

## School Annual Report

The year 2023 has been another milestone in the history of G D Goenka Public School, Jammu with a lot of progress, achievements, happy and sad moments.

Let me commence on the happiest note. We had our ninth and eleventh batch of students who appeared for Class XII and Class X CBSE Board Examination in March 2023, respectively. I am glad to inform this august gathering that the Academic Year 2022 - 23, similar to erstwhile years, we achieved 100% result. In Class X, **Vridhi** scored an aggregate of 99%. More than 75 students scored 90% and above. In Class XII **Daksh Ganjoo** of Commerce scored 98%, **Himanshi Vinay** of Humanities scored 96.2%, **Krish Mahajan** from Maths Science (Non Medical) scored 96.4% whereas **Pranvi Puri** and **Savee Bhat** both from Bio Science (Medical) scored 93.6%. above 40 students have scored 90% and above in aggregate. On behalf of our Management, I would like to congratulate all the students, their parents, and the teachers whose toil and determination has paid off.

Activity based learning is an important part of a Goenkan's life. Exposure to different activities introduces our Goenkans to diverse perspectives, prepares them to adapt to new situations and challenges, which in turn help them to make choices and decisions independently.

Let me walk you through our most vibrant segment, the Pre-Primary Section. We have introduced the Montessori method of learning which emphasises the development of skills related to real life. Practical Life Exercises (PLE) in Kindergarten cater to young absorbent minds, ready to develop their fine and gross motor skills.

With the advent of new National Education Policy 2020, our nation's education system is undergoing a metamorphic change. To keep our parents abreast with the changes, we conducted a Parent Orientation Programme on NEP 2020 as well as the National Curriculum Framework.

Chandrayaan-3 is a testament to India's commitment to space exploration and greater understanding of the Moon's mysteries. Class 1 and 5 students participated in an activity that was organised to educate them about the

history of space mission of our country. They also expressed their views through their presentations.

Our students not only study subjects in classroom but also celebrate them. In the month of August we celebrated Social Science week in the middle and senior wing. From dramatisation of scenes of the pre-independence era, to creating hand-made, authentic products with natural and indigenous ingredients to highlight the essence of ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT to crafting a newspaper from the pre-independence era, a mock trial based on environmental hazards, and a NUKKAD NAATAK on social issues were noteworthy.

September ushered the science exploration week. Middle wing students showcased their ingenuity and scientific prowess at the Science Exhibition. With over a hundred awe-inspiring models, the event transformed the school into a haven of innovation and knowledge. These young minds explored a multitude of topics, from the intricacies of a hydraulic lift to harnessing renewable energy with windmills and solar panels and many more.

Another feather in our cap is the state of the art indoor swimming pool in our school campus. This shows the progressive nature of our School Management and their commitment towards holistic development of our students.

The yearlong inter house tournaments in different sports was conducted by our enthusiastic sports department. The culmination of these competitions was our Annual Sports Day that was held in the month of October 2023.

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

The academic year was witness to some Inter school competitions that we hosted.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, we organised Goenkan Commerce Fest. The event was a magnificent convergence of brilliance, innovation, and camaraderie,

as students from esteemed schools across the region participated enthusiastically. Distinguished chief guest, Dr. G. S. Grewal, a notable personality in the fields of chartered accountancy and academia, graced the occasion with his presence and shared insightful perspectives on commerce.

The Mega event of the Model United Nations – GDMUN was hosted in October 2023. More than 300 delegates from different schools of Jammu as well as Amritsar participated. The Director Education Sri. Ashok Kumar Sharma graced the occasion on the opening ceremony that was held at the Four A Resort.

DIWALI MELA, another popular event our students eagerly wait for, was held on November 5th, 2023, The event was not only filled with fun games, dance, music and finger licking food, but also had a meaningful purpose. The proceeds of the mela shall be donated to the less fortunate of our community.

"Lit Fest 2023 - A Literary Odyssey" was an extraordinary celebration of literature, we organised on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023. This event witnessed participation from different elite schools of Jammu. This marked the fourth edition of the Lit Fest.

As always, we would not like to follow the beaten path and design our own way for the progress of our students. I believe in the following lines written by Edgar Guest which I would like to narrate as I conclude.

A few strike out, without map or chart,  
Where never a man has been,  
From the beaten paths they draw apart  
To see what no man has seen.  
There are deeds they hunger alone to do;  
Though battered and bruised and sore,  
They blaze the path for the many, who  
Do nothing not done before.