

# THE GOENKA'S SCOOP

The official Newsletter of GD Goenka  
Sirsa

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## **“Next to God, thy Parents”. Abraham Lincoln**

### **A message from Principal Dr. Poonam Monga**



Dear parents,

A heartfelt greeting to all of you. Hope you & your family are keeping well & taking all the due precautions to combat the spread of virus.

Though the prevailing situation & lockdown has barred the day- to-day activities of your kids, it is nothing less than an opportunity in disguise.

Your little ones are bundle of creativity and there couldn't be a better time to nurture their hidden talent than now. Help them upgrade their cooking skills or let them surprise you with their subtle use of paint brushes- do your bit to channelize their energy in the right direction.

If your kid is a literature buff, give him / her required push & help him / her learn the art of intertwining emotions with words by delving into the world of books & vocabulary.

Indulging in creative hobbies is certainly the need of the hour for kids but don't let them completely loose in their academics too.

Encourage them every now & then to keep a dedicated hour for the school tasks. The tasks provided by us are full of interesting and brainstorming activities which will work wonders for the creative abilities of your kids. From art & crafts to academic exercises, these activities have got it all covered. Some of our tasks are specifically focused on the pandemic that will help your kids realise their responsibility towards their nation & the society. These fun-to-do activities will not only keep their creative juices flowing but will also boost their environmental & social awareness.

You can also turn this hour of adversity into family bonding time by teaming up with your champs in their routine activities. Talk the evening away with them or sit alongside to watch their favorite movie; make up for the lost time during this ongoing lockdown. With a positive mindset & few precautions in mind, you can make the bad days pass away in a fleeting moment. Stay positive. Stay safe!



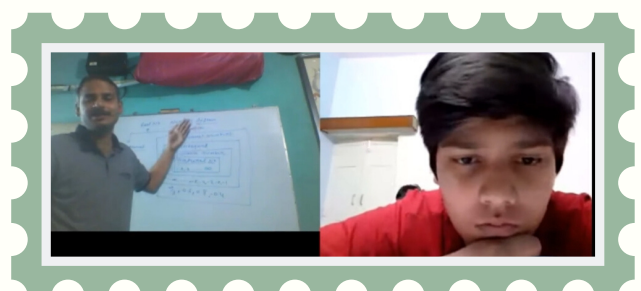
# Acclivity through e- learning

The numbers are unprecedented, the implications enormous. As the COVID-19 pandemic has spread across the globe, a majority of countries have announced the temporary closure of schools, impacting more than 91 percent of students worldwide-around 1.6 billion children and young people.

Never before have so many children been out of school at the same time, disrupting learning and upending lives, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized.

Teachers are suddenly faced with the challenge of how to continue their student's education While this might seem a daunting task, G.D. Goenka, Sirsa had started its online classes since April 2, 2020. To interact with parents and students virtual meetings with parents and students were organised. The entire curriculum for the month of April and May had been taught to the students through the mode of virtual class (conferencing tools such as Next Education, Learning Management System etc).

Parents acknowledged the efforts of whole Goenkan family for ensuring the teaching learning process in an every effective manner during this pandemic. 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.

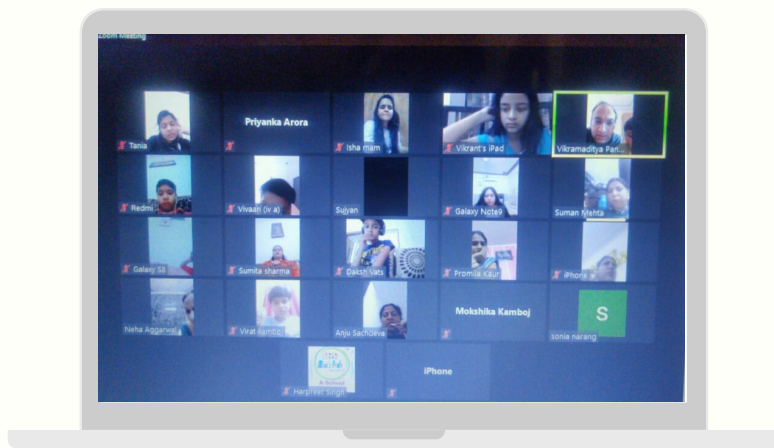


## Quick confabs with students

An important part of Goenkan's planning surrounding covid-19 is developing strategies and providing technological tools that allows faculty to continue to offer students the best possible educational experience. Synchronous or Asynchronous conversations held with students in an online course.

