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“Somewhere, Something Incredible Is Waiting To Be Known”

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Deepak M Mathews
Principal

As we approach the conclusion of the academic year 2024-25, I take immense pride in celebrating the outstanding achievements of our students. This year has been a testament to their dedication, hard work, and perseverance. From excelling in academics to winning laurels in Inter-School Competitions across sports, literature, and cultural events, our students have truly upheld the spirit of excellence that Unity College stands for. Their achievements are a reflection of their determination and passion for learning.

I encourage every student to stay focused, manage their time effectively, and approach their studies with confidence. Success is the result of consistent effort, and I am certain that their dedication will yield excellent results. Remember, examinations are not just a test of knowledge but also an opportunity to showcase your hard work.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our teachers, whose unwavering commitment and guidance have shaped our students' journeys, and to our parents, whose constant support has been invaluable in making this year a success. Your collective efforts have created an environment of learning and growth. Let us continue this journey of excellence together, and I look forward to even greater achievements in the future. Best of luck to all!

OCTOBER REPORTS

DAAN UTSAV: A CELEBRATION OF GIVING

The Pre-Primary and Primary Sections of our College participated in DAAN UTSAV 2024, a week-long initiative aimed at fostering a spirit of giving. Students and staff donated essential items, including pulses, rice, salt, tea, sugar, and basic spices. On the final day, teachers and a few students visited a slum in Gomti Nagar, collaborating with the Robinhood Army led by Mr Shaleen. The team distributed essential items including turmeric, chili powder, tea leaves, lentils, rice, salt, sugar, and oil to each family. The event enriched the lives of those in need and fostered a sense of compassion among participants.



LUCKNOW NAGAR NIGAM: SPREADING AWARENESS ON VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES

On October 9, 2024, officials from the Lucknow Nagar Nigam, led by Zonal Officer Manoj Kumar Yadav, visited the College to raise awareness about the rapid spread of vector-borne diseases, particularly during the monsoon season. The event attended by Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor, College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima, and primary teachers focused on educating students on prevention methods.

Mr Yadav highlighted the rise in diseases like dengue and malaria due to the increase in mosquitoes during the monsoon season. He advised students to wear full-sleeved clothes and fully covered shoes to protect themselves. Mr Yadav also praised the College's uniform design,

which ensures better protection during the rainy season. He also emphasised the importance of covering water containers to prevent mosquito breeding and urged students to keep their school premises clean and report any areas of concern, particularly near trees and drains where mosquitoes thrive. He also led students in a motivational song, 'Ladenge ham, Jeetenge ham, Chahe Jitni Chunauti Ho,' explaining the dangers of standing water and urging regular check-ins. The visit concluded with Vice Principal Mr Bharti thanking Nagar Nigam, Lucknow and Mr Yadav for conducting such an informative session and emphasising the message that simple actions, like covering water and cleaning surroundings can prevent dangerous diseases from spreading.



EMPOWERING EDUCATION: STUDENT TRAINING AT UNITY COLLEGE

From October 8 to October 25, 2024, Ms Sabira Taqi, International Outreach Ambassador of Q Fatima London, conducted a Student-Centered Training (SCT) visit at the College. With the support of the College Management, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, and Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor, she provided training to Primary teachers on age-appropriate teaching strategies and engaging methods to enhance learning outcomes for younger students. Ms Taqi also offered individualised feedback to teachers daily after school to improve lesson quality. Two days of intensive training were

dedicated to new teachers, introducing SCT tools according to lesson needs and student dynamics. Seasoned teachers received refresher training, including new tools. Ms Taqi addressed teacher queries about classroom management, discipline, managing students' excitement, segmenting complex topics, and effective lesson planning. Her after-school training sessions allowed teachers to explore SCT tools in depth. Her visits since 2016 have strengthened the College's commitment to student-centered learning.

PRE-PRIMARY DUSSEHRA CELEBRATION

On October 14, 2024, the Pre-Primary Section celebrated Dussehra, a significant festival in India, with engaging activities. The Lower Nursery students designed Ravana's face with glitter crowns, introducing them to the festival's symbolic significance. Upper Nursery students created decorative crackers, enhancing their awareness of Dussehra traditions. Prep students created Ravana effigies using disposable mugs, decorated with glitter and coloured sheets, allowing them to express their creativity and understand the festival's cultural importance. The celebration provided an enriching and educational experience for young learners, fostering an understanding of cultural values and reinforcing the importance of righteousness and the triumph of good over evil. The activities successfully combined creativity with learning, making the event both enjoyable and informative.



UNITY COLLEGE HONOURS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS

The Prize Distribution Ceremony was held on 15th October 2024, recognising the academic achievements of students for the 2023-2024 academic year. The event was attended by Dr Geeta Gandhi Kingdon, manager of the Group of City Montessori Schools, Lucknow, and her husband, Dr Roger Kingdon. The ceremony emphasized the

importance of discipline, compassion, and a passion for knowledge among students. Dr Kingdon urged students to develop skills, creativity, and problem-solving abilities essential in today's technological age. She also emphasized the importance of critical thinking, collaboration, and interpersonal skills.



The ceremony began with sacred verses from the Quran, Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, and the Bible. Outstanding students from classes VI to IX and XI were honoured in various categories, including Top Position Holders, Best Student, Best Sportsperson, 100% Attendance holders, and Best Handwriting in English and Hindi. A special prize was awarded to Kashan Raza Rizvi from class IX-A for creating a chatbot named Kavin AI, powered by Gemini API and currently operational on Firebase services with

voice assistant capabilities. Jt Secretary Dr M Talha extended his blessings to the awardees, while Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi expressed gratitude to the guests and echoed Dr Kingdon's call for a shift from rote memorization to a practical approach to learning. Mr Mathews concluded the ceremony with a heartfelt vote of thanks, congratulating the young achievers and encouraging them to continue their journey of excellence.

