



THE GOENKAN CHRONICLE

Sculpting Tomorrow's Legacy



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you in the best of health and spirits.

As we approach the academic year 2025–26, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the progress our students have made so far. From outstanding achievements in sports and the arts to inspiring performances in academics, our school community continues to grow with energy and purpose.

Education is a continuous journey of innovation and exploration, and at GD Goenka, we are proud to embody these values. Now, in our fourth year of establishment, we have emerged as a school that is setting benchmarks in contemporary education. With a steadfast commitment to the holistic development of each child, we strive to nurture minds that are curious, confident, and creative.

Over the past years, our focus has been on initiating meaningful changes—not only for our students but also for our parent community. We believe in fostering an environment that encourages bold thinking, thoughtful questioning, and progressive learning. Our curriculum is designed to be student-centered and skill-based, offering students the opportunity to discover and develop their individual strengths.

At GD Goenka, learning extends well beyond the boundaries of the classroom. We are mindful of the challenges and complexities of the modern world and remain dedicated to cultivating a space that supports continuous growth, capacity building, and emotional well-being. Through this, we aim to shape resilient learners who are prepared for the world ahead.

As we move forward together, let us continue to nurture a shared vision—one that empowers every child to shine with confidence and purpose.

Warm regards,
Sartaj Mir

DATE: 10 APRIL 2025

BAISAKHI

The spirit of festivity came alive as G.D. Goenka Baramulla celebrated Baisakhi with unparalleled zeal and cultural vibrance. The event was a beautiful amalgamation of tradition and cultural expressions, where students took the center stage with heartfelt speeches, eloquently highlighting the significance of Baisakhi as both a harvest festival and a cultural cornerstone of the Sikh community. The event came alive with soulful music and spirited traditional dance performances, showcasing the rich and vibrant heritage of Punjab. From enthusiastic participation to thunderous applause, the entire school came together to create a lively and inclusive atmosphere. The celebration created a stimulating atmosphere of unity and joy, reflecting the essence of Baisakhi as a time of gratitude and togetherness.

True to its ethos, G.D. Goenka continues to foster an environment that honours diversity, celebrates culture, and nurtures a deep connection to roots and tradition.



DATE: 12, 13 & 14 APRIL 2025

EMPOWERING EDUCATORS
 THREE-DAY CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAM
 WITH SEED TO PLANT TEAM

As the role of teachers continues to evolve from instructors to facilitators of learning, the ongoing professional development becomes essential. Keeping this vision at the forefront, G.D. Goenka Baramulla organized a comprehensive three-day capacity-building program aimed at equipping educators with modern pedagogical tools in alignment with the **NEP 2020**.

The sessions were led by **Ms. Chandeep Marwa**, an esteemed resource person from Seed to Plant Team, who brought with her a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of educational reforms. Through collaborative activities, thought-provoking discussions, engaging quizzes, and hands-on learning strategies, Ms. Marwa encouraged teachers to shift from traditional, rote-based methods to more experiential, student-centered learning approaches.

A major focus of the sessions was on implementing NEP and NCF principles, encouraging teachers to foster curiosity, critical thinking, and conceptual understanding. Ms. Marwa emphasized the importance of making learning joyful and relevant, urging educators to transform classrooms into spaces of active exploration rather than passive memorization.

This extensive training not only empowered teachers with practical tools but also rekindled their passion for teaching—because when teachers learn with joy, students learn with purpose.



HIGHER - STRONGER - BRIGHTER

DATE: 24 APRIL 2025

EARTH DAY

"The Earth doesn't speak in words—she speaks in blossoms, breezes, and quiet sunrises. She speaks through the silence of trees and the rhythm of rivers, reminding us that every breath we take is borrowed."

Earth Day is not just a date marked on the calendar; it is a powerful reminder—a call to action, a message that the future of our planet rests in the hands of today's young minds. Embracing this spirit, G.D. Goenka Baramulla celebrated Earth Day with great zeal and purpose, transforming the campus into a fascinating space of awareness, creativity, and care.

The day began with a special assembly, where our young Goenkans took the spotlight, beautifully dressed as elements of nature symbolizing the delicate harmony of the natural world. Through their costumes and short presentations, they reflected on the importance of these elements in our ecosystem and reminded us of our shared responsibility in preserving them.

The celebration flowed seamlessly into a range of thoughtfully designed activities; each rooted in experiential learning. From the creatively themed "Trash into Treasure" initiative and recycling workshops, to art and craft sessions that transformed waste into powerful visual messages—every activity nurtured creativity, responsibility, and environmental awareness.

