

# GD Goenka students excel in World Scholar's Cup at Yale

**ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS** Essay writing, debates and quizzes were conducted

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**NEW DELHI:** Three students of G.D. Goenka Public School, Sarita Vihar, took part in the World Scholar's Cup—an academic competition comprising essay writing, debating, and quizzing at Yale University in the USA.

The three students, Prabodhini Singh, Radhacharan, and Tanishqa Mehra of Class 9, who qualified for participation in the global final round, stepped into the hallowed portals of the world famous university and competed with more than 5,000 students from 50 countries. Yale University is an American private Ivy League research university in and the central campus is located in the downtown of New Haven, Connecticut. Founded in 1701, it is the third-oldest institution of higher education in the United States and it hosted the global final round of the World Scholars Cup 2017.

The founder Daniel Berdichovsky greeted the scholars at the auditorium of the Yale University Convention Centre. The team of Radhacharan, Prabodhini Singh, and Tanishqa Mehra won two out of three of their debates. The World Scholar's Cup Yale Final Round witnessed three events: Scholar's Bowl, Debate Showcase, and Scholar's



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Show. The Scholar's Bowl is a series of rounds containing questions directly or indirectly related to the WSC syllabus. Using a clicker, the teams chose the answers for the final academic section in the competition. The Debate Showcase saw the best eight debaters from the previous day's team debates form two teams of affirmation and negation and debate on stage. The debaters were passionate

orators and sharp thinkers.

Celebrating the conclusion of academic competition, a cultural fair was organised in which students showcased a medley of performances. Participants from all across the globe sang and demonstrated their moves, while some displayed traditional art forms to the audience's delight.

In the award ceremony the GD Goenka team won six medals, out of which Tanishqa's stellar

performance helped her win two gold medals for being the school topper as well as the 64th best individual debater out of 5,000 international scholars and a silver medal in the team debate. Prabodhini too made her mark with two silver medals in the team and the Individual debate and also won the 264th rank out of 5000 scholars. Radhacharan made the team proud by winning a silver medal in team debate.