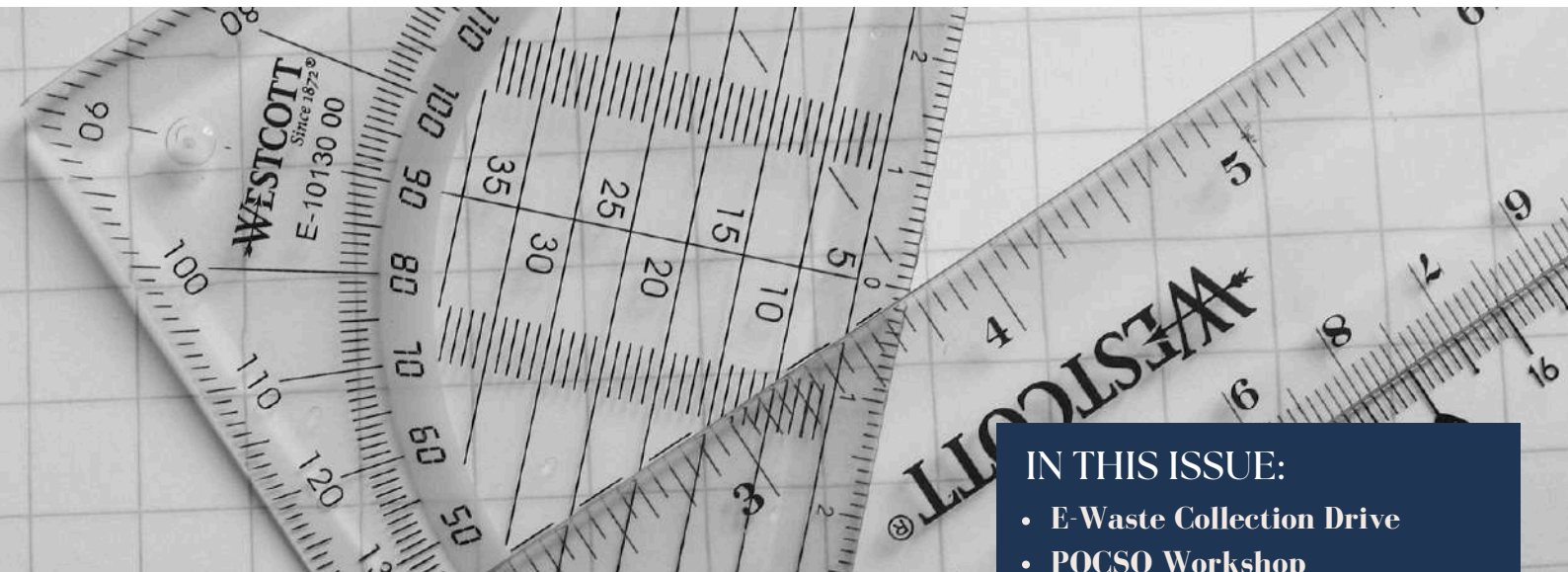




# VIN-Views, Ideas & News

AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS



## Musings...

*By Mrs Sonali Sinha*

**Principal of G.D. Goenka World School**

*Each day at school brings new opportunities for learning, growth, and connection. It's a joy to witness our students evolving into curious inquirers, compassionate individuals, and confident communicators.*

*Our classrooms continue to reflect the spirit of holistic education—with hands-on exploration, meaningful dialogue, and joyful discovery at the heart of every learning experience. I am proud of the way our students consistently demonstrate values such as collaboration, respect, and resilience. These qualities not only enrich our school community but also prepare them to thrive beyond the classroom.*

*As we move forward, let us continue to nurture this shared journey of curiosity, growth, and togetherness.*



