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Mr Dinesh Kumar Gupta
(Chairman)
G.D. Goenka School, Varanasi

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff...

It gives me great joy to share our Half-Yearly School Magazine with you. This magazine is a wonderful reflection of the learning, creativity, and achievements that have filled the second half of our academic year. It highlights the talents and efforts of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the constant encouragement and support of our parents. Education is much more than gaining knowledge—it is about building character, confidence, and values that last a lifetime. At our school, we are committed to create a nurturing environment where students feel inspired to explore new ideas, take responsibility, and strive for their personal best. The achievements and experiences featured in these pages reflect the curiosity, determination, and growth that make our school community so special.

I would like to sincerely congratulate all the students, teachers, and members of the editorial team who contributed to this magazine. Your hard work and enthusiasm have made this publication possible. I hope it will provide pride to our school community and inspires everyone to keep learning, dreaming, and reaching new heights.



Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, and Well-Wishers,

As we present this edition of our school magazine, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. A school is much more than a place of learning—it is a vibrant community where young minds grow, talents flourish, friendships blossom, and dreams begin to take shape.

This magazine beautifully captures the spirit of our school family. Every article, artwork, achievement, and photograph reflects the creativity, dedication, and enthusiasm of our students and teachers. It is heartening to witness our learners exploring new opportunities, overcoming challenges, and continuously striving to become the best versions of themselves.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our teachers for their unwavering commitment, to our parents for their trust and support, and to our students for inspiring us every day with their energy and determination.

As you turn these pages I hope you find stories that inspire, moments that bring joy and achievements that fill you with pride. Let us continue to learn, grow, and move forward together with confidence, compassion, and a shared vision for excellence.

With warm wishes,

Mrs. Seema Gupta
Vice Chairperson





MR. RAHUL GUPTA
(MANAGING DIRECTOR)

Dear Readers,

As I pen this message, I am reminded that education is not merely about academic excellence; it is about shaping lives, nurturing dreams, and creating individuals who will make a positive difference in the world. This magazine is a celebration of the countless moments that make our school special—the curiosity of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the unwavering support of our parents. Every achievement, every creative expression, and every milestone featured in these pages reflects the spirit of determination and excellence that defines our institution.

I firmly believe that every child possesses unique talents waiting to be discovered. Our role as educators is to provide opportunities, encouragement, and guidance so that each student can realize their fullest potential. As you explore this edition, I hope you feel the pride, passion, and sense of belonging that unite us as one school family. Let us continue to learn, grow, and inspire one another. My best wishes to all our students for a bright and fulfilling future.



Dear Members of the School Family,

A school year is not measured merely by the lessons taught or the examinations conducted. It is measured by the friendships formed, the confidence gained, the challenges overcome, and the memories created along the way. As I look back on many moments that have shaped this year, I feel immense gratitude and pride. I have witnessed students discovering new passions, teachers going beyond their duties to inspire young minds, and parents partnering with us in the beautiful journey of education. This magazine captures those precious moments. It reflects not only achievements but also the effort, determination, and teamwork that make those achievements possible. Every child who walks through our gates carries a dream. It is our collective responsibility to nurture those dreams with care, wisdom, and encouragement. Together, we continue to create a learning environment where every student feels valued, respected, and empowered. I congratulate everyone whose contributions have brought this magazine to life.

May these pages remind us of how far we have come and inspire us to continue striving for excellence in all that we do. With heartfelt appreciation and best wishes.



MRS. SHREYA GUPTA
(Additional Managing Director)

✂ Shape Cutting & Pasting Activity

Our little Goenkans had a fun-filled, hands-on learning experience as they explored the world of shapes!

Armed with scissors and creativity, students skillfully cut out triangles, rectangles, and squares, and beautifully pasted them on page 51 of their Maths book.

Through this engaging activity, our young learners didn't just learn shapes — they experienced them!

Learning Outcomes:

Shape Recognition: Identifying and naming basic geometric shapes with confidence.

Fine Motor Skills: Enhancing precision, coordination, and focus through cutting & pasting.

✂ Shape Cutting & Pasting Activity



Geometry Understanding: Building a strong foundation in geometry through practical application.

This creative classroom moment combined learning with fun, helping students strengthen their maths concepts, hand-eye coordination, and creative expression!

Sacred Blue Revival: Goenkans Shine at Innovation Hub

A proud moment as Class XI innovators—**Shreya Singh, Vanya Chaurasia, Srishti Dubey, and Kartik Chaubey**—showcased their project, “Sacred Blue Revival,” at the Sustainable Innovation Session. Sponsored by AMRITA and Dainik Jagran inext, the event featured 20 top schools.

The team impressed judges with an eco-friendly water purification model combining a river-cleaning boat, alum coagulation, a natural 4-layer filter, and chlorination.



Subject Enrichment Activity – Mathematics

Our little Goenkans explored the joy of learning division through **“Sharing and Caring with Objects”**!

With teamwork, fun, and creativity, they learned how equal sharing helps us understand the real meaning of division.

