

PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT

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It is with immense pride and heartfelt gratitude that I present this Annual Report for the Academic Year 2025–26. This year has been nothing short of extraordinary — a year in which our students did not merely learn lessons but lived them with conviction, courage, and remarkable resolve. From the debating forums of Model United Nations conferences to the tracks of championship athletics meets, from the cricket pitches of Surat to the swimming pools of Bengaluru, Goenkans carried the school's values of Excellence, Integrity, and Innovation to every corner of the nation and beyond. This report is a faithful chronicle of that journey — every medal earned, every stage graced, every discovery made beyond the classroom walls. As you read these pages, you shall come across not merely a record of achievements, but the spirit of determined, joyful, and compassionate young students who are steadily growing into tomorrow's leaders.

Academic rigour has always been the foundation upon which GD Goenka Public School, Jammu, has built its reputation, and the results of the CBSE Board Examinations 2024–25 were a resounding affirmation of that foundation. Honoured at a grand Felicitation Ceremony on 31st May 2025, our achievers distinguished themselves across all streams. In Grade X, Arsalan Ahmed Khan emerged as the School Topper with an exceptional score of 99%, followed closely by Mallikarjun (98.6%), Kushagre Khajuria (98.4%), and a cohort of twenty-eight students who surpassed the 95% threshold — a collective triumph of disciplined effort and academic culture. In Grade XII, Armayani Gupta led the Humanities stream with 97.4%, Arnav Jandial the Medical stream with 97.6%, Manya Jain the Commerce stream with 95.8%, and Vridhi the Non-Medical stream with 96.4%. These results reflect the enduring synergy between motivated students and dedicated faculty who go beyond the curriculum to inspire genuine intellectual growth.

Language excellence found expression through the school's sustained partnership with Trinity College London. For the third consecutive year, students from Levels 1 through 6 of the Graded Examinations in Spoken English achieved certifications in Distinctions and Merits — a record that speaks not merely to proficiency in English, but to the confidence and communicative competence that the programme is designed to cultivate. The Felicitation Ceremony held on 9th April 2025 was a celebration of this commitment to holistic language development, one that has come to define the school's academic identity.

The Academic Year 2025–26 has equally been one of the most decorated sporting years in the school's history. The most iconic achievement came from Rajveer Singh of Grade X, who represented Jammu and Kashmir in the Vijay Merchant Trophy (Under-16), organised by the BCCI in Surat, Gujarat.

Rajveer's contribution was extraordinary — 19 wickets and 130 runs across five matches — playing a pivotal role in what will be remembered as a landmark moment: Jammu and Kashmir's first-ever victory in the Vijay Merchant Trophy at the national level. He and his teammates have inscribed their names permanently into the record books of regional cricketing history. Equally inspiring was the performance of Aadya Sharma of Grade VIII, who represented the Union Territory in the National School Games Football (Girls Under-14) in both Kolhapur and Narayanpur, and secured the winner's position at the Inter-District Tournament in Kathua. Aradhaya Jain of Grade VIII added to this footballing glory by winning the Jammu Division Tournament at Khel Gaon, Nagrota, while Raj Harshvardhan Singh of Grade XI represented J&K in the 69th National School Football Championship (Boys Under-17) at Panipat in January 2026.

