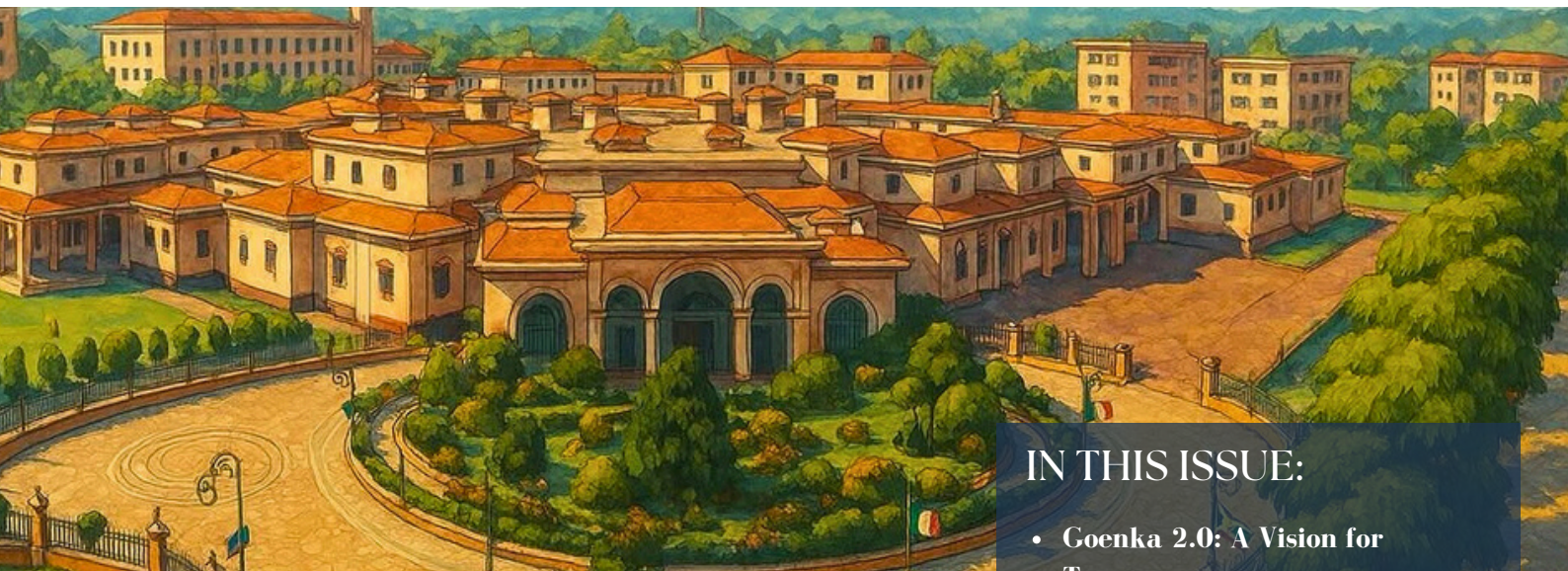


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AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS



Musings...

By Mrs Sonali Sinha

Principal of GD Goenka World School

Each day at school brings new opportunities for learning, growth, and connection. It's a joy to witness our students evolving with purpose and enthusiasm.

*As we embrace the spirit of **Goenka 2.0**, let us continue to nurture a community that is **team-centric** in its approach, **harmonious** in spirit, **resilient** in the face of challenges, **innovative** in thought, **versatile** in action, and **empathetic** at its core. This is the essence of who we*

are—and what we continue to grow into, with a future-ready mindset and a heart rooted in purpose.

Our classrooms continue to reflect the spirit of holistic education, where purposeful engagement and student voice remain at the centre of every learning experience.

#ThriveForLife



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Goenka 2.0

A Vision for Tomorrow

A meaningful step forward unfolded as the teams from GD Goenka World School and GD Goenka High School engaged in a powerful session, designed to immerse us in the renewed Vision, Mission, and Values of the GD Goenka Group — the essence of Goenka 2.0.

At the heart of this transformation is our Group Value — **THRIVE** — a shared commitment to being Team Centric, Harmonious, Resilient, Innovative, Versatile, and Empathetic.

A standout moment was the 'Thrive in Action' segment — an interactive experience where participants explored the true meaning of THRIVE through visual storytelling and thoughtful reflections.

Gratitude to everyone who contributed to making these sessions impactful. As we align more closely with the spirit of Goenka 2.0, may this mark the beginning of many meaningful conversations and collective action across our institutions.

