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October - Falling Leaves, Rising Dreams

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"So whoever does righteous deeds while he is a believer - no denial will there be for his effort, and indeed We [Allah] are recorders of it."

{Surah Al-Anbiya, (21:94)}

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## UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION DAY



To  
G D Goenka Public School,  
Srinagar

Greetings to the Schools of India on the  
Occasion of United Nations Day

Dear Students and Teachers,

I extend my warm greetings to all the schools in India celebrating United Nations Day. This special occasion reminds us of our shared responsibility to work together for peace, equality, and sustainable development.

Your participation reflects the spirit of global citizenship and your commitment to building a better, more inclusive world. Education plays a vital role in nurturing understanding, compassion, and cooperation – the very values that the United Nations stands for.

As you celebrate this day, I encourage you to continue learning about the importance of unity among nations and to take actions, however small, that contribute to creating a future of peace, prosperity, and respect for all.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm in carrying forward the ideals of the United Nations.

With best wishes

  
António Guterres  
Secretary General of the United Nations  
October 2025



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## UN Charter Presentation

Model United Nations  
GDGMUN 2025

Nurturing Global Thinkers,  
Shaping Scientific Leaders

Season 2  
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From the Desk of the School Management  
G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar  
Junior School – October Edition

As we progress through this academic year, the month of October has beautifully reflected the dedication, enthusiasm, and growing capabilities of our young Goenkans. Each activity undertaken this year has brought us immense pride, and October has been no exception.

One of the most significant highlights was hosting GDMUM, 2025, where our young delegates from different schools showcased remarkable confidence, clarity of thought, and leadership. We feel truly honoured that the event received acknowledgement from the United Nations, as it was observed on the United Nations Foundation Day; a moment that brought great distinction to our school community.

We were delighted to see our children participate wholeheartedly in the Summer Camp at Gulmarg this year, where they engaged in enriching outdoor experiences and creative exercises. Their active involvement in Mental Health Awareness Week further reflected their growing understanding of emotional well-being, empathy, and positive relationships. The commencement of SpellBee 2025 also brought a wave of excitement, as our students embraced linguistic learning with curiosity and confidence.

We warmly congratulate all students who excelled in Olympiads, academic events, and co-curricular platforms, bringing honour to themselves, their families, and our school. Their enthusiasm during the Annual Sports Day for Junior School was equally commendable, reflecting discipline, sportsmanship, and team spirit across all activities.

As the year continues, we are thrilled to welcome the new kindergarteners who will soon become part of the Goenkan family. We look forward to guiding them with care, warmth, and the joyful spirit of foundational learning.

October has truly been a month of activity, achievement, and growth. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all parents for their trust and support as we continue working together to nurture confident, capable, and compassionate learners.

Warm regards

School Management  
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Dear Goenkan Family

October as usual has been an eventful and inspiring month for all of us at G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar. As we approach the close of the academic year, I am delighted to see how engaged and enthusiastic our students have been across every activity.

We began the month with the Junior School Summer Camp at Gulmarg, where our young Goenkans enjoyed days filled with adventure, learning, and friendships. This was followed by the vibrant atmosphere of our GDMUN–The Model United Nations 2025, which brought together students from various schools across Srinagar. Watching our learners debate global and national issues with such clarity and confidence was truly encouraging.

October also marked the beginning of our much-awaited linguistic event, SpellBee 2025. This inter-grade competition has always been a wonderful platform for strengthening vocabulary and communication skills, and it has been heartening to see students from Grades 3 to 9 participate with such enthusiasm as the first rounds begin.

During Mental Health Awareness Week, distinguished psychologists interacted with our adolescents, reminding them of the importance of balance, resilience, and emotional wellbeing. We also celebrated the achievements of our brilliant Science Olympiad performers, whose hard work continues to make us proud.

For our Junior School, this month was also filled with the excitement of the Annual Sports Day, the thoughtful activity on Healthy Snacking on a Budget, and meaningful interactions during the orientation sessions for new students and parents joining our Goenkan family.

