

# SPOTLIGHT # GOENKAN 48

## ANNUAL DAY *Celebrations* A TRIBUTE TO KABIR'S WISDOM

G D Goenka Public School, Sector 48, celebrated its Annual Day with a grand theme, 'KABIR - tathya bina na satya', capturing the essence of Sant Kabir's timeless teachings. Held across three slots over two days, this year's event showcased student participation from classes III-XI, giving every Goenkan a platform to shine. Through powerful performances, students brought Kabir's thoughts on truth and wisdom to life, entralling the audience with dance, drama and music. The celebration beautifully highlighted creativity, insight, and self-expression, leaving an unforgettable impact on all present.



HIGHER | STRONGER | BRIGHTER

# SCHOOL EXHIBITION LUMINESCENCE – IN DISCOVERY OF TRUTH



As part of the Annual Day festivities, G D Goenka Public School, Sector 48, presented an inspiring school exhibition, 'LUMINESCENCE – In Discovery of Truth'. This unique display invited students and visitors alike on a journey of inquiry, celebrating Kabir's belief in truth through knowledge. From the symbolic wisdom of the banyan tree to innovative science and robotics models, each exhibit emphasised the role of curiosity and critical thinking in the quest for understanding. The exhibition beautifully intertwined tradition, art, and technology, encouraging Goenkans to embrace learning as a path of exploration and discovery.

## PARENTS SPEAK : AN UNFORGETTABLE SHOWCASE OF TALENT AND DEDICATION

It was an outstanding show...one of the best of GDGPS so far...amazing talent and efforts of both the students and the teachers... literally had goosebumps at a few instances. The theme was excellent and the message put across so well. Hats off to everyone involved in making it such an amazing, unforgettable show.

~A Proud Goenkan Parent

Dear Ma'am ,

It is to humbly express our happiness, pride and gratitude to be a part of the Goenkan family, thought of penning down a hearty note to all of you, for putting up a majestic show on Annual Day, yesterday.

Many Many Congratulations to you and the entire team, Principal Ma'am, Headmistress Ma'am , Teachers, Faculties, Staff and the children. An exemplary team effort.

Every aspect , within the auditorium, behind the wings of the stage, outside the auditorium, the exhibition, the stagecraft, costumes, music, dance, the props, the play, each and every detail has been so so beautifully looked into and taken care of by all of you and that speaks volumes about the effort that went into realising such an amazing day for all of us. I am getting goosebump as I am writing, and feel so very proud that our child is growing up in this amazing environment.

The happiness that the kids exuded, was the greatest reward for us and I believe it's the same for you too. I could go on and on and on about it, but wouldn't take much time from you.

Many congratulations for being the 2nd best school in Haryana by Times, but to us it's THE BEST. And it stands for every single thing that the school's values and principles encompasses , which we as parents can sense the energy of, each time we step into the school.

A big shout out to all of you and many thanks from the bottom of our hearts for doing so much for our kids. When Alaukika leaves for school, my heart beams with joy, her face lights up with joy, I think that's the best reward for a parent .

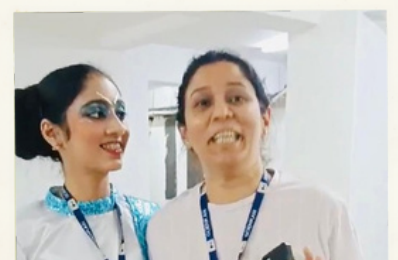
May you grow and prosper in leaps and bounds and be a beacon for every educational institution we pray. Children needs a home away from home like Your good self ( G D Goenka Public School sector 48 ) for the many happy, productive, inspiring hours they spent at school learning and growing.

Very very proud to be a Goenkan.  
Thank you once again for everything 🙏

Warm Regards  
Gombhira Mukherjee,  
Alaukika & Family

"We clearly saw the depth of acting, the depth of dancing, and all the elements of the concept in Kabir's 'Tathya Bina Na Sathya'. It was beautiful—such incredible talent. Very nice and brilliant!"