At G.D. Goenka, such celebrations go far beyond a single day. They are woven into our commitment to nurture a generation of environmentally conscious and responsible individuals. When students engage in acts that honor the Earth, they learn that even the smallest steps can spark meaningful change



DATE: 21 MAY 2025

FIELD TRIP
GRADE 2 STEPS INTO ROMA'S GARDEN

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn" This timeless wisdom came to life as the young learners of Grade 2 embarked on a refreshing field trip to a local nursery, stepping right into the world they had been reading about in their chapter **"Roma's Garden."**

Designed as a part of their experiential learning journey, the trip aimed to bridge the gap between textbooks and the real world, allowing the students to see, touch, and experience nature in its purest form. As the little Goenkans stepped into the vibrant green space, their eyes lit up with wonder and curiosity. Rows of plants, blooming flowers, saplings, and towering trees created the perfect classroom under the open sky. Guided by the nursery staff and their teachers, they learned about different types of plants, their uses, and how they are nurtured. From touching soil to observing roots and interacting with gardeners, every moment sparked curiosity and learning.

Such real-world experiences are at the heart of our approach to education—where children learn by doing, seeing, and feeling. At G.D. Goenka Baramulla, we believe that learning goes beyond the walls of a classroom. This field trip was yet another step in nurturing environmentally conscious young minds, sowing seeds of awareness, care, and love for nature that are bound to blossom beautifully in the years to come.



DATE: 22, 23 & 24 MAY 2025

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS (PRE-PRIMARY)

"She is the first teacher, the silent protector, the endless giver of love—she is a mother."

Celebrating a mother is more than just a gesture—it is the celebration of a soul who places everyone before herself, who loves unconditionally, and whose presence anchors the very foundation of a family. It is said that God couldn't be everywhere, so He created mothers—and truly, to honor a mother is to honor the divine.

With this spirit, G.D. Goenka Baramulla, paid a heartfelt tribute to mothers through three separate and intimate celebrations conducted by the Pre-Primary Wing— Nursery, Junior KG, and Senior KG, each on a different day. The aim was to give every child the space to express their love in their own little but meaningful way. Each event was filled with pure emotions, laughter, and tears of joy, as our tiny Goenkans took to the stage with adorable dance performances, soul-stirring songs, expressive speeches, and heart-melting one-liners, all dedicated to the most special person in their lives—their mothers.

The aura of love and gratitude was almost palpable as mothers watched their little ones perform with pride and affection. The innocence and sincerity of the performances made the celebration unforgettable.

By honoring motherhood in such a meaningful manner, G.D. Goenka Baramulla reaffirmed its commitment to holistic development—where emotional intelligence is just as vital as academic growth. Through these celebrations, our children didn't just perform—they learned what it means to acknowledge and cherish the hands that hold them up every day.



DATE: 27 MAY 2025

INTER-HOUSE DEBATE CYBERBULLYING LAWS



As digitalization reshapes our world, it brings both empowerment and vulnerability. While the internet connects us, it also opens doors to challenges like cyberbullying and online hate. To explore this pressing issue, G.D. Goenka Baramulla hosted a powerful inter-house debate on the topic: **"Cyberbullying Laws: Are Current Measures Enough to Tackle the Issue?"**

The debate witnessed a fiery exchange of ideas between House Vivekananda, speaking for the motion, and House Teresa, speaking against the motion. The students delivered thoughtful, passionate, and well-researched arguments, voicing the concerns of a generation growing up in the digital space. The discussion centered around freedom vs. safety, legal loopholes, and the responsibility of the online platforms. The debate was not only intellectually engaging but also emotionally charged, as students voiced the collective concerns of today's youth navigating the online world.

After a compelling contest of words and perspectives, House Teresa was declared the winner, having made a stronger impact with their arguments and presentation.

Such debates are more than just competitions—they encourage students to think critically, speak boldly, and understand the world around them, and at G.D. Goenka Baramulla, students are continually fostered to become thoughtful, responsible, and future-ready individuals capable of engaging meaningfully with the challenges of the digital age.

DATE: 5 JUNE 2025

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
CELEBRATIONS

"The Earth is not just our home—it is our shared legacy, our silent provider, and our most fragile treasure."

To mark the global observance of World Environment Day 2025, G.D. Goenka Baramulla, in collaboration with the J&K Forest Department, North Circle, Kashmir, observed World Environment Day 2025 with great enthusiasm, responsibility, and purpose. The event was honoured by the presence of **Mr. Irfan Ali Shah, IFS, Conservator of Forests, North Circle, Kashmir**, whose presence added great zeal to the occasion.

The celebration featured insightful speeches by students, highlighting the urgency of conservation, mindful living, and sustainable practices. A thought-provoking skit followed, creatively presenting the impact of pollution on the planet and encouraging collective action through awareness and responsible choices.