UNITY COLLEGE EXCELS AT SIR SYED DAY

The College, participated in the Sir Syed Day celebrations on October 17, 2024, at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Gomtinagar. Zahara Raza, (XII-A), won the Urdu Essay Writing Competition on Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, earning a trophy, certificate, and cash prize of ₹2100. The college also published insightful articles by PGT History Teacher Mr Mohiuddin and two students, Hal Ata Abbas and Basirat Fatima, in the Bazm-e-Wafa magazine, solidifying its literary presence. Young artists

Fatima Moosvi and Wajeeha Jafri showcased their creative brilliance with stunning artwork. Fatima Ahmad, the top scorer of class X (2023-24) with an impressive 97%, was awarded a cash prize of ₹1000 and a trophy, as part of the AMUOBA's initiative to promote girls' education. The College's participation not only showcased its students' literary and artistic talents but also set a standard of excellence for other institutions to follow.



UNITIANS GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AT BAL RATNA KHOJ 2024

The College participated in the Bal Ratna Khoj event on October 19, 2024, organised by Kabir Peace Mission. The event aimed to instill strong values in young minds and challenged academic and intellectual growth. The competition consisted of a General Quiz and a Debate Round. The College,

represented by class XI students under the guidance of History Teacher Mr Mohd Mohiuddin, received participation certificates for their efforts. The event proved to be an enriching opportunity for growth and development.



MUSHTAQ NAQVI MEMORIAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION 2024

On October 19th, 2024, the College hosted the prestigious Mushtaq Naqvi Memorial Inter-School Debate Competition. This annual event brings together young minds from various schools to showcase their oratory skills, engage in intellectual debate, and foster cultural exchange. The competition is generously sponsored by

Mr Shahab Hussain, in memory of his uncle, the renowned literary figure Late Mr Mushtaq Naqvi. The aim of the event is to continue Mr Naqvi's rich literary legacy and inspire future generations by providing students with a creative platform to express themselves.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr Ammar Rizvi, a distinguished politician and revered educator. In attendance were prominent dignitaries, including Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi-College Secretary, Dr M Talha-Joint Secretary, Dr S Kalbe Sibtain Noori-Manager, II Shift, Mr Sachindra Bharti, Vice-Principal, and Ms Sabira



The most anticipated part of the event was the Rebuttal Round, where debaters rose to defend their views with unwavering conviction. The esteemed panel of judges—Mr Vir Bahadur (Senior English Teacher, APS, SP Marg), Ms Shalini Vaish (Senior English Teacher, Christ Church College), and Mr Nabeel Khan (Senior English Teacher, CMS, Rajendra Nagar) praised all participants for their brilliant performances. The winners were announced:

Best Speaker (For the Motion): Sahil Iqbal –

Taqi, a prominent educationist from the UK, specialising in Student Centred Teaching.

Eleven leading schools from across the city took part in this keenly contested event. After a brief preparation period, participants dived into a thought-provoking discussion on the pros and cons of a friendship-based parenting approach.



Lucknow Public Collegiate; Best Speaker (Against the Motion): Manasvi Prakash Srivastava – La Martiniere Boys College; 1st Runner-Up Team: Sahil Iqbal and Zeeshan Anwar – Lucknow Public Collegiate; 2nd Runner-Up Team: Shipra Yadav and Shubhi Prakash – DPS, Jankipuram; Best Teams: Yash Vardhan Singh and Manasvi Yadav – La Martiniere College & Tuba Ahmad and Razia Fatima – Unity College. The winners were awarded cash vouchers, while the Best Team received the coveted trophy.

PRE-PRIMARY ORANGE DAY CELEBRATION

On October 21, 2024, the Pre-Primary Section hosted a vibrant Orange Day celebration. The event aimed to familiarise young students with the colour orange, symbolizing energy, creativity, and hope. The children, dressed in various shades of orange, participated in activities designed to ignite their imagination and enhance their understanding of the colour's significance.

The festivities began with the students of Lower Nursery, who crafted orange juice glasses. They added straws to complete their creative representations, fostering fun and fine motor skills.

In Upper Nursery, the children crafted the letter 'T', representing the Tiger, India's national animal. They designed tigers with googly eyes and black stripes, adding a playful yet educational touch to the activity.

Finally, the students of class Prep demonstrated their creativity by making paper carrots.



PROF USHA SANYAL INSPIRES STUDENTS IN A TWO-DAY MOTIVATIONAL SESSION

The College hosted Prof Usha Sanyal from Wington University, USA, for a two-day interactive session on October 22nd and 23rd, 2024. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews welcomed Prof Sanyal, who delivered a motivational address to top-performing students. Topics covered included future transformations of the education system, mutual support, and the role of technology in shaping the future. The second day focused on the Unity

Education Programme students, discussing the College's Islamic ethos, high-quality teaching facilities, and compassionate care. Prof Sanyal also addressed socio-economic challenges within the Muslim community and provided solutions to economic problems in India. The sessions were highly engaging and inspirational, with many students expressing gratitude to Prof Sanyal.

MOTIVATIONAL SESSION BY GRAVITY CLASSES

On October 22, 2024, Gravity Classes conducted an educational session for classes X and XI Science students, led by Mr Ajay Joshi, Chief Business and Process Officer, an education technology expert and software engineer.