Here's to thriving together.



ORIENTATION DAY



From academic opportunities to co-curricular experiences and global engagements, students were introduced to the exciting journey that lies ahead. Here's to a year of learning, growth, and new beginnings. Welcome to the Goenkan family!

Orientation Day was a warm and meaningful welcome for our new students and their parents.

The event offered families the opportunity to meet the leadership team and faculty, learn about key programmes and initiatives, and begin building connections within the Goenkan community.



UNIVERSITY FAIR



An engaging US Universities Fair was recently held for the students of Grades XI and XII, providing them with a valuable platform to interact with representatives from top universities across the United States.

This initiative gave students direct access to information on academic programmes, scholarship options, and the admissions process—supporting them in making informed choices about their higher education and career paths.

Events like these play a key role in expanding horizons and guiding students toward purposeful futures.

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Immersion Programme



Our young Goenkans embarked on an exciting journey of discovery, delving into English, Mathematics, and Science through the Cambridge lens.

From analysing data to strengthening communication, teamwork, and critical thinking, this immersive experience helped them build essential skills for life.

At GDGWS, we empower students not just to learn, but to Thrive. For Life.



IGCSE TO IBDP *Journey*

Every great journey starts with a single step. The IGCSE to IBDP Bridge Programme offers a smooth, empowering transition into the IB Diploma Programme.

Through engaging academic orientations, critical thinking challenges, and interactive sessions, students spark curiosity and build confidence. Focusing on time management, research, and collaboration, they take their first steps toward becoming independent, global learners.

Fueled by purpose and curiosity, their IB journey begins—with confidence and conviction.



BOOK BINGO

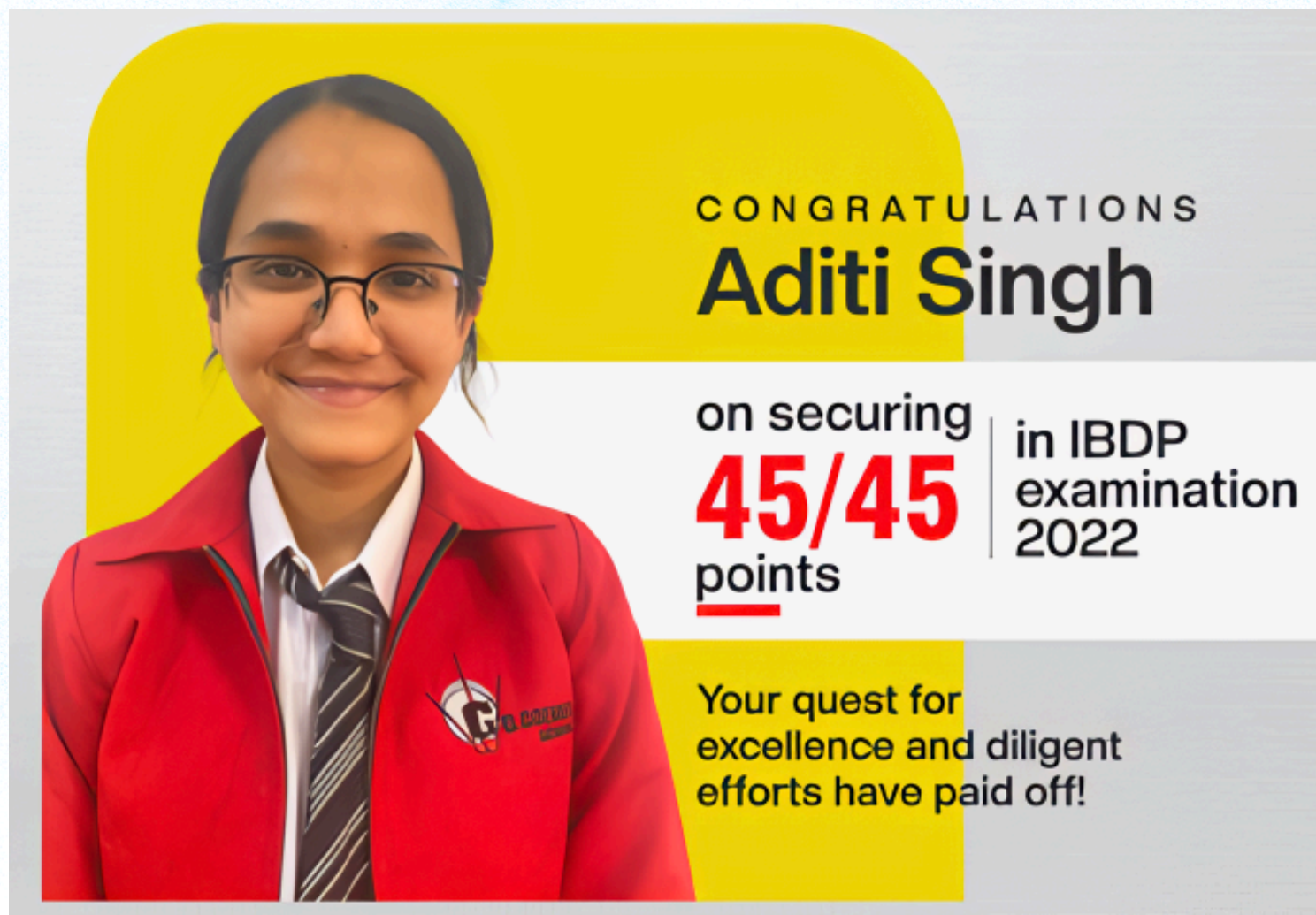
Books do more than tell stories—they broaden perspectives, sharpen minds, and offer invaluable life lessons. Reflecting this belief, the GDGWS Library successfully organised Book Bingo, a dynamic reading activity for students in Grades 6 to 8.

