



**D. GOENKA
SCHOOL**

Vol. 4 (January to March)

THE GOENKAN SCOOP

The Official Newsletter of GD Goenka Sirsa



+91 70822-12401,12402



www.gdgoenkasirsa.com



gdgoenkasirsa@gmail.com



**Near NH9 Factory Outlet
8th milestone, Hisar road, Sirsa**

From the desk of Principal

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow" - Melody Beattie

***A dictionary has millions of words
We need only two to express our
feelings...***

Thank you

***Dear Parents and Students,
Greetings!***

***Saying 'thank you' to anyone has
never been easy. Unlimited gratitude
cannot be woven into limited words.
Through this letter, we will try and
give truth to the untold. We will give
our best shot to express the
inexpressible.***

***I want to thank you all for the support,
patience and kind words you have
shown during an unprecedented
global predicament today. I am
extremely grateful for favorable
reactions and cautious responses.
You enabled me to see things from
different angles, weigh the pros and
cons and do what is best. Your
constant support aroused in me a
passion for excellence. Your approval
has enabled me to breathe new life
into the system and inspire the rest of
the team to think unconventionally, as
well. Thanks to the internet, the World
Wide Web (www) as an expression of
indestructible human spirit.***

***We have prayed for you and your
families, for your safety and
health. Let us in spirit wish and
pray for all people who have been
affected by the virus directly and
indirectly. Remember humanity has
seen worse, and every time we
have bounced back. We will again.
Being hopeful is the key.
Please accept my sincere
gratitude and acknowledgement of
your initiative and flexibility, be
healthy and well!
Stay home; Stay Safe!***

***Dr. Poonam Monga
Principal***



Message

Imagination comes from within yourself. One has to be positive When you're positive, good things happen.

Yes, this is absolutely true.

We all know that we are going through tough time where the priority is to survive. There was panic everywhere and keeping kids occupied was a challenge. The only solution to this was being positive. From their the classrooms shifted to e-rooms. With the passage of time our students and teachers have become professionals at virtual learning. We have mastered the art of teaching and learning online. Thanks to the hard work of our school community, we couldn't be successful without you parents. We know that virtual learning is not ideal, but we can truly say we are making best of it. Our commitment to our students hasn't changed and teachers continue to work hard to master new technology skills to improve children's learning experience. Dear parents, please keep up the great work you have done so far with getting your children online and creating the best learning environment for them.

**Ms. Priyanka Arora
(Vice-Principal)**



Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are safe and well during this crucial time.

Let me express my immense pleasure while sharing my thoughts with you all. The current situation we live in is unknown to us all and it brings a lot of uncertainties and new challenges along with them. Almost every aspect of our professional and personal lives changed due to this pandemic.

During this tough time, our faculty members deserve our great appreciation for their dedication towards work and their ability to teach, nurture and inspire our students.

When everything was stopped due to lockdown, the Goenkan team was working 24x7. We put all our best efforts to impart education to the students from the comfort of their home. Even the same co-operation, we got from parents as well. They stood by us during this difficult time. I am grateful for that support. Thank you all for your love, support and care.

**Mr. Rajat Mehta)
(Administrator)**



Acclivity through E-Learning

The covid-19 pandemic has affected educational systems worldwide. Everyone was confined to their homes due to complete lockdown. But this lockdown should not come between students and teachers. The pandemic has changed education forever. As a result most of the educational institutions took digital platforms for teaching. GD Goenka Public School started its online classes from 2nd April 2020.

The entire curriculum for the month of April to March had been taught to the students of Pre Primary and Primary Section through the mode of virtual class (conferencing tools such as Zoom, Learning Management System etc). The faculty members regularly updated videos to cover each and every part of the syllabus. Worksheets and assignments were being sent to the students on the daily basis through school app.

Back to School

Due to corona virus pandemic, the doors of school were closed for students for nine months. Finally the school was reopened on 5th of January for Senior section under the guidelines of the administration. The school was properly sanitized in order to welcome Goenkan students. Sanitization machines are placed in different corners of the school. The happiness of both students and teachers was on cloud nine when they met after a long time.



Observance of the Festival of Lohri

G.D Goenka Public School, Sirsa believes that festivals are an expressive way to celebrate glorious heritage, culture and traditions. They are meant to rejoice special moments and emotions in our lives with our loved ones. They play an important role to add structure to our social lives, and connect us with our families and background. Lohri festival was observed on 13th January 2021. It is the most prominent festival among the people living in the Northern part of India.

