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Message From the **Principal**



Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

It gives me immense pleasure and pride to launch the first edition of the Quarterly newsletter of the GD Goenka High School- the Goenkan Herald. The editorial team has worked hard to bring out the happenings at the school, and showcase all that the students are learning, not just scholastically, but holistically. The myriad of events, celebrations and competitions showcase the school's commitment to nurture our students by giving them opportunities to explore and learn.

I want to express my excitement at the opportunities ahead. Our academic programs will continue to be child-centric, experiential and based on STEAM, fostering creativity and community engagement. Additionally, continuing with our efforts at making our students responsible citizens of tomorrow, the focus of the current session will be on the sustainable development goals (SDGs), environmental protection and conservation under the Goenkan Green School Project and inculcating the International Dimension in our curriculum.

I am also looking forward to a very close association with our parent community. I am confident that together, we can make this year a successful and enriching one for all our students. Let's continue to work together to create a positive and supportive learning environment for everyone!

Thank you for your continued dedication and support!

Sumana Dutta Sarkar
Principal



Message From the **Chief Editor**



CHIEF EDITOR
AASTHA ROHTAGI

Dear Readers,

There's something incredibly powerful about capturing a moment in words – a celebration, a challenge, a quiet triumph – and preserving it for others to witness and remember. This newsletter is, in many ways, a mosaic of moments captured in words – carefully chosen, thoughtfully shared, and deeply felt. Each piece reflects creativity, hard work, talent, and dedication of our students, coming together to preserve the spirit of our school and remind us of who we are, what we strive for, and how far we've come as a community.

It brings me great joy to present this edition of our school newsletter- a living narrative of creativity, curiosity, courage, and connection. Each article, poem, and report is more than just ink on paper; it is a glimpse into the vibrant life of our school, where learning extends far beyond the classroom walls.

Being at the helm of this issue has been a privilege. A heartfelt thank you to the editorial team, contributors, and teachers who supported us in bringing this issue to life. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed curating it.



Welcome to a fresh edition of The Goenkan Herald where our students' voices come alive! As a Head Editor, I'm thrilled to bring you stories that spark thought, creativity, and school spirit. From bold opinions to behind-the-scene moments, every page reflects the energy and passion of our student body.

This issue is more than just news—it's a celebration of who we are. A big shoutout to our amazing editorial team for making this happen. Dive in, get inspired, and let your voice be the next one we feature!

EKANSH SHARMA
HEAD -STUDENT EDITOR

Message From the **Head Student Editor**



Campus Coverage



Celebration of Special Days at a Glance!



WELCOME ASSEMBLY BY TEACHERS

To mark the start of the new academic session, the teachers conducted a special Welcome Assembly filled with warmth and positivity. The assembly began with a prayer to invoke blessings for a fruitful year ahead, followed by a thoughtful message, the latest news, and a meaningful word of the day. Teachers extended their best wishes to all students, encouraging them to embrace new opportunities with confidence and curiosity. The assembly set a hopeful and inspiring tone for the journey ahead.



Founder's Day

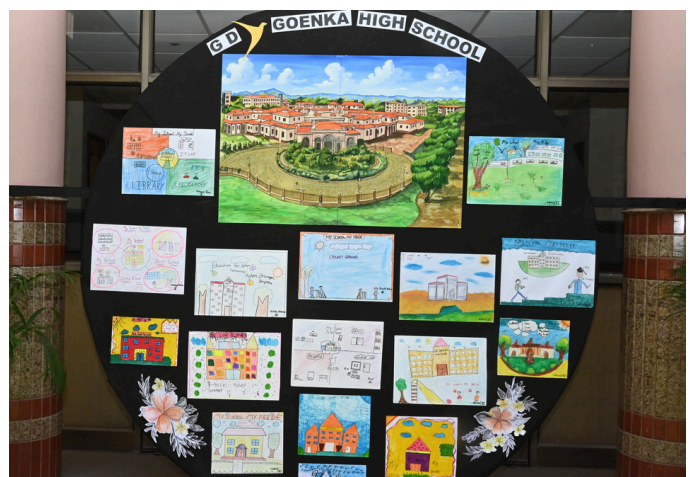


FOUNDER'S DAY: CELEBRATING 3 GLORIOUS YEARS!

The School joyfully celebrated its 3rd Founder's Day on 17th April 2025, reflecting its spirit of pride, creativity, and community.