Our teachers interacted with the students and the parents to clarify their doubts if any and gave timely call to parents or remained in their touch to keep the children engaged in learning in this break.

With the mutual cooperation and consistent efforts of both mentors and parents we have tried to uphold the school standards.



## Disseminating the knowledge

We Goenkans always keep on our toes if it comes to spread awareness on multiple issues that harm the environment and cause life forms to suffer unnecessary pain.

We always actively participate & create events that garner empathy, spread awareness and further promote action in the direction that help improve and maintain the environment rather than simply taking advantage of it.



# Observance of the Festival of Baisakhi

**“Time to celebrate the golden fields and rich harvest”.**

**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 backgrounds.**

**April 13, 2020 was observed as Baisakhi which is the spring harvest festival. It is the most prominent festival among the Sikh community. It was celebrated as a virtual manner by Goenkans this year. A special speech by Mr Yadwinder Singh**

**(Swimming instructor) was showcased to throw light on the significance of this festival. He also inculcated the historic memorial of Jallianwala Bagh incident.**

**Baisakhi celebration is incomplete without traditional outfits. Tiny-tots of kindergarten were brightly dressed up in Punjabi outfits. Parents shared their photos and videos of their kids. The Goenkans will surely remember for its unique way of celebration.**



# World Health Day Celebration

'World Health Day' is the Global Health Awareness day celebrated every year on 7 April. This year with the focus on the vital role played by nurses, doctors and midwives in providing healthcare around the world, and a call to strengthen the health force. We thanked Dr. Prabash Kulhari and Dr. Suman Kulhari for giving us encouraging words and guidance to have a Healthy Lifestyle. Children of G.D. Goenka celebrated the 'World Health Day' and showcased their creativity by making posters for this great day

On 'World Health Day' Sh. Chanderpal Yogi addressed and motivated students through his online video of Yoga Asanas. He explained how the art of Yoga helps in controlling an individual's mind, body and soul. He also put light on how Yoga is helpful in managing stress and anxiety and how it keeps human body relaxing.



# Ambedkar Jayanti

'Knowledge is the foundation of a man's life' said Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

Popularly known as Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar was a man of social substance who became India's first ever independent law minister and principal architect of the Indian Constitution. To pay tribute to his contributions made, GDGPS celebrated Ambedkar Jayanti on 14th April, 2020. A special speech was showcased by faculty members to commemorate his teachings and works.



## World Book Day

It is rightly said that books are our best friends. World Book Day is a celebration to promote the enjoyment of books and reading. Every year, on 23 April, celebrations take place all over the world to recognize the scope of books - a link between the past and the future, a bridge between generations and across cultures. This year Ms. Divya (Faculty, G.D. Goenka public school ) addressed students through her video in which she emphasized on the value of reading books.



# Commemorating the Earth Day through Tree Plantation

*'Find your place on the planet. Dig in and take responsibility from there'*

“On International Day of Mother Earth, we all express gratitude to our planet for the abundance of care & compassion. Let us pledge to work towards a cleaner, healthier & more prosperous planet. To honour the benevolent Mother Earth Day which is celebrated on April 22, the students of G.D. Goenka, Sirsa created awareness and spread the message of saving our planet. An activity was given to Nursery and Kindergarten in which students brought different types of saplings and planted at their homes.

The students of Grade 1 to Grade 3 captured videos in which they named a particular plant and spoke different lines on it. Students shared their pictures and videos.



## World day for safety and health.

### *#new ways of safety i.e. Namaste*

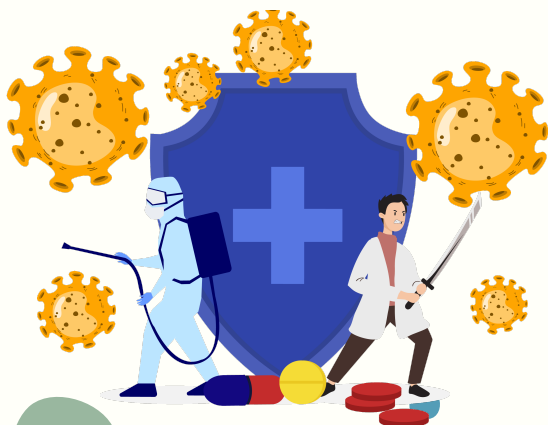
A day which holds a special importance in the list of important days is "World day for safety and health at work". Since 2003, the world day for safety is observed on 28th April. It was started by International Labor Organization (ILO) in order to advance the safety and health measures amongst employees.

