

School Annual Report

It is with great pride and immense pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report for this academic year 2024 - 2025. As we reflect on the progress we have made and the challenges we have overcome, we celebrate the collective efforts of our Management, our students, teachers, parents, and the entire school community in shaping a year of growth and achievement.

Let us begin with our commendable performances in the CBSE Board Examinations. We had our tenth and twelfth batch of students who appeared for Class XII and Class X CBSE Board Examination in March 2024, respectively. I am glad to inform this august gathering that the Academic Year 2023 - 24, our students have once again demonstrated exceptional academic achievements in the CBSE board exams and as always, we achieved 100% result. In Class X, **Chiragvir Sigh Tandon** scored an aggregate of 99%. Around 93 students scored 90% and above. In Class XII **Minerva Digra** of Humanities scored 97%, **Amulya Mahajan** of Commerce scored 95.2%, **Nivriti Sharma** from Bio Science (Medical) scored 93.8% whereas **Ridhima Sharma** of Math Science (Non-Medical) scored 90.2%. Around 21 students have scored 90% and above in aggregate. On behalf of our Management, I would like to congratulate all the students, their parents, and the teachers whose toil and determination have paid off.

We at G D Goenka Public School, Jammu have been proactive in embracing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, ensuring that our educational practices align with its vision of holistic, inclusive, and learner-centered education. Adhering to the new structure of 5+3+3+4 of school education, we have incorporated Montessori method of learning in the Foundational Stage since last academic year. At this stage we are not only focusing on the physical, motor and cognitive development of a child but also on their Socio – emotional, ethical as well as cultural development. Our young learners took the spotlight as they independently explored a range of Montessori activities! From practical life exercises to sensory-based activities, our students showcased independence, creativity, and an enthusiastic love for learning. Parents proudly observed their children grow through hands-on experiences and self-discovery—key principles of the Montessori approach. These activities highlighted the beauty of allowing children to learn at their own pace in a nurturing environment that supports both their minds and hearts.

One of the innovative ideas that NEP 2020 proposes, is the Bagless Day at the Foundational Stage where students get the opportunity to learn Beyond Books. We brought this innovative idea into practice where our Class I and II students were thrilled when they had a fun-filled Bagless day. The day commenced with an educational assembly that included lively dance performances and catchy songs. This was followed by a visit to the silk factory which was quite enriching. The day continued with a movie screening with students savouring delicious popcorn, followed by some creative vegetable printing activities. To top it all, the children were mesmerised by an amazing puppet show that sparked their imagination. It was a day full of laughter, learning and new experiences; proving that learning can be exciting and enjoyable beyond the classroom.

Animals constitute an intrinsic part of human existence. The responsibility of their protection and conservation lies on our shoulders. With this noble thought in mind, the quintessential event of Fauna Fiesta was celebrated by our students of Class 3 on the 27th of April 2024. Stepping into the colourful world of our third-grade students, one could embark on a captivating journey through the extraordinary animal kingdom! With boundless enthusiasm and a thirst for learning, our young explorers had transformed their classrooms into bustling hubs of wildlife wonder.

On the 10th of August 2024, students of Class 4 welcomed us to an enlightening and thought-provoking Environmental Science Exhibition based on the theme: 'Decoding Disasters'. It focused on seven different disasters, creatively inviting everyone to look beyond the chaos, to the stars of knowledge illuminating the path from disaster to discovery. Where calamity meets creativity, where the forces of nature are both revered and tamed, all through the eyes of our inquisitive Goenkans, we were taken on a grand journey—one where earthquakes rumble, floods rise, and fires dance with a fury that both fascinates and frightens.

In the month of August 2024, our Middle Wing consisting of Classes 6 to 8 celebrated Social Science Week with great enthusiasm and creativity. The event provided an excellent platform for students to showcase their talents, knowledge, and deep understanding of our country's rich history and cultural heritage. Students conducted an engaging and informative radio show dedicated to our Independence Day. Through this innovative format, they delved into the nation's rich history, paid a tribute to renowned freedom fighters, and highlighted

significant events that were instrumental in paving the way for India's independence. Students also created a series of compelling video presentations on gallantry award winners.

We celebrated the science and mathematics exploration week in the month of October 2024. The Middle as well as Senior wing students showcased their ingenuity and scientific prowess. Students participated in poster making and visual presentations. The celebration ended with many awe-inspiring model presentations. The young minds explored a multitude of topics, from the intricacies of a hydraulic lift to harnessing renewable energy with windmills, solar panels and many more.

We had the honour to host some Inter School events this academic year.