The week leading up to the celebration saw energetic participation across all grades. Middle and senior students engaged in essay writing, poetry, and a special quiz marking GD Goenka's 30-year journey. The primary wing added warmth with activities like My School, My Pride, the Goenkan Gratitude Wall, and Celebrating Our School Spirit.

The grand celebration featured music, dance, the Junior Band Orchestra, Dance with a Difference – The Bird Dance, and an inspiring address by Vice Chairperson Ms. Renu Goenka. It concluded with a vibrant Art Exhibition marking World Art Day—truly a week of joy, talent, and Goenkan pride!



THEMATIC ASSEMBLY- INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

The students of Grade IX Readers led a vibrant special assembly to mark International Dance Day, celebrating dance as a universal language of expression and unity.

The morning featured a prayer, Thought, Word, and News of the Day, followed by an insightful speech and a graceful showcase of five classical dance forms—Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Odissi, Manipuri, and Mohiniyattam.

An engaging quiz wrapped up the event, making it an inspiring tribute to the art of dance.



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

This Earth Day, students from Foundational 1 to Grade V came together with enthusiasm to celebrate the theme “Our Power, Our Planet.”

Through engaging activities focused on Spreading Awareness, Taking Action, and Recording Results, our young Goenkans embraced their role as Earth champions. From scavenger hunts and eco-crafts to interactive quizzes, science experiments, and even a visit to a rainwater harvesting plant, each grade explored sustainability in creative and meaningful ways.



GRATITUDE DAY CELEBRATION

On Gratitude Day, our young learners from Foundation-1 to Grade II joyfully celebrated Labour Day by honouring the true heroes of our school—our dedicated support staff. With heartfelt performances, a prayer, and a special talk by Grade V, the event highlighted values of kindness and gratitude. Fun games, warm words from the Principal, and a touching gratitude ceremony with cards and hampers made the day truly special.





INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

Grade VIII Innovators presented a vibrant thematic assembly on the Importance of Mother Language. Powerful speeches in English and Hindi emphasized how our mother tongue connects us to our roots. A heartfelt Hindi poem and a creative skit with introductions in five regional languages celebrated India's linguistic richness. The assembly left everyone with a deeper respect for their native languages.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Our young readers stepped into the world of imagination as they celebrated World Book Day with storytelling sessions, book-themed games, and art activities. Watching their faces light up with every page turned was truly magical!

At GD Goenka High School, we nurture a lifelong love for reading from the very beginning.



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Nurture the Nurturer....

FOUNDATION I-II

The School celebrated Mother's Day at Le Cordon Bleu, GD Goenka University, with warmth and gratitude under the theme "Nurture the Nurturer."

The day began with heartfelt welcomes and smiley badges, followed by an inspiring session on self-care by nutritionist Ms. Kavleen Kaur. Chef Thierry Le Baut added a gourmet touch with an interactive salad-making session, followed by a guided tour of the prestigious culinary school.

Mothers enjoyed the elegant high tea, fun games, fridge magnet crafts, touching performances, and an energetic mother-child dance. A special selfie corner helped capture the joy of a truly memorable celebration.

Here's to the love and strength of every mother – today and always!



WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY



Our young Goenkans celebrated World Migratory Bird Day with curiosity and care under the theme "Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities."

They explored fascinating facts about birds like the Eurasian Golden Oriole, Barn Swallow, and Black-tailed Godwit, learning about their journeys and the need to protect their habitats.

Inspired and informed, our students are now proud guardians of nature, ready to share their world with these incredible travelers.



SOCIO-EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) PROGRAMME- 'ALL ABOUT FEELINGS!'

Our youngest Goenkans explored emotions in a fun and meaningful way during the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) session, "All About Feelings!" Through activities like Emotion Charades, expressive art, and calming breathing exercises, students learned to recognize and manage their emotions with empathy and self-awareness.