The event was overseen by Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and School Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima. Mr Joshi shared the inspiring story of Zomato's CEO and highlighted the importance of neuroplasticity for academic success. He introduced students to the 'three pillars of education' and 'four quadrants

of learning' and engaged volunteers in a practical activity to illustrate the journey of learning and achievement. He also emphasized the significance of developing strong reading habits and self-confidence, encouraging students to ask questions and actively engage in their learning journey. The Gravity team administered tests in Physics, Chemistry, and Maths, gathering students' personal information for tailored guidance. The session was highly motivating, leaving students with valuable insights into neuroplasticity and education, inspiring them to work diligently towards their academic and personal goals.

GANDHI HOUSE CLINCHES VICTORY IN INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On October 23, 2024, the Inter-House Football Tournament took place at the college ground, featuring intense league matches between Gandhi and Iqbal House and Sir Syed and Tagore House. The final match was a thrilling display of skilful defence and determined offense from both teams. The final match saw Qaim Abbas Zaidi (XI A) break the deadlock, securing a well-earned goal that led Gandhi House to victory with a 1-0 score, earning them the title of Champion House. The results were as follows: Gandhi House emerged as the Champion

House, with Ali Jafar Kazmi as Player of the Match, Amaan Agha Rizvi as Best Scorer, S Waqar Husain as Best Defender, Abu Sufiyan and Mohd Ayan as Best Goalkeepers, and Arham Haider Rizvi and S. Zainul Imam as Best Playmakers. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti graced the event, presenting the coveted trophies to the winners and congratulating them for their commendable performance.



'GOLDEN HOUR' AWARENESS SESSION LED BY ROBINHOOD ARMY & MEDANTA HOSPITAL

The College, in partnership with NGO Robinhood Army and Medanta Hospital, Lucknow, held a life-saving 'Golden Hour' awareness session on October 25, 2024. The event was led by an expert team from Medanta, including Mr Shashank Agnihotri, Mr Uma Shankar, Ms Shweta Dwivedi, Mr Manish

Rawat, and Ms Debopriya from Robinhood Army. The main goal was to educate attendees on essential life-saving techniques applicable during the critical 'Golden Hour' following traumatic incidents.



Ms Debopriya shared insights into Robinhood Army's work in slums through medical camps and emergency first-aid workshops. Mr Shankar stressed the importance of immediate 'Golden Hour' treatment for trauma patients, emphasising that without timely interventions, the risk of lifelong suffering, coma, or multi-organ failure increases. He advised that emergency cases should be directed to well-equipped medical centers and

that manual heart compressions should be initiated within five to ten minutes.

Mr Shankar demonstrated the CPR process on a dummy. He also advocated for including CPR training in the school curriculum due to the increasing incidents of heart attacks. Students and teachers were invited to practice CPR under supervision to ensure proper technique.

UNITY COLLEGE SECURES FIRST PRIZE AT DEBATHON EVENT IN AFFLUENCE 2024

The College won first prize in the 'Debathon Event' at St Clare's Convent on October 25, 2024, as part of Affluence 2024, a renowned scholastic, artistic, and techno-cultural festival. The event featured a 'Turn Coat Debate,' where participants argued both for and against the topic, 'Learning about history can prevent us from repeating past mistakes.' Tuba Ahmad (XI-C) captivated the judges with her eloquence and confidence, ultimately winning the first place. She was awarded a trophy and a certificate in recognition of her achievement, with the judges commending her outstanding oratory skills.



FELICITATION CEREMONY FOR PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY

The College held its annual Felicitation Ceremony on October 29, 2024, to celebrate the achievements of Pre-Primary and Primary students. The event was graced by various dignitaries, including

Mr Venkateshwarlu, Additional Chief Secretary of the UP Government, as the Chief Guest, and Prof Dr Sabira Habib, Ex HOD of the Department of Russian Language at the University of Lucknow.

Principal Mr Mathews expressed pride in the students' achievements and the teachers' dedication, while also commending parents for their excellent support in nurturing their children.

Pre-Primary students received awards for Best Student, Best Discipline, Best Writing, Best Groomed, and 100% Attendance. Primary Students received accolades for Best Student, 100% Attendance, Most Disciplined, Best Sports Boy and Girl, Best Groomed, and high academic performance.

Chief Guest Mr Venkateshwarlu paid tribute to late Dr S Kalbe Sadiq, Founder President of the College, emphasizing the importance of holistic development and tolerance in India. Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi praised Mr Venkateshwarlu as an exceptionally educated and high-ranking officer, drawing a comparison to APJ Abdul Kalam. Dr Sabira Habib commended the College for its strict adherence to scheduled timings and the importance of education.



PRE-PRIMARY DIWALI CELEBRATION

On October 30, 2024, the Pre-Primary Section celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights, with enthusiasm. The event symbolised the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. Lower Nursery students created colourful diyas, while Upper Nursery students participated in a Handprint Impression activity. Prep students and teachers collaborated to create vibrant rangoli patterns outside their classrooms

and decorated colourful diyas. A beautiful rangoli display was also featured in the Pre-Primary Section. The celebration was a celebration of cultural awareness, strengthening bonds within the school community, and encouraging teamwork and creativity among young learners. The event instilled an appreciation for different cultures and served as a reminder of unity and the festival's timeless message of light and hope.



UNITY COLLEGE HOSTS GIRLS INTER-HOUSE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The College held an Inter-House Badminton Tournament for girls from October 18 to 21, 2024. The event showcased exceptional talent, determination, and sportsmanship among students from various Houses. In the Singles category, Tagore House emerged as the top performer, followed by Sir Syed House in second place. Gandhi House and Iqbal House took third and fourth places,

respectively. The spirit of the players was evident throughout the competition, making each match engaging for both participants and spectators. In the Doubles category, Tagore House won the title, followed by Iqbal House and Gandhi House. The teams demonstrated impressive teamwork and coordination, leaving the audience in awe of their commitment and enthusiasm.



