

Report - Student's Solar Ambassador Workshop

“The stone age did not end because the world ran out of stones, and the oil age will not end because we run out of oil.”

- Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Erstwhile Minister for Oil, Saudi Arabia (June 2002)

The budding scientists of classes VI –VIII of **G. D. Goenka Public School, Dwarka** became an indelible part of history on the promising evening of October 2, 2019 by participating in the Solar Ambassador Workshop. The workshop aimed at igniting the young minds towards adverse effects of climate change and thus making them future propagators of renewable energy. The workshop signified that time is just ripe when we should move towards localized sources of energy and self-sufficiency which will lead to social, economic and environmental sustainability. This workshop aimed at incorporating the idea into the warp and weft of our lifestyle.

The 150th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence towards Environment. The day-long event was scheduled at Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex, New Delhi, and was organized by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), in association with IIT Bombay. It was an attempt to create a Guinness World Record for providing sustainability lessons to the largest number of participants at a single place.

Student solar ambassadors were trained to assemble a Solar Lamp with the help of SOUL kit (Solar Urja Lamp). As our little inventors gathered in the auditorium after assembling their solar lamps, the entire arena changed into a vast expanse of glittering gold for around five minutes which made the entire view mesmerizing. It was an overwhelming moment for the audience present there. Mr. Prakash Javadekar, the Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Minister for Information and Broadcasting, lauded the humongous efforts of the students in giving form to the idea. He talked about bringing on the Energy Swaraj and pledged to conserve environment for the benefit of posterity. Students also realised the importance of taking small steps towards a big change. They were enthralled with the hands-on activity and promised their teachers to spread the message of Non-Violence towards Environment far and wide. The day culminated with the pledge for Non-violence towards the Environment-

Let us solemnly pledge:

**“To protect, preserve, and nurture our environment for a gratifying present and green future,
to be conscious of my own actions to not cause harm to our nature,
to show courage to speak up against condemning action that damage our environment
to be compassionate, responsible global citizens to ensure peaceful co-existence of all living beings in the world.”**