TEACHERS' WORKSHOP ON WORLD AUTISM DAY

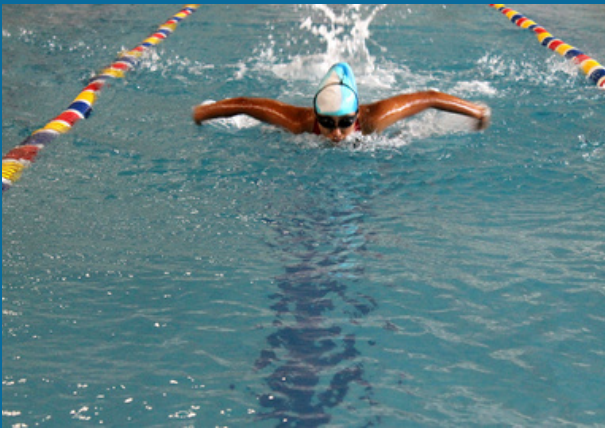
The School conducted a thoughtful workshop for teachers on 3rd April 2025 to mark World Autism Awareness Day. The session aimed to deepen understanding of autism spectrum disorder, promote inclusivity, and equip educators with strategies to support diverse learners in the classroom. Through engaging discussions and real-life insights, the workshop reinforced the school's commitment to creating a compassionate and inclusive learning environment for all.





SWIMMING FEST WATER POLO EXHIBITION MATCH

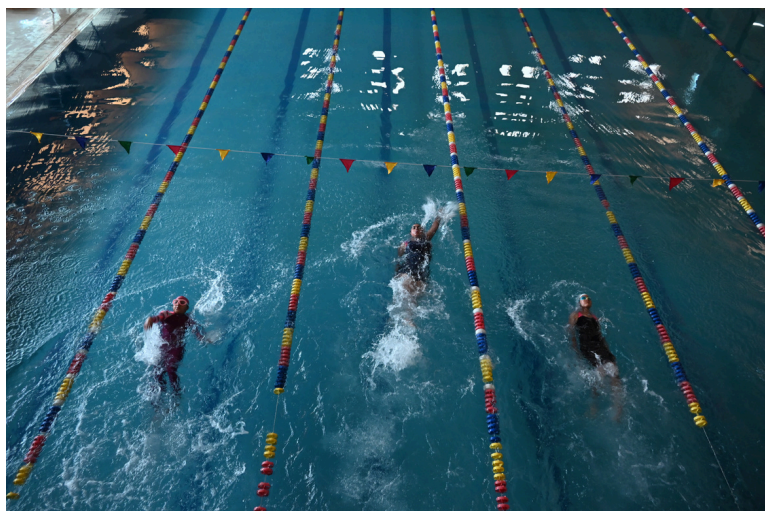
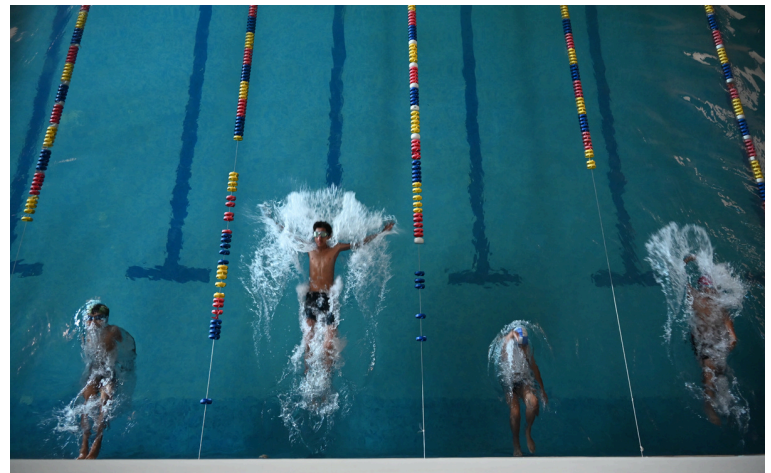
Students from Grades III to V made a splash at High School's Swimming Fest – Water Polo Exhibition with energy, teamwork, and skill. Exciting matches showcased quick passes, goals, and great sportsmanship, all while building confidence, coordination, and team spirit in the water.



INTER HOUSE SWIMMING COMPETITION

Students from Grades VI to XII dived into action at the Inter House Swimming Competition, showcasing skill and spirit in exciting events like the 50m Freestyle, 25m Backstroke, and Freestyle Relay.

From powerful strokes to nail-biting finishes, our swimmers truly gave it their all!



Chronicles of Talent and Teamwork....



WHIRL-WIND: INTER HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION

The School came alive with energy and rhythm as students from Grades III to V lit up the stage at the World-Whirl Inter-House Dance Competition.

From classical to contemporary and folk to fusion, each house delivered captivating performances, showcasing creativity, teamwork, and cultural pride. The event celebrated talent, confidence, and the spirit of healthy competition.