In badminton, Achyut Gupta of Grade IX claimed the Gold Medal in the Under-17 Singles category at the UT 52 Badminton Championship in Srinagar — a performance marked by tactical precision and composure under pressure. Hiya Dogra of Grade IX delivered one of the most impressive individual performances of the year at the 14th J&K UT Shooting Championship, earning a Bronze Medal in the Junior Women category and a Silver Medal in the Sub-Youth Women category, and earning selection to represent J&K at the 34th All India G.V. Mavlankar Shooting Championship in Bhopal. In aquatics, Daayvik Gupta of Grade VII competed at the 41st Sub-Junior and 51st Junior National Aquatic Championship in Bengaluru, while Mustansar Latifi of Grade XII represented the Union Territory at the SGFI National Swimming Tournament at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi. Divshah Manhas of Grade V produced a remarkable season across roller skating and athletics, earning medals at the SGFI State Championship, the RSFI District Championship, and the Inter-School Sahodaya Athletic Competition. Angad Gaiind of Grade XII opened the sporting year with a Silver Medal at the J&K UT Powerlifting Championship, and Maanvi Gupta of Grade VII earned the Bronze Medal at the J&K Amateur Soft Tennis Championship in Srinagar. Raghav Dogra, Krishna, and Ahwaan Samson further enriched the school's sporting narrative with their achievements in judo, athletics, and basketball respectively.

Beyond the sports field, students demonstrated exceptional intellectual leadership throughout the year. The 5th edition of GD MUN 2025, hosted from 1st to 3rd May 2025 at 4A Resort under the theme 'Truth Requires Inquisition', brought together over 300 delegates from schools across Jammu across seven dynamic committees. It was a powerful platform for students to engage with issues of global significance — from climate governance to constitutional law — and to develop the skills of debate, diplomacy, and critical thinking. At the individual level, Advay Sharma of Grade XI earned the Best Delegate Award at Erudite MUN, a High Commendation at JYC MUN, and served as Co-Chairperson at KCIYC. At the Jodhamal Youth Conclave MUN, Sabhya Kaul was awarded the Best Delegate honour and Advay Sharma received the Outstanding Delegate Award. These achievements reflect a school culture that values the art of informed, persuasive, and principled expression.

The intellectual energy of the year extended to Commerce Fest 2025, hosted on 2nd August 2025, where eleven schools competed across six events — trade diplomacy, accountancy challenges, brand building, corporate fraud investigation, street theatre, and budget simulation. The KC International School IT Fest saw Goenkan students earn podium finishes in a quiz, a gaming competition, and the SMAQQ challenge. Sabhya Koul of Grade VII brought artistic distinction to the school by securing the Second Prize at the Inter-School Singing Competition organised by the Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu. These co-curricular victories, taken together, paint the portrait of a school community where excellence is not confined to a single arena but is pursued with equal earnestness in every field of endeavour.

The school's commitment to experiential learning found expression in a series of thoughtfully planned field visits. Grade XII Humanities students explored the medieval legacy of Akhnoor Fort and the Buddhist heritage of the Ambaran Museum in April 2025. Grade VI students visited Amar Mahal in November 2025, encountering the Dogra rulers' history through paintings, antique furniture, and artefacts that no textbook could fully replicate. Grades VII and VIII returned to Akhnoor Fort later that month, engaging with the fort's ingeniously designed ventilation system and layered past as curious explorers rather than passive observers. The school's Annual Sports Days — held in November 2025 for the Pre-Primary, Primary, Middle, and Senior Wings — celebrated physical fitness, fair play, and the joy of competition across all age groups. The Pre-Primary Graduation cum Annual Day, held on 14th March 2026 under the theme 'It is Okay Not to Be Okay — Celebrating Childhood in its Imperfections', was a poignant reminder that education is not about producing perfect outcomes but about nurturing confident, resilient, and compassionate human beings.

As we conclude the Academic Year 2025–26, we do so with a deep sense of gratitude and quiet pride. Our students have stood on national podiums, led international debates, traversed ancient forts and royal palaces, performed on stage with grace and confidence, and achieved academic milestones their families will carry with them for a lifetime. In every classroom, on every field, and at every stage, they have borne the name of GD Goenka Public School, Jammu, with dignity and determination. I extend my sincere appreciation to our parents for their unwavering trust, to our teachers for their tireless dedication, and above all, to our students — who remind us, every single day, why this work matters. We turn the page into the next academic year carrying the lessons, the laughter, the medals, and the memories of 2025–26, guided by the conviction that has always defined this institution: that the best is always yet to come.

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