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# E-WASTE

# Collection Drive



## E-Waste Collection Drive: A Step Towards Sustainability

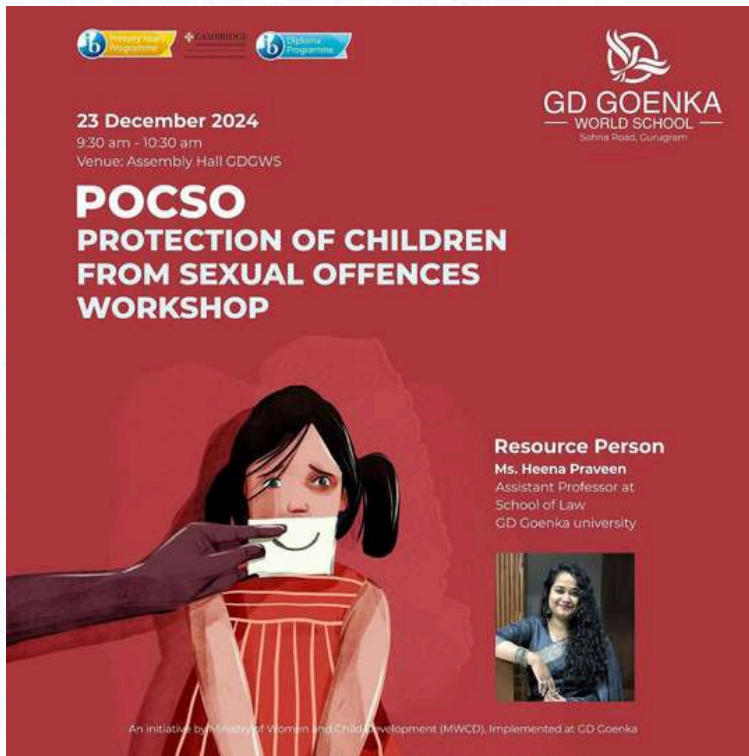
Promoting environmental sustainability and addressing the growing challenge of electronic waste (e-waste) is at the core of our efforts. In collaboration with ASUS, we organised an E-Waste Collection Drive to encourage responsible recycling habits and contribute to a greener future.

The Interact Club students led the initiative, collecting old, broken, and unused electronic devices to ensure their safe and eco-friendly disposal. This drive also aimed to raise awareness about the harmful effects of e-waste in landfill sites, inspiring our community to embrace sustainable practices.

Together, let's build a cleaner, healthier planet!



# POCSO Workshop



## Creating Awareness and Spreading Knowledge: POC SO Workshop at GD Goenka World School

GD Goenka World School recently hosted a comprehensive workshop on the POC SO Act for its teachers and support staff.

The session was expertly conducted by Ms. Heena Parveen, Assistant Professor at the School of Law, GD Goenka University. Through her engaging and informative session, participants gained a deeper understanding of child protection laws and their pivotal role in fostering a safe and secure environment.

This initiative not only reinforced the school's commitment to safeguarding its community but also aimed at creating awareness and spreading knowledge about the critical importance of child safety and protection.





# Session on POSH



Awareness about POSH is crucial for ensuring workplace safety and dignity. At GDGWS, we are committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment. We recently organised a POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) workshop for our administrative and support staff, conducted by Ms Heena Parveen, Assistant Professor at the School of Law, GD Goenka University.

The session provided valuable insights into workplace policies, legal frameworks, and best practices, empowering our staff to build safer and more respectful environments. Such initiatives are vital in promoting a culture of respect and equality.

We sincerely thank GD Goenka University and the School of Law for this opportunity to further our mission of women's empowerment and workplace safety.



# CONNECTION COMPASS

## *Strengthening Emotional Intelligence*



### Connection Compass: Strengthening Emotional Intelligence

The faculty and staff of GD Goenka World School and GD Goenka High School participated in a collaborative session organized by the Learning and Development Team. This engaging session focused on emotional regulation, trust, empathy, and delivering constructive feedback to strengthen interpersonal relationships.

Through interactive discussions and role plays, participants explored managing emotions, building trust, and navigating sensitive situations, enhancing their emotional intelligence and fostering a supportive environment for all.





# REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



## Honouring Our Nation: Republic Day Celebration 2025

The 76th Republic Day was celebrated with great pride and enthusiasm at GD Goenka World School and GD Goenka High School. The event paid tribute to our Constitution, democracy, and the unity that defines our nation.

The celebration began with the unfurling of the tricolour by our Principals, Mrs. Sonali Sinha and Ms. Sumana Dutta Sarkar, followed by the National Anthem. Dr. Amrita Bahl, Chief Education Officer of GD Goenka Group, delivered an inspiring address on the importance of students to understand their responsibilities in envisioning and working towards shaping the India of tomorrow.

The school choir performed a soulful medley of patriotic songs, followed by an inspiring speech by a student reflecting on the significance of Republic Day. A captivating dance performance showcased India's cultural diversity, adding vibrancy to the event. The finale of the programme was an insightful segment on National Voters' Day, by a student, which highlighted the importance of electoral participation. The celebration concluded with heartfelt wishes for the nation's progress and a collective commitment to honour its legacy.

The assembly beautifully blended patriotism, cultural pride, and collective learning, reminding us to celebrate the spirit of India every day.

Jai Hind!



# EPIC TALES *Trivia*



## Epic Tales Trivia: A Celebration of Knowledge and Creativity

The Inter-House Literary Quiz tested students' literary knowledge through engaging rounds on literary devices, genres, and renowned authors.

The competition was closely contested, with Sorbus House emerging as the winner and Cycas House securing the second place.

Beyond the challenge, the quiz fostered teamwork, quick thinking, and a deeper appreciation for literature, making it a truly enriching experience for all participants.





# CARDIO *In Action*

Our IBDP and PYP students engaged in an energizing cardio activity! The session, which included a blend of stretching and dynamic drills, promoted heart health while fostering teamwork and well-being across grades.

As part of the activity, our IBDP students measured their vitals, including body temperature and pulse rate. We plan to extend this exciting initiative to Grades 4 and 5 students soon!

Because a healthy heart is a happy heart!





# BRIDGING GEOMETRY & ASTRONOMY WITH THE

*University of  
Waterloo*



Bridging Geometry & Astronomy with the University of Waterloo!

We were privileged to host Professor Sachin Kotecha, Assistant Professor at the University of Waterloo, for an insightful workshop on Geometry and Extensions to Astronomy with our Grade 11 (DP1) students.

His interactive session seamlessly blended problem-solving with real-world applications, sparking curiosity and deepening students' understanding of mathematics through celestial explorations.

A sincere thank you to Professor Kotecha for this enriching experience! Engaging sessions like these cultivate critical thinking and analytical skills, inspiring students to see mathematics beyond textbooks.





# Guess the Logo and Locate the place

## CLS Students Ace the “Guess the Logo & Locate the Place” Challenge!

Our talented students put their knowledge and quick thinking to the test in an engaging assembly that blended observation, creativity, and teamwork.

After a spirited contest, Nyssa House secured the top spot, showcasing their impressive skills! Cedrus House followed closely in second place, while Cycas House claimed the third position.

A huge congratulations to all participants for their enthusiasm and teamwork! Special thanks to the organising team for making this event a success. The energy and determination truly embodied the spirit of CLS!





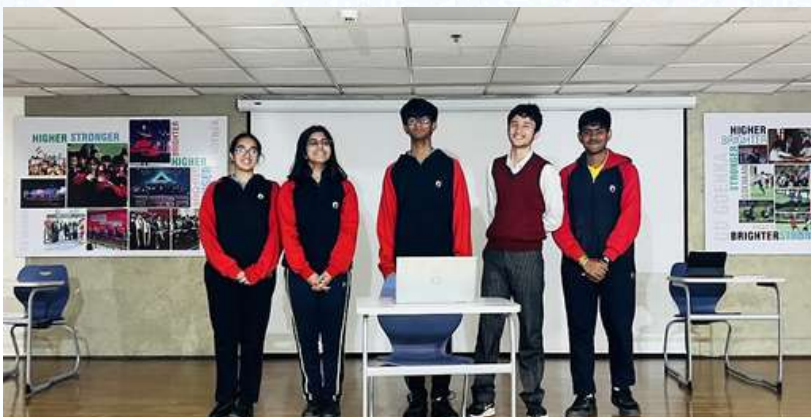
# Celebrating SAFER INTERNET DAY



Our students observed Safer Internet Day with an engaging presentation and a captivating skit, both aimed at raising awareness about staying safe online.

