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"And whoever has been given wisdom has certainly been given much good."

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WELCOMING A VISIONARY LEADER TO THE GD GOENKA SRINAGAR FAMILY



"A great school is shaped not merely by its buildings, but by the vision of its leaders, the dedication of its educators, and the aspirations of its students."

Art for Peace – Season 3



GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar proudly hosted the third season of its annual initiative, Art for Peace, marking another significant chapter in a journey that began with a simple idea—to bring people together through the universal language of art.

G.D. Goenka Spell Bee 2026 Grand Finale: A Celebration of Young Minds and Words

The G.D. Goenka, Srinagar Spell Bee 2026 Grand Finale concluded successfully, celebrating students' enthusiasm for language, confidence, and determination to excel. The event provided a platform for young learners to demonstrate their spelling proficiency, vocabulary, concentration, and presence of mind while embracing the spirit of healthy competition.



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LEADERSHIP AND NEW BEGINNINGS

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Staff and Students of GDGPSS Welcome the New Principal to their Community



"Leadership is not about being in charge; it is about inspiring others to achieve a shared vision."
GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar, organised a Welcome Meeting to formally introduce and welcome its newly appointed Principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan, to the entire teaching fraternity and staff. The meeting brought together the Management, Coordinators, Teachers, and Staff Members in an atmosphere of warmth, optimism, and shared commitment towards the continued growth of the institution.
The programme commenced with a cordial welcome and introduction by Ms. Asia Mushtaq, Lead Coordinator, who formally welcomed Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan to the GD Goenka family. Presenting an overview of his distinguished academic and professional journey, she highlighted his exceptional credentials, including a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in School Administration and Educational Psychology, a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.), a Master of Arts in History from Jamia Millia Islamia University, and a Bachelor of Commerce from Kashi Vidyapeeth University.
She further reflected upon his illustrious career spanning over three decades, during which he successfully held leadership positions in prestigious educational institutions across India and abroad, including Al Falah International School (DPS), Jeddah, WIPAHS, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Hamdard Public School, New Delhi, International Indian School, Dammam, and INT Academy English School, Maharashtra. She expressed the confidence of the entire school fraternity that his vast experience, visionary leadership, and unwavering commitment to academic excellence would guide GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar, towards even greater heights of achievement.
The gathering was then addressed by Mr. Adil Zargar, HR Director, who officially welcomed Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan on behalf of the Management. In his address, Mr. Zargar described the occasion as the beginning of a promising new chapter for the institution. He reaffirmed the Management's unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of excellence, innovation, and continuous professional growth. He encouraged every member of the staff to work with integrity, professionalism, accountability, and dedication, emphasising that the collective efforts of committed educators, under capable leadership, are the true foundation of an institution's success. He expressed his confidence that the school would continue to flourish under the dynamic leadership of the new Principal.
Addressing the faculty and staff for the first time, Principal Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the warm and gracious welcome extended to him. He shared his vision of building an institution rooted in academic excellence, mutual respect, collaboration, and continuous improvement.





In his inspiring address, Mr. Khan assured every member of the staff of his complete support and cooperation, affirming that his office would always remain open for constructive dialogue, professional guidance, and meaningful collaboration. He encouraged the faculty to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, punctuality, dedication, and compassion in every aspect of their work, reminding them that educators have the unique privilege and responsibility of shaping future generations.
He emphasised that excellence is achieved through teamwork rather than individual effort and called upon every member of the GD Goenka family to work together with a shared sense of purpose, trust, and commitment. Expressing immense confidence in the school's dedicated workforce, Mr. Khan stated that with the wholehearted cooperation of the Management, Coordinators, Teachers, and Staff Members, GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar, would continue to establish new benchmarks in quality education and holistic development.
The meeting concluded on a note of renewed enthusiasm and collective resolve, with all staff members expressing their wholehearted support for the Principal's vision and reaffirming their commitment to working together in pursuit of excellence. The occasion marked the beginning of a new and inspiring chapter in the journey of GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar, founded on shared values, collaborative leadership, and an unwavering commitment to educational excellence.

~Report by Student Journalist, Qubaisa

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LITTLE HANDS BIGGER LESSONS

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER EDITION, 2026

GARDENING ACTIVITY

"From tiny seeds grow beautiful plants; from those plants come wholesome fruits and vegetables that nourish happy, healthy lives"

GD Goenka Public School srinagar transformed its campus into an active hub of environmental education on Tuesday, August 5, 2026, as LKG students participated in an immersive gardening drive designed to foster sustainable habits and healthy eating choices from an early age.





The young learners engaged directly with the environment by tilling soil, sowing seeds, and watering saplings. School organizers structured the day to combine physical activity with direct, experiential learning about natural ecosystems Beyond the garden beds, the initiative featured a simulated fruit and vegetable market set up on the school grounds. Students took on interactive role-plays as grocers, vendors, and customers, learning the fundamentals of buying and selling while discovering the nutritional value of fresh produce. To conclude the event, the children led a spirited awareness rally across the premises. Carrying custom-made placards and chanting environmental slogans, the young participants advocated for tree plantation and eco-conscious habits. School officials noted that the hands-on drive successfully introduced foundational concepts of environmental stewardship, agriculture, and healthy living to the early-stage learners.







~Report by Student Journalist, Shareen

INTER-HOUSE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT













GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar, successfully organised the Inter-House Volleyball Tournament on 6th August 2026, providing students with a wonderful opportunity to showcase their sporting abilities, teamwork, and competitive spirit.

The tournament witnessed the encouraging presence of Director HR, Mr. Adil Zargar, along with Principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan, who motivated and encouraged the players throughout the tournament. Their words of appreciation and support boosted the confidence of the participants and added to the enthusiasm of the competition.

Students from all four houses participated with great zeal, determination, and discipline, displaying remarkable skills through a series of exciting and closely contested matches. The tournament beautifully reflected the values of teamwork, perseverance, and healthy competition.





At the conclusion of the tournament, Blue House emerged as the Champions in the Boys' Category, while Green House secured the Championship in the Girls' Category. The winners and participants were applauded and congratulated for their outstanding performances, dedication, and commendable sportsmanship.

The tournament concluded on an inspiring note, reaffirming the school's commitment to promoting physical fitness, teamwork, leadership qualities, and the holistic development of students through sports.

~Report by Student Journalist, Ayaan

YOUNG CHAMPIONS, GLOBAL GLORY!

Two young athletes, five medals, and a proud moment for GD Goenka Public School!






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Representing their school on an international sporting platform, **Maham Tahir of Grade 7 Rose** and **Mohammad Hadi Kachker of Grade 3 Lotus** delivered remarkable performances at the championship, held at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, from 1–4 August, with participants from 12 countries.

Maham demonstrated exceptional skill and determination, bringing home two gold medals in Padded Point and Knife Point. Hadi, one of the youngest achievers, made an equally impressive mark by winning gold in Knife Point and Single Stick, along with bronze in Padded Point.
Their achievements highlight the dedication, discipline and perseverance required to compete at an international level.
Adding to the school's pride, **Ms. Saimana**, the school's Sports Teacher, served as an International Referee at the championship.

From mastering their sport to competing among international participants, Maham and Hadi have shown that determination can take young talent to extraordinary heights. Their success is a reminder that every great achievement begins with practice, courage and the willingness to keep improving.

~Report by Student Journalist Sifat

WASTE TO WOW – ACTIVITY

GD Goenka Public School's UKG department hosted an eco-conscious learning initiative titled "WASTE to WOW," featuring an interactive transport exhibition designed to combine sustainability with early-childhood education.

The event showcased model representations of all major modes of transport, constructed entirely by students using recycled household waste to highlight principles of sustainable development. The hands-on project aimed to build practical understanding of global transportation while encouraging environmental resourcefulness among the young learners.

A central feature of the exhibition was a structured air transport role-play, where participants enacted key roles associated with commercial aviation. Students dressed and acted as captains, flight attendants, passengers, and ground personnel, simulating airport operations and in-flight procedures to foster teamwork, public speaking confidence, and creative expression.

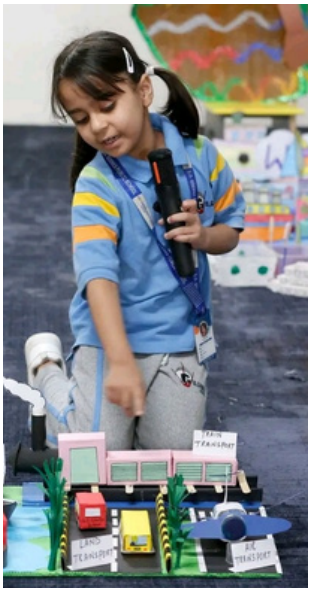
School coordinators highlighted that the initiative successfully turned everyday recyclable materials into engaging educational tools, demonstrating how environmental awareness and active learning can be seamlessly integrated into early childhood curricula.















~Report by Student Journalist, Ali Sajad

80TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

GD Goenka Public School marked India's 80th Independence Day with a grand celebration on campus, centering the event around the national vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047" to commemorate the nation's progress and future aspirations.

The proceedings began with the ceremonial hoisting of the National Flag, followed by the collective rendering of the National Anthem across the school grounds. Students then demonstrated precise coordination and discipline during a formal march-past before launching into a series of cultural presentations, including patriotic dance routines and thematic stage performances highlighting India's heritage.

Expanding the scope of the traditional ceremony, students led interactive discussions, delivered addresses, and hosted a dedicated podcast segment. Through these platforms, the young presenters shared their perspectives on civic duty, educational innovation, and the collective effort required to achieve a developed nation.

Principal Zubair Ahmed Khan addressed the assembly of students, faculty, and parents, commending the participants and urging the student body to practice compassionate and active citizenship in support of a self-reliant India. The event concluded with broad participation from attending parents and community members, reinforcing the institution's commitment to civic engagement and national pride.

















- The gracious presence and enthusiastic participation of parents and members of the school community added warmth, dignity, and grandeur to the occasion. Their support further strengthened the spirit of togetherness that defines the Goenkan community.
- The celebration concluded on a proud, patriotic, and inspiring note, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of hope, responsibility, and commitment towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

~Report by Student Journalist, Arsalaan

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY – JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Annual Sports Day for Grades III to V was a vibrant celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline, courage and perseverance . The event provided our young athletes with a wonderful opportunity to showcase their skills, confidence and team spirit while enjoying a day filled with enthusiasm, energy and healthy competition.



The programme commenced with the Flag Hoisting Ceremony , followed by the grand March Past , where students displayed remarkable discipline, unity and school spirit. The Annual Sports Day was then formally declared open by our esteemed Principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan .

The day featured an exciting array of performances and sporting events, including Yoga Demonstration, Martial Arts Display, Pyramid Display, Aerobic Dance, Gymnastic Ring Display, Passing the Ball, Roll the Ball, Relay Race, Three-Legged Race, Running Races and Tug of War . Each event highlighted essential values such as coordination, determination, cooperation, confidence, discipline and perseverance.



The Yoga Demonstration beautifully showcased the importance of balance, flexibility, concentration and inner well-being, adding a meaningful dimension to the sporting celebrations.

The enthusiastic participation of our students, coupled with the constant encouragement and support of our teachers, created an energetic and memorable atmosphere. The event was not merely about winning; it was about participation, effort, resilience, sportsmanship and learning to work together.







The event was graced by our esteemed Director HR, Mr. Adil Zargar and our esteemed principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan whose presence and encouragement made the Annual Sports Day a memorable celebration.

The programme concluded with the Prize Distribution Ceremony , where the achievements, efforts and sporting spirit of our young participants were recognised and celebrated.

The Annual Sports Day was truly a celebration of talent, teamwork, determination, discipline and the joy of participation , creating cherished memories for our students and the entire school community. Every participant was a champion, and every effort was a step towards excellence.













~Report by Student Journalist, Ayaan

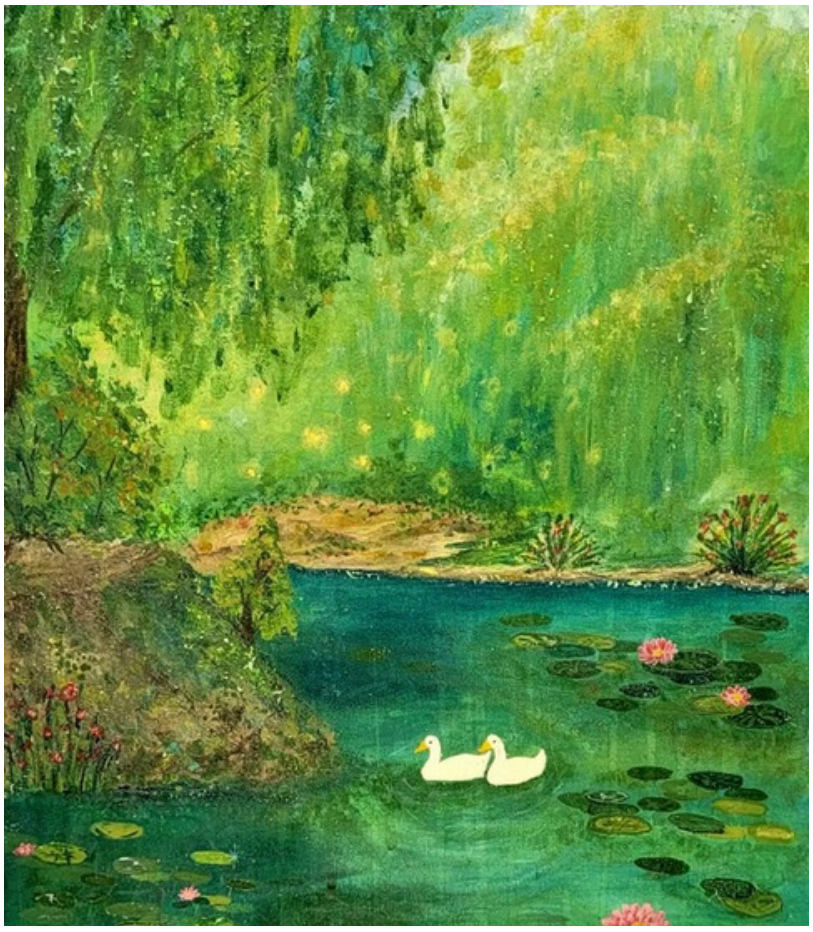
IMAGINE 2026 – FOUNDATION EDITION



At G.D. Goenka Public School, creativity is nurtured as an essential aspect of holistic education, encouraging students to explore their imagination and develop their artistic abilities. The school takes pride in providing a platform where young minds can express their ideas through diverse forms of art and visual storytelling.

The three beautiful artworks showcased by our students for Imagine 2026-Foundation Edition, Aks-e-Kashmir, organized by Asian Paints, reflected exceptional creativity, originality, and artistic finesse. From the tranquil beauty of a nature-inspired landscape and the intricate detailing of a mythical sketch to the serene charm of a snow-covered retreat, each artwork conveyed a unique perspective and remarkable attention to detail.





Through vibrant colors, thoughtful compositions, and imaginative concepts, these creations highlighted the talent, dedication, and passion of our budding artists. The artworks stand as a celebration of creativity and serve as an inspiration for students to continue exploring the limitless possibilities of artistic expression.

~Report by Student Journalist, Shareen

INTRA-CLASS HANDWRITING COMPETITION

GD Goenka Public School's Literary Club hosted an intra-class handwriting competition for Grade 3 students on August 21, 2026, as part of its ongoing alignment with CBSE club activities and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 framework. The academic initiative focused on reinforcing foundational literacy, fine motor development, and aesthetic appreciation through structured written expression. Participating students across all sections were given a 30-minute window to transcribe a selected prose passage, with submissions evaluated on legibility, spatial proportion, alignment uniformity, and overall presentation.

The event concluded with a formal felicitation ceremony led by HR Director Adil Zargar and Principal Zubair Ahmed Khan. School leadership commended the participants' technical precision and encouraged continued student involvement in literary skill-building exercises. Administrators noted that the competitive drive met its core objectives of raising penmanship standards and advancing NEP 2020 foundational learning benchmarks across the primary grade level.













~Report by Student Journalist, Haani

PARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION – UKG

GD Goenka Public School's UKG department hosted a dedicated Parents' Day celebration on September 1, 2026, featuring a series of student-led cultural performances designed to honour parental guidance and strengthen early childhood support networks. The young learners presented a curated program of thematic songs, choreographed dances, and stage recitals, offering families and educators a showcase of the children's emerging public confidence, creative expression, and social development. Institutional and Developmental Significance: Beyond serving as a commemorative gathering, the event highlighted several key educational and community objectives within early childhood development. Primary among these was the strengthening of the home-school partnership. Educational research consistently underscores that active parental involvement during foundational school years directly enhances a child's academic and emotional growth, and the celebration provided a vital platform for parents and teachers to align on supporting student well-being. Additionally, stage performances at the kindergarten level play a critical role in fostering foundational confidence, helping young learners build public speaking skills, emotional resilience, and self-assurance during key formative stages.

The initiative also served to advance social-emotional learning across the early childhood curriculum. By explicitly expressing gratitude and recognizing family support structures, the event reinforced core socio-emotional values, empathy, and positive interpersonal relationships early in the students' academic journeys. School administration concluded the program with a formal vote of thanks, reaffirming the institution's commitment to collaborative child development and community engagement.

















~Report by Student Journalist, Mir Misam

PARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION – LKG

G D Goenka Public School, Srinagar organised a heart-warming Parents' Day Celebration for the LKG students in the school auditorium on Wednesday, 02.09.2026. The event was a beautiful celebration of the unconditional bond between parents and children and the joy of togetherness.

The programme commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an (Tilawat-e-Kalam-e-Pak), setting a serene and spiritually uplifting tone for the occasion.

This was followed by the inaugural address by the Coordinator, Ms. Rumaisa, who warmly welcomed the parents and spoke about the significance of parental love and involvement in a child's development.

Our respected Principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan, graciously welcomed the parents and shared their warm wishes for the occasion. Their inspiring words and gracious presence added dignity and significance to the celebration, setting the perfect tone for an event dedicated to the beautiful bond between parents and their little ones.















The auditorium soon came alive with the vibrant energy and cheerful enthusiasm of our little Goenkans. The young learners stepped onto the stage with remarkable confidence, zeal, and zest. Through their songs, dances, and specially curated presentations, they expressed their love and affection for their parents in the most innocent and touching manner.

The highlight of the celebration was undoubtedly the beautiful smiles on the faces of the children as they saw their parents in the audience. Their eyes sparkled with excitement, and the encouraging presence of their parents seemed to fill them with even greater confidence. Every performance reflected their hard work, innocence, and growing ability to express themselves. The event was more than just a presentation; it was a celebration of love, connection, and belonging. The auditorium echoed with applause as proud parents watched their little ones perform with immense enthusiasm.

Such events create a joyful and positive atmosphere while strengthening the bond between home and school. They also provide children with valuable opportunities to overcome stage hesitation, build confidence, and experience the happiness of being appreciated by their loved ones.

The celebration concluded on a joyful and memorable note, leaving behind countless smiles, proud moments, and cherished memories.

It was truly a celebration where little hearts performed, proud parents applauded, and the entire auditorium came together in the beautiful spirit of love, joy, and togetherness.





~Report by Student Journalist,Maisah

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLEAN AIR FOR BLUE SKIES

JKPCC Srinagar Organises Programme on International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies

The District Office of the J&K Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC), Srinagar, organised an awareness programme at G.D. Goenka Public School, Lal Bazar, Srinagar, to commemorate the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies.

The programme aimed to sensitise students and participants about the importance of clean air, the prevention of air pollution, and the collective responsibility of society towards protecting and preserving the environment.

Mr. Adil Bashir Zargar, HR Director, G.D. Goenka Public School, and Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan, Principal, G.D. Goenka Public School, delivered the welcome address and extended a warm welcome to the distinguished dignitaries, JKPCC officials, teachers, and students present on the occasion.

Sh. Vassu Yadav, IFS, Chairman, JKPCC, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Sh. Safeer Hussain Shah, Regional Director, JKPCC, and Er. Bilal Ahmad Khan, Divisional Officer, JKPCC, also addressed the gathering. The speakers highlighted various aspects of air pollution, its adverse impact on human health and the environment, and the importance of collective efforts in improving and maintaining air quality.













As part of the programme, Debate and Painting Competitions were organised for the students. The participants were felicitated by the Chief Guest in recognition of their enthusiastic participation and efforts in spreading awareness about clean air and environmental protection.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Grade VII Coordinator of G.D. Goenka Public School, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Guest, JKPCC officials, teachers, students, and everyone associated with the successful conduct of the programme.

The event served as a meaningful platform to inspire young minds to become responsible citizens and active contributors towards a cleaner, healthier, and sustainable environment.

~Report by Student Journalist, Qubaisa

PARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION – NURSERY

Parents' Day Celebration | GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar

"Parents are the first teachers, the first role models, and the greatest blessings in a child's life."

It gives us immense joy to share glimpses from the Parents' Day Celebration organized by the Nursery Department of GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar on 3rd September, 2026 (Thursday).

The celebration was a beautiful tribute to the unconditional love, sacrifices, and unwavering support of parents. Our little Goenkans presented a vibrant and heartwarming programme filled with melodious performances, cultural presentations, dances, Kashmiri Rouf, Jashn-e-Kashmir, a colourful Fashion Show, and much more.