INTER HOUSE SOCIAL SCIENCE QUIZ COMPETITION

Our young historians, geographers, and civics enthusiasts from Grades VI to X lit up the stage in a thrilling Inter House Social Science Quiz Competition. With three intense rounds on thought-provoking themes like Labour Day, National Movements, Indian Constitution & Democracy, and the pressing issue of Climate Change, the quiz challenged students to dig deep into their knowledge and think on their feet.



INTER HOUSE POSTER MAKING ON MOTHER'S DAY

This Mother's Day, our young artists from Grades VI to IX poured their hearts onto paper in an inspiring Inter House Poster Making Competition. With the theme "A Tribute to Mothers," the event celebrated the love, strength, and selfless spirit of mothers everywhere.

Each poster was a colourful expression of gratitude, creativity, and deep emotion. From heartfelt messages to powerful imagery, our students truly honoured the spirit of motherhood with their beautiful work.



INTER HOUSE DEBATE COMPETITION



In celebration of Mother's Day, young Goenkans from Classes III to V showcased their oratory flair in an engaging Inter House Debate Competition, centered around the heartwarming theme: "Homemade gifts are better than store-bought gifts."

Representing Bose, Tilak, Savarkar, and Patel House, our young debaters shared heartfelt and logical views, celebrating the love behind every gift.



Life at the Boarding-

A Home Away From Home



STUDENTS' MEMOIRS

I am Maheshor, a student of grade XI at GD GOENKA HIGH SCHOOL. I am from Manipur and my current boarding experience at the school is enjoyable and enriching. The hostel is comfortable, the food is good, and I've made great friends while learning to be independent and disciplined. The basketball facilities in the school are excellent, featuring a well-maintained court and modern equipment. My experience there is enriching, with skilled coaches and regular practice sessions that have improved my game. The supportive environment and competitive spirit have made playing basketball both enjoyable and rewarding.



I, Dev Agarwal of grade XI would like to appreciate my cricket experience in the hostel. I truly enjoy playing cricket—it's the highlight of my day. Every match gives me a rush of excitement, whether I'm batting, bowling, or fielding. The teamwork, strategy, and energy on the field make the game thrilling. Cricket helps me relax, stay active, and have fun, and I feel happiest when I'm out there playing with full passion. Thanks to my coach Sir Manoj for always inspiring me.

My name is Shaurya Singla. I am from grade XI and I am a new student. My first time in the hostel at GD Goenka High School was a mix of excitement and nervousness. The modern facilities amazed me, and I quickly bonded with my roommates. Though I missed home initially, the warm environment, helpful staff and diverse friends made the transition easier. It marked the beginning of an unforgettable journey of growth and independence.



STUDENTS' MEMOIRS



I am Saksham Sharma from Gurgaon, currently studying at GD Goenka High School and staying in the school hostel. Each morning, I engage in sports and a basic workout, which mainly includes running and sprinting, keeping me active and focused for the day. My journey here has been a rewarding one. I've made great friends, and the teachers are supportive and committed to our growth. GD Goenka truly feels like a second home, and I'm grateful for the opportunities it offers.

A BLEND OF FUN, LEARNING & CREATIVITY



Recently, our boarding students enthusiastically participated in the Creative Carnival 2.0, held on 3rd & 4th May at The Palms Town & Country Club. The two-day extravaganza offered over 20 hands-on experiences—from building VR headsets and launching rockets to clay modeling, mural painting, and fashion fun. It was a true celebration of creativity, curiosity, and confidence—showcasing the school's commitment to learning beyond books.

Back at the boarding house, the energy never fades. Students enjoy monthly birthday celebrations, poster making competitions, indigenous sporting games on weekends, and relaxing mall visits—making every moment vibrant and enriching. These glimpses reflect the vibrant and well-rounded experience of boarding life.



Beyond the Classroom-

Educational Excursion & Experiential Learning



ME & MY WORLD- CAMPUS TOUR

Our Foundation-1 students enjoyed a fun-filled trip around the school campus themed “Me and My World.” They explored different areas, from the fitness center to the school crèche, with games, dance, and laughter. A visit to the school kitchen sparked curiosity about meal preparation, followed by a tasty snack at The Grove. They experienced learning and playing in a safe, joyful environment—creating wonderful memories on the Goenkan Fun Express!



EXCURSION TO HERITAGE TRANSPORT MUSEUM



Students from Foundation-2 to Grade II explored India’s transport history at the Heritage Transport Museum, Gurugram. From vintage cars to bullock carts, hands-on exhibits and storytelling sparked their curiosity beyond the classroom. A short film and lively tour enriched their learning, followed by lunch and sharing favorite moments. The trip inspired our young Goenkans to appreciate innovation and our nation’s journey through transport.