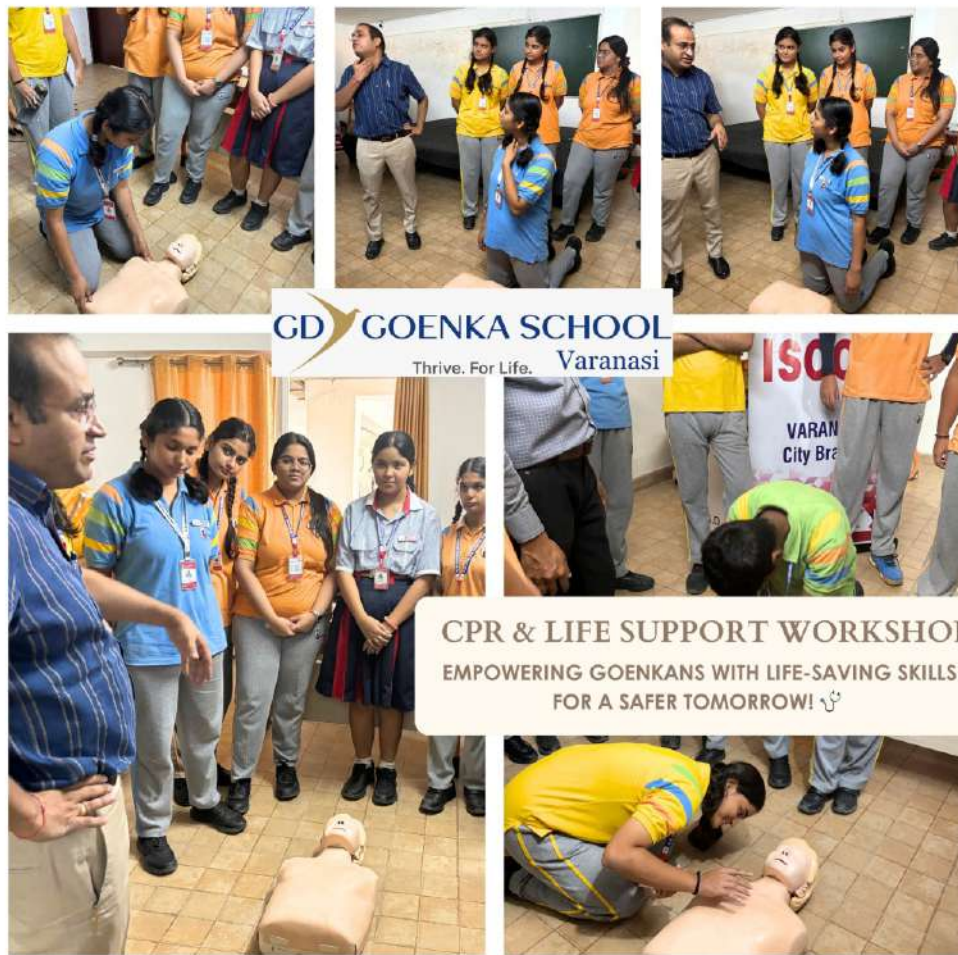
From pencils to toffees, every object became a tool for learning and collaboration!

Enrichment Activity

Sharing and Caring with Objects



Every Heartbeat Counts: CPR Workshop at G.D. Goenka



We hosted a transformative CPR and Life-Support Awareness Workshop, turning classrooms into vital life-saving zones. Guided by Dr. Arun Raj Pandey's message that saving lives begins with learning, students and teachers gained hands-on experience practicing chest compressions on medical manikins. The initiative highlighted that education extends beyond academic grades to encompass critical, real-world survival skills. By empowering young learners to handle medical emergencies calmly and confidently, the school actively fosters a culture of empathy and safety. This holistic training ensures Goenkans grow into responsible, alert global citizens. Train young, save more!

Empowering Educators for an Inclusive Tomorrow!

We hosted an enlightening Teachers' Workshop on Learning Disabilities Among Students, conducted by distinguished experts —

Dr. Pankhuri Singh (PT)

MPT (Neurology) | Assistant Professor, Heritage Institute of Medical Sciences
Specialized in Paediatric Rehabilitation, Sensory Integration Therapy, Neurodevelopmental Therapy, and Learning Disabilities.

Her vast experience working with schools and NGOs in Delhi has driven her mission to create awareness and promote early-age therapy interventions.

Dr. Rashmi Singh

MPT (Cardiopulmonary – ICU Specialist) | Assistant Professor, HIMS College of Physiotherapy

With over 15 years of clinical expertise, she has worked across renowned multi-speciality hospitals and treated eminent personalities including Padma Shri, Padma Vibhushan Dr. Saurabh Shrivastava, CEO of TOI.

This insightful session aimed to equip teachers with deeper understanding, compassion, and practical strategies to support students facing learning challenges — fostering a more inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Together, let's nurture every child's potential and build a future where every learner shines!



EMPOWERING EDUCATORS FOR AN INCLUSIVE TOMORROW

Building awareness, empathy, and strategies to support every learner at G.D. Goenka, Varanasi. 🌟



DIWALI CELEBRATION

This Diwali, we chose to celebrate the festival of lights in its truest spirit — by spreading light, love, and livelihood. In a heartfelt initiative to promote **“Vocal for Local,”** our campus welcomed a local potter, whose hands shape stories of tradition, devotion, and hope.

His handmade diyas — simple yet soulful — found new homes in the hands of our students and staff, turning a humble purchase into a beautiful act of kindness. Every flicker of those diyas now carries not just light... but the smile of an artisan, the joy of giving, and the warmth of togetherness.



DIWALI – A CELEBRATION OF KINDNESS AND JOY

Our Goenkans celebrated the festival by spreading happiness, supporting local artisans, and sharing the joy of togetherness.

Proud Goenkans Shine Again!

An outstanding sports victory at the **Kashi Sansad Khel Kud Pratiyogita** on October 24, 2025. Competing at Jagatpura Inter College, Goenkan athletes showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship, bringing home multiple medals.

In athletics, **Sonakshi Singh** clinched the gold medal in the 100m race, earning a district-level selection, while **Dipika Singh** won silver. The school's badminton duo, **Kanishk Vikram** and **Ritik Jaiswal**, secured silver, and the girls' volleyball team fought hard to claim another impressive silver medal.

Congratulations to our champions for upholding the true spirit of sportsmanship!

Proud Goenkans Shine at Kashi Sansad Khel Kud Pratiyogita



Our young Goenkans made us proud by winning medals in Athletics, Badminton, and Volleyball. Their hard work and team spirit truly shone through – congratulations to all our champions

Halloween Celebration

Our adorable toddlers transformed into cute little ghosts, playful witches, and tiny pumpkins to celebrate Halloween Day with laughter, creativity, and spooky fun!

The campus buzzed with excitement as our little Goenkans embraced the spirit of Halloween — a day of imagination, joy, and togetherness! From spooky decorations to cheerful giggles, it was truly a day filled with magic, mischief, and memories!

At G.D. Goenka, we believe in celebrating every occasion that sparks creativity and cultural understanding — and Halloween gave our young learners a perfect chance to explore, express, and enjoy!

Boo-tiful moments, smiling faces, and spooky vibes everywhere!



👻🧛 Our little Goenkans turned into adorable ghosts and witches, spreading spooky-cute vibes all around! 🧛👻

Life Skill Learning in Action!