As I reflect on this month, I feel grateful for the dedication of our teachers, the support of our parents, and the joyful spirit our students bring to every school day. Together, we look forward to closing the year with the same positivity and purpose.

Warm regards  
Principal

G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar





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## “LEARN, LEAD, LAUGH – THIS SUMMER IN GULMARG!”

GRADE 4TH SUMMER CAMP GULMARG  
(01-03 OCTOBER 2025)

The three-day summer camp at Gulmarg turned out to be an unforgettable adventure for our Grade 4 students. Nestled amidst the scenic beauty and pleasant weather, the camp offered our little ones a perfect balance of fun, learning, and togetherness.



From the excitement of horse riding and trekking through green trails to the thrill of sports activities, every moment was filled with energy and joy. The evenings brought even more cheer with lively musical night and a warm campfire, where students sang, danced, and shared laughter with their friends and teachers.

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Delicious food and comfortable accommodation kept the young campers refreshed and happy, while group photography ensured that these golden moments were captured forever.



The camp was not just an outdoor adventure but it was an experience of friendship, confidence, and lasting memories that the children will always treasure.

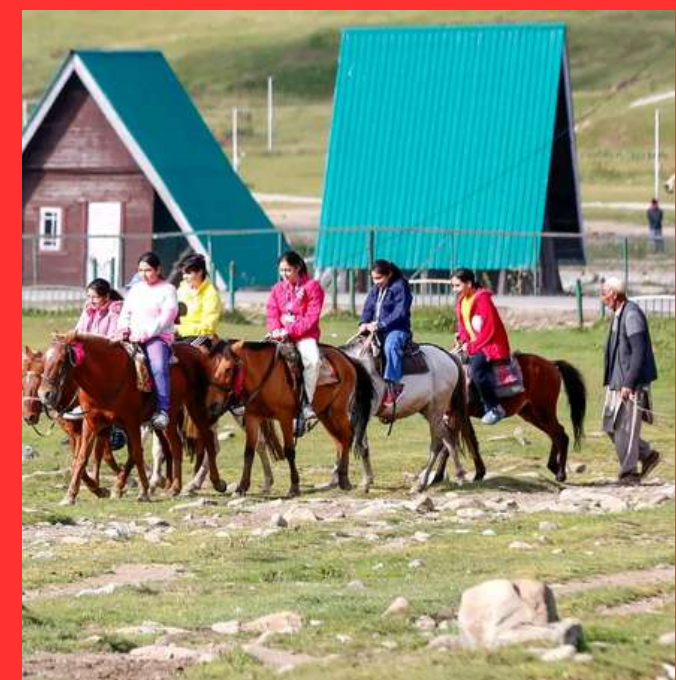


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## “RIDE, TREK, PLAY – SUMMER THE GULMARG WAY!”

GRADE 5TH SUMMER CAMP GULMARG  
(03-05 OCT 2025)

The three-day camp for Grade 5 students was a resounding triumph, yielding an enriching experience that will be etched in the memories of all participants. The camp was meticulously orchestrated to ensure that our students had a memorable and edifying experience.



The camp featured an array of exhilarating activities, including thrilling horse-riding sessions, engaging sports activities, and captivating musical events. These events not only showcased the students' talents but also fostered teamwork, creativity, and physical prowess.

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A highlight of the camp was the trekking excursion, which offered breath-taking vistas of nature's majesty. Students thoroughly immersed themselves in exploring the scenic trails, acquiring valuable lessons about resilience, perseverance, and teamwork along the way. The camp also provided opportunities for students to cultivate essential life skills, such as autonomy, time management, and collaborative problem-solving.



Throughout the camp, students participated in a diverse range of activities, including sports, musical events, and relaxation time. Wholesome meals and rejuvenating breaks ensured that the students were revitalized and ready for each new experience. In conclusion, the three-day summer camp was a phenomenal success, and our students thoroughly relished every moment of it. The camp was a perfect amalgamation of fun, adventure, and learning, providing a unique opportunity for students to transcend their comfort zones and develop essential life skills.



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## “BREAK THE SILENCE, END THE STIGMA.”

