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August - Growing in Gratitude

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"If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favour]. But if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe."

{Surah Ibrahim, (14:7)}

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آج بھی اس کے چراغوں سے ہے دنیا روشن
وہ خواب دیکھ کے ہم کو سبق دے گئے

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ہم ہیں اُن کے خوابوں کی زندہ پہچان

"In remembrance of our beloved founder, Late Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Kawoosa whose vision continues to guide our journey of excellence."

Dear Students, Staff and Parents

August has been a remarkable month for all of us at G. D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar. We witnessed a vibrant array of activities and events that reflected our commitment to learning, growth and community spirit. This month also marked an occasion of deep remembrance, the death anniversary of our revered founder, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed Kawoosa. We pay heartfelt tributes to him, honouring his vision and tireless efforts in establishing this institution.

It gives us immense pride to see the school moving forward on the path he envisioned, soaring high, not pausing on any day, and working tirelessly to achieve excellence. Whether it is through academic pursuits, co-curricular engagements, or community outreach, every Goenkan has been contributing to keeping his dream alive.

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Late Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Kawoosa

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Remembering our Founder, Late Mr. Ghulam Mohammed Kawoosa, whose dream we proudly continue.

Dear Young Goenkans,

The month of August has been full of learning, joy and inspiration for all of us at G. D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar. We celebrated numerous activities and events that helped our students grow not only in their studies but also in their talents, creativity and confidence.

This month was also very special as we observed the first death anniversary of our beloved founder, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed Khawoosa. We pay heartfelt tributes to him and remember his vision of a school where every child shines and succeeds. His dream was to see the school soar high and each one of you is helping to make that dream come true.

I am proud to see how you, our young Goenkans, take part in so many activities inside and outside the school with energy and enthusiasm. You are proving that learning never stops and growth never ends.

Let us keep moving forward with the same spirit, to learn more, dream bigger and achieve even greater heights. Together, we will continue to make our school a place of excellence and pride.

With my best wishes and blessings

Johnson P.J
Principal
G. D. Goenka Public School Srinagar



FROM THE EDITORS' DESK

Today, as we look around the vibrant halls and classrooms of G.D Goenka Public School, Srinagar, we feel the presence of a man whose dream made all this possible; our respected founder, Late Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Kawoosa. He had envisioned this school as more than just an institution; he dreamed of a place where knowledge, values and opportunities would grow together, shaping the future of society.

His vision was not only to provide education but to empower every child to shine with confidence, curiosity, and compassion. Because of his dedication, thousands of young minds like ours are able to learn, explore, and dream big.

Even though he is no longer with us, his spirit, values, and dreams continue to guide our steps. Every activity we do, every lesson we teach or learn, and every achievement we celebrate is a tribute to his hard work and far-sightedness.

Let us promise to carry forward his legacy with enthusiasm, respect and responsibility, making sure his dream of education for all continues to soar higher and higher.

With deepest respect and gratitude,
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“OPEN A BOOK, OPEN A WORLD”

The much-awaited Scholastic Book Fair was organised in the school campus with great enthusiasm, transforming the campus into a haven for book lovers. The fair showcased a wide range of books across genres-fiction, non-fiction, Science, Art and Adventure -catering to the interests of students of all age groups. The event aimed to cultivate love for reading among students and to encourage them to explore the joy and knowledge that books bring beyond the classroom. The event was inaugurated by our esteemed Principal Mr. Johnson P.J. in presence of school coordinators, librarians, teachers and our enthusiastic students. Students were seen eagerly surfing through books, exploring new genres and getting fascinated by the colourful and enriching collection. The fair not only excites young minds but also encourages curiosity, creativity and a love for reading.

To add to the excitement, a lucky draw was conducted on the last day of the fair and the winner was awarded a special gift as a token of encouragement.

It was a wonderful start to an event that promises to ignite imaginations and open new worlds through the pages of books.



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"A DAY OF FUN, LEARNING AND ADVENTURE!"

On 06th August 2025, G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar organized an exciting and enriching one-day camp for students in grades 1 to 4. The camp was designed to provide a perfect blend of fun and developmental activities, promoting the holistic growth of the young participants. The students enjoyed a variety of engaging activities throughout the day, ensuring a memorable and beneficial experience.

The camp kicked off with a splash at the pool party, where children had a fantastic time playing in the water and enjoying the slides. This activity not only offered a fun way to beat the heat but also helped build camaraderie and confidence. The fun continued with exhilarating slides, bringing smiles and laughter to every child's face.

In addition to the physical activities, students were given the chance to express their creativity through a pottery session. Under the guidance of instructors, they moulded clay into various shapes, developing their fine motor skills and artistic abilities. This hands-on activity encouraged patience and creativity, allowing each child to create a unique masterpiece.