The enthusiasm and confidence of our young performers made the occasion truly memorable. Their delightful performances reflected not only their talent but also the love and values nurtured by their families and teachers.

















~Report by Student Journalist, Haani

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

The Junior School Assembly was conducted on 5th September to commemorate Teachers' Day and celebrate the dedication, guidance and invaluable contribution of teachers in shaping young minds.

The assembly commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by its translation, creating a peaceful and meaningful beginning to the programme.

The students then delivered heartfelt speeches on Teachers' Day, expressing their gratitude and appreciation for their teachers. The celebration continued with a variety of vibrant performances, including group presentations, dances and special performances dedicated to teachers. Each presentation beautifully reflected the love, respect and admiration students hold for their teachers.

The programme was further enriched by an inspiring address by Mr Adil Zargar, HR Director, who shared his thoughts and extended warm wishes to the teachers on this special occasion.

This was followed by an address by Mr Zubair Khan, Principal, who appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers and highlighted the significant role teachers play in nurturing and guiding young minds.

The celebration concluded on a warm and joyful note, leaving everyone with a renewed appreciation for the teachers who inspire, guide and empower young minds to thrive for life.



















~Report by Student Journalist, Sifat

CARTOON CHARACTER CARNIVAL

GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar, under the aegis of the Literature Club, organized a joyful and engaging activity titled “Cartoon Character Carnival” on 9th September 2026 for the students of Grade 3, based on the theme “Page to Stage.”

The main objective of the event was to enhance students’ confidence, speaking skills, voice modulation, creativity, and self-expression by providing them with an opportunity to bring their favourite cartoon characters and stories to life on stage.

The students participated in the carnival with great zeal and enthusiasm. They came dressed in vibrant and colourful costumes representing their selected cartoon characters. Each student spoke about their favourite character and presented an interesting story related to it with remarkable confidence, appropriate voice modulation, and expressive gestures. To make their performances more engaging and livelier, the students also used creative props related to their stories, which added charm and visual appeal to their presentations.













The event proved to be a great learning experience and successfully achieved its objective of boosting the confidence, enhancing the public speaking skills and nurturing the creativity and imagination of the young learners. It provided a wonderful platform for students to overcome stage fear and express themselves joyfully.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by the Grade 3 Coordinator, expressing gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the carnival.

~Report by Student Journalist Haani

CONDOLENCE MEETING









Condolence Meeting Held at GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar

A solemn condolence meeting was held at GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar, to mourn the sad demise of Mr. Rouf Ahmad Kawoosa, beloved elder brother of our respected Chairman, Mr. Imtiyaz Kawoosa. The gathering was presided over by Mr. Zubair Ahmad Khan, Principal, and attended by all members of the school staff.

The gathering was marked by a profound sense of sorrow and solemnity, as the school community came together to pay its respects to the departed soul and to stand in solidarity with Mr. Imtiyaz Kawoosa and the bereaved family in this difficult hour.

The meeting commenced with Dua-e-Magfirat for the departed soul, led by Mr. Sayarat, seeking Allah Almighty's mercy, forgiveness and blessings for the deceased.

In her condolence address, Ms. Asia Mushtaq, Lead Coordinator, conveyed the heartfelt sympathies of the school community to Mr. Imtiyaz Kawoosa and the bereaved family. She spoke of the profound void left by the passing of a loved one and prayed that Allah Almighty grant the family strength, patience and Sabr-e-Jameel to endure this irreparable loss.

Ms. Samrah Akram, Coordinator – Grade 9, paid tribute to the noble qualities of the departed soul and expressed her sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

In his address, Mr. Zubair Ahmad Khan, Principal, spoke with deep empathy about the enduring bond between brothers and the profound grief that accompanies the loss of a close family member. He reaffirmed that, in this hour of sorrow, the entire GD Goenka school community stands united with Mr. Imtiyaz Kawoosa and his family, sharing in their grief and offering prayers for strength and solace.

He prayed that Allah Almighty bless the departed soul with Magfirah, elevate his status and grant him the highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdous, and bestow upon the bereaved family Sabr-e-Jameel, strength and peace.

The gathering concluded with two minutes of silence and collective prayer in solemn remembrance of the departed soul.

The GD Goenka family extends its deepest condolences to the Chairman, Mr. Imtiyaz Kawoosa and the bereaved family. May Allah Almighty envelop the departed soul in His infinite mercy, grant him eternal peace and a place in Jannat-ul-Firdous, and grant the family strength and solace in this time of profound loss.

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un **~Report by Student Journalist, Arsalaan**

STORIES IN THE MAKING: INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING SESSION FOR GRADE 1 AND 2

G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar, in collaboration with Scholastic Publications, organised an interactive storytelling session for students of Grades 1 and 2 on 15 September 2026, as part of the ongoing Scholastic Book Fair (14–19 September).

Conducted by Ms. Malleha, the session introduced young learners to the art of storytelling through expressive narration and audience participation. Her engaging presentation encouraged students to immerse themselves in the stories, respond to the narrative and participate actively throughout the session.



The programme commenced with a Qur'anic recitation, followed by an opening address by Mr. Adil Zargar, Director HR. The session also featured student participation, with children from Grades 1 and 2 coming forward to narrate short stories of their own. Their contributions added a student-led dimension to the programme, providing them with an opportunity to practise storytelling and develop their confidence in public speaking.



The event concluded with an address by the Principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmad Khan, who appreciated the students' participation and the efforts behind the programme.

The session formed part of the wider initiative to encourage reading and literary engagement among young learners. By combining narration with active participation, it offered students an opportunity to explore storytelling as a means of developing imagination, listening skills and oral expression.

~Report by Student Journalist Haani

YOUNG VOICES, WONDERFUL STORIES AN INTERVIEW WITH THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

To gain a better understanding of the students' experiences at the storytelling session, I interacted individually with a few young participants from Grades 2. Through these conversations, I explored their love for the stage, their favourite stories, and the impressions they carried away from the event.

INTERVIEW WITH AHNA ALFAQ



Q. Ahna, what do you enjoy most about being on stage?
Ahna Alfaq: I love being on stage because I enjoy the attention and like being in the spotlight. It makes me happy when people listen to me.
Q. Do you enjoy expressing your thoughts in front of an audience?
Ahna Alfaq: Yes, I enjoy it a lot. I like sharing my thoughts with others and being able to express myself in front of people.
Q. What do you think makes storytelling interesting?
Ahna Alfaq: Storytelling is interesting because it lets us imagine different things and learn new ideas through stories.



INTERVIEW WITH LIZA KARIM

Q. Liza, you delivered a speech during the event. How did you feel about being on stage?
Liza Karim: I really love being on stage. I enjoy speaking in front of people, and it is exciting to have everyone listening to me.
Q. What did you enjoy most about participating in the session?
Liza Karim: I enjoyed being part of the event and getting the opportunity to speak in front of everyone.
Q. Would you like to participate in more such events in the future?
Liza Karim: Yes, definitely! I would love to take part in more events because they give me a chance to speak, learn, and enjoy myself.

REFLECTIONS ON THE EVENT

Q. How would you describe the hosts' presentation?
Students: It was amazing! We enjoyed the way the event was presented, and it made the session even more interesting.
Q. What did you enjoy most about the overall event?
Students: We enjoyed listening to the stories and being part of such an exciting session. It was a fun experience, and we learnt new things through storytelling.

FAVOURITE STORIES AND LASTING LESSONS

Q. Which story did you enjoy the most during the storytelling session?
Students: We really enjoyed The Two Twin Sisters. It was an interesting story, and we liked listening to it.
Q. What do you think makes a story memorable?
Students: A story becomes memorable when it is interesting and teaches us something meaningful. We also enjoy stories that make us imagine different things.

The interviews offered a glimpse into the enthusiasm and creativity of the young participants. Their responses reflected how storytelling can go beyond entertainment, providing children with opportunities to express themselves, build confidence, explore their imagination, and discover meaningful lessons through stories.

~Report by Student Journalist Shareen

STORIES BY OUR BUDDING AUTHORS

The children of kinder garden indulged themselves in the art of storytelling, helping them to overcome their fear of public speaking and bring a unique essence to their personalities. Story telling helps their young minds develop morals that would serve as the building blocks of their character, this activity helped them understand the importance of honesty, bravery and patience. here are some things these kids shared with us:
There is never any need to panic since slowly and steady always wins the race~Aroush UKG daffodil
We should care about others~Noor UKG daffodil
Sharing is caring ~Abeeha UKG daffodil
Honesty is the best policy~Arham Javeed UKG daffodil
Never be arrogant over your speed of doing things as slow and steady wins the race~Eyana asif kolu UKG rose
Be wise and brave~Aaminah UKG rose
Always be honest even if it's hard~ Xavian UKG rose

COMMUNITY HELPERS THROUGH YOUNG EYES

It was truly unbelievable and kind of inspiring how these kids that were just in grade1 portrayed themselves as community helpers. Not only were they able to explore different jobs they could take up in future and hard work of community helpers, they were also able to identify a moral lesson in the most unexpected way. The thing that intrigued me the most was how one of the children was able to come up with the idea of being a thief and how slowly it turned into a group project where they created a whole story out of their act about importance of honest jobs. By talking with these kids it was truly unbelievable how the young ones among us are so bright. The characters played by them were:
Ahmad Riza; commando, has a dream of becoming one in future
Irah mushtaq; nurse, likes to help people
Tahani; teacher, loves her teacher
Hamzah; thief, wanted everyone to learn a moral lesson
Fazl; post man, informing his classmates about the job of a post man

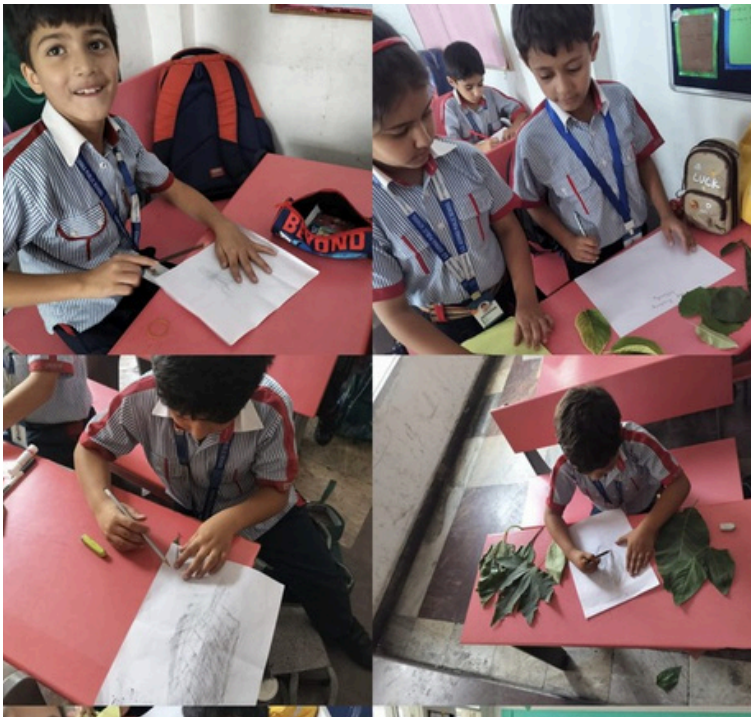


~Report by Student Journalist Maisah

EXPLORING NEW THINGS

For me the best form of learning is through practical work, in the month of September our grade 1 kids had two enlightening activities were they had the chance of learning things practically. There teacher miss Ishfa helped the student in identifying different types of plants during a nature walk. All the kids spoke so enthusiastically about this small trip of theirs.