The informative presentation shared valuable tips on cybersecurity, responsible internet usage, and safeguarding personal information. The impactful skit brought real-life online safety scenarios to life, highlighting the importance of strong passwords, identifying online threats, and practising kindness in digital spaces.

At GDGWS, we are dedicated to empowering our students to become responsible digital citizens. Together, let's continue striving to make the internet a safer and more positive space for everyone!





# INSIGHTS FROM ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Empowering Futures: Insights from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Heartfelt thanks to Mr. Santhana Naidu, VP of Communications and Marketing at @RoseHulman, for delivering an inspiring session to our DP1 students!

Students discovered the flexibility of Rose-Hulman's academic programmes, which allow them to double major or add minors, blending their passions with career aspirations. With world-class faculty and top-tier programmes in engineering, science, and mathematics, the possibilities are endless!

Ranked No. 1 Undergraduate Engineering Program for 26 years straight (U.S. News & World Report).

Thank you for sharing this invaluable perspective with our students!





# ANMOL MUSKAN

As part of their CAS project, Anmol and Muskan, our IBDP students, visited an old age home in Gurgaon to spread joy and gratitude to senior citizens, including those with special needs.

To support their well-being, they donated 200 kg of flour, 100 kg of rice, 50 kg of sugar, 30 kg of lentils, 15 kg of tea leaves, and 15 kg of salt.

However, their contribution went beyond material support — they spent meaningful moments with the residents, playing musical chairs, passing the ball, and singing songs, creating memories filled with laughter and connection.

These senior citizens have been the cornerstones of our society, their wisdom and resilience shaping the world we live in today.

Through Anmol and Muskan, our students honoured their legacy and expressed heartfelt gratitude for their countless contributions.

Team Members: Aarav Gupta, Aradhya Bindra, Arnav Dhanda, Ekambir Singh, Priyank Sorout, and Ryan Sur.





# FAREWELL & GRADUATION



## Class of 2025: Shaping Tomorrow!

A day of celebration, nostalgia, and new beginnings—our felicitation ceremony was a heartfelt tribute to the journey of the graduating Class of 2025. From an electrifying freestyle dance performance to a soulful choir rendition, every moment reflected passion, perseverance, and dreams taking flight.

Our Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Ugur Guven, left us with an inspiring message: “You can be anything you want to be... the only thing that can stop you is your imagination. So imagine big—the world awaits you.”

Principal Sonali Sinha echoed this sentiment, stating, “Success is not just about achievement; it is about passion, purpose, and making your journey truly your own.” Meanwhile, Ms. Neeti Sharma, Head of Programme – IBDP, reminded students, “Today is not just the closing of one chapter—it’s the beginning of an incredible adventure.”



# FAREWELL & GRADUATION

## Honouring Excellence:

- Valedictorian (IBDP): Alyssa Gupta
- Valedictorian (AS & A Levels): Palak Sinha
- Best Goenkan Girl: Srishti Maheshwari
- Best Goenkan Boy: Hemant Yadav

A special appreciation to our Head Boy, Abhimanyu Selot, and Head Girl, Srishti Maheshwari, for their heartfelt vote of thanks. To the Class of 2025—may your future be as bright as your aspirations, filled with success, growth, and boundless possibilities!





# EXAMINATION READINESS WORKSHOP

Our Goenkans from Cambridge Lower Secondary participated in an engaging workshop to enhance their exam skills!