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Another highlight was the Commando Wall, which challenged the students to test their physical strength and problem-solving skills in a safe and supportive environment. This activity was a great way to promote teamwork and resilience, as students cheered each other on to complete the task.



A nutritious lunch and a hearty dinner were served, providing the children with the fuel they needed for a day full of fun and learning.

As the sun set, the excitement reached a new level with a captivating campfire. The evening was a spectacle of joy and camaraderie as students gathered around the fire, sharing stories, and dancing to lively music. This special activity was a fantastic way for students to unwind bond with their peers and create lasting memories. The camp at GDGPS Srinagar successfully balanced exciting entertainment with valuable learning experiences. By engaging in diverse activities like a pool party, slides, pottery, and the Commando Wall, students were not only entertained but also given opportunities to enhance their social, physical and creative skills. The event underscored the school's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are prepared for future challenges.

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CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENT INDIA"

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour at G. D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar (GDGPSS).

The ceremony commenced with the Principal, Mr. Johnson P. J. hoisting the National Flag, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The celebration continued with a series of cultural performances, including role plays, patriotic song, and vibrant dance that showcased the rich heritage and unity of our nation. Students actively participated, reflecting the spirit of freedom and pride.

In a solemn moment of empathy and humanity, the gathering observed a two-minute silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the recent cloudburst tragedy in Kishtwar. This gesture reminded everyone that patriotism also means standing together in times of sorrow and extending compassion beyond boundaries.

The event concluded with a heartfelt message from the Principal, inspiring students to uphold the values of freedom, peace, and service to the nation.



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“WHERE GEOGRAPHY MEETS CREATIVITY”

On August 14, 2025, Grade 3 students at GD Goenka Srinagar participated in an engaging activity that seamlessly integrated Social Studies (SST) with Art, aligning with the CBSE's student-centric approach. The objective was to enhance students' understanding of geographical concepts through creative expression, focusing on the topic of continents.

Students were divided into groups and assigned different continents to work on. Each group was provided with pre-charted continents on large sheets and tasked with creatively pasting different types of pulses to represent various geographical features. This artistic endeavour showcased their skills and creativity while fostering a deeper understanding of the topic. Throughout the activity, teachers facilitated discussions about each continent's unique characteristics, geographical features, climate, flora, and fauna. This comprehensive approach ensured improved retention of knowledge, making the learning process more enjoyable and interactive. The activity successfully met its learning objectives, enhancing students' geographical knowledge while promoting creativity, teamwork, and critical thinking. This subject-integrated activity, designed in accordance with the CBSE's pattern of learning, was a resounding success. .



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“CELEBRATING YOUNG MINDS, SHAPING BRIGHT FUTURES”

GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar proudly felicitated the young Goenkans for their outstanding achievements in STEM, IMO. The students displayed remarkable talent, consistency, and determination by securing top positions at various levels. The felicitation ceremony was held for the Junior Wing achievers along with some from the Senior Wing, and was graced by the School Principal Mr. P.J. Johnson and Coordinator Ms. Shazia Mir, who congratulated the students and motivated them to continue striving for excellence.

Junior Wing Achievers

STEM

Grade 2

1.Ahmad Bin Farooq

Grade 3rd

1.Ishraq Ali

2.Mohammad Moazzam

3.Shah Mohammad Ibrahim

Grade 4

1.Madeeha Nisar

2.Bateen Zameer Factoo

3.Qazi Munim Ul Mannan

4.Syed Maryam

Grade 5

1.Syed Zaigham Abbas Rizvi

2.Qazi Abdul Hadi

3.Alveenah Shah



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IOM

Grade 4

- 1.Madeeha Nisar
- 2.Mohammad Hayan
- 3.Muhammad Aalim
- 4.Muhammad Saad
- 5.Bateen Zameer Factoo
- 6.Daniyal Hassan Khan
- 7.Samawiyah Suhail
- 8.Aiza Javaid
- 9.Ahmad Mehraj
- 10.Alveena Umar
- 11.Aayesha Younis
- 12.Hafs Quadeer
- 16.Syed Maryam
- 17.Noor Zainab



Grade 5

- 1.Syed Zaigham Abbas Rizvi
- 2.Qazi Abdul Hadi
- 3.Syed Amar Ali
- 4.Syed Sulaiman Qadri
- 5.Muaz Shaw



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“SQUEEZING FUN, SIPPING LEARNING!”

On August 20, the Nursery Department of GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar organized an activity Lemonade Day for its little learners.