This initiative encouraged students to explore diverse genres, refine their reading and writing skills, and think creatively. It was inspiring to witness young readers immerse themselves in literature, deepening their understanding and appreciation for the written word.

Looking forward to many more literary adventures ahead.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Aditi Singh – A Journey of Excellence

Meet Aditi Singh, Class of 2022, whose remarkable journey continues to inspire. Achieving a perfect score of 45/45 in the IBDP, Aditi secured offers from some of the world's leading universities. She is currently pursuing a BSc in Accounting and Finance at the University of Bristol, United Kingdom. In recognition of her outstanding academic achievement, she was conferred the prestigious Chairman's Award by GD Goenka World School. Her story is a testament to perseverance, aspiration, and the limitless possibilities that come with hard work and dedication.

Unity in Diversity



Grade 7A students brought the spirit of April alive through a vibrant assembly celebrating Vaisakhi, Eid, and Good Friday. Through a lively dance, a heartfelt skit, and a soulful song, they beautifully reflected the Goenkan spirit — embracing unity in diversity, empathy, and cultural appreciation.

Rooted in the school's vision to Thrive.For Life, the assembly served as a meaningful expression of inclusivity, understanding, and the shared values that connect us all.



EARTH DAY 2025

Goenkans from across all segments came together to celebrate Earth Day with purpose and passion. Embracing this year's theme—Our Power, Our Planet—our young changemakers explored the potential of renewable energy and the importance of environmental stewardship.

The reflective assembly in the Senior School featured a touching poem, a quiz, slogan writing, and thoughtful discussions on clean energy. A pledge to practise the 5 Rs—Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle—echoed through the corridors.



EARTH DAY 2025



The Cambridge Lower Secondary students brought the theme to life with creativity and action. Grades 6 and 7 made eco-wristbands and recycled bird feeders, while Grade 8 guided their peers in composting techniques and performed a rhythmic song using recycled buckets.



From heartfelt poetry to compost pits, from recycled melodies to symbolic handprints—our students reminded us that sustainable change begins with young minds who care.



Our students came together to honour the planet with thoughtful actions, creative expressions, and a strong message of sustainability. From awareness to action, we're committed to nurturing a greener, healthier future—one step at a time.

Let's not just mark Earth Day—let's live it every day.

World Book and Copyright Day

“Reading is a way for me to expand my mind, open my eyes and fill up my heart.” – Oprah Winfrey

World Book and Copyright Day turned into a vibrant celebration of imagination, storytelling, and self-expression. From stepping into the shoes of beloved book characters to mastering tongue twisters, students explored the magic that words hold.

The energy was electric, the creativity unmatched — proving once again that books don’t just inform, they transform.



UID & GOENKANS

The School of Design (UID) at GD Goenka University, recognised among India's leading design institutions, recently hosted an immersive workshop for our creative young Goenkans from Grades XI and XII.

Students engaged in four interactive tasks that allowed them to transform their ideas into tangible realities.



This collaborative initiative reflects our shared commitment to nurturing trendsetters and ideators who will shape the future with creativity, confidence, and ingenuity.