Our little Goenkans learned essential self-care skills through fun, hands-on activities — **“Preparing and Drinking Milk”** and **“Eating a Banana.”** These simple yet meaningful lessons helped them build independence, good table manners, and healthy eating habits — one sip and bite at a time!

Life Skill Activity: nutritional approaches (techniques of eating food)



Learning independence, hygiene, and healthy habits — one glass at a time! 🥛👧

Life Skill Activity: nutritional approaches (techniques of eating food)



Building self-care and table manners through simple, healthy steps

A Sweet Journey of Learning at the Parle-G Factory

Learning becomes truly meaningful when students experience it beyond the classroom. Keeping this spirit alive, the students of Grades 1 to 4 enjoyed an exciting educational visit to the iconic **Parle-G Factory at Ramnagar**.

Accompanied by their teachers, the young learners observed the complete biscuit-making process. From the precise mixing of ingredients and baking to final packaging, every stage fascinated the students. The ultimate highlight of the day was tasting freshly baked, warm, and crisp biscuits straight from the production line, which left the children absolutely delighted. More than just a recreational outing, this visit served as a valuable experiential learning opportunity. It enabled students to connect classroom concepts with real-world applications, encouraging them to think critically about teamwork, hygiene, and modern manufacturing quality control. The school extends its sincere gratitude to the Parle-G Team, Ramnagar, for their exceptionally warm hospitality and for making the day both educational and deeply memorable.

Excursion to Parle-G Factory



Our young Goenkans explored how their favourite Parle-G biscuits are made



An interactive learning experience as students attend a session in the factory auditorium.



My Favourite Vegetable – A Fun-Filled Speaking Activity

To encourage confident communication and self-expression among young learners, we organised an engaging speaking activity on the topic “My Favourite Vegetable” for its little Goenkans. With enthusiasm and confidence, the students stepped forward to share their favourite vegetables and the reasons they liked them. From crunchy carrots and juicy tomatoes to yummy potatoes and nutritious green vegetables, each child spoke with excitement and pride. Their cheerful presentations reflected both creativity and growing communication skills.

The activity provided an excellent platform for students to enhance their vocabulary, use simple descriptive words, and develop confidence in speaking before their peers. It also encouraged them to appreciate the importance of healthy eating habits while learning in an enjoyable and interactive manner.

The vibrant participation and joyful expressions of the children made the session truly memorable. Such activities play a significant role in nurturing public-speaking skills, boosting self-confidence, and fostering a love for learning from an early age.

We believe that learning becomes meaningful when it is enriched with joy, creativity, and opportunities for self-expression. The “My Favourite Vegetable” speaking activity was a wonderful step towards helping our young learners grow into confident and expressive



SPEAKING ACTIVITY - MY FAVOURITE VEGETABLE



Our young learners confidently named and described their favourite vegetables using simple sentences and adjectives
— a fun way to build vocabulary and speaking skills



Children's Day Celebration: A Day Filled with Joy and Childhood Magic

Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and excitement making it a truly memorable occasion for our young learners. The day was dedicated to honouring, encouraging, and celebrating the spirit of childhood in all its innocence, creativity, and joy.

The celebration began with a tribute to Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary. Fondly known for his affection towards children, his ideals continue to inspire generations to nurture young minds with care and compassion.

The campus came alive with vibrant energy as students enjoyed a series of engaging activities specially planned for them. An enchanting magic show captivated the audience, while prize distribution ceremonies and felicitation of students for their achievements in various sports added moments of pride and celebration.

The highlight of the day was the heartwarming performances presented by the teachers, who dedicated their acts entirely to the children, bringing smiles, laughter, and excitement to every face. The atmosphere was filled with happiness, enthusiasm, and unforgettable memories. The laughter of the children, their sparkling eyes, and their boundless energy made the celebration truly special. In the spirit of the occasion, even the teachers relived the magic of childhood, joining in the festivities with equal enthusiasm.

The Children's Day celebration served as a beautiful reminder that childhood is a treasure to be cherished and celebrated. It was a day that strengthened the bond between students and teachers while creating memories that will be fondly remembered for years to come.



Nurturing Wellness: Goenkans Participate in BHU Health Mela 2025

Extending learning beyond the classroom, Grade 11 students participated in the Health Mela 2025 on November 17th and 18th. The event was organized by the Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS), Banaras Hindu University, at the IMS Campus.

The initiative aimed to cultivate health, hygiene, and overall well-being awareness among our young students. During the visit, students underwent basic clinical assessments, including general health, blood pressure, and ENT check-ups. Medical professionals conducted engaging sessions offering practical guidance on nutrition, fitness, personal hygiene, and disease prevention. Interactive games, quizzes, and exhibits further made health education accessible and enjoyable.

This enriching experience successfully connected theoretical classroom knowledge with real-world healthcare practices. Our students returned with enhanced awareness, confidence, and a deeper understanding of both physical and mental well-being. The school extends its sincere gratitude to IMS, Banaras Hindu University, for organizing such a meaningful and impactful initiative. By fostering personal health responsibility, such exposures inspire our Goenkans to make informed



Excellencia 2.0 Sports Felicitation Day: Celebrating Excellence in Sports

The spirit of sportsmanship, perseverance, and teamwork took centre stage during the Excellencia 2.0 Sports Felicitation Day. The grand event honoured the outstanding performances of young athletes who displayed exceptional talent and dedication across multiple sporting disciplines. Reflecting the school's commitment to nurturing physical fitness and competitive excellence, students from various age groups were recognized. The ceremony applauded the tireless efforts of both winners and runners-up across thrilling categories, including:

Tug of War (Boys, Grades VI–XII): Showcased immense unity and raw strength.

Cricket (Boys, Grades VI–XII): Earned high praise for commendable teamwork and on-field strategy.

Kho-Kho (Girls & Boys, Grades III–V and VI–XII): Exhibited exceptional speed and rapid reflexes.

Kabaddi (Boys, Grades VI–XII): Demonstrated absolute courage, endurance, and tactical brilliance.