During the present situation of COVID-19, a simple step towards safety and health is Indian way of greeting i.e. Namaste for the whole world. Little Goenkans showcased a dance to make people aware of safety measures required during this pandemic.



## World Environment day

Every year World Environment Day is celebrated on 5th June worldwide. This year Goenkans celebrated this day through the medium of social media. From Grade 1 Master Jaskaran and from Grade 4 Ms. Dolma expressed their thoughts and views about environment protection through visual presentation on facebook page of school.



# Pleasantries for Motherhood

*"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."* –  
Cardinal Mermillod

There is no heroism like motherhood. Mothers are like superheroes-working every day and night and taking care of her family unconditionally. There has never been, nor will there ever be, anything quite so special as the love between the mother and her children. Paying ode to this divine connection between a mother and her child and thank every mother for her contribution to our success, G.D. Goenka, Sirsa celebrates motherhood, a special virtual assembly was showcased by the senior students. It was a pleasure watching the excited and enthusiastic mother with their dynamic and energetic children preparing something unique, something special like dancing with Mom, singing, reciting poems, reflection in their art files, cooking with mother. Last but not the least it is no secret that Physical Education plays an important role in a child's development. Children practiced lots of exercises which help muscle coordination and develop their general fitness. For grade Nursery and Kindergarten – it was selfie with mother in which mothers shared their selfie with kids. For grade 1 to grade 3, kids sent their videos under head 'Mom & me' as a mother's day activity.



## Yellow Day Celebration for Grade Nursery

Yellow, the colour of sunshine is hope and happiness, stands for freshness, positivity intellect and joy. Grade Nursery of our school celebrated Yellow Day. The motive of celebrating this day was to make the kids aware of the colour yellow, its significance and to develop the fine motor skills in the students. The children enjoyed the yellow day by wearing yellow clothes, performing activities with yellow objects and made the learning event active and sporty.



## Celebration of Mango day for Kindergarten

Mango is the king of all the fruits. This year Mango Day was celebrated virtually by the Goenkans with great enthusiasm. Students of pre-primary enjoyed eating mangoes and relished their sweetness. Life cycle of this fruit and its importance was highlighted among the small kids through the online presentation. The students shared their photographs and videos wearing yellow and green dress while enjoying any of the mango dish like Mango juice, Mango shake, Mango ice-cream etc. They also shared the photographs of the Mango salad served in an artistic way.



# Virtual Morning Assembly

*It has rightly been said that "All of us do not have equal talent but we all have equal opportunity to develop our talent"*

During the CORONA Virus Pandemic we all are restricted to our homes and finding ways to indulge ourselves in numerous ventures. GDGPS has recently started the concept of Virtual morning assembly which is regularly showcasing on School's facebook page in order to give school going feel to the students. A high standard school assembly is one of the most important aspects of a school's curriculum. Students look forward to these assemblies as they get an opportunity to showcase their talent in front of their teachers and peers.

They select meaningful themes on which their assemblies are based and convey the message using various mediums such as prayer, song, dance. Theme based assemblies were conducted in the month of April & May.

The students of grade 1 to grade 10 showcased their assemblies by choosing different themes like Importance of Time, Lockdown-The isolation, Never give up, Healthy food habits.... and many more. All the students participated with full enthusiasm. It was a new experience for all the Goenkans.

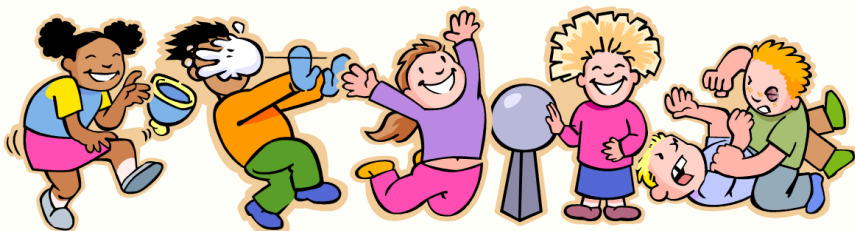
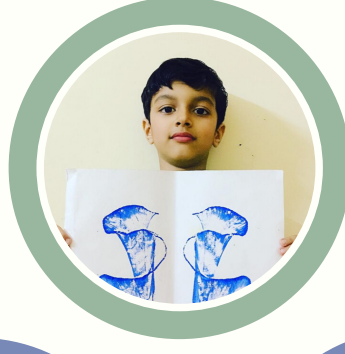


# Chill O Thrill Activities

Co-curricular activities are part and parcel of students' life to explore strengths and talents outside of academics. They are helping students in order to develop stronger time-management, to bring social skills, moral values, intellectual skills, personality progress, organizational skills and character appeal in students. In short they are required for the all round development of the student. Quarantine is especially difficult for children and accustomed to a level of daily physical activity. Keeping the above in view, We Goenka Team keep organising the activities for our kids to ameliorate their skills even when they are confined to their homes due to this covid situation. No one can stop Goenkans to spread their wings even this pandemic too.