From clever study techniques to stress management, they learned valuable strategies to confidently approach assessments.

“Preparation today leads to confidence tomorrow.” With the right mindset and practice, every challenge becomes an opportunity to grow!





# WOMEN'S DAY



With a workforce that is predominantly women-led across our many entities, we take pride in fostering an environment where talent, leadership, and dedication thrive. International Women's Day was a moment to honour the incredible contributions of the women who shape our institutions and drive our success.

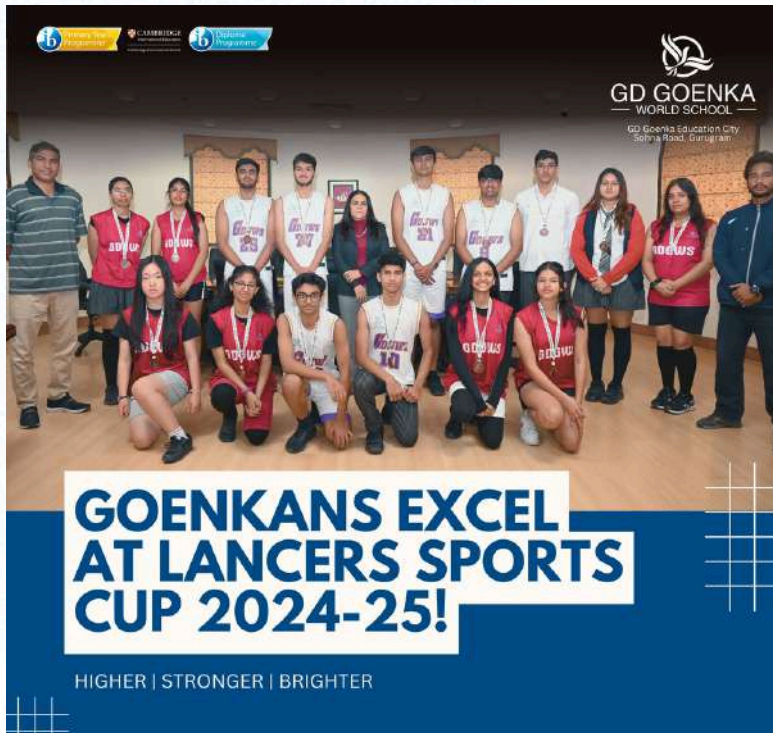
As part of the celebrations, we organised a special appreciation activity where participants shared meaningful messages, recognising the impact of the women in their lives. The individual with the highest points was felicitated by the Principal/Vice Chancellor/Unit Heads on March 7, 2025, for their support of gender inclusivity.

At GD Goenka Group, recognition, respect, and opportunity are a part of everything we do.



# GOENKANS EXCEL AT

## *Lancers Sports Cup 2024-25*



Kudos to our basketball teams for their outstanding performances at the Lancers Sports Cup 2024-25!

- Boys' Team – Secured 2nd runner-up, winning 2 out of 3 games.
- Girls' Team – Also finished as 2nd runners-up.

A stellar display of dedication and sportsmanship from both teams! We are incredibly proud of you all!





## NOVANET

*Turning ideas into  
Innovation!*

STEM comes alive with Nova Net, a CAS initiative by Grade 11 students Anusha Neogi and Eunjin Jo in collaboration with the PYP segment. Through hands-on challenges like balloon-powered cars, egg crash tests, and paper airplane dynamics, young learners explored momentum, aerodynamics, and kinematics in a fun, interactive way.

By blending design thinking with real-world physics, Nova Net sparks curiosity, creativity, and a passion for innovation!



