



JULY to SEPTEMBER 2024

NEWS & VIEWS

“Somewhere, Something Incredible Is Waiting To Be Known”

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Deepak M Mathews
Principal

“I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love today.”

Inspired by the profound words of William A White, Unity College continues to thrive as a beacon of excellence and innovation. Building upon a rich legacy of academic achievement, athletic prowess, and cultural engagement, our institution remains committed to providing comprehensive education that empowers students for a brighter future.

From the athletic triumphs at State and National levels to the intellectual prowess demonstrated in Inter-School debates, our students consistently excel in a wide range of endeavours. Their achievements are a testament to the dedication and support of our faculty, staff, and parents. Beyond academic and athletic pursuits, Unity College fosters a vibrant cultural environment that encourages global citizenship and intercultural understanding. Regular exchange programmes with international communities provide a unique opportunity for our students to engage in meaningful dialogues, broaden their perspectives, and develop a deeper appreciation for diverse cultures.

Recognising the importance of artistic expression and creativity, the College has established the Photography Club. This initiative provides a platform for our students to explore their artistic talents, capture the essence of school life, and create lasting memories.

As we move forward, the College remains steadfast in its commitment to providing comprehensive education that equips our students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world. Through a balanced approach that emphasises academic excellence, athletic development, cultural engagement, and artistic expression, we are nurturing well-rounded individuals who are capable of making a positive impact on society.

Deepak Mervyn Mathews

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

PLANTATION DRIVE



The Organic Gardening Club held a group plantation event on July 25, 2024. College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Jt Secretary Dr M Talha, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor participated in planting saplings. Teachers Ms Fizza Mehdi, Ms Ila

Shahid, Ms Eva Abbas, Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima, and Mr Nasir were also present. Head Boy Abbas Saeed discussed environmental preservation and deforestation with Mr Rizvi. Students from Primary to Senior Secondary Sections were engaged in planting, showing commitment to a sustainable future.



ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION BY TATA

Tata Building India hosted an Essay Writing Competition on July 26, 2024, for students of classes VI to XII on the topic 'Role of Youth in Building a Smart India', reflecting on how young people can contribute to India's growth through innovation, entrepreneurship, and governance.

Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews commended the students' enthusiasm, while Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti and English teacher Ms Sarah Abbas coordinated the event. The competition highlighted students' role in shaping the nation's future.

KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

The Primary Section held activities in honour of martyrs and to educate students on the importance of Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26, 2024.

Students from classes I to V participated in creative writing activities on topics like 'If I Were the

President' and 'The Acts of Everyday Heroes,' fostering creativity and patriotism. A quiz competition for classes IV and V had rounds on General Knowledge, MCQs, Visual Round, and Rapid Fire about the Kargil War and Indian history.

Sir Syed House won the competition, with participants Hira Kashif (IV-B), Ibrahim Tanveer (IV-A), Zainab Amina Rizvi (V-B), and S Saqlain Haider (IV-C). Audience members also participated, with Imdad Ali (V-B), Ayan Abbas (V-B), and Abbas Abidi (V-A) emerging as winners.



College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi commended students' knowledge, while Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews encouraged participants. Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor thanked the students and teachers for their efforts.



WAR OF WORDS

The College held its annual Inter-House Debate Competition on August 3, 2024, with the four Houses debating ethical issues. Senior teams discussed monitoring citizens' online practices, while Junior teams focused on democracy as the best form of government.

Jt Secretary Dr M Talha emphasised the girls' participation and the learning aspect of the event. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews encouraged students to learn from the experience. Judges Ms Shabana Ahmed and Ms Farha Naqvi commended the debaters for their articulate arguments.



RESULTS: Junior Category

Best Speaker (For)

Fizza Zainab
(VII-C, Gandhi House)

Best Speaker (Against)

Aliza Zehra
(VII-C, Sir Syed House)

Best Team

Gandhi House

First Runners-Up

Sir Syed House

RESULTS: Senior Category

Best Speaker (For)

Razia Fatima
(XII-C, Sir Syed House)

Best Speaker (Against)

Insha Haider
(XI-C, Gandhi House)

Best Team

Sir Syed House

First Runners-Up

Iqbal House

The winners were felicitated with trophies and certificates. The event ended with a lively discussion led by Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti

and a vote of thanks by HOD, English Department, Mr Rajesh Pandey.