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PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AT UNITY COLLEGE

The College held a Pre-Primary educational training from November 4 to November 6, 2024, led by esteemed educationist Ms Shamim Abidi from UK under the leadership of Ms Kainaat Mansoor. The training focused on enhancing the teaching-learning process and introduced innovative techniques to make classroom interactions more engaging for young learners. The training emphasised activity-based learning, introducing practical activities as a foundation before transitioning students to written tasks.

Teachers were guided through sound modulation techniques for storytelling and team-building exercises, fostering creativity and critical thinking

from an early age. The session also provided strategies to create interest-driven learning environments, boosting student participation and making the educational experience more dynamic. A segment addressing children with special learning challenges emphasised problem-solving with empathy, patience, and positivity. Practical exercises were introduced to improve vocabulary, conversational skills, and mental health, integrating these elements into the curriculum for a well-rounded approach to Pre-Primary education. An innovative part of the training was 'Yoga Stories,' which combined simple yoga techniques to support the mental and physical well-being of students.



AN IMPRESSIVE ELOMIME PERFORMANCE AT EXPRESSION 2024

The College participated in 'Expression 2024', an Inter-College Literary and Cultural Festival hosted by St Francis College and College won the Second prize in the Elomime Competition, a unique event requiring a team of ten participants. The team consisted of Rohma Arif, Midhat Fatima, Insiya Rizvi, Iman Butool, Lubaba Naqvi, Wajeeha Jafri, Yashra Fatima, Haniya Zehra, Mantasha Naseer, and Basilah Husain. The team was accompanied by their dedicated teachers, Ms Fatima Naseem, Ms Sarah Abbas, and Ms Farheen Fatima Naqvi. Their captivating Elomime act, 'The Great Green Rescue', was based on an original poem celebrating teamwork and courage. The judges praised the performance for its creativity and impactful message.



ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE OF UNITIANS AT JASHN-E-SHIRIN ZABAAN

The Uttar Pradesh Urdu Academy held a 'Jashn-e-Shirin Zabaan' event on November 9, 2024, in Lucknow, to celebrate the beauty and elegance of the Urdu language. The College students and their Urdu teachers, Ms Nilofer Jafri and Ms Sayyada Kaneez Abbas, participated in the event, which coincided with Urdu Day. The highlight of the event was a Calligraphy Exhibition, where the College students showcased their artistic skills

through remarkable calligraphy pieces. Attendees praised the students' dedication and talent. Students and their teachers were awarded certificates and trophies. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews commended the students and teachers for their outstanding efforts and the exhibition's role in preserving the Urdu language's cultural heritage.



UNITY COLLEGE SHINES AT 'CREATION 2024' @ RAJ KUMAR ACADEMY

The College took part in Literary and Cultural fest – 'Creation 2024' held at Raj Kumar Academy and made a significant impact. The students participated in three events: Hindi Group Recitation, Flower Arrangement, and Salad Making.



In the Hindi Group Recitation Competition, eight students, led by teachers Ms Mumtaz Fatima and Ms Parul Trivedi, performed the iconic poem 'Koshish Karne Walon Ki Kabhi Haar Nahi Hoti' by Sohan Lal Dwivedi, winning the first prize. In Flower

Arrangement, Aliya Hasan and Farwa Zehra won the first place, while Rabab Fatima and Wajiha Fatima won the second place. The students were guided by Ms Sadhana Pal.

UNITY COLLEGE PAYS TRIBUTE: YAWM-E-IQBAL COMMEMORATION

The College held a special assembly on November 11, 2024, to honour Allama Iqbal's birth anniversary by observing Yawm-e-Iqbal as Yawm-e-Urdu. The assembly aimed to celebrate Iqbal's contributions to Urdu literature, poetry, and intellectual awakening. The assembly began with a recitation of Quranic verses by Kashif Qamar, followed by a pledge by Mohd Samad. Pre-Primary and Primary students presented the patriotic song, Mera Watan Wohi Hai, symbolising the nation's unity. The program then transitioned to a recital of Iqbal's poetry by senior students, with highlights including

Basirat Fatima performing 'Ye Kabhi Aaye Haqeeqat-e-Muntazir', Halata Zehra reciting 'Na Tu Zami Ke Liye Hai', Azam Raza presenting 'Tu Abhi Rahguzar Mein Hai', Haniya Zehra performing 'La Phir Ek Wahi', and Bushra Mirza with 'Pareshan Ho Ke Meri Khaak'. The Thought for the Day, inspired by Iqbal's timeless couplets, urged the youth to strive for self-reliance and avoid submission to the mighty or the rich. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews commended the students and Urdu Teachers for organising the assembly, urging students to pray sincerely and avoid chasing material gains.



A JOYFUL TAPESTRY OF FUN, INSPIRATION AND TOGETHERNESS

On November 14, 2024, the College celebrated Children's Day with a vibrant morning assembly, attended by Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor. Ms Fatima Naseem, the anchor of the day invited Mr Arshad to begin the day with the recitation of the verses from the holy quran followed by an inspiring speech by Ms Sarah Abbas, encouraging students to become compassionate individuals and use their energy towards positive pursuits.



The atmosphere quickly shifted to laughter and excitement with engaging games for students, organized by Ms Eram Shakeel.

A quiz tested the knowledge of popular advertisement taglines and iconic movie dialogues. Ms Nisar Fatima Rizvi's nostalgic song 'Lakdi Ki Kaathi' and Mr Jai Banerjee's song 'Papa Kehte Hain' brought back cherished memories. The highlight of the morning was a spirited song mashup performed by teachers, with students enthusiastically clapping along.