Following the presentations, Mr. Irfan Ali Shah appreciated the students for their awareness and articulation, and commended the teachers for nurturing such values in the classroom. He also acknowledged the efforts of the school administration in aligning education with real-world environmental concerns.

At G.D. Goenka Baramulla, we believe that such experiences go beyond celebration—they shape students into informed and responsible citizens who are ready to care for the world they live in, because in every young heart that is nurtured today lies the promise of a better tomorrow.



DATE: 19 & 21 JUNE 2025

FIRST HEROES, FOREVER STRENGTH:
CELEBRATING FATHERS (GRADE 1 AND 2)

Strong yet gentle, silent yet supportive—fathers are the quiet heroes who guide, protect, and inspire. They shape character not with grand gestures, but through everyday strength and unwavering presence. Father's Day is a reminder to pause and celebrate these cherished heroes.

To honor these remarkable men, G.D. Goenka Baramulla celebrated Father's Day with great warmth and enthusiasm, with Grade 1 and Grade 2 hosting the celebrations on two separate days, each curated to make fathers feel valued and deeply appreciated.

The young learners poured their hearts into the occasion through sincere speeches, vibrant dance performances, and beautifully curated recitations. Each performance reflected the admiration, gratitude, and pure love children hold for their fathers—their first heroes. From heartfelt words to expressive moves, the celebrations brought smiles, tears, and cherished moments to all who attended. The proud fathers, moved by their children's performances, felt truly honoured and celebrated.

Events like these reflect the school's commitment to nurturing emotional intelligence and family values. At G.D. Goenka Baramulla, we not only celebrate occasions—but the relationships that shape a child's world.



DATE: 19 & 21 JUNE 2025

UNDERSTANDING HOMES BUILDING CONFIDENCE

A burst of creativity, laughter, and learning lit up the classrooms of Grade 2 at GD Goenka Public School, Baramulla, as our young learners dived into the world of homes through an engaging and meaningful class activity on the topic "My Sweet Home." The activity was designed to help students understand the different types of houses in a hands-on, engaging manner.

Children showcased their learning by creating beautiful, creative models of various kinds of homes—including kutchas and pucca houses, stilt houses, tents, and igloos. Using simple craft materials like cardboard, clay, matchsticks, and paper, each model reflected the child's creativity and understanding of the concept. The highlight of the activity was the clear and confident presentations given by the students. Concepts such as temporary vs permanent houses were not just learned—they were brought to life.

This thoughtfully planned activity went beyond creativity—it helped reinforce key concepts in a way that was both interactive and meaningful.

At GD Goenka Baramulla, we strive to make learning a joyful journey—one that sparks curiosity, deepens understanding, and builds confidence through experiences. Activities like these reflect our commitment to nurturing young minds by blending conceptual learning with creativity and communication



DATE: 28, 29 JUNE 2025

IN HOUSE SUMMER CAMP

Excitement filled the air as GD Goenka Baramulla kicked off its much-anticipated in-house summer camp for Grades 1 to 3. With backpacks on and eyes gleaming with curiosity, our young Goenkans stepped into a world of fun, friendship, and adventure—ready to make memories that would last a lifetime.

Designed with utmost care, the camp was more than a break from routine—it was a celebration of independence, exploration, and joyful learning. Right from the moment the kids arrived, the campus transformed into a space of energy and warmth. Greeted with a vibrant fun fest, the children were welcomed not just with music and games—but with the freedom to explore. Every activity throughout the day was carefully curated to suit the needs and abilities of young learners. The morning began with an energetic mix of swimming, yoga, and karate—encouraging physical movement, discipline, and confidence. As the day progressed, students immersed themselves in a variety of interactive games, storytelling sessions, creative tasks, and group activities that fostered teamwork and imagination. Healthy, well-balanced meals were served at intervals, reinforcing the importance of good nutrition while allowing children to practice mealtime routines on their own—another step towards independence and self-reliance.

This camp was not just about fun—it reflected GD Goenka Baramulla's core philosophy: to create experiences that empower children to grow beyond classroom walls. By spending a night away from their families, managing their belongings, following routines, and making decisions independently, these young learners stepped into a new level of confidence.





GD Goenka Group, founded by the progressive and visionary philanthropist Shri. Anjani Kumar Goenka, is a leading educational conglomerate dedicated to providing holistic, world-class education in India. The group operates an extensive network of preschools and K-12 schools across the country, offering a diverse range of curricula. Pioneering advancements in educational infrastructure, technology, pedagogy, and best practices, GD Goenka has created modern campuses with state-of-the-art facilities that inspire and nurture a dynamic learning environment.

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