

# Kashmiri Goenkans گۆئنگنز

November December-The month of Blessings

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*"It is He who blesses you, and so do His angels, that He may bring you out from darkness into light, and He is most merciful to the faithful."* [Sūrat al-Ahzāb, No.33, Āyat 43]



**"No other investment has so much worth as our investment in children."**

Mr Imtiyaz Kawoosa  
Vice Chairman,  
GDGPS



**"Srinagar Goenkans must be advocates of peace:  
Peace at heart!  
Peace at home!  
Peace in our society!  
So that peace prevails in humanity"**

Mrs Massara Kawoosa  
Managing Director  
GDGPS

## Our Vision & Mission

**Vision:** We strive to provide **Creative, Confident and Compassionate** contributors to the global community.

**Mission:** We are committed to empower our students to pursue critical thinking, a lifelong love of learning and the development of virtues such as HONESTY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, TRUST, GENEROSITY & COLLABORATION. We emphasize outcome based teaching and learning ( KNOWLEDGE), rigorous, innovative, culturally responsive, standard-based instruction (SKILLS)that prepares students with confidence to address a changing global world (ATTITUDE).

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The Kashmiri Goenkans - our Goenkan newsletter started as a small project and Alhumdullilah has reached good heights today. We feel delighted to say our school Management and principal Sir trusted and supported us with this endeavour.

Although it looks easy, it is a huge responsibility in itself.

The journey of Kashmiri Goenkans from the start to date has been a tremendous learning experience.

Alhamdulillah, with each new monthly issue we have grown stronger, become brighter and risen higher in terms of our learning experience.

The monthly newsletter serves as an accomplishment showcasing and acknowledging the achievements of Goenkan Students, and teachers with the support of different departments in different areas.

The emergence of a newsletter comes from a long process of compiling, composing and editing all essential victories to make it a high-calibre one.

This could not happen without the contributions of Ms Hina(Digital support) Mr Fayaz Sir (photography Department), Mr Dev (IT integration) to make it an up to date, vibrant and relevant publication.

For the Editorial Board,  
( Ms Shazia Mir &  
Ms Samrah Akram)



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## GD Goenka Nursery Shines Bright: Little Athletes Showcase Talent at Enchanting Sports Day Spectacle

Nursery Sports day was held on Wednesday 01.11.2023". The students enthusiastically participated in Bunny race, Lemon and spoon game, Tug of war to reach their target. The cheering and support from the teachers and students added to the excitement and energy to the event.



**"It's not whether you get knocked down, It's whether you get up".... ( Vince Lombardi)**

This event brought students and teachers together to celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship. It was a platform for students to showcase their physical fitness and compete with their peers. It not only promoted physical activity but also taught us the values of discipline, perseverance and hardwork.



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## GD Goenka LKG Stars Shine Bright on Sports Day: Tiny Tots Showcase Big Talents in Fun-Filled Event

Sports play an important part in character building. In recognition of the need to inculcate the sporting spirit in children, the school organized the Sports Day for LKG Department on 4th November 2023. The students enthusiastically participated in Pick, run and throw, Pick and put, Tug of war and Sac race.



**"Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them – a desire, a dream, a vision"**  
(Muhammad Ali)

The teachers and students cheered on as the students took to the track to compete with their peers.

The Sports Day helped children explore their hidden sports interests, to build confidence and to inculcate a desire to learn new skills by watching their peers. It was a fun filled day for one and all.





## PRINCIPAL 'S MESSAGE



**Mr Johnson P J  
(Principal)**

Bidding farewell not only marks the end of an era but also the beginning of a new one. Our students in grades X and XII are graduating to explore the world beyond today, after spending many years as a part of our family. The school has been instrumental in assisting naive children in developing into responsible, grown-up adults. Their purity, voices, giggles, and cries of joy will always resonate through the walls of the institution and a piece of them will always remain alive in our hearts and secure in our memories.