Vice Principal Mr Bharti shared key updates from India, Lucknow, and remarkable achievements by Unitians in recent Inter-School events. Principal Mr Mathews shared an inspirational story from the Bible, emphasising that the purity and innocence of children reflect the kingdom of God. The day concluded with a staff vs students Basketball Match, marking the day with camaraderie and sportsmanship.

PRE-PRIMARY CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

On November 14, 2024, the Pre-Primary Section celebrated Children's Day with the theme 'Empowering Minds of Blooming Children.' The event was designed to create a welcoming environment where every child felt valued and inspired. Teachers led a lively assembly, and children dressed in colourful costumes showcased their creativity. Teachers organised various activities, such as quizzes, dumb charades, balloon-blowing contests, and clay modelling, to nurture curiosity and creativity. A choir performance by the teachers added a magical touch. The celebration concluded with the distribution of treats, cakes, and goodies, leaving every child smiling.



COUNSELLING SESSION AT CAREER LAUNCHERS ACADEMY

The College attended a Counselling Session at Career Launchers Academy on November 17, 2024, to provide guidance on preparing for the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) and Common University Entrance Test (CUET). The session was designed to cater with varying levels of interest in law and entrance exam preparation. The Counsellors provided detailed insights into India's top law colleges, highlighting their admission processes and opportunities. They also explained the significance of the CLAT exam as the key to admission to prestigious National Law Universities

(NLUs), covering exam structure, scheduled dates, and strategies for effective preparation. Students were introduced to other reputed government universities offering law programmes, such as Jamia Millia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim University, and the Army Institute of Law in Mohali. The session also provided information on the CUET examination, outlining the paper pattern, subject requirements, and tips for effective preparation. College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima escorted the students.

FOSTERING A CULTURE OF READING AT UNITY COLLEGE

National Library Week, organised by the Indian Library Association (ILA), was observed at the College from November 14 to 20. The week aimed to

promote reading, library awareness, and the role libraries play in transforming lives and strengthening communities.

Activities were conducted across various classes, with the guidance of Librarian Ms Amreen Rizvi and the support of Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor.

The Art Competition for students of classes II and III was held on November 14, with the theme being 'Fictional Characters.' On November 16, a Story Writing Competition was held for classes IV and V. A Quiz on Unity College was organised for students of classes VI, VII, and VIII, testing their knowledge of the College's history, events, and achievements.

On November 18, students of classes IX and X participated in an assignment where they wrote a 200-word piece about their role model. On November 19, students of classes XI and XII were given the opportunity to write an essay on 'A



Burning Issue in India'.

Through these activities, students developed a deeper appreciation for libraries and embraced the importance of reading and learning.

UNITY COLLEGE HONOURS Dr S. KALBE SADIQ

The College students organised a donation drive to support the underprivileged, in honour of their founder, Padma Bhushan (Late) Dr S Kalbe Sadiq. The initiative, conducted from November 21 to 23, 2024, aimed to address societal inequalities and uplift the needy. The team, led by Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, Headmistress Ms Kainaat



The team also distributed blankets, gloves, and mufflers to patients at Balrampur Hospital, providing much-needed warmth during the cold season. They also made further contributions at Dariya Wali Masjid and Shia Yateem Khana, reflecting the school's commitment to serving diverse communities. On November 23, Principal

Mansoor, and College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima Rizvi, visited Karunalaya, an old age home for 38 individuals with mental and physical disabilities, and Cheshire House, an orphanage overseen by Colonel R K Srivastav. They donated essential items such as stationery, food, woollen clothes, blankets, toiletries, and groceries to these institutions, ensuring warmth and care among the residents.



Mr Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Bharti, and Office Superintendent Mr Shahid Hussain visited local police stations to donate room heaters, recognising their service to the community. The Unity College family paid a fitting tribute to Janab Dr Sadiq, whose legacy of compassion and service continues to inspire one and all.

UNITY COLLEGE TRIUMPHS AT BAIT BAAZI MUQABLA, BAZM-E-URDU, DUBAI

The College emerged victorious at the prestigious Bait Baazi Muqabla competition, organised by Bazm-e-Urdu, Dubai and hosted by Hoerner College, Mahanagar, on November 24, 2024. The contest, which attracted eleven teams from various cities, showcased the exceptional literary talents of our students. The winning team, comprising Hal Ata

Abbas (XII-A), Basirat Fatima (XII-D), Zahara Raza (XII-A), Faris Abrar (XI-A), and Shazan Murtaza (VIII-A), mesmerised the audience with their impressive renditions of celebrated poets' couplets. Their outstanding performance earned them a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-, along with medals and certificates.



FOUNDER'S MEMORIAL DAY

The College celebrated its Founder's Memorial Day on November 24, 2024, in honour of its founder, Padma Bhushan (Late) Dr S Kalbe Sadiq. Dr Sadiq was a visionary, social reformer, modern educationist, and 'Messiah of the downtrodden. The event was attended by a distinguished group of eminent personalities, including Janab Syed Waseem Akhtar, Chancellor of Integral University, Shafiq Malik from Indian Revenue Services, Mr Moid, Ex Minister, Govt of UP, Secretary, Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Jt Secretary, Dr M Talha, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews,

Vice-Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor, Dr S Kalbe Sibtain Noorie, Manager II Shift, and Ms Shabana Ahmed, Principal II Shift.

The ceremony began with divine recitations from the Holy Qur'an by Syed Mujtaba Alam Rizvi, the Srimad Bhagavad Gita by Nashra Fatima, and the Holy Bible by Fatima Raza. Former Principal Mr Francis Castelino expressed his gratitude and admiration for Dr Sadiq in a recorded message while Principal Mr Mathews delivered a warm welcome address.