The beginning of the Academic Year saw us hosting our mega event of the Model United Nations - GDMUN. This three-day event was hosted from 2 May, 2024 to 4 May, 2024. More than 300 delegates from different schools of Jammu participated. The opening ceremony was held at the 4A resort where we had the honour to have Dr. Piyush Singla, IAS, Administrative Secretary, Department of School Education, Government of Jammu & Kashmir as our chief guest.

The closing ceremony was a momentous occasion for us. The Chief Guest for the closing ceremony was Ms. Anmol Rathor, IAS. She is the alumna of our school. It gives me a sense of delight to announce that Anmol secured 7th position in the All India Ranking of UPSC Examinations, commissioning her to be an IAS officer.

On **5th October 2024**, G.D. Goenka Public School, Jammu, hosted the **Goenkan Commerce Fest**, a vibrant Inter-School event showcasing talent of budding business enthusiasts in fields like accountancy, finance, marketing and entrepreneurship. Prestigious schools from across Jammu participated to compete in a series of exciting and intellectually stimulating events. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Atul Hans, a renowned educator, author, and Director Academics cum Principal, at International Daily Rising School, Jammu. Commerce Fest was not only a celebration of competition but also an opportunity for students to exchange ideas, collaborate, and build lasting memories of learning and camaraderie.

On **19th October 2024**, we hosted the much-anticipated Goenkan Lit Fest 2024, an Inter-School Literary Competition that celebrated the art of articulation,

intellectual engagement, and artistic expression. This year we organised a plethora of literary competitions in English as well as Hindi. Students from various prestigious schools across Jammu gathered to participate, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and collaboration. During the fest we could see students demonstrating their creativity, academic knowledge, and teamwork skills and overall their love for Literature. G D Goenka along with APS B D Bari emerged as the overall champions of the event.

GD Goenka Public School, Jammu, became a lively celebration ground on **27th October 2024, Sunday**, as the Goenkan Family gathered for the much-awaited Diwali Mela. The school buzzed with excitement and festive energy, hosting an action-packed day that embraced cultural richness, joyful activities, and the spirit of unity. The mela was not only to celebrate the festival of light but also had a meaningful purpose. The proceeds of the mela shall be donated to the less fortunate of our community.

Inter House games and sports competitions in several disciplines were conducted throughout the year. The culmination of these competitions was our Annual Sports Day that was held on 9th and 10th October 2024.

Our students enthusiastically participate in all the MUNs conducted by different schools of the town and bring laurels to our school. Our school delegates have not only won the best delegation but also many High Commendations.

To share one of our achievements: our school emerged as the Best School Delegation at the prestigious Erudite MUN 2024, held from 9th to 10th November at Jammu Sanskriti School, organized by the Erudite Community. Atharv Sharma earned the Best Delegate Award, while Sanidhya Sharma and Chinmay Pandita received High Commendations. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Samyak Jain, Trijal Talwar, and Aarushi in their respective committees.

Our students achieved a remarkable feat by emerging as the champion of the Inter-School Debate Competition, organised by Model Academy, Jammu, under the aegis of Jammu Sahodya School Complex. Atharva Sharma, our student of Grade IX A, was declared the Best Speaker, impressing the judges with his exceptional oratory skills, confidence, and mastery over the topic.

In different disciplines of Games and Sports, our students have proved their mettle not only at the Zonal and District Level but also at the National Level. Our students have also showcased their talent in different cultural events and competitions and brought laurels to the school. You shall be meeting them in person in our felicitation programme.

As you are aware of the fact that G D Goenka group of Institutions have more than 150 pre schools and K 12 schools. The groups conducts a two days' extensive academic audit for all its associate schools. Based on the result of their audit, the top schools are awarded in different categories in the name of Gayatri Devi Goenka Excellence Awards in School Education. I am happy to inform the august gathering that we received the Excellence Award for exemplary performance in Scholastic and Co Scholastic practices.

In conclusion, this year has been one of remarkable achievement and growth. As a school, we remain committed to providing a nurturing environment that fosters curiosity, creativity, and character. We are excited for the year ahead as we continue to embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, guided by our vision of nurturing well-rounded individuals who are prepared to contribute meaningfully to society.

Before I sign off, I would like to express my gratitude to our chief guest for the evening **Sri. Yasin M Choudhary, IAS, for gracing the occasion with his benign presence.**

My heartfelt indebtedness to our visionary Chairman, **Sri. Rahul Bansal** for his incessant support and guidance.

I also acknowledge the creative inputs and untiring efforts of our dynamic Director **Smt. Sanya Bansal.**

Our gratitude to **Smt. Suman Bansal** for her unconditional love and blessings to the organisation and to our indebtedness to our special guest for the evening **Smt. Shweta Garg.**

I wish to place on record, our deep sense of appreciation to our dear parents for their unwavering support at all times. You have always been our strength and our source of sustenance.

Thank You JAI HIND!