EXCURSION TO PM SANGRAHALAYA



Goenkans from Grade III to V had an incredible opportunity to visit the Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya — a museum dedicated to showcasing the inspiring journey of India’s Prime Ministers and the evolution of our nation’s leadership.

The visit was both educational and enlightening, as students explored interactive exhibits, rare photographs, personal items, and important historical moments that have shaped India’s democratic journey.



BANK VISIT BY COMMERCE STUDENTS (XI & XII)

As part of our Experiential Learning Programme, Grade XI and XII Commerce students visited HDFC Bank on 13th May 2025.

They gained hands-on experience of banking operations and customer service, linking classroom theory to real-world finance. Such visits help prepare our students to be financially aware and future-ready.



VISIT TO GOENKAN FRESH

Grades VI to XII visited our on-campus greenhouse, Goenkan Fresh, to learn about sustainable farming, hydroponics, and organic crop cultivation. They also observed the vermicompost system, gaining insights into eco-friendly waste management and soil enrichment. The visit deepened their understanding of modern agriculture and sustainability, making it a truly enriching experience.

Partners in Progress-

The Parent-Student-Teacher Connection



ORIENTATION DAY

The school warmly welcomed students and parents at the Orientation Day, marking the start of the new academic year.

Principal Ms. Sumana Dutta Sarkar highlighted the school's facilities, goals, and focus on holistic development. Students met their class teachers and subject mentors, gaining insight into school routines and expectations.

The event fostered connections and eased first-day nerves, setting a positive tone for the year ahead.



PARENT TEACHER MEETING

The school, we believe that strong partnerships between parents and educators are the key to a student's success. Our recent Parent-Teacher Meeting provided a valuable platform for meaningful conversations about student progress, strengths, and areas of growth. Teachers shared personalized insights and academic updates with parents.

Together, parents and teachers reinforced their shared commitment to each child's holistic development.



Goenkan Achievers

SPECIAL MENTION: EKANSH SHARMA AT GDGIMUN 2025

A proud moment for our school! Ekansh Sharma (Grade XII) earned a Special Mention at GD Goenka International Model United Nations 2025, held at GD Goenka, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. Representing Malaysia in the UNHRC, Ekansh impressed the committee with his articulate diplomacy and strong research on human rights.



GOENKANS SHINE AT 4TH PATHWAYS INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION

Our students delivered an exceptional performance at the 4th Pathways Inter-School Swimming Competition held on 7th May 2025. Demonstrating skill, determination, and sportsmanship, they secured a remarkable tally of 1 Gold, 18 Silver, and 10 Bronze medals across various categories.



ARADHYA SINGH EXPLORES THE TEACHINGS OF THE BHAGAVAD GITA

We are proud to share that our student, Aradhya Singh of Grade VIII Innovators, successfully participated in the online Gita contest organized by ISKCON, Gurugram. Among the ten students who took part in the event, Aradhya secured the highest percentage. This enriching experience allowed her to delve into the profound teachings of the Bhagavad Geeta, enhancing both her spiritual insight and academic understanding.



The Creative Quill



The Stillness Within

I sit in stillness, days drift by,
No storm to the weather, no need to cry.
The peace feels odd—should I feel more?
This calm, a whisper at my core

I'm fine, I swear—too fine, it seems,
Like joy that tiptoes through my dreams.
No weight, no ache—just soft concern
For when the winds of change return.

The future hums its quiet song,
Of paths unknown and right and wrong.
What if I drift or miss the mark?
What if this calm turns cold and dark?

But for now, I breathe, I wait,
Not chasing sorrow, love, or fate.
Content, confused, and slightly scared—
But somehow, strangely... unprepared.

Ekansh Sharma, Grade XII

Nature's Desperate Call

Everything we do starts with pollution,
But it never ends with a solution.
Sound, air, water—we spread it all,
Yet we ignore nature's desperate call.
Animals die because of our action,
Still, we show no sign of compassion.
We waste our lives with foolish pride,
Letting our better sense subside.
It's time to act with responsibility,
And turn our minds to creativity.
Let's save the Earth with care and devotion—
And finally bring a real solution.

Gurjas Singh, Grade VII Discoverers

Role of Youth in Building a Smart India

The youth of our nation have the power to transform India into a smarter and more progressive country. With their innovative and creative ideas, they can bring about meaningful change and help shape a better future for all.