An action song performed by Montessori students of II Shift portrayed Dr Sadiq's noble mission of education for the underprivileged. A skit by students from VII to XII portrayed his journey as an institution builder, emphasising his efforts to provide quality education to all, particularly the underprivileged. The Primary students also showcased Janab's commitment to ensuring underprivileged children having access to

education, empowering them with knowledge and paving the way for a brighter future.

The event reached its emotional peak with a poignant Nazm composed by Office Superintendent Mr Shahid Hussain, recited by Falak Fatima. Various guests delivered speeches, with Janab Syed Waseem Akhtar capturing the essence of Dr Sadiq's vision with a poignant shayari.

PRE-PRIMARY GREEN DAY CELEBRATION

On November 27, 2024, the Pre-Primary Section celebrated Green Day with creative activities aimed at promoting environmental awareness and appreciation for nature. Lower Nursery students explored the natural world by pasting different types of leaves onto their scrapbooks, while Upper Nursery students engaged in the Lady's Fingerprinting Activity, creating intricate tree designs on their scrapbooks. The Turtle-Making

project, where class Prep students created turtles using bottle caps as printing stamps, further reinforced the importance of environmental conservation. These activities successfully promoted environmental awareness among the students, inspiring them to develop green habits like recycling, conserving resources, and protecting the planet for future generations.



A SPECTACULAR SPORTS DAY

The College celebrated its Annual Sports Day on November 30, 2024, with a lively atmosphere of athleticism, teamwork, and celebration. The event was graced by Major General Shabih Haider Naqvi as the Chief Guest and Dr Syed Rafat Zubair Rizvi, an International Taekwondo Player, Master Instructor, and Coach, as the Guest of Honour. The event was attended by College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor, and other esteemed members of the Managing Committee.

The eloquent compering by Ms Sarah Abbas and Ms Farheen Fatima Naqvi added enthusiasm to the

proceedings, captivating the audience throughout the event.

The event began with an all-religion prayer, symbolising inclusivity and unity. The Torch Run, led by the College's National-Level Sports Stars, was the highlight of the opening ceremony. The Tiny Tots of Upper Nursery and Prep performed 'Unbeatables', a tribute to the Indian Armed Forces, while classes I and II inspired spectators with their lively performance 'Dreams'. Classes III and IV presented 'Chale Chalo', a warm-up drill using tambourines, showcasing teamwork and athletic camaraderie.

Class V paid homage to Indian sporting achievements at the 2024 Paris Olympics with their Olympics drill, featuring scintillating hula hoop moves and honouring remarkable sports stars. The girls of classes VI to VIII presented a dazzling performance titled 'International World Peace', paying tribute to Janab, promoting values of unity and harmony for a better and more peaceful world.

Inter-House track and field events showcased exceptional agility and determination, including 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m races, Discus

Throw, Shot Put, and Relays for both Junior and Senior boys. Winners were honoured with medals and certificates, and a Tug-of-War between the girls of classes XI and XII added an element of excitement and camaraderie.

The event concluded with a grand finale, as all participants gathered on the field for the National Anthem, epitomising the College ethos of nurturing holistic development and fostering a lifelong love for sports.



DECEMBER REPORTS

UNITY COLLEGE EXPANDS ORGANIC FARMING INITIATIVE TO NEW HORIZONS

Unity College is a leader in sustainable agriculture with the launch of the first Organic Gardening Club, helping students learn to grow fruits and vegetables organically. Initially started in a small area, the program has now moved to a larger site near Charak Hospital, showing its success. On

December 7, 2024, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, Counselor Ms Nisar Fatima, and Coordinator Ms Fizza Mehdi visited the new site with eager students to plan future activities, enhancing students' knowledge of organic farming and sustainable practices.



LIVING THE LEGACY OF SAYYEDA FATIMA (SA)

Theology teachers Mr Arshad Husain and Ms Paiker Rizvi along with the students of class XI-A witnessed an enlightening exhibition held at the Chota Imambara, honouring Sayyeda Fatima, the daughter of Prophet Muhammad. The exhibition showcased the legacy of Sayyeda Fatima (SA) from her dedication to simplicity and hard work to her numerous honorary titles. A 3D model of her home

provided a glimpse into her humble lifestyle. The exhibition's aesthetic appeal was further enhanced by exquisite calligraphy. The experience encouraged students to emulate the values of purity, resilience, and humility, serving as a powerful inspiration for leading a purposeful and virtuous life.

THE COLLEGE STAFF REVEL IN A DAY OF FUN AT AMRAPALI AMUSEMENT PARK

The College management surprised the teaching staff with a picnic at Amrapali Amusement Park on December 2, 2024. The event was a way for teachers to unwind and connect outside the classroom.



The teachers, accompanied by Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Matthews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, enjoyed thrilling rides and cheerful moments. The management kept the energy alive with games like the Three-Legged Race, Cups and Balloon Challenge, and Housie. The staff's competitive spirit was showcased through the "Ramp Walk Competition," with Ms Sahifa Rizvi and

Mr Inkit Punjabi crowned as "Ms Picnic" and "Mr Picnic." The culinary arrangements were delightful, with breakfast and lunch served. The picnic concluded with a special tea session, offering a chance for staff to reflect on the day. This thoughtful initiative left the teachers feeling rejuvenated and cherished.