~Mother of Vaanika Kaushik of class VII A





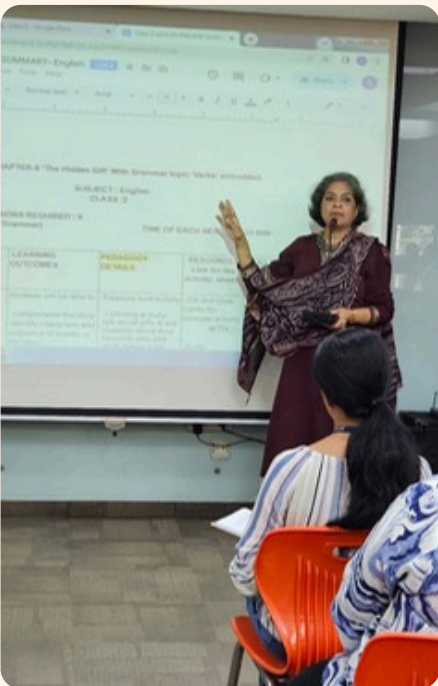
## TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY: A DAY TO REMEMBER



Our school celebrated Teachers' Day with a burst of love and gratitude. Students expressed their appreciation through heartfelt gestures, creating an unforgettable day of fun and celebration. To honour the dedication of our teachers, the school management organised a staff get-together. This event was a token of appreciation for their tireless efforts and commitment. The gesture was a heartwarming reminder of the school's support for its educators.



## NURTURING EXCELLENCE: EMPOWERING TEACHERS FOR THE FUTURE



Our school is dedicated to providing the teachers with the best professional development opportunities. We recently conducted two important capacity-building sessions. The Standardisation Summit focused on standardising processes across the school, ensuring clear guidelines for all teaching and learning activities. The second workshop aimed to equip our teachers with AI skills for the 21st century. These workshops are just a few examples of our school's ongoing commitment to investing in our staff and fostering a culture of excellence.

# DIWALI CHRONICLES LIGHT, LOVE AND GIVING

## SPREADING LIGHT THROUGH GIVING UMEED DIWALI MELA

From October 23 to 25, 2024, G D Goenka Public School, Sector 48, Gurugram, hosted the Umeed Diwali Mela in collaboration with Umeed Foundation, a society supporting children with developmental difficulties. The event featured handmade Diwali items crafted by children from the Foundation, sold on campus to raise funds for their cause. This initiative aimed to instil in students the values of empathy and social responsibility, reinforcing the school's vision of holistic development. The mela was a heartwarming example of giving back during the festival of lights.



## DIWALI

### A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND DESIGNS: AN INTER HOUSE EVENT

At G D Goenka Public School, classes 6 to 8 celebrated Diwali with "Illuminate Your Diwali" and corridor decoration competitions, crafting vibrant and thoughtful displays that showcased unity and creativity. Using sustainable materials, students designed intricate rangolis, traditional torans, and meaningful Diwali messages. This event reinforced the values of eco-consciousness and cultural pride, demonstrating the school's commitment to teaching responsible celebration and collaborative effort, while fostering a deep appreciation for India's rich traditions among young learners.



# ILLUMINATING HEARTS

## Diwali Assembly

On October 29, 2024, G D Goenka Public School, Sector 48, celebrated Diwali with an inspiring assembly presented by classes VIII-C and VIII-G. The event featured cultural performances, a skit emphasising the joy of giving, and a touching prayer by Grade 3 students. Highlighting empathy and social responsibility, the assembly also celebrated the success of the Diwali Drive with Umeed Foundation, supporting children with special needs. Concluding with Principal Ms. Anuradha Handa's message of unity and compassion, the celebration embraced the true spirit of Diwali.