The significance of this festival was taught to the students during their online class. Lohri celebration is incomplete without traditional outfits. Tiny-tots of Pre- Primary section were brightly dressed up in Punjabi outfits. A virtual dance class was organized for the students of Grade 1 and Nursery. Art and craft class was there for the tiny tots. Parents shared photos and videos of their kids. The Goenkans will surely remember for its unique way of celebration.



Celebration of Republic day

Republic Day celebrations at school often mean a beautifully decorated campus in ribbons and balloons of the national flag's colors. But this year, GDGPS opted for a virtual route. At GDGPS, for instance, the patriotism found a digital expression. Talking about this year's celebrations, there was special virtual presentation by the students of Grade X with enthusiastic and optimistic spirits. Students proudly sang the patriotic songs and presented some amazing performances.

Students sang patriotic songs and delivered speeches, all done online to mark this historic day. The pride in tricolor was reflected in the song and they also paid tribute to the frontline corona warriors from healthcare professionals like nurses, doctors, and paramedical staff to policemen.

They are on their toes since this virus has entered our country and are putting their lives at risk to keep us safe. They are not less than our freedom fighters. They are also fighting to make us free from this pandemic and Goenkans thanked these unsung heroes through their articulate speeches.

In primary section, the significance of Republic day was taught to the students during their online class sessions. They were also taught some art and craft work like tricolor fan, national flag etc.



Celebrations

Basant Panchami

Basant Panchami celebration at GDGPS was marked by the Saraswati Puja in school and a special virtual celebration for the students. "Basant Panchami" is an occasion which marks the advent of the spring season and is also celebrated to worship Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge and wisdom. This day was celebrated in our school with great fervor and enthusiasm. Yellow color - representative of spiritual knowledge was given importance on Basant Panchami. The students and teachers were beautifully dressed in yellow dresses. Various online activities like poem recitation, singing of devotional song and kite making were organized for the students on this occasion. The prevailing attitude was that of gratitude towards Goddess Saraswati thanking her for wisdom and knowledge.



Celebrations



International Women's Day

"Women are the largest untapped reservoir of talent in the world."

-Hillary Clinton

Supporting and celebrating women's rights is a year-round responsibility. But on International Women's Day (IWD), which is on March 8, 2021 this year, it's even more important to take a stand for women's equality.

GDGPS considers itself a torchbearer in its initiative to generate awareness about gender equality for a healthy society. We lay emphasis on promoting education of our girl child in every family, while bringing to the forefront an awareness thereof leading to an overall progressive development of our community and in turn our Nation. To honor all the women, a special presentation was showcased on the Facebook where beautiful titles and quotes were dedicated to all the female faculty of the school. It was really eye catching moment.



Events

Bingo - Science Exhibition Event

GDGPS organizes the event called 'Bingo' every year with a view to encourage and inculcate scientific temper amongst students. This event provides platform for the budding students to express their creativity and gain confidence. The enthusiasm of students is astounding while showcasing their talent. This year, due to covid-19, this event took digital route. Kids displayed their experiments through videos. Their innocence, blended with the wings of experimental and logical approach was phenomenal. Their elaborative explanations were just fascinating and heart stirring.



Green Grandeur Day

Every year G.D Goenka Public School organized event called Green Grandeur for the students of kindergarten. Its aim is to raise awareness about environment and our nature. Every year our school premises transformed into a kindergarten lab where the little Goenkan scientists expressed their experimental skills. It was amazing to see the creativity of young children and how confidently they explained the concepts of EVS. Students always participated whole heartedly towards the success of this event. It is indeed a power pack and enthralling event by the youngest members of our Goenka Family. This year due to pandemic, this event was virtually showcased. Their elaborative explanations were just breath taking.



Achievement

“The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well; and doing well whatever you do...”

We, at G.D. Goenka Public School, Sirsa firmly believe that determination and commitment bring accomplishment and success. Our students truly exhibit this belief by proving their mettle through their stupendous performances in various competitions. Adding one more jewel in the bounty of achievements when Guransh who is the pride of our school aged just 11, class 4 has taken the ring of Roller skaters Championship (inline hockey) by storm got selected at National level. He had a long list of accolades at various events. This is an amazing opportunity for the school as well as for the student to get their names at the National Level. Impossible is not a word in the dictionary of Goenka.

It is a proud moment for the school as our young sportsman is exploring and unleashing his sporting spirit. The principal, vice principal, staff and school management congratulate the parents and the child and wish him all the best for all his future endeavors in the field of sports and shine like a star.