PRE-PRIMARY: TRANSPORT DAY CELEBRATION

On December 4, a 'Transport Day' event was organised in the Pre-Primary section to spark curiosity among the students about different modes of transport. The event aimed to foster cognitive, motor, and social skills by encouraging students to explore and discuss different modes of transport with their peers. Students brought their own toy vehicles and participated in hands-on activities, such as creating transportation-themed models. A sensory bin filled with transportation-themed objects provided a tactile learning opportunity. Lower Nursery students identified their toy vehicles, while Upper Nursery students designed and constructed models of land, air, and water transport. Prep students showcased their advanced skills by designing and assembling intricate models. The event successfully sparked curiosity and imagination, promoting cognitive and social development in an enjoyable and educational setting.



UNITY REMEMBERS VICE PRESIDENT JUSTICE (RETD) SYED HAIDER ABBAS RAZA

The College announced the demise of its College Vice President, Justice Syed Haider Abbas Raza (Retd). Raza, on 7th December, 2024, a prominent figure in law, politics, and community service, a renowned judge and Lokayukta of Uttarakhand. Born into the lineage of Kichauchha Sharif, Mr Raza embodied spirituality and values of justice. His career included serving as a judge at the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court and becoming the first Lokayukta of Uttarakhand. His association

with the College was enduring, with his leadership and wisdom serving as the backbone of the institution. His presence at college events and administrative acumen ensured the institution's flourishing. Unity College extends its condolences to his family and prays for their strength to endure this irreparable loss. Justice Raza's legacy of integrity, fairness, and visionary leadership will continue to inspire generations.

COMMEMORATING THE LEGACY OF BIBI FATIMA (SA)

On December 6, 2024, the Pre-Primary students of the college held a special assembly to commemorate the death anniversary of Bibi Fatima (SA). The event aimed to educate young minds about Bibi's life, virtues, and contributions to the Islamic faith while promoting values of kindness, strength, and faith.

The event began with a dua recitation by a Q-School teacher, followed by speeches and nauhas to honour Bibi's memory. A special dua was also given to Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS). The event concluded with a prayer for Bibi and her family, followed by a



brief speech expressing gratitude to all participants. The assembly aimed to inspire students to embrace values of kindness, respect, and love, reflecting Bibi's lasting impact on compassion and faith.

VICTORY FOR SIR SYED HOUSE IN THE JUNIOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



The Inter-House Junior Football Tournament at ended with a final match between Sir Syed House and Tagore House. The match was intense and scoreless until Mohd Amaan (VII-C) of Sir Syed House scored the only goal, leading his team to a 1-0 victory over Tagore House.

Several players were recognised for their

impressive performances: Best Scorer - Mohd Amaan, Best Goalkeeper - Mohd Haider, Best Defender - Atif Rizvi, Best Playmaker - Mohd Raza, and Emerging Player - Mohd Abraham. Principal, Mr Mathews awarded trophies and praised their sportsmanship. The event highlighted sportsmanship, teamwork, and talent.

A STELLAR PERFORMANCE BY PRIMARY STUDENTS

The Primary Section hosted a Recitation competition for classes I to III and a declamation competition for classes IV and V, aimed at enhancing public speaking skills and students' confidence. The event was graced by Jt. Secretary Dr M. Talha, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor. The first segment featured students from classes I to III reciting pieces on diverse topics, leaving judges in

awe.

The Declamation Competition saw students from classes IV and V delivering speeches inspired by distinguished personalities, including Malala Yousafzai, Jay Shetty, Nick Vujicic, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Sir Ratan Tata, and Shikhi Sharma. The judges, Ms Mahlaqua Siddiqui and Ms Sarah Abbas, applauded the winners for their confident delivery and profound understanding of the speeches.



Recitation Competition

Class I

I Position: I-A
II Position: I-B
III Position: I-C

Class II

I Position: II-C
II Position: II-A
III Position: II-B

Class III

I Position: III-C
II Position: III-B
III Position: III-A

Declamation Competition

Class IV

I Position: Batool Rizvi (IV-A)
II Position: Sabeen Zehra (IV-A)
III Position: Mohammad Mehdi Abbas (IV-B)

Class V

I Position: Wajeeha Fatima (V-A)
II Position: Yasha Butool (V-C)
III Position: Zainab Amina (V-B)

Principal Mr Mathews congratulated all participants and expressed appreciation for Headmistress Ms Mansoor's leadership in organising such impactful events. The winners

were honoured with certificates presented by Mr Mathews, Ms Mansoor, and Primary In charge Ms Tazeen Rizvi.

UNITY COLLEGE HOSTS A HYGIENE WORKSHOP

A hygiene workshop was held on December 17, 2024, in collaboration with Procter and Gamble, aimed at educating young female students about menstrual health and hygiene. The workshop, led by Ms Anupma, educated students about the menstrual cycle, its biological significance, and responsible management in an environmentally friendly way. She highlighted the importance of

using biodegradable products and encouraged students to adopt sustainable practices. At the end of the workshop, Ms Anupma distributed sanitary napkins and booklets to all attendees, providing them with essential resources for maintaining good hygiene. The event was coordinated by College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima Rizvi.

PRE-PRIMARY - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On December 21, 2024, the Pre-Primary Section celebrated Christmas with a blend of festive cheer and artistic expression. Students dressed in Santa caps participated in engaging activities. Lower Nursery students created Christmas trees, Upper Nursery students crafted Santa caps, and Prep

students decorated glittery trees. The celebration aimed to foster essential skills and values among the children, encouraging self-expression through arts and crafts, developing social skills through group activities, and emphasising the values of kindness and sharing.