A GREEN INITIATIVE BY THE COLLEGE AND HDFC BANK

A joint environmental initiative was organised by the College and HDFC Bank on August 8, 2024. Class I students took part in a plantation drive to promote conservation efforts.

HDFC Bank officials, including Mr Wasi Ur Rehman, Mr Rehan Zaki, Mr Chaudhary Mohd Shuja, Mr Ashish Kumar Awasthi, and Mr Ashwani Kumar Srivastava, attended the event alongside College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi and Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews. Guided by teacher Ms Ila Shahid and HDFC Bank representatives, the young students planted trees to contribute to a greener future.

This collaboration aimed to educate students on the importance of trees and promote environmental stewardship for a sustainable future.



TWO YEARS OF EMPOWERING STUDENTS BY THE ORGANIC CLUB

The College's Organic Club showcased a two-year journey via PowerPoint on August 13, 2024. Students emphasised organic farming benefits and reasons for joining, highlighting health and prevention, while Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti commended their innovative work.



CELEBRATING THE 78TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

Immersed in patriotic fervour, the College, alongside its sister branches, gathered to celebrate the 78th Independence Day on August 15, 2024. The Chief Guest, Dr Mohammad Qaim Rizvi, an alumnus and Neonatologist at Era Medical College graced the occasion.

The tricolour was hoisted by College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, alongside College officials: Jt Secretary Dr M Talha, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra

Bharti, Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor, Principal II Shift Ms Shabana Ahmed, Principal Technical Centre Mr S R Khan, Director Unity Veda Mr S Kalbe Mehdi, and Academic Advisor Ms Tehseen Zaidi.

Mr Qaim Rizvi encouraged students to embrace failure on the path to success, while Secretary Mr Rizvi recalled the day as a call to fight against poverty and corruption. Dr Talha emphasised true patriotism through honesty and righteousness.



Cultural programmes by students from both shifts witnessed inspiring speeches from Arsh Husain (UN, Montessori II Shift), Abida Naqvi (XII-C), and Mohd Aun (XII-B) highlighting the importance of independence and the role of youth in national progress. An engaging skit in Sanskrit titled 'Desh Bhakta Chandrashekharah' showcased the bravery of freedom fighter Chandra Shekhar Azad. An

English skit highlighted the evolving perspectives of youngsters towards freedom fighters.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Principal Mr Mathews and the distribution of sweets, symbolising the sweetness of freedom and unity. The event coincided with Van Mahotsav, involving planting saplings on campus for a cleaner, greener India.

A PATRIOTIC JOURNEY FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

On August 16, 2024, the Primary Section of the College joyfully marked Independence Day.

Students from classes I to IV participated in hands-on activities like making Tricolour Danglers, Ice-Cream Stick crafts, Badges, and Pen Holders,

expressing creativity while learning about the national flag's colours. Class V added a culinary twist with a Salad Dressing activity. The event combined education and entertainment, fostering patriotism among the young participants.

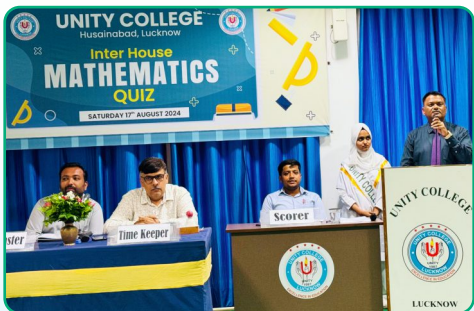


INTER-HOUSE MATHEMATICS QUIZ

On August 17, 2024, a captivating Mathematics Quiz took place at the Central Hall for Unitians. Esteemed guests like Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, and Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor wished the participants well and emphasised the benefits of such competitions in improving subject knowledge, speed, and reasoning skills.