Faculty Prime Reviews

Online teaching experience has been excellent so far as it gives an opportunity to integrate various learning resources for the holistic development of the students. Swift information collection and sharing is the highlight of this medium. Even when the whole country is under lock down, online medium seemed to be a blessing as it gives an opportunity to both students and teachers to interact with each other and continue their studies without any interruption. Here, all the norms of social distancing can be followed without any hassle.

Mr. Deepak Chandela



Who would have thought that schooling will take place over screens rather than in classrooms? The outbreak of coronavirus has made some unprecedented changes. And in a flash we moved from real to virtual world, from teaching in a room to teaching on the zoom. It was quite different experience for both teachers as well as students. I believe that online schooling has allowed students to be much more responsible and take ownership of their learning. However, classrooms bring discipline and help teachers to be more actively guide students on their flaws and make them perfect. In person I feel offline schooling can't be replaced and has its own values.

Ms Divya Babber



The world has seen such colossal disasters as pandemics and world wars before but human mind is such a genius when it comes to adaptation with our great ability, inventive and resourceful spirit to help us recognize new things and turn them to our advantage.

The machine (computer) which I rather used for my leisure time becomes my window to the outside world.

I became tired, I faltered but I never gave up. Slowly but steadily, I found myself engrossed with an alternate method of modern-day teaching. And now I am glad to say that I am enjoying it.

Ms. Debolina Poddar



Faculty Prime Reviews

The sudden switch to online teaching was challenging equally for both teachers and students. As a teacher my biggest challenge was to create an atmosphere of closeness among the students as if they were in the same classroom. I am very thankful to parents who constantly supported us during this time. I feel honored to be a part of Goenka family. Management and Principal ma'am provided all the technical help which was required at that time like it was difficult to send notes, worksheets to students and for students also, it was a big task to submit their assignments regularly. School understood this problem and immediately customized our school app.

Miss Isha



To maintain focus and track their participation, stimulating learning materials were introduced. Students learned at their own pace at any time, any place and expressed themselves clearly without any hesitation. Project works in small groups, assignments, quiz competitions, map skills, debates, enhancing sense of community was unforgettable.

My kids being digital natives view online classes as education through edutainment. Online teaching experience is going to leave us rich in terms of insights into what constitutes quality education and our preparedness to deliver it.
Ms. Maninder Kaur



I consider myself privileged to get an opportunity to teach in GD Goenka. It has been a great experience that added as an asset to my growth as a human.

My experience as a teacher is that online teaching is essentially positive. It has increased my interaction with my students on individual basis. I had to give more assignments than usual to assess their learning of everything and to give feedback to each student. Students discuss their challenges on an open forum. I am proud to be a part of Goenkan family and I sincerely hope that it will continue to provide quality education and serve the people of Sirsa for many years to come.

Ms. Namrata Dixit



**D. GOENKA
SCHOOL**

Faculty Prime Reviews

ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਲਿਖਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪਣਾ ਅਨੁਭਵ ਸਾਂਝਾ ਕਰ ਰਹੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਕਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਇਸ ਮਹਾਂਮਾਰੀ ਨੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਘਨ ਪਾਇਆ ਸੀ ਪਰ ਜੀ.ਡੀ. ਗੋਇੰਕਾ ਸਕੂਲ ਦੀ ਪੂਰੀ ਟੀਮ ਦੇ ਆਪਸੀ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਸਦਕਾ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਦਾ ਦੌਰ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਇਆ ਜਿਸ ਨੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ ਦੀ ਰੁਕੀ ਹੋਈ ਗੱਡੀ ਨੂੰ ਮੁੜ ਲਾਈਨ ਤੇ ਲਿਆਂਦਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਇਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਦਾ ਤਜਰਬਾ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੀ ਵਧੀਆ ਰਿਹਾ ਕਿਉਂਕੀ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਕਲਾਸਾਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਤਕਨੀਕੀ ਗਿਆਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਾਧਾ ਕੀਤਾ। ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਅਧਿਆਪਕ ਰਿਸ਼ਤੇ ਨੂੰ ਬਣਾਈ ਰੱਖਣ 'ਚ ਇਸ ਤਕਨੀਕ ਨੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਵੱਡਾ ਯੋਗਦਾਨ ਪਾਇਆ। ਮਾਪੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਯਤਨਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਹੁਤ ਖੁਸ਼ ਸਨ ਕਿ ਕਿਵੇਂ ਅਸੀਂ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜੀ ਰੱਖਿਆ।
ਨਵਨੀਤ ਕੌਰ



Being a kindergarten teacher I was little worried how can I keep the children attentive? What length of class is appropriate for them? They're so young; will online teaching ever be effective for them? How can I ensure effectiveness? Teaching in this atmosphere has proved to be extremely challenging & herculean task. I have had to adapt to technology that I wasn't familiar with, overnight.