## ASSEMBLIES THAT INSPIRE AND EMPOWER



### Deep Roots, Stronger Shoots

On November 6th, 2024, Class V D presented an assembly titled Strengthening Our Roots, emphasizing the importance of knowing one's origins to achieve success. Through prayer, insightful thoughts, yoga, and cultural teachings, students highlighted the significance of tradition and staying connected to one's roots.

### Nourishing Minds and Bodies

On November 12th, 2024, Class IV A presented an engaging assembly on Mindful Eating Habit, emphasizing the importance of health as true wealth. Through prayers, interactive sensory activities, an inspiring poem, a Nukkad Natak, and lively dance, students highlighted the significance of mindful eating, leaving the audience motivated to embrace healthier eating practices.

### Embracing Health and Happiness

On November 13th, 2024, Class III E delivered an engaging assembly on Healthy Body Happy You, highlighting the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Through a prayer, news updates, a skit, dance, and a health quiz, students conveyed the message of wellness and balanced living, leaving everyone motivated to prioritize health and happiness.



## Building Bridges Across Continents



The visit of an esteemed Australian delegation was a celebration of cultural exchange and global collaboration. Warmly welcomed with a soulful Shloka recitation and Ganesh Vandana, the event highlighted India's traditions and values. Students led an insightful panel discussion on shared values, impressing the guests with their knowledge and poise. An immersive campus tour showcased state-of-the-art facilities and holistic programs. A traditional Indian meal and thoughtful mementos left the delegation with cherished memories. The visit underscored a commitment to fostering global connections and preparing students for a world without borders.

## Celebrating Childhood A Symphony of Joy and Adventure

Children's Day was marked by vibrant celebrations, combining creativity, learning and adventure. Students immersed themselves in activities like JAM sessions, games, and photo moments, all culminating in a lively dance and sports session. A special assembly in the auditorium showcased the essence of the day with soul-stirring music, theatre and dance performances.





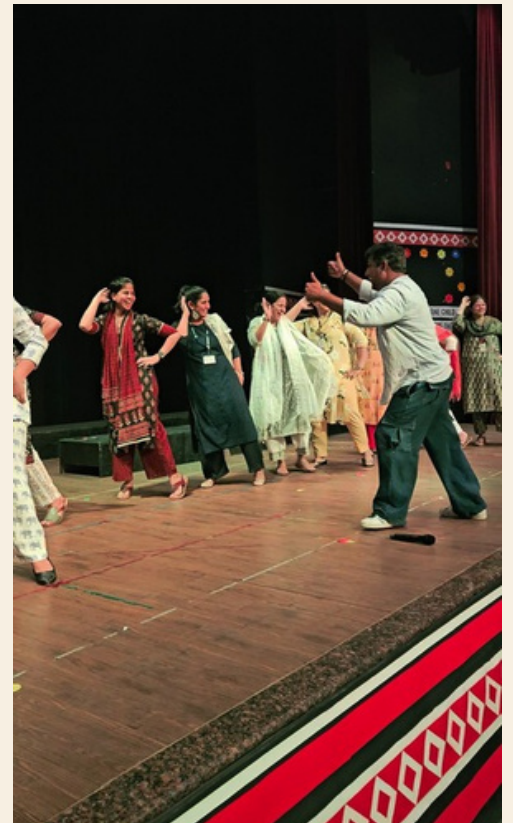
# DANCING TOWARDS WELLNESS: A HOLISTIC JOURNEY



GDGPS in collaboration with Go Sharpener, hosted a dance workshop on September 18, 2024 and November 14, 2024, aligning with SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being. Led by celebrity choreographer Mr. Atul Mehtani, the session creatively emphasised the importance of physical, mental, and emotional wellness through dance. Combining mindfulness, movement, and social interaction, the workshop offered a fun, dynamic approach to holistic health. It inspired Goenkans to embrace balance, emotional well-being, and community engagement, reinforcing that wellness is about more than just fitness.