At first, today's youth possess knowledge of the latest technologies used across the globe. By promoting digital literacy in both urban and rural areas, they can help bridge the digital divide, ensuring that everyone benefits from modern advancements.

In addition, the youth are becoming increasingly aware of environmental challenges and the need for sustainable living. Through nationwide initiatives, they can combat climate change, promote the use of renewable energy, and raise awareness about environmental conservation.

Furthermore, they can stand up against gender inequality and social injustice by challenging stereotypes and promoting respect and equality. Their voice is powerful in building an India where everyone is treated with dignity.

Last but not the least, youth participation in local governance, community discussions, and decision-making is essential. Their creative ideas can contribute to more efficient systems and smarter solutions for everyday challenges.

In conclusion, the youth are the backbone of a Smart India. Their creativity, energy, and dedication hold the key to a brighter future. It's never too early or too late to share innovative ideas. By stepping up, they can inspire a generation of young leaders and entrepreneurs, setting new benchmarks for the nation's progress.

Kyle Ymabem, Grade VII Pioneers

Recycle for a Better Tomorrow

Paper, plastic, glass, and can,
Recycle them – that's the plan!
Old things made new once again,
Saving forests, streams, and
plains.

Don't just toss your waste away,
Sort it right and save the day.
Reuse, reduce, recycle too,
A better Earth depends on you!
Nature sings when we all care,
Fresh clean water, purest air.
So every bottle, box, and sheet,
Put them back – don't miss a
beat!

*Arihaan, Shrinika, Pihu, Gurjas,
Satvik, Naitik (Literary Club
students)*

Song of the Forest

The forests stand in green so
bright,
Peaceful, pure—a lovely sight.
Birds all sing a gentle song,
Nature hums the whole day long.
Rivers flow with tunes so clear,
Streams sing soft to calm our fear.
Flowers bloom in golden ray,
Joy and color fill our day.
Come, let's join and do our part,
Save the woods with all our heart.

*Sharanya, Aarchi, Diya Sharma,
Shanaya, Diya Mishra, Hiti Dagar,
Bhumi
(Literary Club students)*

वृक्षों की कटाई

हरी-भरी वो धरती की शान,
जहाँ गुंजे पक्षियों की तान।
पेड़ों की छाँव, ठंडी हवा,
प्रकृति का अनमोल दाव।
हरियाली की चादर ओढ़े,
शेर-हाथी यहाँ दौड़े।
झरनों की कल-कल है गीत,
हर कोना अनुपम रीत।
कल मत काटो इस जीवन धारा को,
संवारे धरती-संसार हमारा को।
एक जंगल बचाओ, जीवन सजाओ,
प्रकृति से प्रेम का दीप जलाओ।

*SHARANYA, AARCHI, DIYA SHARMA,
SHANAYA, DIYA MISHRA, HITI DAGAR,
BHUMI
(LITERARY CLUB STUDENTS)*

Pride of the Jungle

Lush and proud, the jungle stands,
The pride and soul of all our lands.
Where birds sing in a merry band,
With trees that shade and breezes
grand.

Nature's ours—a sacred rule,
Draped in emerald's finest jewel.
Elephants roam and lions stride,
Beside the streams that ripple
wide.

Every corner beats a song,
A rhythm pure, steady, strong.
Don't cut down this stream of life,
It calms the world, reduces strife.
Save the jungle—let's protect,
And let our love for nature reflect.

*Sharanya, Aarchi, Diya Sharma,
Shanaya, Diya Mishra, Hiti Dagar,
Bhumi (Literary Club students)*

Autumn

Autumn rushes 'round the world,
Dressing trees in colors curled—
Warm hues of red, gold, and
brown,
Painting leaves before they fall
down.

She gently brushes branch and
leaf,
Setting them to dance with brief,
A swirling, twirling, graceful flight,
As breezes carry them in light.
Cool air whispers soft hellos,
Greeting all with gentle blows,
A crispness felt in every breeze,
The season's chill, a calm
appease.