The quiz had two categories: Junior (Classes

VI-VIII) and Senior (Classes IX-XII), with three rounds: 'Math Marvels' for basic math questions, 'Reasoning Riddles' for logic, and 'Buzz Battle' for the final showdown. Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti thanked Mr Inkit Punjabi for leading, and teachers Mr Mirza Saif Husain, Ms Arshia Tabassum, Mr Shahidul Haq Siddiqui, and Ms Farwa Fatima for their roles in the event's success. The quiz fostered healthy competition, showcasing talents and enthusiasm.



RESULTS: Junior Category

I Position

Iqbal House
Kisa Fatima, VIII A
Abul Fazal, VIII A

II Position

Sir Syed House
Murtuza Mehdi, VIII C
Kulsoom Fatima, VIII C

III Position

Tagore House
Wahib Askari, VIII A
Samad, VIII C

RESULTS: Senior Category

I Position

Gandhi House
Ali Jafar, XI B
Abbas Saeed, XII B

II Position

Tagore House
Kulsoom Zehra, XII B
Firdaus Fatima, XII B

III Position

Sir Syed House
Fatima Ahmad, XI B
Alina Fatima, X C

PRIMARY SECTION WRITING AWARDS

The Primary Section of the College organised a special morning assembly on August 17, 2024, to recognise young writers' achievements and commend outstanding attendance. The event included Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor. Mr Mathews

praised the discipline in the Section and appreciated the teachers' commitment, while Ms Mansoor encouraged students to prioritise regular attendance and congratulated them on their success in the Creative Writing Competition. The competition showcased students' creativity across different classes.



RESULTS

Class I

1st Position

Sadiq Ali (I-A, Gandhi House)

2nd Position

Zainab Haider (I-B, Iqbal House)

3rd Position

Saniye Zehra (I-C, Iqbal House)

Class II

1st Position

Ali Abbas (II-B, Iqbal House)

2nd Position

Batool Zehra Rizvi
(II-A, Tagore House)

3rd Position

Falak Fatima
(II-C, Tagore House)

Class III

1st Position

Izna Zehra (III-B, Tagore House)

2nd Position

Shadma Zehra
(III-C, Tagore House)

3rd Position

Rabab Fatima
(III-A, Iqbal House)

Class IV

1st Position

Sarah (IV-C, Tagore House)

2nd Position

Rafat Fatima (IV-B, Tagore House)

3rd Position

Rahila Fatima (IV-A, Gandhi House)

Class V

1st Position

Yasha Butool (V-C, Gandhi House)

2nd Position

Khadija Hasan Rizvi (V-A, Iqbal House)

3rd Position

Hadiya Fatima (V-B, Sir Syed House)

The assembly concluded on a positive note, recognising the collaborative efforts that led to its success.

PRIMARY SECTION'S INTER-HOUSE SCIENCE QUIZ

The Primary Section organised the Inter-House Science Quiz Competition, 'Sciencia,' on August 24, 2024. The prestigious event was graced by College Jt Secretary Dr M Talha, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor.

Mr Mathews delivered an inspiring address, emphasising the pursuit of excellence. The

competition began with the divine renditions and comprised six challenging rounds involving multiple-choice questions, visual recognition of scientific images, and a 'Puzzle Buzzle' round with flashcards of organs. Participants also dissected hibiscus flowers and identified spices by smell in the 'Nose Knows' round. The Rapid-Fire round tested quick thinking skills.

RESULTS

1st Place

Sir Syed House

2nd Place

Iqbal House

3rd Place

Gandhi House



Guests praised the students' enthusiasm and knowledge, while Mr Bharti commended the creativity of the 'Nose Knows' round. The event ended with a vote of thanks from Headmistress

Ms Mansoor, expressing gratitude to guests, teachers, participants, and staff. 'Sciencia' was a resounding success, showcasing students' competitive spirit.

CULINARY MAGIC IN PRIMARY

On August 31, 2024, the College was transformed into a culinary hub with Primary Section students participating in fireless cooking activities.

Classes IV and V made Butterlicious Sweet Corn Delight and Bhel Puri, emphasising teamwork. An Inter-House Fireless Cooking Competition for classes I to III was held in the Central Hall, where

teams competed to create delicious sandwiches.