Mental Health Awareness Sessions at GD Goenka Srinagar In consonance with World Mental Health Awareness Week, observed globally from 4th to 10th October, GD Goenka Srinagar organized a comprehensive two-day Mental Health Awareness Programme aimed at promoting emotional well-being among students and teachers. The initiative sought to highlight the significance of mental wellness as a cornerstone of holistic education and to nurture confident, self-aware, and emotionally resilient individuals.

The first day commenced with a Special Mental Health Assembly presented by the enthusiastic students of Grade V, attended by learners from Grades I-V. The young Goenkans participated wholeheartedly through expressive performances, poems, and reflections centered on the theme of emotional health. The session was further carried forward by Ms. Mehak, the Junior School Counsellor, who delivered an insightful speech on understanding emotions and expressing them constructively. She emphasized that the school, along with its teachers, serves as a safe and supportive space where students can approach them freely with any concern, big or small.

Continuing the dialogue on mental wellness, an interactive session for Grades VI-VIII was conducted by Dr. Nafeesa Hamdani, the Senior School Counsellor. Dr. Nafeesa underscored the importance of emotional balance, self-awareness, and mental health during the crucial adolescent years. She reassured students that the Counselling Room remains a confidential and empathetic space where their concerns will be addressed with care, love, and understanding. Her words encouraged students to recognize that seeking help is a mark of courage and self-respect.



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The second day of the programme focused on Grades IX–XII through a Special Session on Adolescent Mental Health and Well-being, graced by eminent guest speakers – Dr. Muzaffar Khan, a leading psychologist and drug rehabilitation expert of the valley; Mr. Waseem, a practising clinical psychologist with over a decade of experience and Head of the CMHS at Rambagh; and Mr. Vidhan, a counselling psychologist and Manager at Dilasa, an organization working extensively with adolescents and schools across India.



The session began with a warm welcome address by Fahd Junaid and Hazika Rouf of Grade XI, followed by an address by Principal Mr. Johnson P. J., who highlighted the importance of maintaining a sound and balanced mind as the foundation for success and happiness.

Mr. Waseem opened the technical session with an enlightening presentation on Mental Health, Emotional Intelligence (EQ), Social Intelligence, and IQ, elaborating on their interconnected roles in shaping personality and decision-making. He discussed common mental health challenges faced by youth, their root causes, and effective intervention strategies. He also emphasized the vital collaboration among parents, teachers, and counsellors to create a well-rounded support system for every child.



Dr. Muzaffar Khan further enriched the session through an interactive discussion that encouraged students to share their views and experiences. Addressing pertinent issues such as stress, anxiety, peer pressure, and emotional regulation, he provided practical strategies for coping and maintaining emotional stability. His compassionate approach and engaging communication left a deep impact on the audience.



The event concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms. Asia Mushtaq, the Lead Coordinator, who appreciated the guest speakers for their insightful sessions and commended their commitment to youth well-being. She reiterated the importance of organizing such programmes regularly to foster an environment of empathy, openness, and psychological safety within the school community.

The two-day initiative, held as part of World Mental Health Awareness Week, not only heightened awareness about mental health but also reaffirmed GD Goenka Srinagar's dedication to nurturing emotionally intelligent, confident, and compassionate global citizens.



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## “INSPIRING MINDS, INCREDIBLE MILESTONES!”

GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar takes immense pride in felicitating the brilliant achievers of the International Olympiad of Science (IOS).

Our young Goenkans have once again demonstrated their excellence through remarkable talent, perseverance, and dedication, securing top positions in this prestigious Olympiad. To honour their accomplishments, a special felicitation ceremony was organized for the Junior Wing.