While saying goodbye to our students is difficult because they are leaving the school, it also brings us joy because they are eager to soar high onto the next chapter of their lives. Your Alma matter will eventually prompt you to revisit old memories. Your ability to integrate the values you cherish will determine how well you recall each moment. Remember that you will always be in our thoughts and prayers, no matter where you go or what you accomplish.

I wish you all the very best in life.



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## GD GOENKA Public School Srinagar, Proudly Hosts TECHVAMINDS - Showcasing the Brilliance of School Scientists in Kashmir 2023

Amongst the most reputed and leading schools of the valley, GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar was selected as a venue for the TECHVAMINDS- School Scientists of Kashmir 2023- Kashmir Higher Secondary School STEM project competition by the Managing Director of Excellent Events -Dr. Khurshid Ahmed as the event was organised by them in collaboration with the University of Kashmir & NIT , Srinagar. The event showcased around 20 innovative projects from different schools of Central Kashmir - Ganderbal, Srinagar & Budgam.



**"Innovation is progress in the face of tradition."**



The session was inaugurated by Prof. Manzoor from Bioscience Research Dept. , University of Kashmir, who gave a brief insight about innovation, its need in the present hour. It was followed by Prof M.A Shah from NIT, Srinagar who discussed the life of Alfred Nobel and his contribution of the Nobel Prize towards the inventions & discoveries. After that the jury took a round of all the submitted projects wherein the participants presented their projects to their best. The members of the jury included the eminent faculty from University of Kashmir and NIT Srinagar.



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GD Goenka Public School also had two projects, one of Carbon monoxide detector presented by Zurain Nazir and Shaheer and the second of the Automated Dustbin by Syed Hyder and Quasain. 6 projects were selected from the Central zone, out of the 20 projects for the next round to be held on 23rd Nov 2023 at NIT, Srinagar. Amongst the 6 projects, the carbon monoxide detector submitted by Zurain and Shaheer also got selected. The jury as well as the host expressed their gratitude towards the GD Goenka Public School Management as well as the Principal Sir for allowing the school to be the venue of the event.





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## GD Goenka School Honors Poetic Legacy: Iqbal Day Celebration Inspires Students to Embrace Vision and Wisdom

Iqbal Day is celebrated to honor the renowned poet and philosopher Allama Iqbal to commemorate his contributions and philosophy. The assembly conducted by junior grades on Iqbal Day was a wonderful display of creativity and patriotism. The students recited Iqbal's poetry, such as "Lab Pe Aati Hai Dua Ban Ke Tamanna Meri," and delivered short speeches highlighting the importance of Iqbal's message of self-awareness and empowerment.



The assembly was decorated with posters and banners featuring Iqbal's quotes and images. Students also presented skit depicting Iqbal's life and his vision. The entire event was a fitting tribute to Allama Iqbal and his philosophy of self-discovery and unity. Overall, the junior grades' assembly on Iqbal Day served as a reminder of the enduring legacy of Allama Iqbal. This event has not only instilled a sense of patriotism but also promoted the understanding of Iqbal's vision among our young learners.





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## GD Goenka Junior School Radiates Inspiration on Iqbal Day: Young Minds Celebrate the Visionary Poet's Legacy with Creativity and Enthusiasm

We are glad to apprise that Junior School Council of GDGOENKA SRINAGAR ( Grade 1 and 2 ) organized an event on "IQBAL DAY" ..9th November 2023 ( Thursday) to pay respect and homage to the Late poet " Dr. SIR MOHAMMAD IQBAL" and revive the beautiful poetry written by the famous poet. The main objective of this event was to make students aware and understand the contribution of Dr Sir Mohammad Iqbal to the society.

Allama Iqbal's poetry mainly focuses on the lessons of humanity.

He always presented his philosophy and theory in such a manner that he could see himself in every human being.

It is " THOUGHT" that takes man to the heights and unites him with the universe.