## GOSHARPENER EVENTS: SPARKING CREATIVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY!

September to November was a whirlwind of impactful initiatives led by GoSharpener! Students celebrated Nutrition Week, learning about healthier food choices through engaging activities and toolkit videos. Creative sparks flew during the Google Doodle Art competition, celebrating Diwali with eco-conscious designs. The months also featured exciting campaigns like Khadi Day, World Vegetarian Day and World Cities Day, promoting sustainability and mindful living. A special workshop by Pee Safe focused on hygiene and toilet habits, empowering students with vital knowledge. From National Education Day challenges to World Toilet Day, students embraced their roles as eco-champions, making positive changes for a greener, healthier world!





# INTER-HOUSE EXTRAVAGANZA CELEBRATING TALENT AND TEAM SPIRIT



The final round of inter-house competitions for classes III to V celebrated creativity, intellect, and cultural richness. Students captivated the audience with flawless Sanskrit shloka recitations, vibrant Math Chronicles stories integrating SDG themes, and innovative experiments in the EVS Chemical Challenge. Each activity reflected the students' originality, confidence, and deep understanding of concepts. The event highlighted the school's commitment to nurturing holistic development and fostering a spirit of collaboration and excellence among young Goenkans.



## FOSTERING GROWTH: VALUES & LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

The Values & Language Enrichment Programme (VLEP) for classes 3 to 5 blended essential values with language skill development. Through value-focused modules, language workshops, and collaborative activities, students enhanced their communication skills and learned responsible decision-making. Interactive methods like role-playing, group discussions, and multimedia tools kept students engaged and fostered core values such as teamwork and accountability. This comprehensive approach supported academic growth and personal development, helping students navigate social challenges and contributing to the Gracious Goenkans initiative.





# CELEBRATING CULTURE, CUISINE, AND CONSCIOUS LIVING

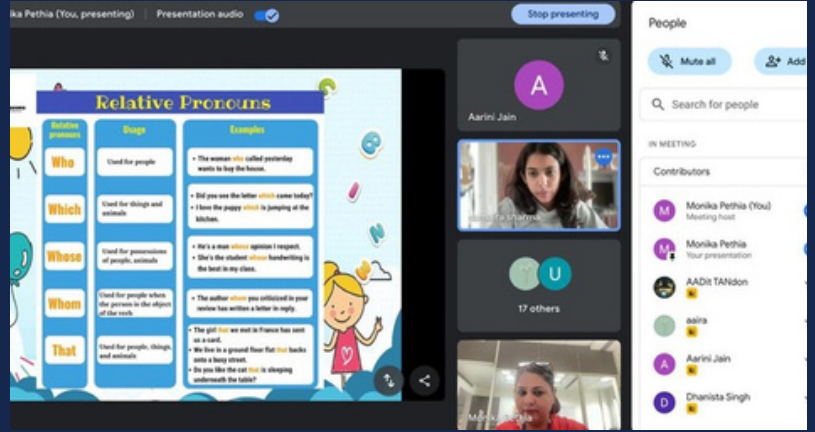
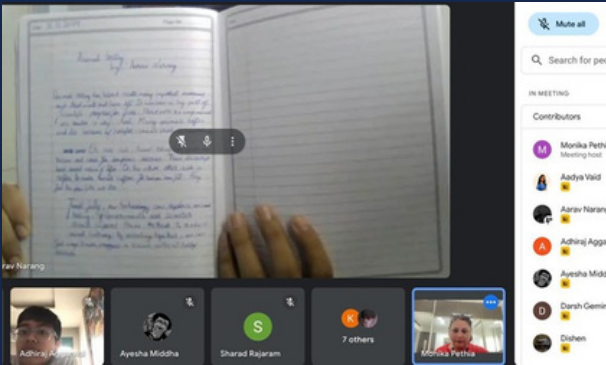
The clubs for classes 3-5 have been buzzing with activities that blend creativity, awareness, and tradition. Grade III explored Indian Cuisines and Traditions, embracing the essence of cultural diversity. Grade IV's Carbon Footprint and Bharat ke Rang club activities highlighted eco-awareness and India's vibrant heritage, while Grade V focused on 'India - Unity in Diversity,' showcasing the nation's rich cultural tapestry. These engaging sessions fostered learning, collaboration, and respect for traditions and the environment.