Children enjoyed the fun and refreshing activity. The little ones were very excited to take part in making lemonade in class. They enjoyed squeezing the lemons with little help from teachers. With lots of curiosity, they added water and sugar, stirring carefully. It was a joyful hands-on experience where they learned how a simple drink is made. Through this activity, children practiced in sharing and teamwork while working in groups and fine motor skills while squeezing lemons and stirring. The early concepts of taste – exploring sour and sweet was enjoyed by each one of them. They were learning the practical life skills by preparing their own drink.

The highlight of the day was when they got to drink the lemonade they had prepared. Their smiles and giggles showed how much they enjoyed the experience.

It was a wonderful learning day that combined fun, flavour, and friendship.



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“NURTURING YOUNG MINDS, CELEBRATING BRIGHT FUTURES”

GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar takes immense pride in felicitating the brilliant achievers of the International Talent Hunt Olympiad (ITHO) and the International Reasoning and Aptitude Olympiad (IRAO).

Our young Goenkans exhibited outstanding talent, perseverance, and commitment by securing top positions in these prestigious Olympiads. The felicitation ceremony was organized for the Junior Wing.

ITHO Winners

Grade 2

Mohammad Hadi Kachker

Grade 3

Ishraq Ali

Mohammad Ibrahim

Grade 4

1. Madeeha Nisar

2. Muhammad Aalim

3. Muhammad Saad

4. Bateen Zameer Factoo

5. Syed Maryam

Grade 5:

1. Minnah Waseem

2. IRAO Winners

3. Grade 2

4. Ahmad Bin Farooq

5. Sheikh Reeha Umair

6. Grade 3

7. Mohammad Ibrahim

8. Siyara Umer Khawaja

9. Chasheen Ashraf

10.

11. Grade 4

12. 1. Madeeha Nisar

13. 2. Muhammad Aalim

14. 3. Muhammad Saad

15. 4. Bateen Zameer Factoo

16. 5. Mohammad Umar Shah

17. 6. Aiza Javaid

18. 7. Syed Maryam

19. Grade 5

20. 1. Aaqifa Manzar

21. 2. Aliza Zainab

22. 3. Minnah Waseem



The felicitation was graced by Principal Mr. Johnson P. J. and Coordinator Ms. Shazia Mir, who congratulated the achievers and commended their hard work, urging them to continue their journey of excellence and make the institution proud.

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“UNDERSTANDING CHALLENGES, EMPOWERING CHILDREN”

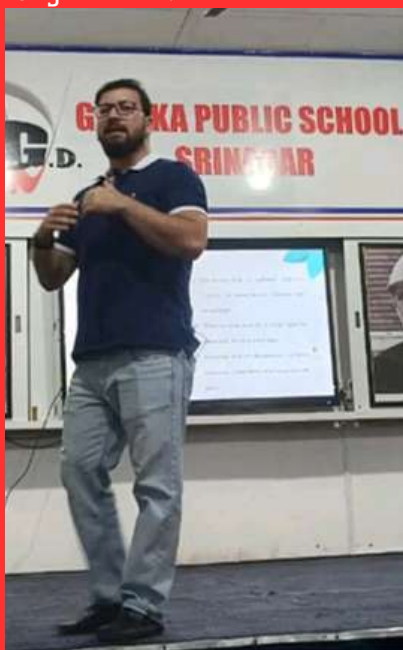
Every child can shine—if we understand, support, and believe in them.

Hence every child is unique and deserves the right support to thrive. With this objective, an enlightening session was organised on August 22, 2025, for teachers from Nursery to Grade 5, along with language teachers, counsellors, special educators, and librarians, on “Identifying Reading and Writing Difficulties in Children”. The resource person for the day was Dr. Muzzafar Ahmad, renowned Child and Adolescent Psychologist, Counsellor and Founder of Rainbow Foundation.

The program began with a warm welcome by our respected Principal Mr. Johnson P.J., who applauded Dr. Muzzafar for his dedication and initiative in helping teachers identify and address learning difficulties among children.



Dr. Muzzafar carried the audience into a deep exploration of the different types of reading and writing difficulties that children often struggle with but go unnoticed. He elaborated on dyslexia, where children find it hard to read, spell, or comprehend written text, dysgraphia, which leads to poor handwriting and difficulty in expressing mathematical thoughts on paper, dyscalculia, which makes understanding numbers and calculations a challenge, and dyspraxia, which involves motor coordination difficulties often reflected in clumsiness and poor handwriting. He also shed light on auditory and visual processing disorders, where children may hear or see normally, yet face challenges in interpreting sounds, letters, words, or symbols, leading to frustration in academic performance. He explained that how children struggling with these challenges are often misunderstood as being careless, lazy or inattentive, when in reality they require timely identification and individualized interventions.