We at G.D. Goenka Sirsa, have organised a plethora of activities which give a new dimension to their personalities by developing important life skills.

The activity teachers of GDGPS like dance, music, yoga, sports, art and crafts provided students with professional training videos to watch from home. Teachers also demonstrated how various exercises were done and explained how to perform them. During the online classes, the students follow the instructions in the videos, film themselves doing the exercises and sent the videos to the teachers for review.





## **Empowering Teachers with various teaching & training pedagogies**

Teaching and learning is a process that includes many variables. These variables interact as learners work toward their goals and incorporate new knowledge, behavior and skills that add to their range of learning experiences, develop better or newer proficiency, which in return assists in improving student's learning. In lieu to this,



The Induction Programme was scheduled from 20th May 2020 to 25th May 2020 for the new teachers to get oriented to the Goenka thinking, philosophy and ethos.



Five days online training was there for teachers from 4th May 2020 to 9th May 2020 on 'Classroom Management' by Oscar institute Sirsa.



# Spirit of Competition

*We know it when we feel it : School spirit warms a school, makes everyone smile and brings people together. It makes everyone feel that they are part of something greater than themselves.*

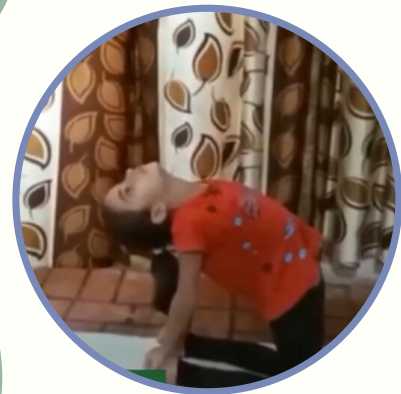
A spirit of competition teaches children the importance of taking a healthy risk instead of only doing activities that they are comfortable with. It teaches kids to step out of their comfort zone and they often being averse of new risky activities can keep them from enjoying activities that they may grow to love. Various competitions were organized for students in the month of April and May. The main highlights are:

Competition	Grade	Winners
Self introduction	Kindergarten	Navkirat, Bhuvika
		Riddhi, Sukhman
Show and Tell	1st	Abhigyan, Saisha
		Jeenal, Delisha
Fancy Dress	2nd and 3rd	Anayta, Pranaya
		Tanzil, Hunar
		Khushi, Vihaan
		Shivansh, Kartavya, Kashvi
English Poem Recitation	4th and 5th	Aanya, Jiya Gupta, Manan Goyal
		Assesdeep Kaur, Kamakshi Mehta
		Tzaina Bajaj, Rheet Singh
		Nehal Arora, Sanobar Singh Soni
English Declamation	6th, 7th and 8th	Raghav Jaiman, Shrey
		Riddhi Arora, Vaibhav
		Rishika, Nisha
		Priyanshi



# International Yoga Day Celebration

The International Day of Yoga has been celebrated annually on 21 June since 2015. During this Corona virus pandemic, the World Health Organization mentions yoga as a means to deal with the stress of uncertainty and isolation, as well as to keep ourselves physically active. This year the school had showcased a special video on Facebook based on Yoga Asanas by students and faculty members to make people more aware of importance of yoga in day to day life. Even during lockdown period, virtual yoga class was there by yoga teacher Ms. Santosh on weekly basis. She taught students about various Asanas and motivated them how to stay healthy during this pandemic. The students shared their videos of yoga practice on regular basis.



# Parents prime reviews

*I am very thankful for the online classes provided by you. Because of your efforts, children are paying attention and giving time to their studies. These classes are a great way of utilizing their free time and finishing off their syllabus as well.*

**Mr Maan Singh. (Father of Tejas (Grade – Nursery))**



*Teachers of G.D Goenka are resorting to online teaching through various social media channels. My son is learning much more. He is learning in easy and fun manner. I am fully satisfied with the new way of teaching.*

**Mrs. Manpreet Kaur (Mother of Navkirat kaur (Grade - KG))**

## Learning: the best bet during lockdown



**MANYA SIGHANCHI**  
NAYONIKA'S MOTHER

Who would have thought that schooling will take place over screens rather than in classrooms? At an initial stage when one don't even know that how parents and students will respond to this learning but still whole Goenkan staff and Teachers left no stones unturned to share knowledge and to continue with the curriculum, must say that it's all school team hard work that collectively designed the virtual class and completely prove that "Meaningful writing can happen in any kind of class .....but you have to design the class to make that happen".

### VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

One of the best activity by School as it has given a school going feeling to students. It's really Great to see the whole class together after so long.



### EXTRA-ACTIVITIES

School also provides online platform for art and activity, music, yoga, singing etc.



### ADVANTAGES

1. Online class easily accessible
2. Convenient to fit into the day
3. Available 24\*7
4. Flexible
5. More individual attention
6. Improves technological intelligence

### CAN PROUDLY SAY

Goenkan staff have really prove that Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. This is the best and the most productive thing that can be done in this situation.



### Goenkan Team – Corona Warriors

I can proudly say that goenkan team and staff are corona warriors as they are spreading awareness among students and helping them to stay home by their online learning and activities. Teachers are ready to help their students at any time of the day.



### THANK YOU

Thankyou to all Goenkan staff and teachers who is working really hard to teach the students. School is managing this in very planned and impressive way that is really appreciable.

## SHARIN SETHI RECOMMENDS

## G.D. GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL, SIRSA

Appreciation and congratulations are the two words that are accomplished by this great institute on reaching to the top school of Sirsa.

I thank teachers, management for being so cooperative and the backbone of the school, Dr. Poonam Monga Ma'am for always inspiring and supporting the students, teachers and parents.

During this pandemic, the teachers are putting extra effort to engage students in online classes by revamping time tables, sending worksheet and discussing online, taking regular feedback from parents and monitoring students constantly.

Thank you so much G.D. Goenka for bringing out the best in my son. I will always treasure and cherish his stay at the school.

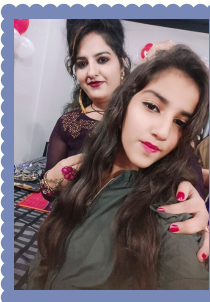
In any way G.D. Goenka is a five



# Parents prime reviews

*We sincerely thank you and acknowledge with a deep sense of appreciation for your concern and dedication in providing a quality education and atmosphere for children in G.D. Goenka, Sirsa. You touch the future through the hearts of children. With sincere appreciation!*

*Anu (Mother of Bhavika and Khushi)*



*I am Rimple phutela , mother of Urvashi (grade VII B). I really want to say that my child enjoys every day in the school. I am very happy for her. She is well looked after in school and learns a lot of things progressing every day. Teachers are very good & helpful . I am pleased with my child's progress. And in this moratorium period, guidance they provide is very useful for my child's progress. Thanks for being such a good guide for my daughter. I would recommend this school to everyone for their children's bright future.*

*"Remember that schools are not closed, school buildings are closed. The teachers and staff are working harder than ever "*

*This quote is very well applicable for the teachers and staff of G. D. Goenka School.*

*Hey I am Pooja Luthra, mother of Tanmay Luthra. He has been studying in this school for last four years.*

*I appreciate the teachers and staff of the G. D. Goenka School for conducting online classes. In this tough time goenkan team has taken a great step to providing education digitally. As a parent I am completely satisfied with curriculum which they have prepared in such a wonderful manner for the students staying at home.*

*I personally like very much the concept of virtual assembly. My son also got the chance to take the part of this virtual assembly. It enhances the creativity and confidence level of students. These digital classes are helping my son very much.*

*I am very happy that my ward has got admitted in such a reputed School.*

*At the same time I would like to thanx Management, Principal and all the highly qualified teachers of G. D. Goenka School for providing the highest level of education and healthy environment to stimulate and facilitate learning and providing comfort for each and every child.*

*Everything is possible, if we work together.*

*Thank you...*



*I would like to really appreciate the efforts made by team Goenka during this pandemic. Being a teacher myself I understand the efforts ... a special thanks for sharing the valuable thoughts of ma'am Bharati Sharma, Senior Director Academics G.D. Goenka group on the present scenario. I also appreciate the school for beginning the virtual classes which not only engrossed them but also gave them opportunity to showcase their talent through fancy dress competition, virtual assembly and Mother's Day. And even the revision test to assess their performance. All the best team Goenka.*

*With Regards:*

*Swati Jasuja*

*(Kartavya III-A)*