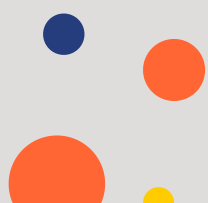
# SEAMLESS LEARNING AMIDST SMOG DISRUPTIONS

From November 19 to 25, 2024, GDGPS Sector-48 ensured uninterrupted learning through online classes conducted via Google Meet. Leveraging the resources and strategies developed during the Standardisation Summit and capacity-building workshops, teachers were well-prepared to handle the transition seamlessly. Standardised resources and structured planning ensured parity in work across all classes. Despite the government-declared smog holidays, the school's proactive approach ensured students stayed on track with their studies, turning a challenge into an opportunity for innovation in education.



## Nurturing Excellence Through Olympiads

Olympiad exams play a pivotal role in fostering analytical thinking, subject expertise, and competitive spirit among students. To prepare Goenkans for these prestigious assessments, special preparatory classes were conducted, ensuring they approach the exams with confidence and precision. With 326 students participating in the International Olympiad of English Language and 450 in the Mathematics Olympiad, the school's emphasis on academic excellence remains unparalleled. From reasoning to informatics, each Olympiad reflects our commitment to holistic and goal-oriented education.





## CELEBRATING HINDI: A WEEK OF LITERARY PRIDE AND CULTURAL HERITAGE



The corridors of GDGPS, buzzed with enthusiasm during the week-long Hindi Diwas celebrations, culminating on November 27, 2024. Students from Classes III to IX passionately embraced the beauty of Hindi through diverse activities, highlighting its role as the soul of India's cultural identity. From solving witty puzzles and enacting literary figures to reciting heartfelt poems and engaging in Doha Antakshari, the events celebrated the richness of the language. The thought-provoking play on Hindi's importance by Class VIII and Class IX's insightful introductions to renowned Hindi writers aligned with NEP 2020's emphasis on fostering pride in national languages. This celebration not only rekindled love for Hindi but also underscored its significance as a unifying force in our multicultural nation.

### ASSESSING BRILLIANCE: TERM 1 EXAMS

Held every September, the Term 1 exams mark a pivotal phase in the academic journey, emphasising the importance of academic focus and formal assessment. These evaluations test understanding, discipline, and responsibility, fostering reflective learning. Students demonstrated their progress with diligence, reinforcing the school's commitment to academic excellence.



## 1 2nd Haryana State Inter Club Roller Skating Championship 2024

Gold Medal  
Pryaan Sehgal | Class 6  
Shasvat Thakral | Class 6  
Aarish Gupta | Class 7  
Dhruv Thakran | Class 7  
Nमित Kilhor | Class 9

Silver Medal  
Amira Malhotra | Class 4  
Trijal Pathak | Class 5  
Raghvi Goel | Class 5  
Ishaanvee Kataria | Class 6  
Jay Sharma | Class 9  
Vihaan Dhankhad | Class 9  
Ednit Somany | Class 10

Bronze Medal  
Heyan Aneja | Class 3  
Taarush Sharma | Class 4  
Viraaj Bhutani | Class 5  
Mokshit Yadav | Class 5  
Siddharth Choudhary | Class 5  
Advay Mittal | Class 5  
Dhriti Goel | Class 6  
Anaya Gabha | Class 6

Held at Haryana Roller Skating Association (HRSA)