The celebration served as a powerful reminder that sporting success is forged through hard work, discipline, and a positive mindset. Every participant contributed to the event's massive success, setting an inspiring benchmark for their peers. We heartily congratulate all the brilliant awardees and participants. Their achievements bring immense pride to our institution and inspire fellow Goenkans to pursue excellence in all spheres of life. "Excellence is not a single achievement but a habit built through dedication and perseverance." Excellencia 2.0 perfectly embodied this ethos, motivating every student to dream bigger, work harder, and consistently strive for greater heights.



VICTORY. PRIDE. EXCELLENCE.

A big cheer for our Excellencia 2.0 sports stars! 🎉



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Spectrum 4.0: Press Conference Announced Annual Fest



Press Conference | Spectrum 4.0

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In anticipation of the much-awaited Annual Fest, **Spectrum 4.0**, we hosted a press conference at our City Office to officially share details of the grand event scheduled for 30th November 2025. The conference was addressed by the school's esteemed leadership, including the **Chairman, Vice Chairperson, Managing Director, Additional Managing Director, and Principal**. They highlighted the fest as a vital platform for fostering creativity, talent, and artistic expression. Prominent journalists and media representatives from leading news channels and newspapers graced the occasion, strengthening community ties. During the interaction, the management outlined exciting attractions, cultural performances, and innovative presentations lined up for the fest. Generated with high enthusiasm, Spectrum 4.0 promised to be a vibrant showcase of imagination and excellence. The entire Goenkan family eagerly awaits this unforgettable celebration.

Spectrum 4.0: Celebrating the Spirit of “Samriddh Bharat”

The Annual Function of G.D. Goenka School, Varanasi, **Spectrum 4.0**, was celebrated with great enthusiasm, cultural splendour, and patriotic fervour on 30th November 2025. Centered around the theme **“Samriddh Bharat” (Prosperous India)**, the event beautifully showcased the rich heritage, achievements, and aspirations of a progressive nation while highlighting the talents and accomplishments of the school community.

The occasion was graced by our esteemed **Chief Guest, Dr. Neerja Madhav**, former Assistant Director of All India Radio, and our distinguished **Guest of Honour, Mr. Sashikant Srivastava** (ABSA, Arajilines). Their gracious presence added prestige to the celebration and inspired the students with their words of encouragement and wisdom.

The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest, symbolizing the triumph of knowledge and enlightenment. This was followed by a warm welcome and a series of captivating performances that reflected the spirit of a prosperous and culturally vibrant India.

Students enthralled the audience with a variety of cultural presentations, including traditional and contemporary dance performances, fusion acts, thematic enactments, and melodious musical renditions. Through these performances, they beautifully portrayed India's journey of growth, innovation, unity, and cultural richness. The creativity, confidence, and dedication displayed by the participants earned admiration and applause from the audience.

A significant highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Annual Academic Report by the Principal, who shared the school's notable achievements, academic excellence, co-curricular accomplishments, and milestones attained during the year. The report reflected the institution's unwavering commitment to holistic education and the all-round development of its students.

The event also celebrated excellence through the recognition and felicitation of students who had excelled in academics and sports. In addition, long-serving students and dedicated teachers were honoured for their commitment, perseverance, and valuable contributions to the growth and success of the institution.

Spectrum 4.0 was more than an annual function; it was a celebration of talent, achievement, culture, and national pride. The event brought together students, parents, teachers, and distinguished guests in a shared experience of joy and inspiration, leaving behind cherished memories for all.

The school extends its heartfelt gratitude to the management, staff, students, parents, and all those who contributed to making Spectrum 4.0 a grand success. The celebration truly embodied the vision of a "Samridh Bharat" and reaffirmed the school's commitment to nurturing responsible, talented, and confident citizens of tomorrow.





Proud Moments for G.D. Goenka School, Varanasi!

Our talented Goenkans rolled into glory at the Dalimss Open Skating Tournament, bringing home incredible victories that showcase their hard work and passion!

Outstanding Achievements:

Yashmit Maurya (Grade 2B) — Gold
Bhavya Verma (Grade 2A) — Silver
Srija Mishra (Grade 1A) — Bronze
Astitva Kumar Singh (Grade 2B) — Bronze

These stellar wins reflect the dedication of our students and the exceptional training provided by our coach, Mr. Ajay Gupta. A special thank you to our proud parents for their constant support. Congratulations to all our young champions! The sky is the limit!



A proud moment for our skating champs! They glided with confidence and made the day unforgettable.

Exploring Numbers with Abacus at G.D. Goenka School!

Our young Goenkans regularly step into the magical world of numbers during engaging Abacus Learning Sessions. Guided by their teachers, the little learners discover how this wonderful tool makes counting simpler, visual, and highly enjoyable.

The classroom buzzes with pure excitement as students explore colorful beads through hands-on play, building strong early numeracy skills with confidence.

We are committed to nurturing bright young minds through joyful, creative experiences. Swipe to witness their happy learning moments filled with smiles and discovery!



Wellness Begins with the Right Posture!!

We organised an insightful Wellness Session on Correct Body Posture for our Class 10 & 11 students in collaboration with Heritage Institute of Medical Sciences (HIMS) Hospital.

Dr. Pankhuri shared eye-opening tips on posture dos & don'ts, the long-term effects of poor posture, and simple ways to stay aligned through mindful sitting, stretching, and healthy screen habits.

Students also explored exciting career opportunities in physiotherapy, inspiring many to look at health sciences with a fresh perspective.

The session was informative, engaging, and a powerful reminder that healthy habits today create a stronger tomorrow.



Little Goenkans on a Winter Wander

The Pre-Primary students embarked on a delightful winter **excursion to Sarnath**, a place of immense historical and cultural significance, renowned as the Land of Buddha. The educational trip provided our young learners with an opportunity to explore, discover, and learn beyond the classroom in a fun and engaging environment.

The children were introduced to the rich heritage and serene beauty of Buddhist culture, sparking their curiosity and imagination. As they explored the historic surroundings, they listened to fascinating stories and gained a glimpse into the cultural legacy of one of India's most treasured destinations.

The excursion also included a cheerful picnic at a nearby park, where students enjoyed exciting rides, outdoor activities, and moments of laughter with their friends and teachers. Surrounded by pleasant winter sunshine, the children spent the day creating joyful memories while strengthening their bonds with one another. The trip was a perfect blend of learning, exploration, and recreation, making it a truly enriching experience for our little Goenkans. Such outings play a vital role in nurturing curiosity, confidence, and a love for discovery, ensuring that learning remains a joyful adventure.