Together, UID and Goenkans are building vibrant hubs of innovation, where imagination meets real-world impact.



CULTURE COMMITTEE FOR APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

Imagine a workplace where every milestone—big or small—sparks a celebration.

Where a simple “Well done!” becomes a powerful fuel for motivation.

Where exceptional efforts aren’t just noticed but truly honoured.

At GD Goenka World School, this is not just a dream—it’s our commitment. Through our Staff Reward and Recognition Programme, we are building a culture where appreciation is a way of life, and every individual is empowered to #ThriveForLife:

- Every contribution is valued
- Every success story is celebrated
- Every team member feels seen, inspired, and proud



CULTURE COMMITTEE FOR APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION



Initiated by our central leadership team, our Employee Development initiative kicked off with an engaging session on collaboration, creativity, and growth, culminating in the inaugural WOW Monthly Awards. We honoured our “Stars of the Month” (birthdays, work anniversaries, standout contributions), introduced the new Culture Team, and closed with a fun BINGO session that brought colleagues together across departments.

These moments remind us that recognition isn’t just about awards—it’s about creating experiences that matter and fuel our shared success.

Here’s to celebrating excellence and making every effort count!

FIRST IMPRESSIONS



At GD Goenka World School, some traditions speak straight to the heart.

Every year, our Principal, Mrs. Sonali Sinha, personally meets our new students to extend a warm and inspiring welcome — and this year was no exception.

In a heartfelt meet-and-greet, she connected with each student, shared words of encouragement, and ensured they felt truly valued from the very first day.

Moments like these lay the foundation for a meaningful school journey filled with belonging, growth, and Goenkan spirit.



LABOUR DAY 2025



At GD Goenka World School, we marked Labour Day with gratitude and respect for the real heroes behind the scenes—our support staff.

Students expressed their appreciation through handmade cards, heartwarming performances, and thank-you messages that brought smiles all around.

A heartfelt salute to their hard work, dedication, and silent strength.



Celebrating ENGLISH WEEK

English Week at our school was a vibrant celebration of literature, creativity, and expression through grades 6-12. It provided students with a unique opportunity to explore the richness of the English language through a variety of engaging activities and Inter-house debate competition.



A major highlight of English Week was the special assembly dedicated to the theme. The event featured thoughtful performances and reflections on the power of language. One particularly memorable presentation was the musical performance of "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You", which captivated the audience and beautifully showcased the emotional impact of lyrical expression.

English Week was not only educational but also inspiring. It reminded us of the importance of language in shaping our thoughts, emotions, and connections with others. The experience has left many students with a renewed interest in literature and a deeper understanding of its many layers.

Charting GLOBAL PATHWAYS



We were delighted to welcome representatives from Imperial College London, in collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, to GD Goenka World School.

The session provided our Grade XII students with valuable insights into:

- Crafting impactful personal statements
- Navigating the UCAS application process
- Exploring medical studies in the UK
- Understanding scholarships and student life abroad

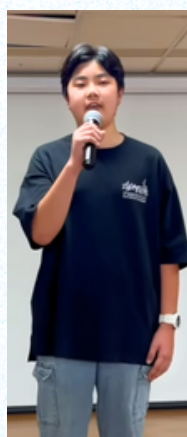


Talent Show 2025

The stage transformed into a vibrant arena of creativity, excitement, and remarkable talent during our much-awaited Talent Show. From soulful music and graceful dance to captivating drama and unique acts, our students mesmerised the audience with every performance.

Each act reflected the hard work, passion, and spirit of our young performers, showcasing the rich tapestry of talent within our school community. Every house brought its unique flair, turning the event into a celebration of both individual brilliance and collective pride.

Stay tuned for more glimpses from the talent hunt—there's plenty more magic to come!



MAKING WAVES & WINNING MEDALS



We are pleased to share that our Goenkans showcased an outstanding performance at the Inter-School Swimming Competition hosted by Pathways School. With skill, determination, and admirable sportsmanship, our young athletes made quite a splash and proudly secured the position of Overall Runners-Up in the tournament!

Medal Tally:

🥇 12 Gold | 🥈 20 Silver | 🥉 13 Bronze

Star Performers:

- Reva Bisht – 2 Gold, 1 Silver (individual) + 2 Gold (relay)
- Jai Raj Karwasra – 2 Gold, 1 Silver (individual) + 2 Gold (relay)
- Sidharth Lohia – 1 Gold, 1 Bronze (individual) + 2 Gold (relay)
- Anant Ahuja – 1 Gold, 1 Silver (individual) + 2 Gold (relay)
- Amyra Nair – 2 Gold, 1 Bronze (individual) + 2 Gold (relay)

Bravo, Team Goenka!