In this honour scholars of Grade 1 and 2 showcased various performances in honour of Iqbal Day.



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It included special prayers, speeches, poetry, quotes and quranic recitation/ verses as well.

Iqbal's notable messages for the young learners encourages and boosts them to aim high for the very best in life.

It encourages and directs the learners towards good, towards Islam, towards destiny and eventually towards excellence.

His phrases and quotes inspires the youth, the young minds and motivates them to stand as good human beings, sense of patriotism and become productive citizens ,and yes the impact is still there in his writings today



## GD Goenka School Hosts 'Colours of Life' Workshop by Renowned Artist Prof. Zargar Zahoor, Inspiring Art for Peace Initiatives

"Art is unquestionably one of the purest and the highest elements in human happiness. It trains the mind through the eye and eye through the mind. As the Sun colours flowers, so does the art colour life."

It has the role in education of helping children become themselves instead of more like anyone else. To inspire our budding artists, GD Goenka, Srinagar organised an Art workshop "Colours of Life" facilitated by an eminent artist, Prof. Zargar Zahoor (Former Dean Faculty of Fine Arts Jamia Milia University New Delhi) on 10-11-2023 at GDGPS Campus for its artist students, parents and teachers.



The event also witnessed a live demonstration by guest artists Dr. Gowhar Nabi Gora (Stone Art Calligrapher) and Dr. Sumaira (A sculptor). All the artists inspired the students, parents and teachers and made them realise that art is a transmission of feelings that an artist experiences. Among the parents were some eminent artists like Dr. Jehangir Aslam Makhdoomi who is an oncologist by profession but a great artist by passion.





## Creative Brilliance Unveiled: School's Arts Department Transforms Auditorium into Stunning Art Gallery, Showcasing Students' Masterpieces



Art has the power to transform, illuminate, educate, inspire and motivate. Artist students of GDGPS Srinagar captivated the audience at the Art Exhibition, "Posh Palettes," where they demonstrated their colourful expressions while embracing school's vision of producing creative, confident and compassionate contributors to the global community by raising the

funds through the voluntary sales of some art pieces for shelter homes.

Collaborating with their creative teachers from the Arts department, the students transformed the school auditorium on 11-11-2023 into an art gallery, showcasing amazing exhibits.



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The art exhibition, featured a range art works and paintings(landscapes, abstract, semi abstract, realistic) on canvas and paper, calligraphy, sketches, glass painting, fabric painting, mandala art and craft work from the skill centre besides works of some eminent artists like Dr. Jehangir Aslam Makhdoomi, Dr. Gowhar Nabi Gora and Dr. Sumaira( a sculptor).



The chief guest of the event, an artist par excellence, Prof. Zargar Zahoor - former Dean Faculty of fine arts, Jamila Milia University, New Delhi, applauded the children for their passion for art. Prof. Zargar Zahoor along with the school management and the principal Mr. Johnson P J felicitated the participants(students and parents) of the art workshop "Colours of Life" held a day before the exhibition during the valedictory ceremony of the two day Art event- "Art for Peace."





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## Artistic Achievements Honored: Felicitation Ceremony Adds a Touch of Elegance to 'Art for Peace' Event at GD Goenka School





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## Harmony Unleashed: GD Goenka Hosts Spectacular Rhyme Recitation Competition

Nursery and LKG final round of Rhyme recitation competition was held on 13.11.2023. The students participated in the competition passionately. Their voices may be small but their enthusiasm and passion was boundless. We witnessed the magic of innocence and creativity of the students. We carried those charming moments with us appreciating the magic that rhymes bring into our lives.



*"Rhyme patterns are nothing without meaning to the words"*



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## Eloquent Tribute: Senior Council Shines in Celebrating Iqbal Day with Poetic Splendor!

We are glad to apprise that Senior School Council of G D GOENKA SRINAGAR ( Grade 6-12 ) organized an event on "IQBAL DAY ".14th November 2023 to pay respect and homage to the Late poet " Dr. SIR MOHAMMAD IQBAL" and revive the beautiful poetry written by the famous poet.