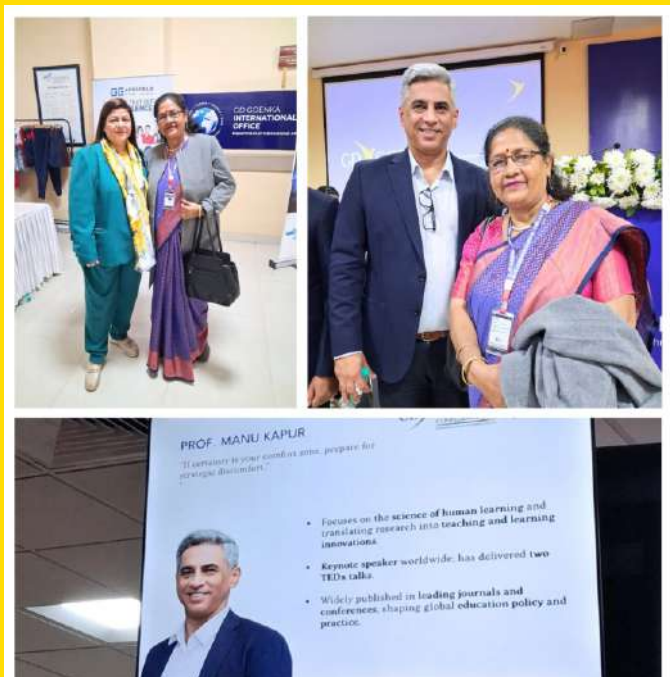
The day concluded with smiling faces, happy hearts, and countless memories that will be cherished for years to come.



Confluence 2025: A Celebration of Learning, Leadership, and Togetherness

G.D. Goenka School, Varanasi, extends its heartfelt gratitude to the G.D. Goenka Group for the seamless organization of **Confluence 2025**, held at Gurugram on 17–18 December 2025. The event served as an enriching platform that brought together the entire G.D. Goenka fraternity from across the country, fostering collaboration, innovation, and a shared vision for educational excellence. The confluence witnessed the participation of over 150 K–12 schools and more than 100 toddler and pre-schools, creating a vibrant forum for educators, leaders, and stakeholders to exchange ideas, share best practices, and explore the future of education. The thoughtfully curated sessions provided valuable insights and meaningful learning opportunities, making the event a truly rewarding experience for all attendees.

We were privileged to be represented by our esteemed leadership, including **Mr. Dinesh Gupta, Chairman; Mrs. Seema Gupta, Vice Chairperson;** Mrs. Sheela Arland, Academic Head; and Mr. Vivek Srivastava, Senior Educator, whose presence and contributions reflected the spirit and values of the G.D. Goenka community. A highlight of the confluence was the opportunity to hear from distinguished personalities including **Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Prof. Manu Kapoor, Prof. Debashish Chatterjee,** and renowned actor **Mr. Pankaj Kapur.** Their inspiring thoughts, experiences, and perspectives enriched the discussions and left a lasting impression on all the participants. Confluence 2025 was more than an event—it was a celebration of knowledge, leadership, innovation, and the enduring bonds that unite the G.D. Goenka family. The experience inspired educators to continue striving for excellence and reinforced the collective commitment to shape the future of education. The memories, learning, and connections forged during these two days will remain cherished for years to come.



Prioritising Health, Nurturing Futures

As part of our ongoing commitment to holistic well-being, we successfully organised an Annual Health Check-Up Camp for senior students, teachers, and staff members in collaboration with the **Heritage Institute of Medical Sciences (HIMS)**.

A team of experienced specialist doctors from the **Pediatrics, Dental, and ENT** departments conducted comprehensive health screenings. Participants received valuable medical guidance and personalized insights to help them better manage their overall health. This initiative emphasized the importance of preventive healthcare, early detection, and adopting healthy lifestyle practices within the school community.

Through such programs, the school continues to foster a safe and supportive learning environment, recognizing that physical wellness is essential for academic and personal success. We believe that good health is the true foundation of great learning.



Fire Safety Mock Drill: Preparedness in Action

Fire Safety Awareness Session and Mock Drill in collaboration with the experts from Bhelupur Fire Station, reaffirming school's commitment to create a safe and secure learning environment for all.

The session was conducted by **Mr. Ram Parvesh, Mr. Vikas Kumar, and Mr. Rakesh Prasad Dubey**, whose expertise and practical demonstrations transformed safety awareness into meaningful, life-saving learning. Through their guidance, students and staff gained valuable knowledge about fire hazards, preventive measures, and effective emergency response strategies.

A key highlight of the programme was the hands-on training with fire extinguishers, where participants learned the correct techniques for handling fire-related emergencies. This was followed by a well-coordinated mock evacuation drill that enabled students and staff to practice safe and orderly evacuation procedures under simulated emergency conditions.

The session emphasized the importance of remaining calm, alert, and disciplined during emergencies, while fostering confidence and preparedness among all participants. By combining awareness with practical application, the programme equipped the school community with essential skills that could prove invaluable in real-life situations.

The Fire Safety Awareness Session and Mock Drill served as a powerful reminder that safety is a shared responsibility. Such initiatives not only enhance emergency preparedness but also instill a culture of vigilance, responsibility, and resilience within the school community.



Season of Giving, Season of Grace

The spirit of Christmas came alive as students of Grades IX and XI visited the old age home at the **Mother Teresa Missionaries of Charity** near Shivala Ghat. Embracing the true essence of the festive season through compassion and service, the students spread joy and warmth among the residents.

More than a charitable visit, the experience became a meaningful exchange of love and human connection. Students spent quality time interacting with the elderly, sharing conversations, and listening to their stories. Their thoughtful donations further reflected a genuine desire to care for those in need.

This initiative served as a powerful reminder that the most valuable gifts of Christmas are empathy and togetherness. By reaching out with love, our students learned the joy of giving, shaping them into responsible and compassionate citizens.