My phone never seems to stop buzzing. Teaching in this atmosphere has proved to be extremely challenging. I've upgraded my skills & risen to this challenge effectively. Truly an eye - opener for me. Seeing children all reminds me how grateful & lucky I am to do a job that I love doing.

Ms. Poonam



As a mother teacher, I want to share my experience during covid pandemic. As we were supposed to take virtual classes during the period and honestly it was life time experience for me. As I have learnt a lot and worked on my self, as handling applications, editing, how to make classes more interactive, how to be more presentable and most important to engage tiny toddlers in studies with interest.

These virtual classes transformed me into the another person. Every thing has two aspects. And students also responded very well that match my expectations and some of them beyond it. I feel honored and proud to be the part of Goenka family

Ms Sonia Sudha



Faculty Prime Reviews

'लॉकडाउन' का समय मेरे लिए काफी अनोखा व शानदार रहा। 17 फरवरी 2020 को मेरी जी. डी. गोयंका पब्लिक स्कूल में ज्वाइनिंग हुई। 19 मार्च 2020 को लॉकडाउन लग गया। बच्चों को ठीक से जान भी नहीं पाई थी। शुरू के कुछ महीने थोड़ी सी परेशानी आई, क्योंकि बच्चों के लिए व अध्यापकों के लिए यह एक नया अनुभव था। उसके बाद तो बच्चों को भी आनंद आने लगा। छोटे बच्चों के साथ बड़े धैर्य व प्यार से पढाई शुरू हुई। हम सब घर में बैठे-बैठे ही बाहरी दुनिया की सैर करने लगे। बच्चों का मनोरंजन भी करवाना जरूरी होता है। बच्चों ने अपने खेतों की सैर करवाई। अपने पालतू जानवरों में हमारी मुलाकात करवाई। इसके अतिरिक्त नैतिक मूल्यों पर भी काफी बार चर्चा हुई। घर में रहते हुए भी हमने बाहरी दुनिया का आनंद लिया बच्चों ने व उनके माता-पिता ने ढेर सारा प्यार दिया। कुल मिलाकर अनुभव शानदार रहा।
सुमिता शर्मा



जी. डी. गोयंका पब्लिक स्कूल, सिरसा में मैं हिंदी शिक्षिका के पद पर कार्यरत हूँ। मौजूदा दौर की महामारी कोरोना वायरस को ध्यान में रखते हुए पूर्णबंदी में ऑनलाइन शिक्षा प्रदान करते हुए मैंने स्वयं भी नवीन तकनीक की जानकारी प्राप्त की व विद्यार्थियों ने भी पूर्ण उत्साह दिखाते हुए अपनी शिक्षा को जारी रखा। एक श्रेष्ठ व सर्वोत्तम शिक्षण संस्थान वही होता है जो न केवल सैद्धांतिक शिक्षा पर बल देता है अपितु व्यावहारिक शिक्षा पर भी केंद्रित होता है और निस्संदेह यह विद्यालय इस प्रकार के रचनात्मक क्रियाकलापों को भली प्रकार से सम्पन्न कराने में पूर्ण रूप से सक्षम है। इसमें कोई अतिशयोक्ति न होगी कि यह विद्यालय विद्यार्थियों में छिपे कला - कौशल का परीक्षण कर उसे निखारने का कार्य करता है। ऐसे प्रतिष्ठित व सर्वोत्कृष्ट विद्यालय में भाषा शिक्षिका के रूप में सेवाएं प्रदान करते हुए स्वयं को गौरवान्वित महसूस करती हूँ।
सरला गांधी।



2020 was apparently a challenging year for all. But the ones who came out of the situation gracefully are "Teachers". The spirit of imparting the knowledge, keeping the students connected and improving their skills is what motivated, we teachers to make virtual teaching even more engrossing and distinctive through online celebrations and virtual classroom activities. The experience was indeed different but ethical too.

I feel privileged and honored to be the part of the Goenka family and I also thank the parents who support us and their children in this period.