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## Senior School at GD Goenka Sparkles with Joy: Grand Celebrations Mark Children's Day Festivities!



"Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow" To make them feel more special on the day, teachers put up programmes and entertaining performances for the children to make it a memorable one.



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## Tiny Triumphs: GD Goenka's Nursery and LKG Delight in Whimsical Celebrations for Children's Day!



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Nursery and LKG Children's Day celebration was held on 14.11.2023.

Students performed on the stage and everyone out there appreciated their innocence, creativity and potential. The innocence of their childhood lightened up our hearts.





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## Young Minds Illuminate GD Goenka: Grades 1 and 2 Spark Joy on Children's Day Celebration!

Children's Day in India serves as a reminder of the need to protect and nurture the innocence and potential of children. It highlights the importance of providing them with a safe and healthy childhood, encompassing education, nutrition and a secure environment.

To mark this beautiful day Grade 1 and Grade 2 Goenkans, on (14 November 2023.Tuesday) in their colourful dresses showcased various performances.



It included dancing, singing, Kashmiri Rouf, Skits and other Musical and cultural performances.

The main objective of this day was to make the children able to distinguish between rights, needs and wants thus enriching them with skills, abilities values and knowledge.

Children celebrated the day with great pomp and enthusiasm. This is really a special occasion in the lives of children. Children's Day is a day that marks the joys of childhood for a lifetime to cherish.



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## GD Goenka Takes a Stand on World Diabetes Day: Raising Awareness and Promoting Health in the School Community



Every November 14, World Diabetes Day is observed, which is an opportunity to raise awareness about the impact of diabetes on the health of people. In this regard, Grade 6 of G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar, organised a special assembly. The primary objective of this assembly was to educate students about the significance of diabetes prevention, symptoms, and healthy lifestyle choices. Our guest speaker, Dr Salil Jain, a renowned nephrologist from Fortis Hospital, Delhi delivered an insightful speech on the prevalence of diabetes, its causes, preventive measures, and the importance of early detection. Principal Sir's motivational words helped the students perform in their best way. Students presented a compelling skit illustrating common misconceptions about diabetes, emphasizing healthy eating habits and the importance of exercise in preventing the disease.



Poems and Songs written by students were recited, showcasing emotions and experiences related to living with diabetes or supporting loved ones dealing with the condition. Overall, the engagement of a guest doctor, along with student-led activities, ensured a multifaceted approach to raising awareness about diabetes, encouraging healthier habits among the younger generation.





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## A Triumph of Linguistic Brilliance: GD Goenka Hosts Special Assembly to Celebrate and Honor Outstanding Achievements in India Spell Bee 2023!

The 17th of November was a special assembly to mark and honour the achievements of our students in the India Spell Bee 2023.

Syed Kabeer Yasir of Grade 5 and Mohammad Mursaleen Itoo Grade 4 secured the J&K State level first positions in Group 03 and Group 02 respectively. Our 10 students secured positions. Thus GD Goenka, Srinagar turned out to be the State-level winner.



The External Examinations organised by the Coordinator Ms Shazia Mir received a special Appreciation certificate from the National Spell Bee Championship 2023. Our School also has been awarded an overall winner's trophy. To make the occasion more important Mr Muneer was

awarded a special Appreciation certificate from UN Volunteers Educators for his publication of an article on Khadi. All students who volunteered in the Goenkarnival also have been felicitated in the assembly. In the special address by Principal Mr. Johnson P J, he appreciated all students and teachers for their achievements and commendable services.



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### ART FOR PEACE – Children's Day Special

G D Goenka Public School, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, India

"Every child is entitled to a happy and healthy life."

No matter the occasion—National Children's Day on November 14, World Children's Day on November 20, or any other day, all children have the right to life and to be happy.

