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Chalk & cheese: School turns classrooms into Covid care centre

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To combat a possible third wave of the pandemic, another private school in the city has transformed its classrooms into a Covid care centre for frontline workers, government officers and their families.

GD Goenka School in south Delhi's Vasant Kunj has set up two oxygen-equipped beds in each of the 30 classrooms of the junior wing. The school has partnered with NGOs Sewa Bharti and Seema Jagran Manch to manage and run the care centre. Currently, there are five patients under observation there. For now, two doctors and four nurses have been deputed there.

Earlier, Mount Carmel School in Dwarka had set up a facility with oxygen-equipped beds after it lost its founder VK William to Covid-19.

Nipun Goenka, the managing director of the GD Goenka Group, told **TOI**, "Our school is fully airconditioned, so it will be comfortable for patients. We have also provided space for infirmary, cafeteria, 24x7 electricity, water and security service. We also have an ambulance with oxygen support and a driver to help those in need."

The centre is for those showing mild symptoms of Covid and patients requiring oxygen support under medical supervision. "We thank the frontline workers for their untiring efforts in fighting the raging pandemic. They have been performing their duties 24x7, putting themselves and their families at great risk. This is why we have decided to extend our help to them," Goenka explained.

On Friday, a blood donation camp was also conducted at the school in which over 50 units were collected. A team from All India Institute Of Medical Sciences consisting of two doctors, four nurses and paramedics assisted in the initiative. "As true educationists, our management has always taken initiatives to contribute constructively and meaningfully towards the needs of the community and country in the true spirit of service," Goenka said.

Goenka added that, if required, the capacity of the Covid care centre would be enhanced. “Even if the board exams are held, there won’t be any problems. The centre is in the junior wing and it doesn’t seem that classes will resume without the children being vaccinated,” he said.



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