**Goenkans you rocks as always.
Ms. Tania manchanda**



Faculty Prime Reviews

Life in the last few months has conveyed that the World can never be the same always. The educators and students made specific adjustments, ever since Covid took the World by surprise.

Online teaching inspired me to try a transformed classroom, provoked me to research several educational tools. Also, it provided me with a strong foundation for implementing technology in the classroom. Very beneficial, overall. I am very thankful to school management who guided me to do my best and to learn new things every day.

I feel honored to be the part of Goenkan family.

Ms. Varshita Mehta



This pandemic has given us lot of setbacks and upsets. But sometimes you have to find something good in bad. Same was the case in mine. I never felt upset during this lockdown as I kept myself engaged in activities that grooms me in anyway. Adopted a healthy lifestyle and spent quality time with my family. If I share my work experience, G.D. Goenka Sirsa took me to the next level. Working with this institution boosts my confidence and make me able to show my potential as an all-rounder person. I was appointed as a swimming coach but I feel that I can give more of me to this institution that I have. So I put my sincere efforts towards this and do whatever this institution demands from and I get full appreciations. People thinks that mobile is an addiction and it can give lot of stress to intellectuals. But my cell phone changes my life and my addiction becomes a boon for me and it makes me a creative person in terms of designing and so on. It was my wonderful time.

Mr. Yadwinder Singh



D. GOENKA
SCHOOL

Student's Review

I joined GD Goenka during lockdown period. I was very excited to meet my new classmates and teachers but unfortunately, school remained closed for entire session. Online classes were very interesting. Teachers taught very nicely. Exams and co-curricular activities were arranged through virtual mode. I am very happy that this year was utilized fully.

Rheet Singh
Grade V-A



I had an incredible experience of online classes during this lockdown just because of the idiosyncratic teaching methods of my worthy teachers. It helped me a lot in grasping the knowledge very easily. I can proudly say that I am a member of Goenka family.

Shalin Kathpal
Grade X



Due to Covid-19 everything was under lockdown. But our study was on full swing through virtual mode. I really want to appreciate all my teachers. The way you taught, making learning so interesting and explanation of everything was just outstanding. The live sessions were so enriching and interesting. I would like to express my gratitude towards all my teachers for handling all the academics classes so well.

Gur Rehmat Kaur
Grade V-A+



2020 has been a year of virtual togetherness for everyone at GD Goenka Public School, wherein everyone has worked towards motivating each other and make online classes a great success. Let us hope to make session 2021 a new chapter in our lives. The modern day parents want their children to develop into winning personalities with global perspective. They want their children to be a JACK OF ALL TRADES. So as a student of GD Goenka I'm sure that our teachers will be as helpful as they have been since ever. I'll also try to be progressive part of this institution. The experience of online classes has been nothing but positive. The classes were very detailed and organized. The assignments and all other extra-curricular activities were very beneficial to entire learning process. It's like a tree where all the parts are given equal importance for the proper growth of its students. GD Goenka is not a name of perfect school but also a hallmark in the field of education.

Tzaina Bajaj
Grade V-A



Student's Review

It was strange word at first but then it became a necessity. Spending time with family, playing games and learning something new was everyone's main objective. Getting up in the morning and attending the online classes became habitual then. We learnt a lot during this lockdown period. I just want to thank all my teachers for their incredible hard work
Parneet
Grade X.



The online sessions were quite interactive with live discussions. The best thing was it was accessible from the comfort of the home. I really enjoyed my online classes. Teachers were always there for us to guide us.
Nehal
Grade V-A



I am writing my views to express my gratitude towards the school authority, teachers and school staff , I would like to thank all the teachers for their honest devotion and perseverance . in fact I must say that all the teachers are putting in utmost hard work to make us understand the concept in an essay manner . hats off to school and the teachers for making the online class possible . despite the fact that we all are dealing with this untoward pandemic situation , it is really commendable and I am sincerely at loss of words for your appreciation . Once again I would like to thank to all teachers for creating such a fun yet educative environment you are not just heroes to me but I would say (magician) I am extremely happy to be the part of goenkan family.
Kamakshi Mehta
Grade V



The uncertainty and anxiety caused by Covid 19 was put to a halt as our School G D Goenka, Sirsa decided to give online classes. In no time the teachers were trained to give interactive online classes and they further taught the students how to use the app. My experience with online classes has been a positive one. I would like to thank and appreciate all my teachers for teaching with great patience and love.
Shreya Chaudhary
Grade VI A+