The first time I ever heard about creation of clouds must be when I talked to the teachers of grade 1. They had made the kids perform a fun activity where they created colorful clouds out of foam texture.



~Report by Student Journalist Maisah

SPELL BEE 2026

"Words are your wings, and spelling is your flight. Keep learning, keep growing, and let your knowledge shine bright!"

Congratulations to the young wordsmiths of Grades V–IX who have successfully qualified for Round 3 of Spell Bee 2026! Having triumphed in Round 2, these students have showcased their spelling skills, determination and love for language. As they move forward to the next stage, we wish them the very best and hope they continue to spell their way to success!

GRADE V ROUND 2 QUALIFIERS

1. Abu Bakr Bin Ishfaq-Lotus
2. Usman Aroob Bhat-Tulip

GRADE VI ROUND 2 QUALIFIERS

1. Ahmad Lanker - Daffodil
2. Sundus Khan - Daffodil
3. Syed Qazi Zainab-Daffodil
4. Amara Adil Khan - Lotus
5. Syed Mysha Sajad - Lotus
6. Aisha Rafiq - Pansy
7. Zayaan Un Nabi - Pansy
8. Minhaa Tariq Bhat - Rose
9. Aamina Zubair - Tulip
10. Ali Reza Khan - Tulip
11. Hafsa Bint Umar Shah - Tulip

GRADE VII ROUND 2 QUALIFIERS

1. Mohammad Mursaleen Itoo -Jasmine
2. Syedah Mawisha Kubravi - Lotus
3. Fatima - Pansy
4. Fatima Gowhar - Rose
5. Ibrah Mir - Jasmine

GRADE IX ROUND 2 QUALIFIERS

1. Pareeza Wahid - Daffodil
2. Hafsa Faisal Mantoo - Jasmine
3. Malik Abdul Mumin - Jasmine
4. Zehwa Shawl - Jasmine
5. Areeba Nisar - Lotus
6. Adeeva Binti Aamair - Pansy
7. Narva Nishas - Pansy
8. Yahya Mukhtar Shah - Pansy
9. Mohsin Malik - Tulip

GRADE VIII ROUND 2 QUALIFIERS

1. Hurmat Abid - daffodil
2. Usman Ali Zarger - lotus
3. Umar Ali Zarger - lotus

The spelling journey is far from over! With Round 3 on the horizon, the excitement continues as our young wordsmiths prepare for the next challenge. Stay tuned to find out who will spell their way to glory in Spell Bee 2026!

SPELLING STARS ADVANCE TO ROUND 3

The Spell Bee competition continues to test students' vocabulary, accuracy and confidence as the qualified participants move on to Round 3. After successfully clearing the previous round, these students have earned their place in the next stage of the competition. Their achievement reflects their dedication, preparation and enthusiasm for learning.

Congratulations to all the qualifiers, and best wishes for the upcoming round!

JUNIOR CATEGORY

GRADE V

1. Abu Bakr Bin Ishfaq: Lotus
2. Usman Aroob Bhat: Tulip
3. Ahmad Lanker: Daffodil

GRADE VI

1. Sundus Khan: Daffodil
2. Amara Adil Khan: Lotus
3. Zayaan Un Nabi: Pansy
4. Minhaa Tariq Bhat: Rose
5. Ali Reza Khan: Tulip
6. Hafsa Bint Umar Shah: Tulip

SENIOR CATEGORY

GRADE VII

1. Mohammad Mursaleen Itoo: Jasmine
2. Syedah Mawisha Kubravi: Lotus
3. Fatima Gowhar: Rose

GRADE VIII

1. Hurmat Abid: Daffodil
2. Usman Ali Zarger: Lotus

GRADE IX

1. Malik Abdul Mumin: Jasmine
2. Zehwa Shawl: Jasmine
3. Adeeva Binti Aamair: Pansy
4. Narva Nishas: Pansy
5. Yahya Mukhtar Shah: Pansy

The journey that began with a love for words is now approaching its most exciting stage. With Round 3 qualifiers securing their places, anticipation is building for the Grand Finale of the Spell Bee competition. The upcoming finale promises to be a test of vocabulary, concentration, confidence and quick thinking. As the participants prepare to take on the ultimate spelling challenge, the excitement continues to grow.

THE WORDS ARE READY, THE SPELLERS ARE READY.
THE FINAL SHOWDOWN AWAITS!

Who will emerge as the ultimate spelling champion?

~Report by Student Journalist Sifat

G.D. GOENKA SPELL BEE 2026 GRAND FINALE: A CELEBRATION OF YOUNG MINDS AND WORDS



The G.D. Goenka, Srinagar Spell Bee 2026 Grand Finale concluded successfully, celebrating students' enthusiasm for language, confidence, and determination to excel. The event provided a platform for young learners to demonstrate their spelling proficiency, vocabulary, concentration, and presence of mind while embracing the spirit of healthy competition.

For the participants, the Grand Finale was more than a spelling competition; it was an opportunity to challenge themselves, overcome nervousness, expand their vocabulary, and gain valuable learning experiences. Each round encouraged students to demonstrate preparation, perseverance, and self-confidence, making the event an enriching experience for all involved.

Alhamdulillah, the event proceeded smoothly, reflecting the dedication, commitment, and coordination of the entire school community. The Spell Bee 2026 Committee expressed its heartfelt gratitude to Almighty Allah for blessing the event with success and making this memorable occasion possible.









The committee also extended its sincere appreciation to the esteemed School Management Committee for its constant encouragement, guidance, and unwavering support. Special acknowledgement was accorded to Chairman Mr. Imtiyaz Kawoosa, Managing Director Mrs. Massara Kawoosa, Executive Director Mr. Ameer Kawoosa, HR Director Mr. Adil Zargar, and Principal Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan for their invaluable support and contribution to the successful conduct of the event.

A significant highlight of the Grand Finale was the felicitation ceremony, which recognised the achievements and efforts of the young participants. The winners and runners-up were felicitated with cash prizes and certificates in recognition of their outstanding performance. All teams that qualified for the Grand Finale were also presented with certificates and awards, acknowledging their dedication, perseverance, and achievement in reaching this prestigious stage of the competition. The recognition celebrated not only the winners but also every finalist whose hard work and determination had brought them to the Grand Finale.





🏆 Heartiest Congratulations to Our Winners!

Senior Category

Winner: Adeeva Binte Aamair

1st Runner-Up: Zehwa Shawl

2nd Runner-Up: Mohammad Mursaleen Itoo

Junior Category

Winner: Sundus Khan

1st Runner-Up: Amara Adil Khan

2nd Runner-Up: Zayaan Un Nabi

















The event underscored the importance of nurturing students' linguistic abilities and providing meaningful opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. It encouraged participants to strengthen their vocabulary, refine their spelling skills, think quickly, and approach challenges with confidence. The competition also reinforced essential values such as perseverance, sportsmanship, resilience, and respect for fellow participants.

As the Spell Bee 2026 Grand Finale drew to a close, it left the young participants with a sense of achievement and renewed enthusiasm for learning. The event celebrated not only linguistic proficiency but also the courage to participate, the determination to improve, and the value of learning through shared experiences. It reaffirmed G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar's commitment to creating opportunities that nurture students' confidence, intellectual curiosity, and all-round development.The event was graced by our chief guest Dr.Iqbal huassain Mir,personal officer school education Kashmir Division,who applauded the young spellers.





~Report by Student Journalist, Ali Sajad

BEYOND THE PODIUM

" In conversation with Grade 5 spellingbee semifinalies"

Competitions are often remembered for their results, but the experience behind them can be just as meaningful. At the Grade 5 Spelling Bee, Abu Bakr and Usman made it to the semi-finals, demonstrating their willingness to challenge themselves and put their language skills to the test.

In conversation with the two participants, we explored their feelings during the competition, the inspiration behind their participation, and what they hoped to take away from the experience.

IN CONVERSATION WITH ABU BAKR



Q. How did you feel about reaching the final stages of the competition?

Abu Bakr: I felt nervous throughout the competition, but I was also grateful for the opportunity to participate and make it this far. It was a valuable experience that encouraged me to keep learning.

Q. Who inspired you to take part in the Spelling Bee?

Abu Bakr: My mother was my biggest inspiration. Her encouragement motivated me to participate and give the competition my best effort.

Q. Did you feel disappointed about not winning?

Abu Bakr: Although I wished to go further, I understand that competitions are also about learning. I hope to improve my vocabulary, learn more words and perform better in future opportunities.

IN CONVERSATION WITH USMAN AROOB BHAT



Q. What was your mindset going into the competition, and how did you feel about reaching the semi-finals?

Usman:I was determined to do my best and make the most of the opportunity. Reaching the semi-finals was a positive experience, and it gave me more confidence in my abilities.

Q. What do you take away from this experience, and what are your goals moving forward?

Usman: I see this as a learning experience rather than an endpoint. I want to continue improving my vocabulary, take part in more competitions and keep challenging myself. There is always more to learn, and I look forward to the next opportunity.

~Report by Student Journalist Shareen

COMPUTATIONAL THINKING COMPETITION 2026

" Think Smart. Break It Down. Solve It. Create It."