Your passion and perseverance are truly inspiring. Here's to many more achievements – in and out of the pool!

PTM HIGHLIGHTS



A Promising Start to the Academic Year-

The first Parent-Teacher Meeting of the academic session, held on 17th May 2025, was more than just an exchange of progress and plans — it marked the beginning of a renewed journey for our school community.

We are grateful to all the parents who took the time to join us for this meaningful interaction and stood alongside us in our shared commitment to nurturing learners who are ready to thrive — not just in school, but for life.

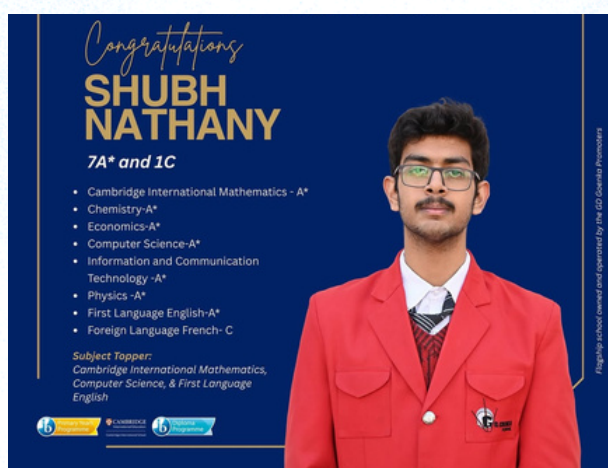
Here's to fresh starts and continued growth!



IGCSE ACHIEVERS 2025

Congratulations to the IGCSE Class of 2025 on their exceptional performance. Your dedication and perseverance have set a commendable standard of academic excellence.

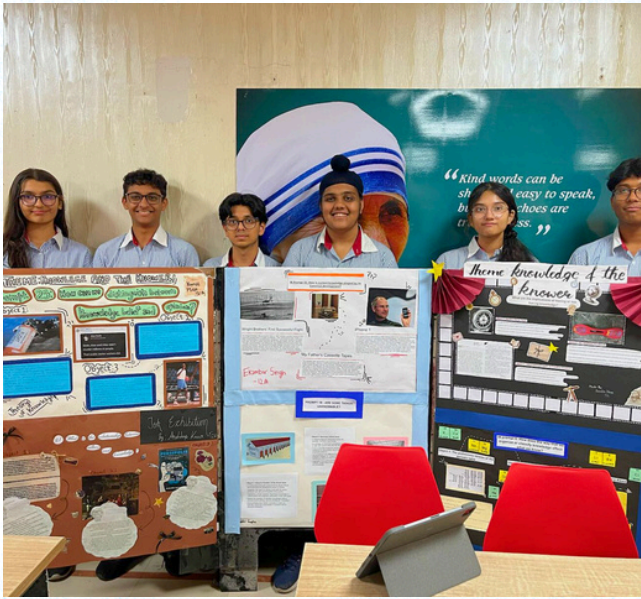
A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated educators and supportive parents for their unwavering guidance and encouragement. At GD Goenka World School, we take pride in nurturing global learners who strive for excellence. These results reflect our collective commitment to academic rigour and holistic development. Here's to aiming higher and achieving more!



TOK EXHIBITION: EPISTAMAI

Class of 2026

The Assembly Hall at GD Goenka World School recently hosted our IBDP Class of 2026 as they unveiled Epistamai – their Theory of Knowledge exhibition. This culminating showcase saw students apply TOK concepts to real-world contexts, pose incisive questions and share truly inspiring insights.



From explorations of identity and ethics to examinations of technology and truth, each project beautifully illustrated our learners' intellectual growth and reflective prowess. Their dedication and depth of inquiry filled the hall with energy and curiosity.

A heartfelt thank you to all parents, staff and peers whose presence and engagement made the event even more memorable. Your support continues to help our thinkers thrive

MODEL UNITED NATION

Our student delegation has made us proud by securing the 'Largest Delegation Honour' at the 12th edition of the GD Goenka International Model United Nations (GDGIMUN'25), hosted by GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj.