College Jt Secretary Dr M Talha, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor attended the event. Mr Mathews and Mr Bharti judged the entries, while Dr Talha commended the students for their efforts.

WINNERS

1st Place
Tagore House

2nd Place
Sir Syed House

3rd Place
Iqbal House



Judges praised the creativity and taste of the sandwiches, with Tagore House recognised for exceptional teamwork, receiving certificates. The

activities displayed students' creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm, promoting practical skills and a love for healthy eating.

ELOCUTION CONTEST FOR CLASS IX

Class IX students showcased their oratory skills in the Inter-House Elocution Competition on September 4, 2024, focussing on Shakespearean drama, specifically characters from Julius Caesar. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews commended the participants for their dedication, highlighting the importance of attentive listening and active

participation in school activities. Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti encouraged involvement in co-curricular activities for overall growth. Judge Ms Farheen Fatima Naqvi praised the speakers for their outstanding performances, emphasising the importance of clarity, precise pronunciation, and impactful delivery.

RESULTS

Best Speaker: Yashra Fatima (IX C)
1st Runner-Up: Wara Zehra (IX A)
2nd Runner-Up: Mahdia Kazmi (IX B)
Consolation: Rohma Arif (IX B) & Lazeena Zaidi (IX C)
Champion House: Sir Syed House



English Teacher Ms Mahlaqua Siddiqui concluded the event with a vote of thanks.

HONOURING TEACHERS, THE GUIDING LIGHTS

A special morning assembly on September 5 paid tribute to teachers for their significant influence on students.

The event featured soulful renditions, a pledge led by Abu Sufiyan (XI-A), and a speech by Fatima Rizvi (XI-A) recognising teachers' vital role in shaping futures. Primary students from classes I to V captured hearts with a presentation dedicated to their teachers. Junior Head Boy Haider (V-B) opened the presentation, followed by beautiful

quotes from Azma Fatima (I-A), Faria Rehan (II-C), Bisma Fatima (III-B), and Batool Rizvi (IV-A). The presentation concluded with a touching poem recited by Junior Head Girl Abeeha Fatima (V-B). Zehra Mehdi (XI-A) presented a thought for the day, followed by a poem by Shaur Fatima (XI-A) and a speech on Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's legacy by Basilah Husain (XI-A). Class teacher Mr Mohd Mohiuddin advised students on respecting teachers and presentation skills.

Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor commended teachers' dedication, while Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti emphasised the importance of teachers with a quote, 'Guru Govind Dou'. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews concluded the

assembly, encouraging students to value and honour their teachers' contributions. The assembly left a lasting impact, fostering gratitude for teachers.

CELEBRATING HINDI DIWAS

The College commemorated Hindi Diwas with a week of events honouring the language. Starting on September 11, 2024, activities included the recitation of 'Nij Bhasha Unnati Hai Ahai,' a Quranic recitation, a pledge to uphold Hindi as the national language, and speeches by students like Aliya Fatima Zaidi (VII-A) on Hindi's cultural importance. A melodious performance by Bushra Mirza (VIII-B) and an action song 'Aaha Tamatar' by Primary

students entertained the audience.

Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti highlighted the inclusive nature of Hindi. The assembly concluded with the National Anthem. The week also included an Inter-House Hindi Recitation Competition for classes III to V on September 13, 2024, showcasing poems of hope and resilience.



RESULTS

1st Place
Iqbal House

2nd Place
Gandhi House

3rd Place
Tagore House

Principal Mr Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Bharti commended student performances, with College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima and Office Superintendent Mr Shahid Hussain as judges. Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor praised

students' efforts and highlighted the value of participation. Additionally, an Inter-House Creative Writing Competition for Primary students showcased their Hindi skills.