Celebrating the Magic of Christmas

The spirit of Christmas filled the campus with joy, laughter, and festive cheer as students came together to celebrate one of the most awaited occasions of the year. The celebration beautifully captured the magic of childhood and the values of love, sharing, and togetherness that define the Christmas season.

The campus was adorned with beautifully decorated Christmas trees, creating a vibrant and cheerful atmosphere. The arrival of Santa Claus brought immense excitement among the students, who welcomed him with bright smiles and enthusiastic cheers. The festivities included joyful gift exchanges, melodious Christmas carols, and lively dance performances that added warmth and colour to the celebration.

The enthusiasm and happiness of the students were evident throughout the event as laughter echoed across the campus and every corner reflected the festive spirit. The celebration provided an opportunity for students to come together, share special moments, and create memories that will be treasured for years to come.

Beyond the festivities, the event reinforced the values of kindness, gratitude, generosity, and community spirit, reminding everyone of the true essence of Christmas. It was a day filled with happiness, harmony, and meaningful connections that brought the school community closer together.



Emotional Awareness: Our Role in Climate Change

On 24th December, 2025 the Eco Club & Community Outreach of our school organised an insightful and interactive seminar in collaboration with Kashvi Foundation.

Led by **Mr. Ishan Dwivedi**, Founder of Kashvi Foundation, the session beautifully blended facts with feelings—helping students build an emotional connection with climate change. Through the engaging “Reflect & Connect” game, students explored how everyday habits contribute to environmental waste. Powerful data, a thought-provoking video, and meaningful discussions highlighted how individual choices can shape our planet’s future. Students also learned about waste types, segregation, and responsible waste management—empowering them to become conscious change makers



Emotional Awareness on Climate Change

An interactive seminar by Kashvi Foundation helped students understand how everyday choices impact the environment and inspired them to become responsible changemakers.

Cash Crush Challenge: Learning Through Play

Grade I and II students participated in the exciting "**Cash Crush Challenge**" (Indian Currency) activity. The session beautifully combined fun with foundational learning to make financial concepts meaningful.

Through interactive discussions and colorful visual aids, young learners explored different denominations, identified currency symbols, and understood the role of money in daily transactions. A major highlight was the creative group work, where students collaborated to design vibrant currency charts, boosting teamwork and communication skills.

The hands-on activity nurtured essential skills like mental mathematics, critical thinking, and observation. The session concluded with joyful presentations where students confidently showcased their charts. This enriching experience reinforced that complex concepts are best grasped through play-based learning, highlighting the school's dedication to innovative teaching practices that inspire curiosity.



Moments of Pride, Effort & Achievement

Yet another moment of pride as our students continue to excel across diverse fields, reflecting dedication, perseverance, and a strong commitment to holistic development. The recent accomplishments in fitness, innovation, and skill-based learning stand as a testament to the school's focus on nurturing well-rounded individuals. **District-Level Yoga Competition 2025.** Demonstrating discipline, balance, and inner strength, our students participated in the District-Level Yoga Competition 2025 and secured Silver and Bronze medals. Their graceful performances reflected consistent practice, mental focus, and the true essence of yoga, which promotes harmony between mind and body.

Sustainable Development Innovators – Season 03 Our Grade XI students showcased remarkable innovation and environmental consciousness through their project titled “Sacred Blue Revival: Sustainable Water Treatment.” Their thoughtful approach, collaborative spirit, and concern for ecological sustainability highlighted their ability to address real-world challenges with creativity and responsibility. **ULIPSU Skill-Based Learning Program** Students from Grade I to X were recognized as Star Performers under the ULIPSU Skill-Based Learning Program. Their achievements in creativity, critical thinking, and experiential learning reflect their enthusiasm for learning beyond textbooks.



Saraswati Pooja Celebration

The campus was filled with devotion and festive spirit as students celebrated Saraswati Pooja, honouring the Goddess of knowledge, wisdom, and arts. The serene celebration featured soulful prayers, graceful dance performances, and melodious singing by enthusiastic students. This event beautifully highlighted the school's dedication to preserving cultural traditions while fostering creativity and talent. The celebration concluded with collective prayers seeking Maa Saraswati's blessings for wisdom and academic success.



77th Republic Day Celebration

The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, patriotic fervor, and national pride. The entire campus was beautifully adorned in the tricolor, creating an atmosphere filled with unity and respect.

The celebration commenced with the ceremonial unfurling of the National Flag by our respected Chairman Sir, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The program then unfolded into a vibrant showcase of talent and discipline, featuring a well-coordinated school parade, inspiring speeches, soulful patriotic songs, and energetic dance performances that captivated the audience.

A special highlight was the fancy dress presentation, where young Goenkans dressed as eminent freedom fighters and national heroes. Through their innocent expressions, the students beautifully portrayed the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of India's great leaders.

The gathering was further enriched by motivational addresses from our Academic Head Ma'am and Principal Ma'am. They emphasized the importance of discipline, values, and responsibility, encouraging students to remain committed towards building a strong nation. The celebration concluded on a proud, reflective note, leaving every student deeply inspired.



IGKO Olympiad Achievement

We proudly celebrate the remarkable achievement of our young learners in the International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO). A total of eight students secured prestigious Gold Medals, showcasing outstanding performance, curiosity, and a passion for learning.

The IGKO Olympiad challenges students to look beyond textbooks, nurturing general awareness, logical thinking, and healthy competition across regions. Competing against various schools, the young Goenkans demonstrated exceptional confidence and knowledge, emerging as true achievers. This accomplishment stands as a testament to their consistent effort, disciplined preparation, and determination.



Our young Goenkans made us proud by winning Gold at the IGKO Olympiad. Their curiosity, dedication, and love for learning helped them stand out and shine beyond the classroom. Keep soaring, champion

National Glory in Yogasan – A Moment of Pride

The school beams with pride as our students and mentors achieve excellence at the national level.

A remarkable highlight is the outstanding performance of **Sonakshi Singh** (Grade VIII), who won two Silver Medals at the **National-Level Yogasan Competition**. Her discipline, balance, and consistent dedication to rigorous practice have resulted in this exceptional accomplishment.