## IOS Winners



### Grade 2

Sheikh Muhammad  
Othman  
Muhammad Hasan Khan

### Grade 3

Hareem Gul  
Sheikh Usaid  
Umama Bint Mujtaba  
Usman Qadri  
Mohammad Taimur  
Mahira Hilal  
Ahmad Sufyan  
shraq Ali  
Siyara Umer  
Safwana Wadood  
Muhammad Bin Showkat  
Mohammad Ibrahim  
Taaha Mayeen  
Habib Ahmad Gojwari  
Ayaan Manzoor  
Zahra Arshad  
Khadija  
Ahmad Zeeshan  
Talha Tawqeer  
Aaminah Junaid  
Hasnain Ali Hamdani

### Grade 5

Syed Zaigham Abbas  
Rizvi  
Ahmad Lanker  
Ayzah Aijaz  
Filza Irfan  
Qazi Abdul Hadi  
Amaan Manzoor  
Karnai  
Mahum  
Mohammad Hamza  
Khan  
Muaz Shaw

### Grade 4

Madeeha Nisar  
Fatima Kounsar  
Mohammad Hayan  
Muhammad Aalim  
Muhammad Saad  
Muhammad Muzain  
Sarah Azhar  
Sheikh Mehmood  
Bateen Zameer Factoo  
Samawiyah Suhail  
Ahmed Mehraj  
Alveena Umar  
Zainab  
Syed Maryem  
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The felicitation ceremony was graced by Principal Mr. Johnson P. J. and Coordinator Ms. Shazia Mir, who extended their heartfelt congratulations to the achievers.

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## “RUN, RACE, SMILE – FUN ALL THE WAY!”

Fun on the tracks for the UKG students of G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar was celebrated in October with great enthusiasm and excitement. The event began with a warm welcome to our respected Principal Mr. Johnson P.J whose encouraging words motivated the little champions.



The children participated in various fun-filled competitions such as Animal Race, Sack Race, Hurdle Race, and Balance Race, Hit the Target, Burst the Balloons, Tug of War etc. showcasing their energy, teamwork, and determination. The ground was filled with cheers and applause as our young participants gave their best performances.

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## “YOUNG MINDS, GLOBAL SUCCESS!”

The brilliant Goenkan achievers of the International Olympiad were awarded with recognition today. Many of whom have successfully qualified and advanced to Level 2, with some of them winning cash prizes for their outstanding performance.

### Students Qualified for Advanced Level 2 (Science)

Grade 2

Sheikh Muhammad Othman

Grade 3

Sheikh Usaid

Mohammad Taimur

Mahira Hilal

Ahmad Sufyan

Habib Ahmad Gojwari

Hasnain Ali Hamdani

Grade 4

Madeeha

Aalim

Muzain

Sarah

Ahmed Mehraj

Syed Maryem

Grade 5

Syed Zaigham Abbas Rizvi

Ahmad Lanker

Filza Irfan

Qazi Abdul Hadi

Mahum

Muaz Shaw

### IIO Winners:

Grade 2

Wani Dawood

Sheikh Reeha Umair

Grade 3

Mahira Hilal

Mohammad Ibrahim

Habib Ahmad Gojwari

Eliza Rafiq

Taaha Mayeen

Grade 4

Madeeha

Samawiyah

Faatimah

Syed Maryem

Grade 5

Hassan

### Students Qualified for Advanced Level 2 (Mathematics)

Grade 2

Syed Tehreem

Anoush Hadi Naqash

Grade 3

Shadab Ahmad

Ayaan Manzoor

Habib Ahmad Gojwari

Syed Ali Razvi

Hasnain Ali Hamdani

Grade 4

Saad

Daniyal

Grade 5

Muaz Shaw



The felicitation ceremony was graced by Coordinator Ms. Shazia Mir, who congratulated them on their remarkable achievements, and encouraged them to continue participating in the upcoming year's Olympiads.

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## "RUN WITH JOY, CHEER WITH PRIDE!"

GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar organized its "Fun on Tracks," for the Nursery and LKG students on Saturday, 18.10.2025. The event saw a lot of enthusiasm from the young students, who took part in different games and challenges.



The games included Bunny Hop, Buddy Race, Sack race, Lemon and Spoon race, duck walk etc. among others. These activities were designed to encourage teamwork and healthy competition among the kids. started the event and motivated everyone to have a great day.



The students showed a lot of excitement and energy, enjoying the games and activities. The event showcased how fun and learning can go together. It also highlighted the importance of working together and having fun as a team.