A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT UNITY

On December 24, 2024, the Special Assembly celebrated Christmas. The assembly began with a soulful rendition of Quranic verses from Surah Al-Baqarah, Surah Al-Imran, and Surah Al-Nisa, followed by the English translation. The skit performed by Zahra Rizvi, Yashra Fatima, and Fariya Fatima reinforced the idea that festivals are not just for celebration but also encourage the sense of

sharing and caring among each other. The choir including Areeba Mehdi, Zayra Mazhar, Ayat Fatima, Sayyeda Fatima Zaidi, Iqra Naqi, and Naba Zehra filled the gathering with festive cheer. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews shared the joy of the occasion, urging the students to appreciate the good things in life, be grateful to God, and seize every opportunity to progress in life.



The celebrations continued with a festive party attended by College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Principal Mr Mathews, Vice-Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti Headmistress Ms Kainaat

Mansoor, and all the teachers. Mr Mathews, donning a Santa hat, cut the Christmas cake amidst joyful wishes from all.

UNITY CELEBRATES FARMERS' DAY AND THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF BIBI FATIMA (SA)

The College held a special assembly on December 23, 2024, to honor National Farmers' Day and the birth anniversary of Bibi Fatima (SA). The event was a vibrant celebration of the farmers' contributions to the nation and Bibi Fatima's life. S Wali Haider delivered a speech on National Farmers' Day, highlighting the role of farmers in the country's progress. He paid tribute to Chaudhary Charan Singh, the fifth Prime Minister of India, whose advocacy for farmers' rights led to his birthday being recognized as National Farmers' Day.

S Iman Butool and Hadeeqat uz Zehra performed a soul-stirring Qaseeda, 'Aap Kya Jaane Fatima Kya Hai', creating an ethereal atmosphere and paying tribute to Bibi Fatima's reverence and love. Primary students also presented the Timeline of Bibi Fatima



(SA), chronicling her birth, title, role in the Hadi Se Kisa, Mubahila, Quranic references, and demise.

The assembly was an enriching experience celebrating the gratitude for farmers' contributions and reverence for Bibi Fatima's life.

UNITY COLLEGE II SHIFT

CELEBRATING DIWALI WITH CREATIVITY AND JOY

The Montessori Section celebrated Diwali on 29 October 2024 with enthusiasm and creativity. The children enjoyed diya-pasting, crafting beautiful patterns, and exploring traditional rangoli art under their teachers' guidance. The event fostered creativity, teamwork, and festive joy. The day left a lasting impression, filled with smiles, colours, and joy.



JOYFUL CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Children's Day was celebrated on November 14, 2024, with a focus on Montessori principles, nurturing fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. The young learners participated in engaging games like lemon-and-spoon, musical chairs, and frog race. The activities brought smiles and excitement, fostering teamwork, agility, and joy.



VIBRANT YELLOW DAY

On December 9, 2024, Yellow Day was celebrated with full enthusiasm. The children wore vibrant yellow outfits and brought yellow objects, embracing the theme wholeheartedly. Engaging

Montessori activities like banana peeling and cutting added excitement to the day. Their teachers beamed with pride to see their tiny-tots enjoying the activities.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITY

Christmas celebrations for the Montessori students spread festive cheer and happiness on December 24, 2024. The young learners enthusiastically participated in engaging activities such as gift wrapping, cotton pasting, decorating Christmas

trees, and colouring festive-themed sheets. The event rekindled the spirit of Christmas, leaving a lasting impression on the little ones and making the day truly memorable for all involved.



IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE AT NAAT KHWANI & SPEECH COMPETITION

The Zafar Yaab Jillani Welfare Society hosted a Naat Khwani and Speech Competition on October 24, 2024, at Ameer-ud-daula Islamia Inter College, Lucknow. Students from various schools, including Unity College II Shift, showcased their talent.

Ishba Rizvi (VIII-B) secured 1st prize in Junior Taqreer, while Ayan Husain (VII-B) and Maryyam Sheikh(X) bagged the 2nd prize in Junior Naat Khwani. Falak Fatima (XII) represented the College in Senior Naat Khwani.

The event highlighted the efforts of dedicated teachers, Ms Waseem Fatima, Mr Hasan Askari, and Office Superintendent Mr Shahid Husain, making it a proud and memorable occasion for all.



THRILLING INTER-HOUSE SPORTS

The event began with an intense Kho-Kho match among the senior students, showcasing skill and teamwork. Asif-ud-Daula House claimed victory, followed by Mohd Ali Shah and A P J Kalam Houses.

The Badminton tournament featured remarkable talent, with Sabika Rizvi (IX), Iqra Fatima (XI), and Ummey Zehra (XII) emerging as winners. The event celebrated sportsmanship and determination.

INTER-HOUSE LANGUAGE QUIZ COMPETITION

Unity College II Shift held an Inter-House Language Quiz Competition to enhance students' linguistic skills. The event was held on November 6, 16, and 28, 2024 for classes X, XI, and XII respectively. Participants engaged in interesting rounds covering reordering, verbs, articles, prepositions, voice, narration, syntax and vocabulary.

The event was graced by College Manager Dr S Kalbe Sibtain Noorie and Principal Ms Shabana Ahmad. Each House, represented by two to four

students, showcased exceptional talent. Adding to the excitement, quiz questions were extended to the audience, creating an electrifying atmosphere. Dr Noorie congratulated the winners and appreciated them with prizes.

The competition was expertly conducted by Quiz Mistress Ms Mahlaqua Siddiqui, with Ms Farha Naqvi managing the scoring, ensuring a seamless and engaging experience for all.



RESULTS

CLASS	FIRST POSITION	SECOND POSITION
X A & B	Mohd Ali Shah House	Dr Radha Krishnan House
XI A & B	A P J Abdul Kalam	Asif-ud-Daula House
XII A & B	Asif-ud-Daula House	A P J Abdul Kalam