Adding further pride, our esteemed Coach, Arjun Gupta Sir, demonstrated excellence at the highest level by securing a **Gold Medal** at the same competition. His dual role as an accomplished athlete and dedicated mentor continues to inspire students, reflecting leadership through action.



Congratulations

A proud moment for our school as Sonakshi Singh won two silver medals and Coach Arjun Gupta secured a gold medal at the **National-Level Yogasan Competition**. Their hard work and dedication have also earned them a place at the **Asia Cup**.

In a moment of great celebration, both Sonakshi Singh and Coach Arjun Gupta Sir have officially qualified for the ASIA CUP. This significant milestone stands as a testament to their perseverance, focus, and unwavering commitment to sporting excellence.

IMPETUS 2.0 Where Curiosity Meets Creativity

“Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.” – Albert Einstein

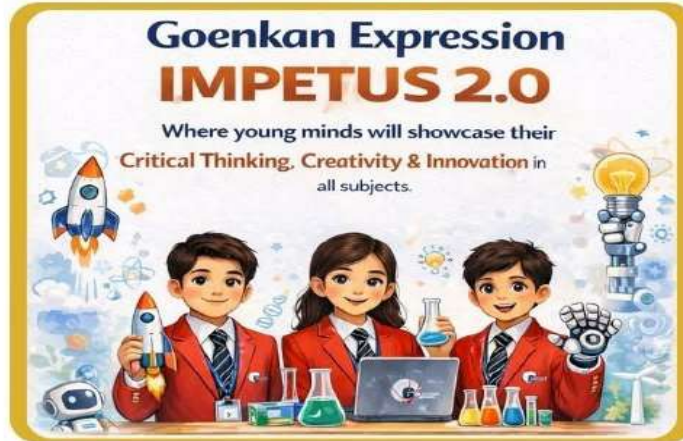
We proudly hosted IMPETUS 2.0, a remarkable celebration of intellect, imagination, and innovation. The event stood as a vibrant platform where learning transcended the boundaries of textbooks and transformed into meaningful, hands-on experiences.

The exhibition beautifully integrated multiple disciplines—Science, Mathematics, Social Science, Languages, Art, and Technology—creating an enriching and dynamic showcase of interdisciplinary learning. Each model, display, and presentation reflected the creativity, effort, and analytical thinking of our young learners.

The event highlighted the spirit of inquiry through every “why”, “how”, and “what if”, demonstrating that true education goes beyond memorisation. It flourishes through curiosity, grows through creativity, and strengthens through confidence.

From innovative scientific experiments and mathematical models to expressive art forms and technological demonstrations, IMPETUS 2.0 showcased the essence of holistic and experiential learning. The exhibition stood as a testimony to the students’ imagination, problem-solving abilities, and collaborative spirit.

The school extends heartfelt appreciation to the students for their enthusiasm and talent, to the dedicated educators for their guidance, and to the supportive parents for their encouragement. Their collective efforts made IMPETUS 2.0 a truly inspiring and memorable milestone.



Olympiad Brilliance

We take immense pride in celebrating the outstanding performance of our students in the SOF International English Olympiad (2025–26). Through dedication and academic excellence, our young scholars brought great honour to the school.

The following students were awarded the prestigious **Gold Medal of Distinction: Srijia Mishra, Riyanshi Singh, Samrth Dubey, and Shivansh Narayan Rai.** The following students earned the **Gold Medal of Excellence: Diva, Hardik, Yati, Nidhi, Ivaanya, Reyansh, Yuvansh, Aarfa, Aashish, Rudransh, Aadvik, Swasti, Tanishka, Lavanya, and Kartik.**

To honour their accomplishments, the winners were felicitated during the Morning Assembly by the respected Academic Head. This ceremony served as a proud moment for the entire school community and inspired fellow Goenkans to pursue excellence.

These achievements reflect the hard work of the students, along with the unwavering support of their teachers and parents. The school congratulates all the achievers and wishes them continued success in their future endeavours.



Our brilliant Goenkans were honoured for their exceptional performance in the SOF International English Olympiad 2025–26, marking a moment of pride and inspiration for all. 🌟



Maths Carnival – Where Numbers Came Alive!

Learning mathematics became an exciting, real-life experience for the students of Classes II A and II B as they organized a vibrant Maths Carnival on 10th February, 2026. The event transformed the school campus into a lively marketplace, where young learners enthusiastically explored mathematical concepts through practical activities.

The carnival was inaugurated by Rahul Sir and our respected Principal Ma'am, whose presence encouraged the students to participate with confidence. A variety of colorful stalls, including Stationery, Bakery, Popcorn, Candy, Charts, and Snacks, were set up by the students, welcoming participants from Classes I to V.

Through hands-on buying and selling activities, students applied essential mathematical concepts such as addition, subtraction, money management, and calculating change. Acting as young entrepreneurs, they confidently handled transactions, interacted with customers, and demonstrated impressive problem-solving skills. The event not only strengthened numerical understanding but also fostered confidence, communication, teamwork, and decision-making abilities. The school extends its sincere appreciation to the dedicated teachers and coordinators whose guidance made this enriching experiential learning event a grand success.



Class II students turned numbers into fun at the Math Carnival, joyfully learning money concepts, addition, and subtraction through real-life activities and games.



Sayonara 3.0 – The Final Bell, The First Flight

Sayonara 3.0, the farewell celebration for the outgoing Grade XII students, was a memorable occasion filled with joy, gratitude, and cherished moments. Organized with great enthusiasm and dedication by the students of Grade XI, the event reflected the strong bond shared between the senior and junior classes.

From elegant decorations to seamless arrangements, every aspect of the programme showcased the creativity, teamwork, and commitment of the Grade XI students. Their efforts transformed the event into a heartfelt tribute to their seniors as they prepared to embark on a new journey beyond school.

The celebration featured a variety of cultural performances, including energetic dance presentations and melodious musical performances that captivated the audience. Fun-filled games, quizzes, and interactive activities added excitement to the programme, creating an atmosphere of laughter and camaraderie.