These days, however, serve as a potent reminder of our constant dedication to making sure that every kid, regardless of background or circumstance, has the chance to flourish and realize their full potential.

Children's day is a day to recognize children's accomplishments, stand up for their rights, and reiterate our shared obligation to build a better future for them. The misery of children living in conflict zones, the massacres, the starvation, and the uncertainty of life in this century have left us all very despondent. These conditions have left us helpless in generating a proper channel of help for children across the world.

Having a bitter experience of living in the conflict zone, we at GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar feel the equanimity with all the children who are deprived of their childhood in the worst situations and stand in prayers of peace for Eastern Europe and Western Asia.

Our voices chose to employ Art as a medium of connection because it is a potent tool for communication that transcends all boundaries to reach out to the public and spread the message of peace. With this aim, GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar organized an art workshop " Posh Pallets "

on 10th November and an Art Exhibition " Colours of Life" on 11th November on the theme " ART FOR PEACE ".

Prof. Zargar Zahoor, Rtd. Dean and Professor from Jamia Milia University, Delhi who has unchallengeable expertise in art was the resource, moderator, and chief guest of the event.

"Art is the glorification of the human spirit. "Peace starts from within the individual human self. Hence it is a choice. Peaceful coexistence is the love for humanity.

Children of Kashmir had tasted the bitter sides of their lives in this Conflict Zone. They resort to art for peace. Their anger, worry, sadness, compassion, and love for life were expressed through brushes and colors on canvas in these two days.

Participation was open to parents and teachers through a free registration process. Around one

hundred and fifty participants created and displayed their works. Humanity needs a happy childhood.

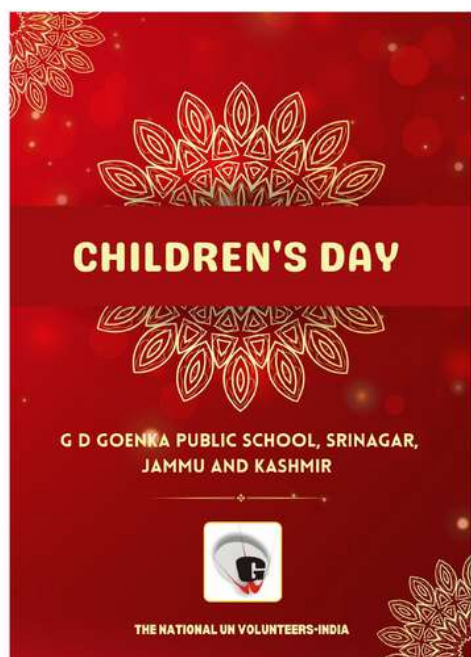
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## COFFEE TIME

"A cup of coffee shared with a friend is happiness tasted and time well spent"

Nursery, LKG and UKG. Coffee Time Programme was held from 21st November to 25th November this year for different sections with an objective to connect with each other (parents, teachers and students) and share experiences. Students' small presentations on the topics taught in the classes across the academic session were appreciated by all the parents. Parents also whole heartedly participated in gaming session and other discussions. It was a great experience together...



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## GD Goenka School Bids a Heartfelt Farewell: A Memorable Send-off for Graduating Students



In a splendid tradition, the school bid a heartfelt farewell to the departing cohort of 2023-24 on November 30, 2023. This single-day extravaganza was impeccably orchestrated by the spirited and sentimental Class XI, who served as flawless hosts for the Farewell Ceremony dedicated to Classes X and XII.



The luminous affair was graced by the presence of distinguished figures, including Mr. Imtiaz Kawoosa (Vice Chairman), Mrs. Massara Kawoosa (Director), and the esteemed Principal Mr. Johnson P.J. whose collective wisdom and leadership added an aura of significance to the event.



The proceedings unfolded with the soul-soothing recitation of Quranic verses by Tauha from Grade XI, setting a contemplative tone for the day. Senior Coordinator Ms. Asia Mushtaq then delivered a warm and welcoming address, extending sincere greetings to the outgoing classes.