ROUND II COMPUTATIONAL BASED THINKING QUALIFIERS

GRADE VI

Lotus
1. Aliza Zainab
2. Syed Mysha Sajad

Rose
1. Afra Qureshi
2. Qazi Abdul Hadi
3. Usman Ul Zaman Bhat

Tulip
1. Anaya Naser Khan
2. Mohammad Hammad Khan

GRADE VII

Daffodil
1. Mohammad Absar Shah

Pansy
1. Ayesha

Tulip
1. Hibba Iqbal
2. Syed Qamar Ali

GRADE VIII

Jasmine
1. Safee Sajid

Lotus
1. Mir Mohammad Azam

Tulip
1. Mohammad Eshaan Kakroo

ROUND III COMPUTATIONAL BASED THINKING QUALIFIERS

GRADE VI

Lotus
1. Aliza Zainab

Rose
1. Qazi Abdul Hadi

Tulip
1. Anaya Naser Khan

GRADE VII

Daffodil
1. Mohammad Absaar Shah

Tulip
1. Hibba Iqbal
2. Syed Qamar Ali Andrabi

GRADE VIII

Jasmine
1. Safee Sajid

Lotus
1. Mir Mohammad Azam

Tulip
1. Mohammad Eshaan Kakroo

~Report by Student Journalist Sifat

ART FOR PEACE – SEASON 3

CREATING • CONNECTING • INSPIRING • SPREADING PEACE

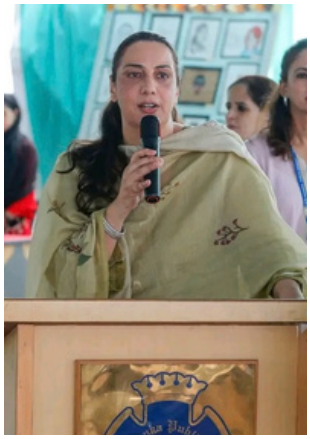


GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar proudly hosted the third season of its annual initiative, Art for Peace, marking another significant chapter in a journey that began with a simple idea—to bring people together through the universal language of art. Over the years, Art for Peace has grown in scale, participation and purpose, evolving into a meaningful platform that brings together eminent artists, young minds, educators and the wider community. Season 3 beautifully reflected this growth through an engaging art workshop, live artistic interactions and an exhibition of artworks, providing students with opportunities to learn, create, express and showcase their talent.

The school warmly welcomed the eminent artists and resource persons who joined the initiative and generously shared their time, knowledge and expertise with the young participants. The school management and leadership interacted with the visiting artists, expressing sincere appreciation for their collaboration and for coming together with the school to create a meaningful learning experience for students.













The workshop offered students much more than an opportunity to create. Through direct interaction and hands-on guidance, the artists introduced them to different artistic techniques, approaches and forms of expression, helping them refine their skills and develop greater confidence in their work. The artists also identified promising young talent and encouraged them through personalised guidance and hand-holding, helping students work towards greater precision and perfection in their artistic expression.

The event was enriched by the presence of an inspiring group of artists from the artist community of Kashmir, including Dr. Jahangir Aslam Makhdoomi, Dr. Sumaira of Craftsville by Sumi, Ar. Suha Gulzar Shah, Shahran AKA The Art Vader, Mrs. Saiqa Rashid, Mrs. Shafiya Shafi and Mrs. Saima Shafi Mir of Kralkoor. Their diverse expertise and generous interaction with the young participants made the workshop an enriching and memorable learning experience.





A word of appreciation was given to all the eminent artists and resource persons for bringing their artistic journeys, expertise and unique perspectives from their respective fields to the workshop. Their guidance, encouragement and interaction helped students refine their skills and inspired them to look at art with greater confidence, creativity and imagination.

The initiative was further strengthened through the valuable collaboration of Scholastic Publications, Fun Kara and Axis Bank, Soura. Their willingness to collaborate with the school and invest in the creative growth of students made Art for Peace – Season 3 a truly enriching experience.

We were honoured to have Mr. Zamin Sheikh and Mrs. Imaan Shah as our Chief Guests for the day. Their gracious presence, constant support and generous encouragement, along with their genuine engagement with the artists and students, added immense value to the occasion and contributed greatly to making the event a meaningful and successful one.

The Managing Director, Madam Masara Kawoosa, in her address, expressed her appreciation to all the eminent artists for joining the school as resource persons and sharing their expertise with the students. She also acknowledged the efforts of the organising committee for creating an enriching platform where students could learn, explore and benefit















Words of appreciation were also shared by the Principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan and HR Director Mr. Adil Zargar, who acknowledged the valuable contribution of the eminent artists as well as the collective efforts of the team behind the successful organisation of the event. Their encouragement recognised the spirit of collaboration, teamwork and commitment that went into bringing Season 3 to life.

The event received the constant support and encouragement of the school management and leadership, particularly Chairman Sir, Mr. Imtiaz Kawoosa, Executive Director Mr. Ameer Kawoosa, Principal Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan and Mr. Adil Zargar, whose continued support helped the initiative move from an idea to a meaningful and impactful experience for the students.

Art for Peace – Season 3 was a collective effort of the Art & Craft Department and the entire GD Goenka family, with the active involvement of the staff and the enthusiastic participation of students from the Art & Craft Club as well as students across the school.

Art for Peace – Season 3 was more than an event. It was a celebration of creativity, collaboration, learning and harmony—a space where art became a means of connection and young minds were encouraged to express themselves freely.

The journey does not end here. Art for Peace is another beautiful beginning, and we look forward to bringing together more artists, nurturing more young talent and creating greater opportunities for artistic collaboration and expression in the years ahead.

~Report by Student Journalist, Arsalaan

GOENKAN'S SHINE AT VERVE!

VERVE, held at Green Valley Education Institute, was an exciting inter-school event that brought together students from different institutions to celebrate creativity, talent, and self-expression. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their abilities, exchange ideas, and participate in healthy competition beyond the classroom.

The event featured several categories, including Arts, Poetry, Debate, Stand-up Comedy, and Mimicry. The Arts category encouraged artistic expression and imagination, while Poetry offered students an opportunity to communicate emotions and ideas through verse. Debate promoted critical thinking, confidence, and public speaking, whereas Stand-up Comedy and Mimicry entertained the audience through humour, wit, and creative performances.

Representing GD Goenka School, our students participated enthusiastically and achieved notable success across various categories.





In the Debate category, Qubaisa Kozgar of Grade 10 secured second position, speaking in favour of the motion “Feminism and Traditional Values Can't co-exist ” Her fellow participant, Aisha of Grade 10, spoke against the motion, presenting the opposing perspective and contributing to an engaging exchange of ideas.

The Poetry category witnessed remarkable achievements from our students. Hana Khan of Grade 11 secured second position for her poem “A Sorrowful Stream,” which reflected her poetic expression and creativity. Maisah Masroor Kirmani of Grade 11 secured third position for her poem “Hallucinations,” showcasing her imagination and literary talent.

In the Senior Arts category, Simra Shujat of Grade 10 represented the school with her artistic skills, and became the 2nd runner up.While as Humaira Habib of Grade 8th Rose secured first position in the Junior Arts category, bringing another achievement to the school's name.

VERVE proved to be a memorable and enriching experience for the participating students. Their performances and achievements reflected the school's commitment to encouraging creativity, confidence, and holistic development. The event was not only an opportunity to compete but also a valuable platform for learning, gaining exposure, and celebrating the diverse talents of young individuals.

~Report by Student Journalist Hana Khan

YOUNG AUTHORS WORKSHOP: INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH READING AND WRITING



As part of the ongoing Annual Book Fair at G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar, in association with Scholastic Publications, a Young Authors Workshop was organised today for students of Grades 6 to 9 in the school auditorium.

The session was conducted by Ms. Nandini Nayar, an acclaimed author with 90 book titles to her name, who travelled all the way from Hyderabad to interact with and inspire the young readers and aspiring writers of the school. The programme began with a Quranic recitation, followed by a welcome address, a brief introduction and an engaging warm-up session. Students actively participated throughout, while the school's young authors, whose works have been published earlier, also interacted with Ms. Nandini Nayar and shared their experiences. Interested students had the opportunity to buy books written by Ms. Nandini Nayar for their age group and receive autographed copies in their names, adding to the excitement of the session.



The event was graced by our esteemed HR Director Mr. Adil Zargar, and our venerated Principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to both for sparing their valuable time from their busy schedules and being part of the occasion. They addressed the students and highlighted the importance of reading and the qualities that help one become a good writer.



The question-and-answer session was especially engaging, with students asking Ms. Nandini Nayar about how she began her journey as an author and about her experiences as a writer. Her interaction with the students proved both inspiring and enriching.

The Young Authors Workshop was a wonderful addition to the Annual Book Fair, giving students a meaningful opportunity to meet an accomplished author and gain insights into the world of reading and writing. Events such as these truly prove fruitful in enriching students' learning experiences and nurturing a lasting love for books and creativity.



~Report by Student Journalist, Mir Misam

A JOURNEY IN BROKEN HEELS

She stood in front of the mirror ,
Looking at her "broken" reflection
A reflection of a "monster" ,
Cause monsters are said to be ugly .
Why?
Cause they have crooked noses and not a perfect body ?

She compared herself to the "pretty girls",
But nothing matched
Not the messy hair, , not the figure , not even the crimson scarred skin .
She felt like a 'Beast' among the 'Beauties',
The beauties from the internet and magazine covers .
Depicting a version of beauty that she never saw in herself.
All of them were "Picture Perfect" ,
With their shiny hair , glass skin and their sculpted bodies.

She could feel the vultures around her, tearing through her skin bit by bit,
Tearing all the imperfection in her ,
But it got worse , the wound didn't heal , it left a deep scar
A scar full of hatred and resentment

One day everything started to spiral .
Everyone told her the "OBLIGATIONS" she had to fulfill .
The "EXPECTATIONS" she had to uphold .
The "STANDARD" she had to follow .
The "STANDARD" she couldn't reach.

The 'Standard' kept telling her why she wasn't enough.
She was always too dark, too pale, too thin, too big .
She was a girl with imperfect skin, imperfect hair and not a perfect smile

She slowly lost herself in the void called "Beauty"
Her confidence faltered , she covered her mirrors,
Stopped look at herself before school .

From huge smiles to distant ones,
From cute tops to baggy hoodies,
From hair styles to buns,
From confidence to low self-esteem,
From chin up to low eyes.
We lost another delicate soul to the black hole called 'Standard'.

She was never enough , never the standard .
But, we never stopped to ask , who set the "Standard".

Who said straight hair was pretty but curly isn't ,
Who said pale skin is pretty but dark isn't ,

The young girl didnt have the chance to stop and look at mother nature to see it also has imperfections ,
It has marks, scars and so much more
Yet it never seizes to mesmerize us.

Earth is not perfect ,
Not perfectly spherical,
Not perfectly even,
Not perfectly toned ,
Yet the prettiest.

Then the young girl realized,
Even mother nature had to follow a 'standard '
A manual on how to live,
And how to look,
Just like us all
But this manual isn't a book,
It is endless mirage of expectations ,
Expectations that can be altered on a random Tuesday.
Just for another girl to think she is a "monster"
And she isn't enough.