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The session also addressed the role of external factors such as parental pressure, early and excessive gadget use, social media influence, and lack of adequate school support in worsening learning challenges. Teachers were encouraged to view these difficulties with empathy and to recognize the need for collaborative efforts between parents and educators. To make the session more engaging, Dr. Muzzafar demonstrated practical intervention strategies and exercises designed to improve focus, attention, and motor coordination. Activities such as Hot Potato, Bear Walk, Banana Exercise, Lizard Walk, Donkey Kick and many exercises were introduced as simple yet effective tools that can be integrated into daily classroom routines to support children.

In his concluding address, Principal Mr. Johnson P.J. expressed heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Muzzafar for his impactful session. He reminded everyone present that children are the foundation of our future, and schools, parents and society must work together to ensure no child is left behind due to unrecognized difficulties. He underlined that the responsibility of nurturing every child's potential rests on collective shoulders and assured that Goenka Public School will continue to organize many such sessions for both teachers and parents to create a more compassionate, inclusive learning environment.



The event left teachers inspired and better equipped to identify and support students facing challenges in reading and writing. The interactive discussions, practical insights, and empathetic approach made the session not only informative but transformative.

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"LITTLE ATHLETES, BIG DREAMS"



At GD Goenka Srinagar, we believe that education is incomplete without sports, as it nurtures discipline, teamwork, and resilience in young learners. To honor the outstanding achievements of our Goenkans in various sporting arenas, a special Felicitation Assembly was held in the school on 13/08/2025 And 20/08/2025. Students who brought laurels to the school in the Open Kashmir Badminton Championship and the Kashmir Valley Taekwondo Cup were felicitated with medals and certificates by our esteemed Principal, Mr. Johnson P. J. and Sports incharge, Mr. Sajad Hussain. The Principal congratulated the young achievers for their brilliant performances and stated that sports instill discipline, focus, and determination, making them vital for the holistic development of children. He further emphasized that in an age dominated by gadgets, active participation in sports must be encouraged both at school and at home. He urged parents to play an active role in engaging children in physical activities to ensure their overall well-being and balanced growth.



The event was filled with applause, pride, and inspiration as our young champions shone on stage, motivating their peers to follow the same path of dedication and perseverance.

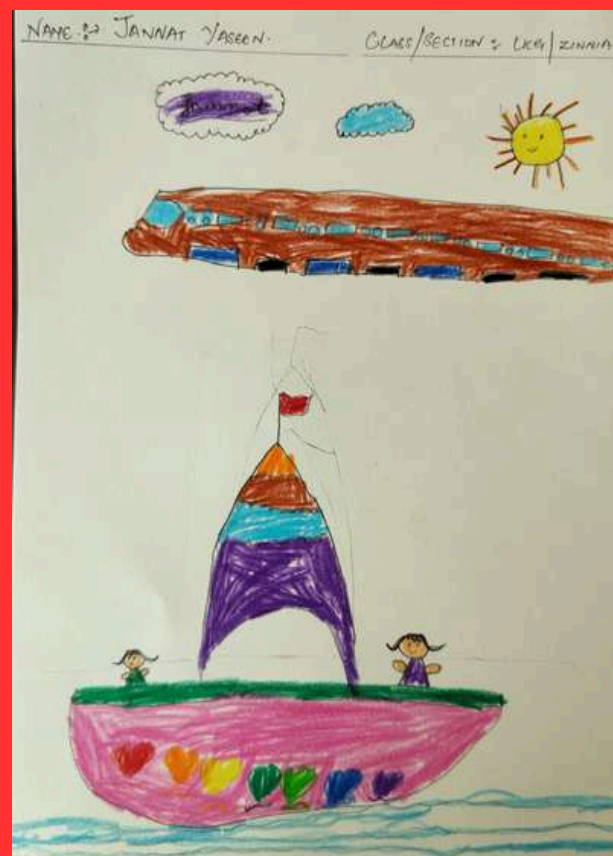


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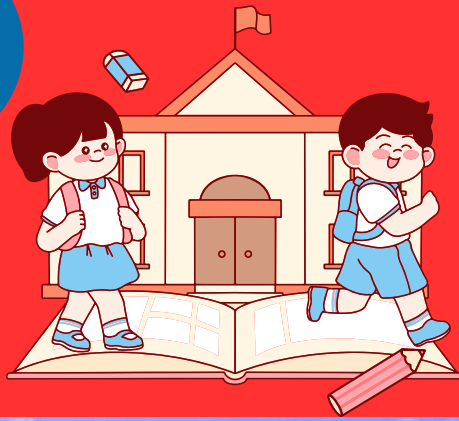
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Nursery : 3+

(Children born between 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022)

LKG : 4+

(Born between 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021)

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