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The air resonated with the melodious strains of the school song, passionately presented by the talented students of Grade XI, invoking a sense of inspiration that permeated every heart in attendance. Adding a symphony of joy to the proceedings, the angelic voices of Grade 11 students and teachers harmoniously serenaded the gathering with a medley of popular songs, eliciting cheers and applause from the seniors.

The grand finale of the event was marked by the recitation of Quranic verses, a poignant moment that encapsulated the solemnity of the occasion. Subsequently, a sumptuous lunch, meticulously organized by the school, provided a delightful conclusion to this memorable day of farewells and reflections.





## Amaanullah Shines Bright: Grade 9 Daffodil Student Secures Top Honors in Kala Utsav Music Competition at Zonal, District, Divisional and UT Levels

It is a proud moment to share that our Grade-9 student Amanullah after securing first position at zonal, district and divisional level in Kala Utsav Competition- (Vocal Music Traditional Folk Category), has again bagged the first position at UT level in the said competition which was held on 29th and 30th November 2023 at Teacher Bhavan Gandhinagar, Jammu. Amanullah performed a Kashmiri traditional folk song - "Krali koori Maali Karyay Kosman" and mesmerized the audience with his melodious voice and his great stage presence. He was appreciated by the judges and has been now shortlisted for National event which is scheduled in the month of December 2023.

Principal G.D Goenka Public School Srinagar Mr. Johnson PJ congratulated the budding star on his remarkable success and said, "It is a moment of pride and honour for the school that on

participating for the first time on such a big platform with a sensational success". Furthermore he added that such competitions contribute to the comprehensive development of the child and fostering participations in extra curricular activities is currently crucial.



Managing Director GDGPS Srinagar, Mrs. Masara kawoosa and the Vice Chairman Mr. Intiyaz Ahmad Kawoosa also extended their heartiest congratulation to Amanullah and the entire music faculty of school for instilling in students a love for music and for their unwavering support, encouragement that has helped Amanullah to overcome the obstacles and grow as an amazing artist. They said this recognition highlights the institution's unleashing commitment to a holistic development for the upcoming shining stars of our school and after such a recognition, we anticipate similar success in even more categories in the upcoming years.



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## GD Goenka School Goes Out with a Bang: Spectacular End-Term Party Marks a Semester of Success and Celebration!

The end-of-term party for teachers and non teaching staff was a lively celebration filled with camaraderie and shared achievements. It served as a heartfelt occasion to felicitate the deserving faculty.

To showcase a successful educational journey it was a time to unwind, exchange stories, and appreciate the collective effort that had contributed to the faculty of G. D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar.

Expressions of gratitude filled the room as the managing Director Mr. Imtiyaz Kawoosa and the Principal GDGPS Srinagar Mr. Johnson P.J. acknowledged the tireless efforts and unwavering commitment of Coordinators and Teachers and other non-teaching staff, amidst cheers and applause, tokens of appreciation were presented, symbolizing the collective recognition of the teachers' hard work throughout the academic year 2023.





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## END TERM PARTY



The felicitation constructed a memorable moment, reinforcing the sense of community and appreciation within the educational institution. Laughter echoed in the air as teachers reflected on the academic year, forming lasting memories that would carry them into the well-deserved break.



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***"Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey."—Michael Josephson***





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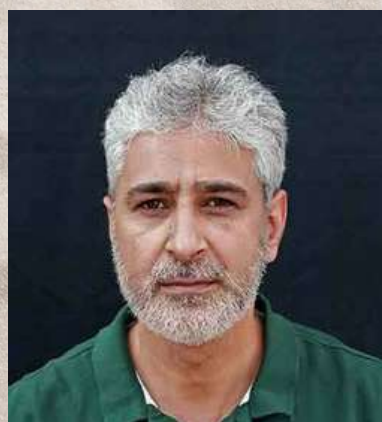
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