Even earth had to change herself for people,
Even earth had to put on makeup,
Not for itself but to please others,

The makeup is turning it to ruins,
Yet she has to,
Because choices are not included in the manual called 'Standard '

So, the 'Standard' won't change,
Not for you , not me , not for us, not for mother nature,
And especially not for the young girl standing infront of a mirror,
Thinking why she isn't enough ,
Why can't she reach the 'Standard' ,
Why can't she be the 'Standard'

But ,she forgot that, her heels are broken ,
Her dress is too long,
Her makeup is not perfect,
Thus, she might falter while she is on her endless journey to reached the 'standard'.
With her manual as her map,
Which she is yet to figure out .

But the question remains ,
Who set the "Standard"?
Who is the "Standard"?



~Written by Mir Misam, 11th Daffodil

AN INSIGHTFUL INTERVIEW WITH DR. NAFEESA KHURSHID, SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Student Well-being | Interviewers: Ayaan and Miran



To better understand the emotional and social challenges students face today, Ayan and Miran sat down with Dr. Nafeesa Khurshid, the school counsellor. In this interview, she discusses the importance of student well-being, the value of counselling, and how schools and families can work together to help every child feel supported, confident and understood.

Ayan: What does a typical day look like for you at school, and what is the most rewarding part of working with students?

Dr. Nafeesa Khurshid: A typical day at school is exciting and full of learning. I enjoy interacting with students, understanding their thoughts and helping them overcome their challenges. The most rewarding part of my work is that both the students and I learn from each other. I believe that every child has a unique personality and potential, and guiding them on their journey is a truly fulfilling experience.

Miran: What are some of the most common challenges you see students facing today?

Dr. Nafeesa Khurshid: Students today face several challenges, particularly related to social and emotional well-being. Some struggle with family conflicts, while others feel helpless when they are unable to support their families or deal with problems at home. These experiences can affect their confidence, concentration and mental health. It is important to provide students with a safe and supportive environment where they can express themselves without fear of being judged.

Ayan: Can you give one piece of advice to students suffering from any sort of stress?

Dr. Nafeesa Khurshid: My advice to every student is: Never, ever doubt yourself. Believe in your abilities and remember that it is okay to ask for help when you feel overwhelmed. Do not hesitate to share your feelings with someone you trust. Every challenge is an opportunity to learn and grow, and you should never feel that you have to face everything alone.

Miran: In conclusion, what final message would you like to give to students as well as parents?

Dr. Nafeesa Khurshid: My final message is that mental health is just as important as academic success. Counselling plays a vital role in supporting children's emotional well-being, and building self-esteem is essential for their overall development. Students should feel safe, valued and understood, while parents should offer love, patience and encouragement rather than putting excessive pressure on them. Together, schools and families can create an environment where every child feels confident enough to learn, grow and succeed.

~Report by Student Journalist Ayaan & Miran

AN INSIGHTFUL INTERVIEW WITH MR. ABRAR BHAT, SPORTS HOD

Certified Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Coach | Currentlyworking inRealKashmirYouthAcademies

Sports play a vital role in shaping discipline, confidence, teamwork, and leadership among students. To gain deeper insight into the vision and philosophy behind the growing sports culture at G.D. Goenka Public School, **Ayan** sat down with **Mr. Abrar Bha**t, the school's Sports HOD, an AFC-certified coach and an experienced mentor currently associated with the Real Kashmir Youth Academies. In this interview, he shares his journey, his approach to nurturing young talent, and his aspirations for the future of sports in the school.

Ayan: What inspired you to pursue a career in sports education?

Mr. Abrar Bhat: My journey into sports started on the field as a football goalkeeper, playing for many top clubs in Kashmir and representing my university in three nationals. Beyond playing, I have always been deeply passionate about working with youth in academies and schools. I look up to icons like Cristiano Ronaldo and Roger Federer; their extraordinary work ethic, talent, discipline, and relentless drive are what originally inspired me to pursue a lifelong career in sports. My ultimate aim is to instill healthy sports habits in students that contribute to their holistic growth and success in life.



Ayan: How do you encourage students who are hesitant or lack confidence to participate?

Mr. Abrar Bhat: I pay special attention to children who are silent, introverted, or hesitant to step forward. My goal is to use sports as a tool for confidence and character building, helping them develop essential life skills. I make it a point to appreciate them constantly, motivate their efforts, teach them the value of teamwork, and ensure that no student is left unattended. I firmly believe sports should be inclusive and for everyone—whether senior or junior—giving every single student the opportunity to participate in the sport of their choice.

Ayan: What qualities do you look for in students who represent the school in competitions?

Mr. Abrar Bhat: When selecting students to represent our school in state and national competitions, I look for Discipline & Dedication, Leadership Skills, and Passion. Equally important is teaching them sportsmanship—knowing how to win with rules and responsibilities, and learning how to handle failure. In sports, someone always wins and someone loses, and understanding both outcomes gracefully builds true character.

Ayan: What improvements or new initiatives would you like to introduce to the school's sports program?

Mr. Abrar Bhat: While our school has an exceptionally high talent pool, what it needs is the right pathway and proper sports education to bridge the gap for individual and team improvements. To address this, I have mapped out clear developmental pathways and planned numerous inter-house competitions. These initiatives help us build strong competitive teams for every game. Furthermore, I am working closely with our management to continuously upgrade our school's sports facilities so our students have maximum opportunities to boost their athletic potential.

Ayan: Looking ahead, what is your vision for the future of sports in our school?

Mr. Abrar Bhat: Looking ahead, my vision is to ensure our school participates actively in all major inter-school events across the valley and beyond the state, giving our students a platform to shine at state and national levels. Specifically, I aim for our school to compete regularly with GD Goenka schools across the rest of India. We are blessed with incredible support from our management and new principal—especially Adil sir and Ameer sir, who follow sports very keenly. With their backing and our close collaboration, we are well on our way to elevating school sports to new heights.

~Report by Student Journalist Ayaan

YOUNG AUTHORS, LASTING STORIES



Over the years, our young writers have brought stories, ideas and imagination to life through a diverse collection of publications. From adventures and suspense to biographies, personal journeys and tales of hope, these works reflect the creativity and curiosity of our student community. We proudly recognise the authors and their published titles below.

2026 PUBLICATIONS

- Always Trust Each Other — Aleeza Javed Challo
- Siblings and Consoles — Husnain Suhaff
- The Prank That Wasn't Funny — Arfa Qureshi
- The Biography of Allama Iqbal — Tawfeeq Ahmad Dar
- The Chaotic Chronicles — Kubra
- The Boy Who Dreamed of Sky — Kubra
- The Rise and Fall — Aysha Yunis
- Lost But Found Hope — Muhammad Aleem

2024 PUBLICATIONS

- The Night of the Disaster — Fajr Khan
- Dream Come True — Muaz Shan & Musad Shan
- Hisham's Collections — Mohammad Hisham
- Ali's Treasure- Mohammad Assad Alam

2025 PUBLICATIONS

- Jack and the Dream Goal — Hasnain Suhaff
- Journey of an Autistic Child — Zoeya Saif Suhaff
- Collection of MEHDI — Syed Muhammad Mahdi
- The Best Camping Ever — Syeda Fatima
- The Eternal Candle — Filsa Irfan
- The Future Diary — Faleshya Ajaz
- Autism in Reality — Mischelle S.N.
- The Girl Who Collected Stars — Mannat Zehra

2023 PUBLICATIONS

- Ally and the Magical Portal — Fatimah Hakak
- My Sweet Imagination — Syed Anaum Stories — Syed Hibba Sadri
- A Time Trip to Bring Peace — Azna Raziya
- The Future — Mohammad Hisham
- Melisa's World — Inabat Khan
- Fascinating Stories — Inabat Khan
- AMEEL and the Little Pebbles — Simra Mir
- The Adventures of Agent Ali — Kabeer Qadri • Ben and the Lion — Hasnain Suhaff
- The Treasure Hunters — Mischelle Shah

~Report by Student Journalist Ayaan

SKILL CENTRE: LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our school has a well established and well-equipped Skill Centre to provide students with practical knowledge, creativity and hands-on learning experiences beyond the traditional classroom. The centre consists of six specialised modules: Electronics, Wireless Cooking, AI and Coding, Craft, Plant Nursery and Biodiversity, and Family Health. These modules help students develop useful skills for everyday life and the future.

1. Electronics

The Electronics module introduces students to the basic concepts of circuits, electronic components, wiring and devices. Through practical activities, students strengthen their technical knowledge and develop problem-solving skills.





2. Fireless Cooking

In the fireless Cooking module, students learn to prepare nutritious dishes without using fire. The activities promote healthy eating habits, cleanliness, teamwork and self-reliance while encouraging creativity in the kitchen.





3. AI and Coding Lab

The AI and Coding Lab introduces students to coding, artificial intelligence, computational thinking and digital problem-solving. It encourages innovation and helps students build skills that are increasingly important in a technology-driven world.

4. Craft Lab

The Craft Lab provides a creative space where students explore different forms of art and handicrafts. Activities include wood and bamboo craft, papier-mâché, painting, decoration and making useful objects from waste materials. These experiences develop imagination, patience, fine motor skills and an appreciation for creativity.



5. Plant Nursery and Biodiversity

This module introduces students to plants, gardening and the importance of protecting biodiversity. Students learn seed sowing, seedling preparation, transplantation, watering, composting and basic plant care. They also identify different herbs and learn about their medicinal uses. By growing medicinal, ornamental, vegetable and native plants, students understand the importance of local flora and fauna. Practical activities develop gardening and environmental-management skills while promoting organic gardening, waste management and biodiversity conservation.



6. Family Health

The Family Health module develops students' awareness and practical knowledge of personal and family well-being. Topics include personal hygiene, balanced nutrition, first aid, cleanliness, sanitation and healthy lifestyle habits. Students are introduced to basic health equipment, including thermometers, weighing scales, blood-pressure monitors, pulse oximeters and first-aid kits. Demonstrations explain the purpose, basic operation, cleaning and safe handling of these instruments. Students also learn to recognise common health concerns and understand when professional medical assistance is needed. The module combines health education with practical learning, helping students become more informed, confident and responsible. Conclusion The Skill Centre is an important part of the school's commitment to experiential and skill-based education. By combining technology, creativity, practical work, environmental awareness and health education, it helps students become more confident, independent and future-ready.

~Report by Student Journalist Miran



SPORTS ROUNDUP

18th WEKAF World Arnis Championship 2026

The 18th WEKAF World Arnis Championship 2026 was organised by the Arnis Federation of India from 1 to 4 August 2026. Arnis, a Filipino martial art, emphasises technical precision, timing and disciplined practice. The championship placed this martial art in the spotlight and recognised the dedication required to develop proficiency.

J&K; UT Thang-Ta Championship

The J&K; UT Thang-Ta Championship was held from 22 to 24 August 2026 at the Multipurpose Indoor Sports Hall, Polo Ground, organised by the Thang-Ta Association. Dedicated to Thang-Ta, a traditional martial art of the region, the championship highlighted a discipline built on technique, concentration and control.