Held on 16th and 17th May 2025, this prestigious two-day conference featured simulations of twelve dynamic committees, including the United Nations Environment Assembly, the All India Political Parties Meet, and the Indian War Cabinet. Our students assumed the roles of ambassadors, debated pressing national and global issues, and proposed meaningful resolutions—showcasing their diplomatic acumen, critical thinking, and collaborative spirit.



Special congratulations to:

- Nerav Jain (Grade 11) for receiving a Special Mention as the Delegate of Kenya in the UNHRC
- Varchasvi Singh (Grade 12) for earning a Special Mention in Photography (International Press)

Kudos to our budding diplomats for making their mark and excelling on the international stage!

CAREER PATHWAYS: AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

The Career Advisory Office at GD Goenka World School recently organised two insightful sessions for our Year 12 students, aimed at exploring diverse career pathways in Aerospace Engineering and Law.

Assistant Professor Ena Goel from GD Goenka University's Aerospace Engineering Department shared her experiences representing India at international competitions organised by NASA in the United States. She discussed her research on interstellar space missions conducted in Australia and elaborated on the roles of aerospace engineers. The session covered various branches of aerospace engineering, including aeronautics, astronautics, and avionics, and provided guidance on academic prerequisites and career opportunities beyond ISRO, DRDO, NAL, and HAL.



CAREER PATHWAYS IN LAW

Assistant Professor Shreya Goswami from the School of Law at GD Goenka University conducted an informative session covering topics such as Cyber Law, Artificial Intelligence and Law, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Arbitration and Mediation, Criminal Law, Corporate Law, and International Trade. She guided students on tailoring their legal education to align with career paths in advocacy, legal advisory, corporate law, government services, international law, judicial services, legal analysis, legal research, arbitration, and academia.

These sessions reflect GD Goenka World School's commitment to providing students with insights into diverse career pathways, fostering informed decision-making for their academic and professional futures.



Reinventing EDUCATION IN INDIA

Mr. Nipun Goenka, Managing Director, and Mrs. Radhika Goenka, Executive Director at GD Goenka Group, come together for their first-ever podcast appearance — sharing the Group's journey, guiding values, and their vision for the future of education in India.

In this special episode of the Learning Leaders Podcast by Sparkl, they join Mr. Aakash Chaudhry, Founder of Aakash Institute, for a wide-ranging conversation on what it truly takes to build schools that don't just teach — but transform.

From establishing the first GD Goenka school to leading over 100 campuses, this conversation reimagines what schooling in India can truly become.

Watch now on Sparkl's Learning Leaders Podcast

<https://youtu.be/tq1KguGAKlo?si=kOgFLdlVzTsERoZ->

Thoughtful, grounded, and deeply relevant—this episode is a must-watch for educators, parents, and anyone who believes that India's future begins in its classrooms. Let's help our children thrive—beyond grades!



GOENKAN BOARDING – HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Art Workshop



"Every child is an artist..." –
Pablo Picasso

Aakash Arya of Grade 8A, a new and proud Goenkan, shares his first workshop experience — an engaging Arts & Crafts session for boarders!



The theme: "Visual Representations of Key Discipline Policy Pointers"
Students illustrated key ideas like:

- Wearing the proper uniform
- Responsible device usage
- Respectful communication



Working in teams, they turned important values into vibrant artworks — proving that learning can be fun, creative, and meaningful!

MEMORY GAME SESSION



Boarders from Grades 3 to 6 at GD Goenka Boarding recently took part in an engaging memory game using Early Bird's flashcards to learn about common birds of India.

The activity sparked lively discussions around the diverse habitats these birds live in—ranging from scrublands and wetlands to woodlands and grasslands—as well as their varied diets, which include insects, fruit, nectar, small mammals, and plant materials.

Many of the birds discussed, such as red-wattled lapwings, jungle babblers, hoopoes, and red-whiskered bulbuls, are frequently spotted around our GD Goenka campus.

This interactive session proved to be a delightful and educational experience for all our young boarders, sparking curiosity and a deeper appreciation for the natural world around them.

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STUDENT'S VOICE *Artwork*



Artwork by Angel Arora - Grade 8

♦ IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

-  **Tuesday, 15 July 2025 • Fairtrade Assembly**
-  **Friday, 8 August 2025 • Investiture Ceremony (Gr 9–12)**
-  **Thursday, 14 August 2025 • Independence Day Assembly**
-  **Saturday, 30 August 2025 • Annual Day (Gr 3–12), Recognition Day (Gr 6–12)**

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