Diya Mishra, Grade VII Pioneers

वन कटाई

वनों की हरियाली से भरा,
शांत, सुंदर, पावन बसेरा।
पंछी गाते मधुर गीत,
गूँजता जंगल हर प्रीत।
नदी बहे मीठे स्वर संग,
झरनों में गूँजता मन का रंग।
जब फूले फूलों की धूप छार,
खुशियों की बहार हर ओर लार।
आओ मिलकर करें ये काम,
बचाएं वन, बढ़ाएं नाम।
जंगल बचाओ, जीवन बढ़ाओ।

*SHARANYA, AARCHI, DIYA SHARMA,
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Summer, the Wild Wanderer

Summer jogs with sunlit hair,
He splashes gold upon the air.
He whistles tunes through rustling
trees,
And stirs up laughter in the seas.
His sneakers spark on dusty ground,
He paints the sky with hues profound.
He shines the world with fiery hands,
And tattoos warmth across the lands.

Aekansh Parashar, Grade VII Pioneers

Students' Creative Corner

Just like a kaleidoscope brings together a medley of colors and patterns to create something mesmerizing, Student Kaleidoscope is a vibrant reflection of our students' imagination, creativity, and expression.



Life as an Animal

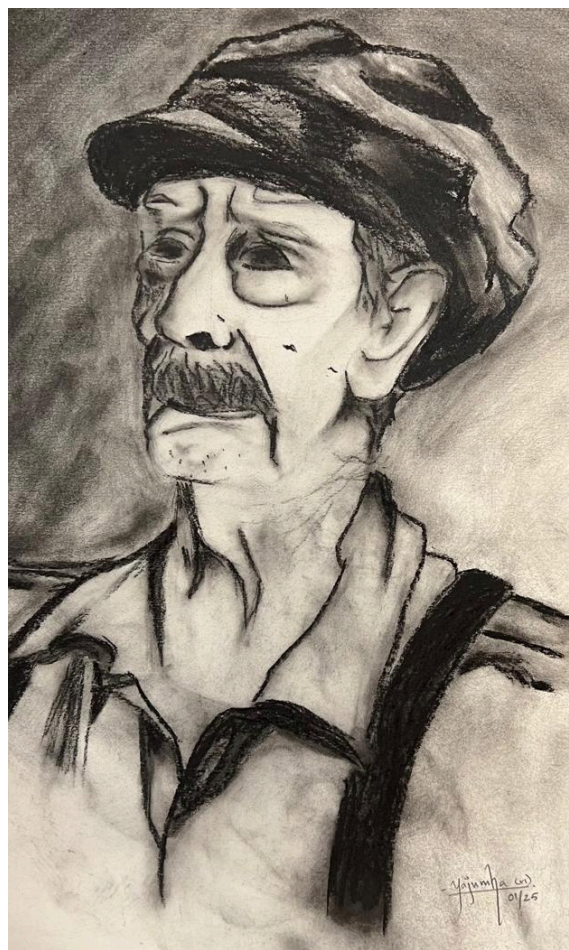
Beneath the sky, so wide, so free,
I roam the earth just being me.
No clocks to watch, no chains to bear,
Just wind and the sun and open air.

I hunt, I rest, I run and play
I live each day in my own wild way.
No words to speak, yet all is known-
The whispered sigh, the forest's tone.