The event ended on a happy note, leaving a good impression on the students and showing the school's commitment to helping them grow through fun activities.

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## “GOOD FOOD, GOOD MOOD – EVEN ON A BUDGET!”

G.D Goenka Public School, Srinagar, organized an engaging activity on 22nd October 2025, combining Science, Math, and Financial literacy to promote healthy eating habits among Grade-3 students. The activity aimed to equip students with the skills to shop for healthy ingredients, calculate costs and quantities, and practice measurement and money skills, all while staying within a budget.



By simulating a real-life shopping experience, complete with mock currency notes and stalls, students applied mathematical operations like addition, subtraction, and multiplication to calculate the cost of ingredients. After "purchasing" their ingredients, students prepared healthy meals, reinforcing the importance of balanced eating. This hands-on experience helped them understand the connection between Food, Nutrition and Health.



This integrated activity not only enhanced students' mathematical skills but also developed their problem-solving abilities, critical thinking, and practical life skills. By making learning fun and engaging, the activity demonstrated the interconnectedness of money, food, Math, and health, providing students with a holistic understanding of these concepts.

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## "WELCOME TO A JOURNEY OF LEARNING & GROWTH!"

The Orientation Programme for Nursery parents was successfully conducted on the 24th and 25th of October, 2025. The session was organised with the objective of familiarising parents with the curriculum, strategies, pedagogies, and the importance of beginning preschool at the age of three.

The programme commenced with an overview of the Foundational Stage curriculum, where parents were briefed about the teaching methodologies, classroom practices, and the developmental milestones planned for the academic year. The significance of early childhood education and its profound impact on a child's future academic journey was strongly emphasised.



A special highlight of the session was the presentation of the school's Mission and Vision, underscoring the commitment of the management to nurture confident, responsible, and lifelong learners. Our esteemed Principal Mr. Johnson P J, addressed the gathering, congratulating the parents for entrusting the school with their children's formative years. He shed light on the crucial role of early learning experiences in shaping a child's personality, skills, and academic growth.

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The Kindergarten Coordinators further elaborated on the importance of preschool activities and explained how these practices align with the guidelines of NEP 2020, focusing on experiential learning, play-based methodologies, and holistic development.



Parents were also provided with clear guidelines regarding the commencement of the new academic session, followed by a brief introduction to the school's governing bodies, helping them understand the administrative framework and vision of the institution.



The programme concluded with an interactive session, during which parents shared their queries and received clarifications. Overall, the Orientation Programme proved to be insightful and informative, offering parents a clear understanding of the school's expectations, systems, and upcoming academic journey for their children.



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**THE ULTIMATE WORD CHALLENGE BEGINS – SPELLBEE 2025!**



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## GDGMUN: GD GOENKA MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2025

GDGOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL SRINAGAR Grade 5 conducted a special morning assembly on MODEL UNITED NATIONS DAY 2025 at the assembly area of the School Campus on 25 October 2025.

The special assembly was truly a delightful and an enlightening one. A serene atmosphere surrounded the assembly area, setting the perfect tone for the day. The assembly began with a soulful recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by a meaningful translation of the same, which added depth and understanding to the verses. This was followed by the Thought of the Day, inspiring everyone to begin the day with positivity and purpose. The melodious rendition of the School Song then filled the air with unity and pride.

The key highlight of the assembly was the presentation on Model United Nations (MUN). Various presentations and informative speeches were delivered by the Goenkan Scholars of Grade 5, thereby explaining the essence of MUN and how it nurtures leadership, diplomacy, and global awareness among young learners. The audience listened attentively and applauded their confident presentations, thoughtful insights and ideas.

The Principal GDGPS Srinagar Mr JOHNSON PJ addressed the morning assembly by sharing his valuable thoughts on the MUN and encouraged the students to take part in such enriching activities/ events to enhance their confidence and global awareness.

The assembly concluded gracefully with a heartfelt speech delivered by Grade 5 Faculty member.

Overall it was a well organized and impactful assembly that left everyone informed, inspired and motivated.



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