5th Tyndale Biscoe Football Tournament

The 5th Tyndale Biscoe Football Tournament ran from 23 to 31 August 2026, bringing football into focus over a nine-day period. The tournament offered a setting for school-level competition, where coordination, tactical judgement and collective effort are central to the game.

Inter-School Sports Festival at Army Public School

Army Public School organised an inter-school Sports Festival on 27 August 2026, featuring football and table tennis. By including both a field sport and an indoor racket sport, the programme brought together different forms of athletic ability and highlighted coordination, discipline and fair play.

Inter-School Cricket and Football Competition

Crescent Public School held an inter-school Sports Fest on 8 September 2026, with cricket competitions for boys and girls and a football competition for boys. The event brought school teams together across two popular sports, placing the focus on competition, teamwork and the discipline required to perform as part of a team

~Report by Student Journalist Miran



FOSTERING EXCELLENCE THROUGH SPORTS, DISCIPLINE, AND DETERMINATION

Sport helps students develop discipline,concentration, teamworkandresilience.Through participation in competitive events, students gain valuable experience, refine their abilities and learn to represent their school with confidence and pride.

Commendable Performance at the Srinagar District Soft Tennis Championship 2026

Held on **28 and 29 August 2026** at **Gindun Stadium, Rajbagh, Srinagar**, the Srinagar District Soft Tennis Championship was organised by the **Soft Tennis Association**. The school's players displayed skill, determination and teamwork across individual and doubles events, earning **two gold medals and two silver medals**.

Medal Tally

Gold Medalists	Silver Medalists
• Mohammad Ryan Shah (9-D) — Under-17 • Adnan Bilal (9th) and Sayad Adheem Khadari (9-D) — Under-15 Doubles	• Yamin Shafqat (11-D) — Under-19 • Mohammed Adyan Zargar (9-D) and Momin Aijaz Kallu (9-D) — Under-17 Doubles

Individual Achievements

Under-17

- Mohammad Ryan Shah (9-D) — Gold

Under-19

- Yamin Shafqat (11-D) — Silver

Doubles Achievements

Under-15 Doubles

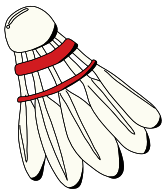
- Adnan Bilal (9th) and Sayad Adheem Khadari (9-D) — Gold

Under-17 Doubles

- Mohammed Adyan Zargar (9-D) and Momin Aijaz Kallu (9-D) — Silver

These results reflect the students' commitment, practice and sporting spirit. Their achievements are a source of pride for the school and demonstrate the importance of nurturing young talent through competitive sport.

~Report by Student Journalist Ayaan



FOSTERING SPORTING EXCELLENCE THROUGH DEDICATION AND DETERMINATION

Sport provides students with valuable opportunities to develop discipline, resilience, teamwork, and confidence. By encouraging participation in competitive events, the school supports students in refining their abilities, learning from challenges, and representing their institution with pride.

Strong Showing at the District Badminton Championship 2026

Held from **1 to 4 September 2026** at the **SK Indoor Complex, Gogji Bagh, Srinagar**, the District Badminton Championship, organised by the **Badminton Association**, brought together young players across several age categories. The school's shuttlers delivered a commendable performance, demonstrating skill, focus, and sportsmanship to secure **12 medals: 2 Gold, 4 Silver, and 6 Bronze**.

Individual Achievements

Gold Medalists	Silver Medalists	Bronze Medalists
• Mirza Ehaan Ali (6-T) • Yamin Shafqat (11-D)	• Zakaria (7-J) • Hafsa (9-J) • Tayyab (10th) • Ayesha Wali	• Aamina (6-D) • Mohammed Hussain Shaikh (3-J) • Ayesha Naseer (8-R) • Umer Zargar (8-L) • Masif (9th) • Ahmed Hafi (10th)

Category-wise Results

Under-11Girls

- Aamina (6-D) — Bronze

Under-11 Boys

- Mirza Ehaan Ali (6-T) — Gold
- Mohammed Hussain Shaikh (3-J) — Bronze

Under-13 Girls

- Ayesha Naseer (8-R) — Bronze

Under-13 Boys

- Zakaria (7-J) — Silver
- Umer Zargar (8-L) — Bronze

Under-15 Girls

- Hafsa (9-J) — Silver

Under-15 Boys

- Masif (9th) — Bronze

Under-17 Girls

- Ayesha Wali — Silver

Under-17 Boys

- Tayyab (10th) — Silver
- Ahmed Hafi (10th) — Bronze

Under-19 Boys

- Yamin Shafqat (11-D) — Gold

The medal tally reflects our students' commitment and the value of consistent practice and competitive exposure. Their results are a source of pride for the school and an encouragement to continue nurturing sporting talent.

~Report by Student Journalist Miran

MUHAMMAD AND THE FRIENDLY DINOSAURS – A VR ADVENTURE























~Written By Muhammad Bin Azhar
Grade 2 Tulip

A space to explore, discover, solve and grow through puzzles, word games and creative challenges

WORD OF THE MONTH

Resilience

Noun

Meaning: The ability to recover from difficulties, overcome challenges and keep going despite setbacks.

Example: Her resilience and determination helped her overcome every challenge and achieve her goals.

WORD WIZARD

The below given words are scrambled. Good luck unscrambling them!

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ESTAC _ _ _ _ _

RQNUADYA _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

YNCCI _ _ _ _ _

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WORD PUZZLE

Large words have been given below. Make as many meaningful words from them as possible!

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REVOLUTIONARY _____

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FERROMAGNETISM

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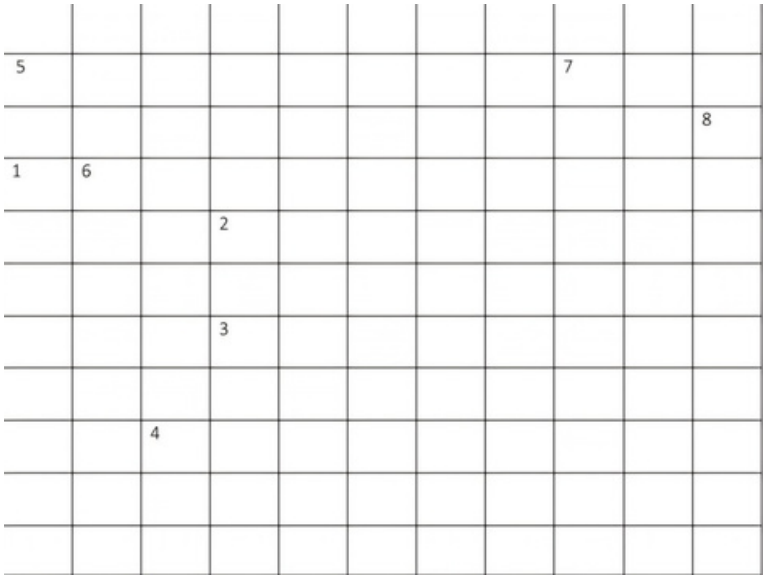
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CROSS WORD



Across	Down
[1] A nervous disorder characterized by convulsions of varying intensity.	[2] A manservant.
[3] Defying of the law.	[6] Person who gives financial support to charity, artists, etc.
4 An archaic word for a mortuary.	7. A Maori tribe.
5. A type of drug used for recreational purposes or as a treatment for ADHD.	8. The action of two people running away secretly to get married.

SUDOKU

HAVE A GO AT THESE!

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Note: Students who solve the crosswords, sudoku and unscrambling puzzles correctly will be featured in the next edition as Student Stars. Send your answers at gdggrade6@gmail.com

FACTS

>>> The world's first exam was established in 608 AD, in ancient China.
>>> Stress can reduce brain volume.
>>> Fat is an endocrine organ.
>>> Adrenaline can be used for a crashing heart rate and during allergic reactions.
>>> An average person walks past 36 murderers in their lifetime.
>>> Every second, 4 babies are born worldwide.
>>> People with Cotard's syndrome believe that they're dead or have already died.
>>> Too much estrogen can lead to cancer.

TWIDDLING RIDDLES

Stretch your brain to answer these riddles! (Some of them may have more than one answer.)
>>> I am met by outrage in the open, but politicians can't do without me.
>>> I may be met with groans and sobs, but I make fools wise.
>>> I have no identity of my own. When a person comes in front of me, my identity changes in an instant.
>>> People die while never quite achieving me, yet everyone needs me in their lives.
>>> After all your travels, I am your final destination.

~By Student Journalist, Fajr Khan

From the Managing Director's Desk

At G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar, our vision is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to discover their strengths, pursue their interests and realise their potential. The past two months have been a vibrant reflection of this commitment, with our Goenkans participating in diverse academic, artistic, literary, cultural and sporting activities, both within and beyond the school campus. Their enthusiasm, coupled with the dedication of our teachers and the support of our parents, continues to shape a learning environment where initiative is encouraged and talent finds expression.

From Art for Peace – Season 3 and SpellBee 2026's Grand Finale to storytelling, handwriting, painting, drawing and skill-based activities, our students have explored new avenues of learning and self-expression. Their participation in inter-school competitions and at national and international platforms is equally encouraging. We congratulate our young achievers and thank our teachers and mentors for guiding them with commitment and care. Every such opportunity adds to the confidence, knowledge and experience our students carry forward.

I am also pleased to see our School Newspaper Committee creating space for budding writers and young journalists to share their ideas through stories, articles and reflections. I congratulate our student journalist panel, editors and the teachers guiding them on their commendable work in bringing these student voices to the pages of the school newspaper.

Our resource parents have further enriched this journey by sharing their expertise and experiences with our students. Their involvement reinforces the importance of a strong partnership between home and school. We welcome fresh ideas, meaningful collaborations and initiatives that broaden our children's horizons, and remain committed to supporting those who wish to contribute to their learning and development.

This period also marks an important new chapter for our institution. I extend a warm welcome to our new Principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan, whose over three decades of experience in education and exposure to global educational practices bring a wealth of knowledge and perspective to our school. We look forward to working alongside him to strengthen our academic vision, explore new possibilities and further enrich the educational experience we offer. I am confident that his leadership will help us build on our existing strengths and guide the school towards new milestones.

As we move forward, our focus remains on providing meaningful opportunities across disciplines, ensuring that every student is encouraged to participate, experiment and progress at their own pace. Education must prepare children not only for examinations but also for the wider world—with curiosity, resilience, sound values and the confidence to pursue their ambitions.

My heartfelt appreciation goes to our Principal, teachers, staff, parents and students for their continued contribution to our shared journey. Together, we will continue to create an environment where ideas are welcomed, effort is valued and every child is given the opportunity to flourish.