## 2 Haryana state level SGFI tournament

2nd Position - SGFI  
Mahi Yadav | Class 6

Held at SGFI

## 3 Open NCR Swimming Festival

Silver Medals  
Viraj Dagar | Class 2: 25M Individual Medley, Backstroke, Butterfly  
Yuv Yadav | Class 9: 50M Freestyle, Backstroke

Bronze Medals  
Viraj Dagar | Class 2: 100M Freestyle  
Shanaya Birla | Class 3: Freestyle, 100M Individual Medley

Gold Medals  
Shanaya Birla | Class 3: 25M Backstroke  
Aryaveer Thakur | Class 5: 25M Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke

Special Recognition  
Aryaveer Thakur | Class 5: Trophy for Best Swimmer, Goggles, Cash Prize

Held at G D Goenka Public School, Gurugram

## 4 CBSE North Zone Swimming Competition at Pathankot

2 Bronze Medals - CBSE  
Shanaya Birla | Class 3: 50M Freestyle, 50M Backstroke

Held at CBSE

## 6 CBSE North Zone Taekwondo Championship (Weight category - U 32 Kgs)

Gold Medal - CBSE  
Mahi Yadav | Class 6  
Mahi will now join the Haryana CBSE team to participate in Uttarakhand Nationals.

Held at Vivekanand Public School, Sonipat

ACCOLADES  
SEPT-NOV  
2024

## 5 CBSE North Zone Roller Skating Championship at Ambala

2 Bronze Medals - CBSE  
Srisha Ahuja | Class 3

Held at CBSE

## 7 Swimming Competition

Viraj Dagar | Class 2  
• Gold: 25M Freestyle, 25M Backstroke

• Silver: 25M Butterfly  
Shanaya Birla | Class 3  
• Gold: 25M Freestyle, 25M Backstroke

• Silver: 25M Butterfly  
• Best Swimmer Trophy  
Aryaveer Thakur | Class 5  
• Bronze: 50M Freestyle, 50M Backstroke

Garv Yadav | Class 6  
• Gold: 50M Butterfly  
• Bronze: 50M Backstroke, 50M Freestyle

Mihir Sharma | Class 6  
• Silver: 50M Butterfly  
• Bronze: 50M Breaststroke

Yuv Yadav | Class 9  
• Silver: 50M Backstroke

Held at Shalom Presidency School, Gurugram



## 8 17th District Roller Skating Championship 2024

Gold Medal  
Ishaanvee Kataria | Class 6  
Silver Medals  
Amira Malhotra | Class 4  
Raghvi Goel | Class 5  
Jay Sharma | Class 9  
Ednit Somany | Class 10  
Bronze Medals  
Heyan Aneja | Class 3  
Ridhaan Vats | Class 3  
Taarush Sharma | Class 4  
Mokshit Yadav | Class 5  
Advay Mittal | Class 5  
Dhriti Goel | Class 6  
Pryaan Sehgal | Class 6  
Lakshit Arora | Class 6  
Dhruv Thakran | Class 7  
Aarish Gupta | Class 7  
Saanvi Gupta | Class 7  
Namit Kilhor | Class 9

Held at Gurgaon Roller Skating Association  
(DRSA)

## 9 Goenkan Sports Bonanza

Best Delegate Award  
Sonakshi Subudhi | Class 9  
High Recommendation Award  
Yuvaan Singh | Class 9  
Special Mention Award  
Atharv Kumar | Class 9  
Honorable Mention Award  
Vihaan Dhankhar | Class 9

Held at Blue Bells Model School, Gurugram

## 10 Goenkan Sports Bonanza

Yoga  
1st Position: Saanvi Garg | Class 5, Kavya  
Bastola | Class 6  
Taekwondo  
3rd Position: Avik Singhal | Class 3, Mahira  
Chawla | Class 4  
Tennis  
2nd Position: Amey Nara | Class 5  
3rd Position: Stuti Toshniwal | Class 4  
Table Tennis (Girls)  
3rd Position: Avishi Dabas | Class 7, Avishi  
Jain | Class 7  
Table Tennis (Boys)  
1st Position: Laksh Malik | Class 7, Tahaan  
Nautiyal | Class 7, Aashman Singh Bhatia |  
Class 8

Held at GDGPS Sarita Vihar, New Delhi

## 12 CBSE NATIONAL TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP (U-14, Girls)

Silver Medal  
Mahi Yadav | Class 6

Held at Mother India Public School, Doraha  
Bazpur, Udhan Singh Nagar

## 11 SGFI STATE TOURNAMENT (U-14 Boys)

Riyansh Taneja is selected for Nationals to be  
held in November 2024.

