through every trail,  
As we explored each hidden detail.

The flowers bloomed in a rainbow's hue,  
A canvas of nature, painted anew.  
We whispered secrets to fluttering wings,  
Sharing our joy in the simplest things.

The grass felt soft beneath our feet,  
As we chased each other in heat.  
Butterflies danced, a colourful parade,  
Adding magic to the memories we made.

But one small thought still lingers today,  
When the monkey bars called in their playful way.  
Everyone swung, reaching the sky,  
While I stood back, too shy to try.

Now I wonder, if I'd joined them there,  
Hanging mid-air without a care,  
Maybe my height would've grown like theirs,  
But still, my heart holds those joyful affairs.

By Varchasvi Singh (11th C)





Oh to be loved truly,  
 truly, fully and wholly  
 what am I if not full of love  
 seeping out of me, slowly turning  
 into poison  
 as I drown in it alone  
 to be loved truly,  
 will I ever receive the love I  
 deserve?  
 a love without faults  
 a love with no hesitations  
 a whole love  
 a true love  
 maybe if my love was not  
 poisonous  
 I'd get to experience its sweet taste  
 maybe if my love was more pure  
 everyone would stay and face this  
 fate  
 maybe if my love was enough  
 I'd be worthwhile to love.  
 but once pricked, how can I make  
 the thorns on my heart go away?  
 a poisonous love  
 a poisonous person meant to infect  
 others and never get infected  
 themselves  
 That's a true love, a whole love  
 for I was not made to be poisoned.

By Arshdeep Vohra(11th A)

I guess I was always meant to be  
 alone  
 giving love and giving it all  
 I can't expect anything in return  
 I can never  
 It would never weigh on anyone's  
 heart  
 What am I? Who am I? Who should I  
 be?  
 I'm drowning in everyone's  
 expectations  
 While I don't see no one even  
 thinking about me  
 I'm drowning in the hopes of love  
 While I see everyone laughing  
 A bittersweet feeling is all I have  
 Hope of love is all that I can afford  
 Hopes, hopes and hopes  
 Can I please stop?  
 I don't want to do this  
 I don't want anyone  
 I want love yet I got nothing but  
 neglect.  
 I have nothing except hate now  
 hate, hate and hate all around me  
 everything is hateful  
 I don't want to do this anymore  
 Wondering why not me?  
 I already gave a lot and  
 I give up

By Divyanshi (11th A)





## Grandmothers birthday

It was my grandmother's 75th Birthday and my family planned to celebrate it by visiting her grave on a bright morning with flowers and her favourite strawberry cake. The whole way to her abode I felt overwhelmed by emotions. It had been very hard on my mother since my grandmother's death. After her demise, she was confined to her room. It had been very mournful for everyone in my family. we tried our best to bring our mother to the best of her emotional state After a tedious car ride, we arrived at the cemetery my parents walked towards her grave placing the flowers and cakes near her grave. I could tell my mother was holding back tears as she lit the candles. Her hand was trembling ever so slightly. Later after reciting some prayers I stepped up and placed a box next to the grave, the box contained a beautiful ocean-blue necklace that I knew my grandmother would love. I knew my grandmother loved the ocean when she was around she would always talk about it saying it was the only place that gave her ease

By Vriddhie Arora (9th A)



BY VARCHASVI SINGH (11TH C)







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**SARAH (10TH B)**



**ANGEL (8TH A)**



**ANISHA (8TH B)**



**HINATA (7TH)**







**ADITI KHANNA (11TH C)**



**RYAN SUR (11TH A)**



**BY ARPITA TIWARI (12TH C)**



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