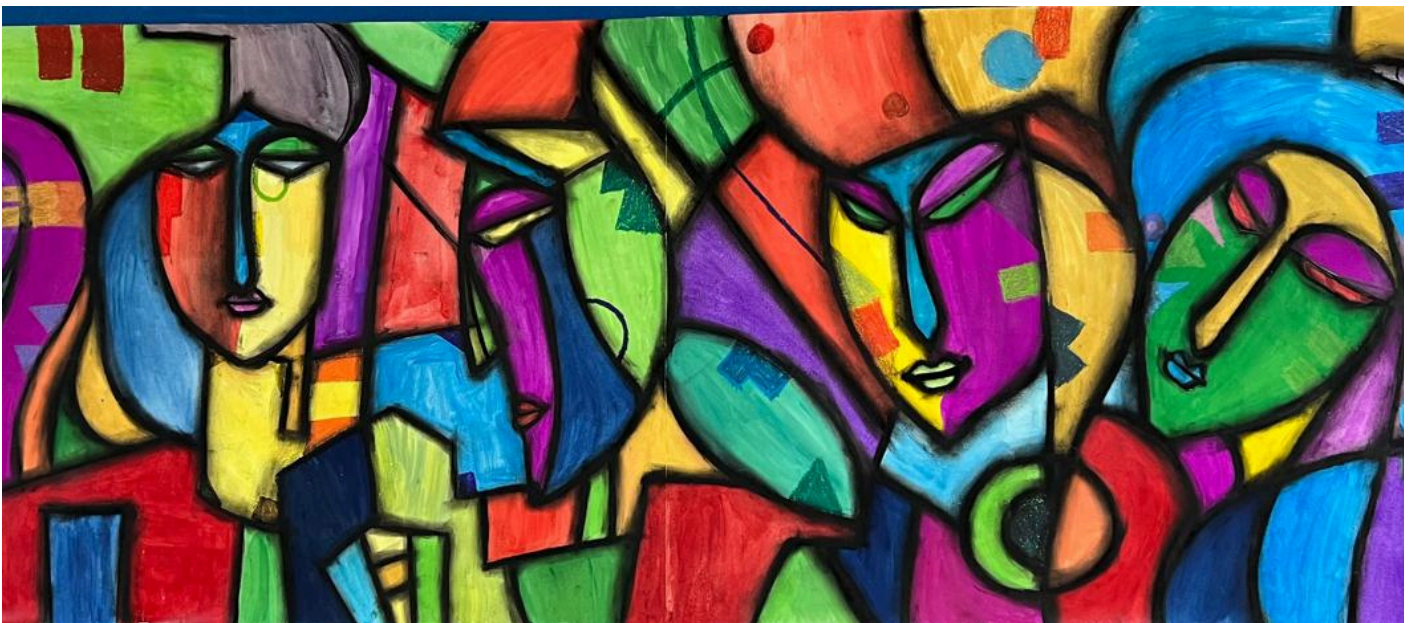
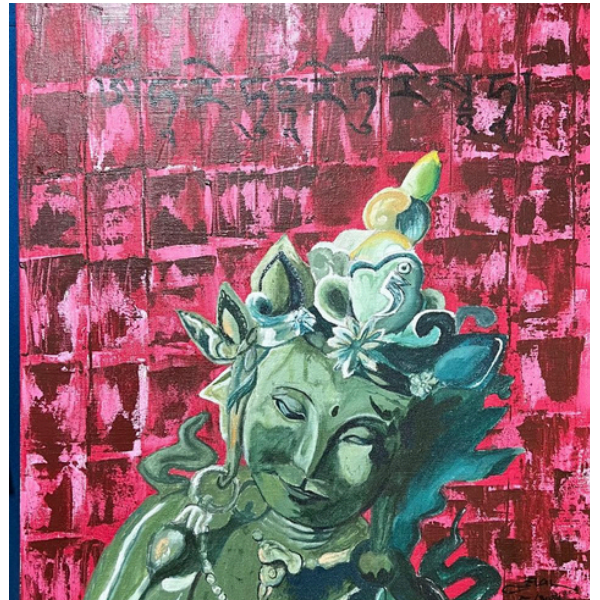
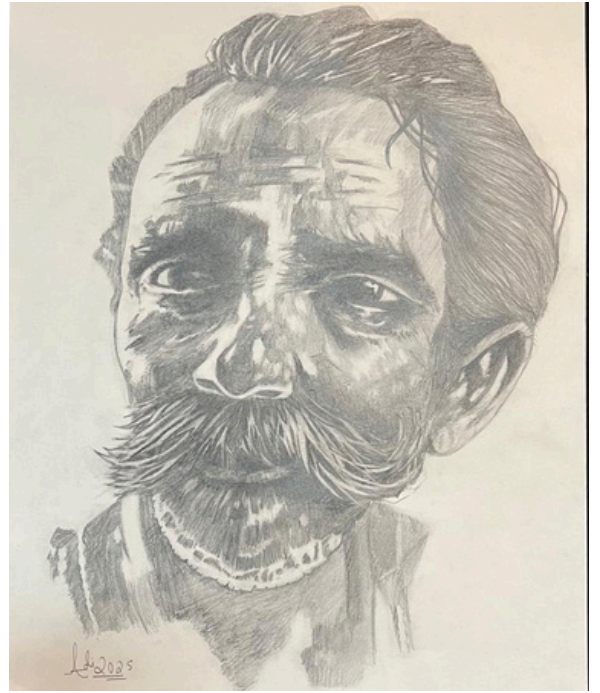
The moon my guide, the stars my light,
I sleep beneath through the night.
No walls to hold, no doors to close,
Just earth beneath the heaven glows.
Yet humans pass and seldom see,
The will, the fierce, the truth in me.
They build and break and claim their rights
While I just vanish into the night.

Oh, would they pause and truly feel
The pulse of life, untamed and real!
For in my eyes- the world still sings -
The ancient call of feral things.

Shanaya, Grade VII Pioneers









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