Held at Tejli Stadium, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana.



## 14 Presidium MUN

High Commendation Award  
Yuvaan Singh | Class 9  
Divij Bansal | Class 10  
Saisha Mehta | Class 10

Held at Presidium School, Sector 57,  
Gurugram

## 15 LIS Fest

1st Position - Story Telling  
Saarthak Prabhakar | Class 2  
3rd Position - Oral Spelling  
Kiaan Sethi | Class KG C  
3rd Position - Mental Mathematics  
Riyansh Mattoo | Class 2

Held at Lancers International School,  
DLF Phase V

## 13 SGFI STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Navya Agrawal | Class 11  
Vanshika Gupta | Class 12  
Both were part of the State team  
and secured the Runner's Up position.

Held at Sonipat



## 16 Conferencia MUN

High Commendation Award  
Dhriti Trehan | Class 9  
Ohanna Kataria | Class 9  
Mokshit Bohra | Class 9  
Atharv Kumar | Class 9  
Tanvi Pandey | Class 11  
Verbal Mention Award  
Aashna Duhan | Class 9  
Rutva Rishi | Class 11  
Daksh Panwar | Class 11  
Special Mention Award  
Malak Sharma | Class 9  
Akshat Khandelwal | Class 9

Held at DAV Public School, Sector 49,  
Gurugram

## 17 38TH HARYANA STATE ROLLER & INLINE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Gold Medals  
Heyan Aneja | Class 3  
Ishaanvee Kataria | Class 6  
Mokshit Yadav | Class 5  
Trijal Pathak | Class 5  
Bronze Medals  
Sanvi Gupta | Class 7  
Nमित Kilhor | Class 9  
Jay Sharma | Class 9  
Vihaan Dhankhar | Class 9  
Ednit Somany | Class 10

Held at The Vivekananda School,  
Sector 69, Gurugram

## 18 36th Haryana state Sub Junior Boys and Girls Taekwondo Championship in Poomsae category.

Silver Medal  
Saesha Sanjiv | Class 5

Held at Ambala

## 19 Science Model Making Competition

2nd Position  
Kashvi Sachdeva | Class 6  
Anvi Raj | Class 8  
Tvisha Thapar | Class 8

Held at S N Sidheshwar Sr. Sec. School,  
Gurugram



## 20 17TH DISTRICT SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Bronze Medals  
Aarnik Khare | Class 1  
Srisha Ahuja | Class 3

Held at Baliyawas, Gurgaon

## 21 GOENKAN LITERAZZI

2nd Prize - Innovate AI Pitch Fest  
Aryan Sharma | Class 8  
Devanshi Sehgal | Class 9

Held at G D Goenka Public School,  
Sarita Vihar, New Delhi

## 22 MOSMUN 2024

Best Delegate Award  
Kavin Sachdeva | Class 9  
Vihaan Dhankar | Class 9  
Best Photographer Award  
Shivesh Arora | Class 11  
Special Mention Award  
Mokshit Bohra | Class 9  
Rutva Rishi | Class 9  
Akshat Khandelwal | Class 11  
Verbal Mention Award  
Dhriti Trehan | Class 9  
Daksh Singhal | Class 9  
High Commendation Award  
Atharv | Class 9  
Sanskriti | Class 9

Held at Mount Olympus School, Sector  
47, Gurugram