A significant highlight of the occasion was the formal distribution of Board Examination Admit Cards to the Grade XII students, symbolizing the beginning of an important academic milestone in their lives. As a token of affection and remembrance, each student was presented with a beautifully framed class group photograph, a keepsake that will forever preserve the memories of their school years and their connection with the G.D. Goenka family.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of the Chairman Sir, MD Sir, AD Ma'am, Principal Ma'am and Academic Head Ma'am, whose blessings and words of encouragement made the occasion even more special. They also felicitated the students and wished them success in their future endeavours.

The following special titles were awarded in recognition of the students' unique talents and achievements: **Mr. GDG VNS – Aditya Raj, Miss GDG VNS – Namirah Ali, Academic Star – Akshat Anand, Tech Wiz – Vansh Raj Sachdeva, Mr. GDG Fashionista – Shaurya Gupta, Miss GDG Fashionista – Poorva Singh, Dance Icon– Dev Kumar Singh, Singing Sensation – Dev Verma** As the Class XII students prepare to step into a new phase of life, Sayonara 3.0 served as a beautiful reminder of the friendships, experiences, and values they have gathered during their years at G.D. Goenka School, Varanasi. Though they leave the school premises, they will forever remain an integral part of the Goenka legacy. The school extends its heartfelt best wishes to the graduating batch for their Board Examinations and future pursuits. May they continue to soar to greater



SAYONARA 3.0



Goenkans Shine in JEE Main 2026

The outstanding achievement of its students in **JEE Main 2026 (Session I)**. Their remarkable performance is a testament to their hard work, perseverance, determination, and unwavering commitment to academic excellence.

In a significant accomplishment, 14 students from the school successfully qualified for JEE Advanced 2026, marking an important milestone in their academic journey. Their success reflects not only their dedication but also the continuous support and guidance provided by their teachers and parents.

A special mention goes to **Mankala Harish**, who brought great honour to the institution by securing an exceptional **99.884 percentile** and earning the distinction of being the **City's Second Topper**. This outstanding achievement stands as an inspiration for aspiring students and highlights the spirit of excellence nurtured at G.D. Goenka School. The achievements of these young scholars are a source of immense pride for the entire Goenka family. Their success reinforces the belief that determination, disciplined effort, and a positive mindset pave the way for extraordinary accomplishments.

The school extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the qualifiers and their families for this remarkable achievement. As they move forward to the next stage of their academic pursuits, we wish them continued success and confidence in achieving even greater milestones.

14 students qualified for Jee Advanced 2026

 99.884 %ile Mankala Harish	 99.65 %ile Mohammad Anas Siddiqui	 97.715 %ile Priyanshu kumar Roy	 97.527 %ile Adeeb Rahman
 97.231 %ile Shreyash Gupta	 96.879 %ile Vishal Kumar	 96.436 %ile Aditya Upadhyay	 96.047 %ile Akshat Anand
 95.348 %ile Sarthak Agrawal	 94.52 %ile Shivam Singh	 94.03 %ile Anurag Yadav	 93.108 %ile Garima Singh
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Celebrating Young Minds and Scientific Spirit



Celebrating Young Minds and Scientific Spirit we take immense pride in the remarkable achievements of our students in the **SOF National Science Olympiad (NSO) 2025-26** and the **Silver Zone Little Star English Olympiad 2025-26**. These accomplishments reflect the students' dedication, curiosity, and commitment to academic excellence, bringing great honour to the school.

SOF National Science Olympiad (NSO) 2025-26 The following students were awarded the Gold Medal of Excellence as Class Toppers: **Viraj Upadhyay – Class II Yuvansh Singh – Class III Avika Shandilya– Class IV Amish Dubey – Class VI Drona Chaturvedi – Class VII Shreya Singh – Class IX Prachi Singh – Class XI SilverZone Little Star English Olympiad 2025-26**

Gold Medalists LKG Divyanshi Patel, Mohammad Arsh, Aarunya, **Nursery** Anvesha Singh, Prashasti Pandey, Shivanya Sharma, **UKG** Aditya Sharma, Aradhya, Amit Singh, Shinoy Singhania Gujrati, Atharv Arya.

Silver Medalists Nursery Naitik Singh, Manasi Singh **UKG** Ishanvi Singh

Bronze Medalists Nursery Chaarvi Singh, **UKG** Gauri Upadhyay, Mishika Singh, Shaurya Singh, Peeyush Ranjan Singh.

These achievements are a testament to the students' hard work, perseverance, and eagerness to learn. Their success demonstrates that curiosity, discipline, and determination are the foundations of excellence.

By participating in prestigious Olympiads, these young learners have not only enhanced their academic skills but have also developed confidence and a spirit of healthy competition. The school extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the medal winners for their outstanding performance. We also express our sincere appreciation to the dedicated teachers and supportive parents whose guidance and encouragement have played a significant role in nurturing these young achievers. May these accomplishments inspire all students to continue exploring, learning, and striving for excellence. We are proud of our Goenkans and look forward to witnessing many more milestones in their journey of success.



Celebrating the Colours of Culture: Holi Festivities

Holi, the festival of colours, joy, and togetherness, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and festive spirit. The celebration provided students with an opportunity to experience the richness of Indian traditions while fostering values of unity, respect, and cultural appreciation.

The school campus came alive with vibrant colours, cheerful smiles, and festive excitement as students dressed in traditional attire and participated wholeheartedly in the celebrations. The event was thoughtfully organized to help students understand the significance of Holi and the cultural values associated with this cherished festival.

Through engaging discussions and activities, students learned about the history and traditions of Holi, gaining a deeper appreciation for India's diverse cultural heritage. The celebration encouraged them to embrace the spirit of harmony, friendship, and mutual respect that the festival symbolizes.

The joyous atmosphere reflected the enthusiasm of the young learners as they came together to celebrate the occasion. Beyond the festivities, the event served as a meaningful learning experience, helping students connect with their roots and develop a sense of pride in their cultural identity.

We believe that education extends beyond academics and includes nurturing an understanding of traditions, values, and community spirit. Celebrations such as Holi create lasting memories and contribute to the holistic development of our students.





Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and working together is success.

Henry Ford

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We sincerely hope that you all enjoyed reading it, as much as we enjoyed collaboratively creating it. We look forward to greater contribution on various events from all of you in the future editions.

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a dream takes flight;
in every achievement,
a future shines bright.
Together, we learn,
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for life.”*

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