Let us move ahead with renewed purpose, opening new doors for our Goenkans and empowering them to shape their own success stories.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Massara Kawoosa

Managing Director
G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar



From the Desk of the Executive Managing Director

The past two months have been an exciting chapter at G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar, marked by vibrant events, diverse learning experiences and our Goenkans making their presence felt both within and beyond the school campus. From the creative expressions of our kindergarten learners to the accomplishments of senior students on various platforms, our school community has continued to reflect the talent, enthusiasm and potential that define us.

A significant highlight of this period is the beginning of a new leadership chapter with the arrival of our Principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan. With over 30 years of experience in education and exposure to global educational practices, he brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership experience to our institution. I warmly welcome him to the G.D. Goenka family and look forward to working together to strengthen our academic vision, support our educators and create enriching opportunities for our students. I am confident that his experience and perspective will contribute meaningfully to the school's continued progress.

Our school calendar has been rich in experiences across age groups and disciplines. From storytelling, handwriting competitions and young writers expressing their ideas to painting, drawing, cultural presentations and skill-based activities, students have had numerous opportunities to discover and showcase their abilities. It is particularly encouraging to see our youngest Goenkans participate with growing confidence while older students engage in inter-school competitions, academic challenges and creative platforms.

Among the standout initiatives was Art for Peace – Season 3, featuring our annual art workshop led by eminent artists from the valley. This much-anticipated initiative once again offered our young artists a unique opportunity to interact with accomplished practitioners, learn new techniques and explore fresh perspectives. Equally wonderful was the annual art exhibition held on the same day, where the campus came alive with an inspiring display of students' creative work. Seeing our young artists translate their ideas into original pieces, drawing inspiration from the artists around them, was truly rewarding. The exhibition reflected their imagination, growing confidence and willingness to experiment with their own artistic styles. We were equally delighted by the contribution of our resource parents, whose expertise and involvement enriched these experiences and strengthened the partnership between home and school.

SpellBee 2026 and its Grand Finale offered another valuable platform for students to demonstrate their vocabulary, spelling accuracy and command of language. We congratulate the participants and winners and appreciate the teachers and organising team for their dedicated efforts.

Alongside these events, our Goenkans have participated in inter-school competitions, national-level events and sporting arenas, gaining valuable exposure and earning recognition for their efforts. We congratulate the students who have brought laurels to themselves and the school, and appreciate the teachers and coaches who continue to guide and encourage them.

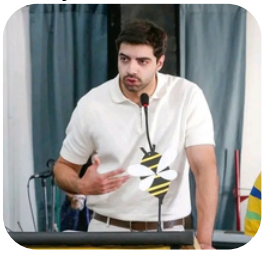
Parents' Day for Kindergarten was a delightful celebration, as our youngest Goenkans charmed the audience with their confidence, enthusiasm and heartwarming performances. The occasion beautifully celebrated the bond between parents and children, creating cherished memories for families and teachers alike. It was wonderful to see our little learners take the stage with such joy, reflecting the care, encouragement and nurturing environment that support their early years of learning.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our Principal, teachers, coaches, staff, resource parents and families for their contributions to this journey. Above all, I congratulate our Goenkans for approaching each opportunity with enthusiasm and determination. As we embrace this new phase of leadership and look towards the months ahead, our focus remains on nurturing well-rounded individuals who are prepared to contribute with confidence, compassion and integrity.

Together, let us continue to welcome new possibilities and create a school experience in which every Goenkan has the opportunity to discover their strengths and shine.

Warm regards,
Mr. Ameer Kawoosa

Executive Managing Director
G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar



From the HR Director's Desk

The past two months have brought fresh energy to G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar, with students and teachers engaging in a wide range of academic, creative and co-curricular pursuits. The growing involvement of parents, educators and external organisations has further enriched school life, bringing new perspectives and experiences into our learning environment.

The most significant development during this period is the induction of our new Principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan. With over three decades of experience in education and exposure to global educational practices, he brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership expertise to our institution. I extend a warm welcome to him and look forward to working with him in strengthening our professional culture, supporting our teaching teams and exploring new possibilities for our students.

Among the memorable occasions were Parents' Day for the foundational level , where our young Goenkans delighted everyone with their lively performances, while the enthusiasm and participation of their parents added warmth to the celebration, and Art for Peace Season 3 - The annual art workshop brought together eminent artists from the valley and our young creators, while the accompanying exhibition showcased an inspiring collection of student artwork alongside pieces by the participating artists. The contribution of our resource parents made the initiative even more meaningful. SpellBee 2026 and its Grand Finale also offered students a valuable platform to demonstrate their linguistic abilities and experience the excitement of healthy competition.

Our students have continued to participate in inter-school competitions and international sporting arenas, earning recognition for their efforts. We look forward to the third edition of GD MUN 2026, welcoming students from different schools to a dynamic platform for dialogue, debate and diplomacy. The event will encourage young delegates to explore global issues, exchange perspectives and develop a deeper understanding of international affairs.

As a member of the school newspaper's editorial team, I am particularly pleased to see new students and teachers coming forward with stories, articles and creative contributions. The excitement among our young writers and the pride they take in seeing their work published are truly encouraging. I warmly welcome all new contributors to this edition and congratulate our student journalists, editors and guiding teachers on their efforts to bring these voices to the page.

Our collaborations with parents, external agencies and educational partners continue to create opportunities for practical learning and professional exchange. I hope these connections grow further, benefiting both our students and teachers.

I extend my best wishes to our new Principal and thank our staff, parents and students for their continued cooperation. Together, we look forward to a productive year of collaboration, learning and progress.

Warm regards,
Mr. Adil Zargar

HR Director
G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar



From the Principal's Desk

I am delighted and excited to join G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar, as its Principal. With more than three decades of experience across diverse educational settings, including international curricula and some of India's eminent schools, I look forward to bringing my experience to a new and enriching educational landscape.

My journey through international education has taught me the value of curiosity, innovation, collaboration and global perspectives, while my association with leading Indian schools has reinforced the importance of nurturing our cultural roots, values and sense of community. I see this opportunity not as a transition from one system to another, but as an opportunity to bring together the best of both worlds in service of our learners.

I am particularly excited to discover the unique character of Kashmir and its rich intellectual, cultural and artistic heritage, and to become a part of the Goenka community. I look forward to listening, learning and working closely with our teachers, students and parents to build upon the strong foundation already established and explore new possibilities for growth.

To our students, I say: remain curious, ask questions, dream boldly and never stop learning. To our teachers, I look forward to being a partner in your professional journey. And to our parents, I seek your trust and collaboration as we work towards the shared goal of helping every child discover their potential.

As I begin this journey, I do so with enthusiasm, humility and a deep sense of responsibility. I look forward to the conversations, challenges, achievements and countless stories that lie ahead.

Together, let us make this a journey of learning, growth and possibilities.

Warm regards,
Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan

Principal
G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar





From our Beloved English Teacher

Our Newest Member

Every great story begins with an idea, and every newsletter brings countless stories to life! My journey with G.D. Goenka Public School, Srinagar, began in 2019, and I am delighted to embark on this exciting new chapter as a member of the Goenkan Newsletter Board.
As an English teacher, I have always believed in the power of words to inspire, the limitless possibilities of creativity, and the magic of stories that deserve to be heard and to me, a newsletter is far more than a collection of articles.
I look forward to exploring fresh perspectives, collaborating with the team and creating a space where students and teachers can share their voices, showcase their talents and bring their stories to life.

Here's to a journey— where every story finds its voice, every idea sparks imagination, and every edition captures the extraordinary spirit of Goenkans!
Let the ideas flow, the stories grow, and the Goenkan spirits glow!"

Mrs. Nadia Hissam

English Teacher
GD Goenka Public School Srinagar



By Zabreen Ashaq

Our Newest Member

Beyond Journalism: Discovering the Joy of Teaching

As a journalist by profession, I have always believed in the power of words and communication. Yet, stepping into the Kindergarten Department at GD Goenka Public School, Srinagar, has introduced me to a world where every little smile tells a story and every small achievement becomes a moment worth celebrating.
As a first-time teacher, this journey has been both a learning experience and a beautiful discovery. Teaching young children goes far beyond letters, numbers, and concepts. It is about nurturing curiosity, building confidence, understanding emotions, and making learning joyful through storytelling, creative activities, and play-based experiences.
Every child brings a unique personality, imagination, and way of learning. Working with them has taught me the value of patience, empathy, adaptability, and the importance of celebrating even the smallest milestones. Their innocent questions, cheerful greetings, and growing confidence make every day meaningful.
My background in journalism has helped me observe keenly, communicate effectively, and listen with understanding. Teaching, in turn, has deepened my appreciation for patience and human connection. Together, these experiences have shown me that meaningful communication begins with understanding others.
Being part of a child's formative years is a privilege and a responsibility I deeply value. This journey has reminded me that professional growth often begins when we step beyond our comfort zones and embrace new possibilities.
At GD Goenka, I am discovering that the most meaningful lessons are not always taught through books. Sometimes, they come from the smallest hands, the brightest smiles, and the tiniest voices that leave the biggest impressions on our hearts.

EDITORIAL BOARD

From the Editorial Board

Every edition of our school newspaper brings the G.D. Goenka Public School community closer by celebrating achievements, capturing memorable moments and providing a platform for student and teacher voices. As we present the August–September edition, we are delighted to welcome new student journalists, teachers and contributors to our growing editorial family.

In our previous edition, we expressed our hope of encouraging wider participation, and it is heartening to see this vision taking shape. The addition of new members has brought fresh perspectives, creative ideas and renewed enthusiasm to our publication. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed articles, stories, reflections and creative pieces to this edition.

The past two months have offered much to celebrate, from the creativity showcased at Art for Peace – Season 3 and the excitement of SpellBee 2026 and its Grand Finale to the delightful performances at Kindergarten Parents' Day. Our students have also continued to shine through their participation in inter-school competitions, national-level events and sporting arenas, bringing pride to the school. Through these pages, we are pleased to share a glimpse of the talent, dedication and experiences that make school life so enriching.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new Principal, Mr. Zubair Ahmed Khan. We look forward to his guidance and to sharing the school's continued journey of growth and excellence under his leadership.

Our newspaper is a space where ideas find expression, creativity is celebrated and every voice has the opportunity to be heard. We warmly invite every Goenkan and teacher to contribute—whether through articles, poems, stories, artwork, reflections or reports on school activities. Do not wait for a perfect idea; share your perspective, showcase your talent and help us tell the stories that deserve to be heard.

We thank our editorial team, student journalists, teachers, contributors and readers for their continued support. As we prepare for the next edition, we look forward to welcoming even more voices and discovering new talent within our school community.

Here's to another edition shaped by collaboration, creativity and the stories that bring us together.

Warm regards,
The Editorial Board
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