Creative Writing Competition Results

Class	Winner Student	Position	House
I-B	Mustafa Haider	I	Gandhi House
I-C	Mohd. Usman	II	Gandhi House
I-A	Azma Fatima	III	Tagore House
II-C	Zaheen Fatima	I	Gandhi House
II-B	Wahiba Haider	II	Sir Syed House
II-A	Masooma Zainab	III	Iqbal House
III-A	Fizza Fatima	I	Iqbal House
III-B	Sahrish Mirza	II	Tagore House

Class	Winner Student	Position	House
III-C	Shadma Zehra	III	Tagore House
IV-C	Umme Kulsum	I	Gandhi House
IV-B	Hussain Naqvi	II	Tagore House
IV-A	Batool Rizvi	III	Tagore House
V-A	Qaima Mehdi	I	Gandhi House
V-C	Fiza	II	Sir Syed House
V-B	Abeeha Fatima	III	Tagore House



Ms Mumtaz Fatima, Head of the Hindi Department, emphasised that Hindi represents our identity and pride. The week-long Hindi Diwas celebrations at

the College aimed to strengthen the connection with the language through engaging activities.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

TEACHERS' ROLE IN SILVERZONE OLYMPIAD ACKNOWLEDGED

The College honoured its teachers for their efforts in the Silverzone Olympiad during a morning assembly on May 16, 2024. Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti awarded certificates to Mr Jai Banerjee, Mr Shahidul Haq Siddiqui, and Ms Sabiha Salman. On July 1, 2024, Ms Farheen Fatima Naqvi,

Ms Ruby Rizvi, and Ms Sana Baqar from the Primary Section also received certificates from Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor. Mr Bharti praised Ms Mansoor for organising the Olympiad and lauded the teachers for their dedication, contributing to the event's success.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN LEVEL-2 OLYMPIADS & SWACHH BHARAT ART COMPETITION

On July 1, 2024, the College honoured student achievements in Level-2 Olympiads (2023-24) and the All India Swachh Bharat Art Competition during a special assembly. Awards were presented for the SilverZone English Language, Math, and Informatics Olympiads.



English Language Olympiad Toppers

1st Position

Tabsheer Fatima (XII), Malika Zaidi (XII), Almaz Zehra (IX),
Mohd Sajjad Baqri (X), and Shazan Murtuza (VIII).

Toppers

Mohd Abdullah Mehdi Rizvi (II), and Bisma Fatima (III)
(Gift Voucher worth ₹350 & medal).

Math Olympiad Winners

1st Position

Syed Mohd Abbas Rizvi (II),
Mohdissa Zehra (III), and
S Zain Rizvi (IV)
(Certificate & Gold Medal).

Informatics Olympiad Achievers

Mohd Mehdi Abbas (IV), Wahiba Haider (II), and
Bisma Fatima (III)—(Certificate & Silver Medal).

State & National Level Competitions Performance

Zaheen Fatima (II), Haleema (IV),
Rabab Fatima (VIII), Irtiqah Hasan (IX),
Wajiha Zehra (X), and Nashra Fatima (XI) First A+
In the Swachh Bharat Art Competition, students
showcased their exceptional talent.

Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor and Teacher Ms Mahlaqua Siddiqui received an honour of commendation for their contribution and dedication. The College congratulates all the awardees.

SHINING PERFORMANCE AT 'AD ASTRA'

Unitians participated in the Inter-School event 'Ad Astra' at St Agnes' Loreto Day School, on July 29 and 30, 2024. Students showcased talents in various activities such as Debate, Extempore, Alchemy of Poetry, and Science Quiz (Brainiacs). Key achievements included Riza Amir and Arham (XII A) securing second place in Comic Strip Competition, and Hania Zehra (XI A) and Tasveer Fatima (XI B) winning third place in Culinary Voyage. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews congratulated the winners and emphasised the value of participation for growth and learning.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB LAUNCHED

During the September 5 assembly, the College introduced its Photography Club. Badges were awarded to the newly appointed heads and members.



Club Heads

Founder and Head: Mohd Ali Zaidi (XII-D)

Heads: Shabih Hasan (XII-D), Mohd Farhan (XI-C), Kabir Zaidi (XI-C)

Members: Mohd Mehdi (XII-B), Faiz Rizvi (XII-C), Aaraish (XII-D), Ramsha Farid Khan (XII-D), Laiba (XII-D), Asmi Rizvi (XII-C), Waliya Rizvi (XII-C), Kashan Raza (X-B), Mohd Sameer (X-A), Mohd Baqar (XII-B), and Jawwad Ali (XII-B)

Principal Mr Mathews commended the team and urged them to creatively capture the college life essence.