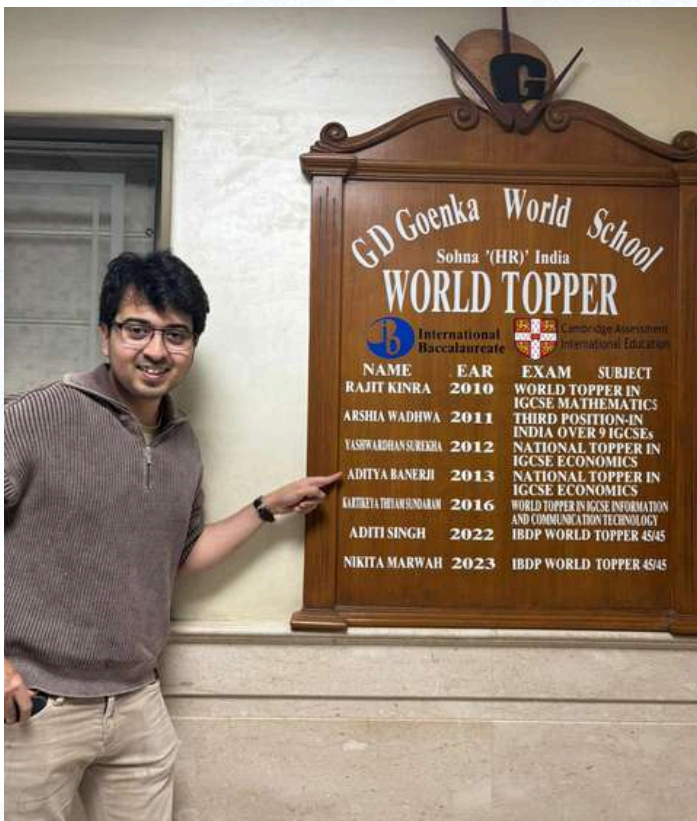


# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## *Aditya Banerji & Zaigham Hameed Butt*

It's always an honour to witness the incredible achievements of our alumni!

Aditya Banerji, after completing school, graduated from the University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business. He began his career at Citi Investment Banking, moved to London in 2021, and is now preparing to take on an exciting role in the hedge fund industry.



Zaigham Hameed Butt, a visionary in London's creative industry, is a Producer with expertise in film, tv and commercials. A graduate of the University of the Arts London, he has co-founded two innovative ventures—Soul For Screen and FOLLOW UP Productions—shaping the future of multimedia production.

These remarkable journeys remind us that Goenkans are unstoppable!



# GOENKA BOARDING – HOME AWAY FROM HOME

## STORYTELLING *With Trees*



Grades 6–8 of GD Goenka boarding explored the evolution of trees, their impact on Earth’s atmosphere, and the seasonal changes in NCR forests.

They then observed a tree up close—examining its texture, leaves, and fruit—before crafting imaginative stories inspired by nature.



Led by our in-house nature education specialist, Ms Misha Bansal, this hands-on session was another step towards deepening their connection with the environment.



26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

# Kite Flying



On 26th January 2025, GD Goenka Boarding commemorated Republic Day with a vibrant kite-flying event following the flag-hoisting ceremony. As our boarders watched the colourful kites soar into the sky, they were reminded of the values of freedom, unity, and the power of collective spirit.

This event was more than just a celebration—it was an opportunity for our students to connect with the essence of our nation's history, fostering a sense of pride and patriotism. For our young Goenkans, it was a chance to experience the significance of Republic Day in a meaningful and engaging way, strengthening their bonds with one another and with the ideals that define our great nation.



# BOARDING MOVIE NIGHT



GD Goenka Boarding celebrated the true spirit of Republic Day with an exciting movie screening of Uri: The Surgical Strike. Our boarders enjoyed a patriotic cinematic experience, accompanied by popcorn and Coke during the break. It was a memorable day, fostering pride and unity among our young learners!





# KHO-KHO

## Traditional Game Event



Boarders participated in an exciting game of Kho-Kho, showcasing teamwork, speed, and strategy.

The traditional sport brought energy and unity among students as they dodged, chased, and tagged opponents with determination. Their spirited performance highlighted sportsmanship and the thrill of this classic game, making it a memorable event.





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