TRIUMPH AT DEBATE BY ROTARY CLUB

The College emerged victorious at the Rotary Club's Inter-College Debate on September 8, held at the NBRI Auditorium. Insha Haider (XI-C) received the Best Speaker award among 39 competing schools for her compelling argument against the motion: 'Technology Has Contributed to Increased Social Isolation.' Unity College, represented by Insha Haider and Sara Iqbal (XI-C), also claimed the Best Team Trophy. During the September 9 assembly, the participants, along with their English teacher, Ms Sarah Abbas, were honoured with the trophy. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews praised the girls for their potential and achievements, while Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti celebrated the institution's proud moment.



HONOUR BY PP PUBLICATIONS

PP Publications recognised top Hindi achievers at a morning assembly for the 2023-24 academic year. Unnati Kumar (XI-B) scored 98 marks, Fatima Ahmad (XI-B) and Narjis Fatima (XI-A) achieved 96 marks each. Hindi teacher Ms Mumtaz Fatima was awarded for her dedication. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews congratulated them for their exceptional performance.



RABAB FATIMA HONoured FOR ARM WRESTLING

Rabab Fatima from VIII-B was honoured for winning a silver medal in Arm Wrestling at the National Arm Wrestling Championship in Mumbai. The felicitation ceremony took place at Hotel Vishwanath in Charbagh, organised by the District Arm Wrestling Unit. Chief Guest Dr Anil Kumar Patel- Chairman, District Arm Wrestling and College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi praised the athletes and emphasised the importance of indigenous sports. Advocate A K Saxena- UP General Secretary, Non-Olympic Association, encouraged children to participate in such sports, while other dignitaries included Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Chairman Mr T B Singh, President Mr Anil Kumar Srivastava, Secretary Mr Mukesh Bahadur, and Treasurer Mr Ajay Kumar Srivastava.



PRE-PRIMARY ACTIVITIES

KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS TRIBUTE

On July 26, 2024, the Pre-Primary Section of the College organised various activities to commemorate Kargil Vijay Diwas. Prep students depicted soldiers using paper tearing and cutting techniques, raising the Indian flag as a symbol of victory. Lower Nursery students created soldiers using yellow and green sheets alongside ice cream sticks, while Upper Nursery students made tricolour hangings with paper sheets in saffron,

white, and green, pasting them in their scrapbooks to resemble the Indian flag. These activities aimed to instill patriotism and respect for the sacrifices made by soldiers during the Kargil War. Through these creative projects and competitions, students learnt about the historical significance of the war, ensuring that the legacy of bravery and sacrifice is remembered and honoured by the younger generation.



BLUE DAY CELEBRATION

The Pre-Primary Section of the College celebrated Blue Day on July 29, 2024, with engaging activities for students. In Lower Nursery, learners participated in activities like searching for blue objects and colouring flowers with blue paint to understand the colour blue. Upper Nursery's Blue Day reinforced cognitive skills through sorting blue items and pasting blue paper drops to promote water conservation. The children also enjoyed a game with hula hoops and blue balloons, exploring

the symbolic meanings of blue. Class Prep students celebrated by dressing in blue, making blue umbrellas, and creating ocean scenes with blue cellophane. The activities helped children understand the symbolic meanings of blue, such as trust and wisdom, while enhancing their creativity and colour recognition skills. Overall, the Blue Day celebration was a fun and educational experience for all students at different levels.



BLACK DAY OBSERVANCE

On August 3, 2024, the Pre-Primary Section of the College commemorated Black Day with several impactful activities intended to educate young students about history and spirituality. The day featured a black dress code to signify the solemnity of the occasion. In the Prep class, students participated in a special assembly, where they recited Nauhas and Salams, setting a reflective tone for the day. They also engaged in a creative activity, drawing and colouring various food items to promote the importance of not wasting food and respecting tabarruk. Lower Nursery students focused on the message 'Drink Water, Think

Hussain (AS)' through a hands-on task and recitations. Upper Nursery students participated in a cutting and pasting task, creating representations of Ahlul Bayt's encampment at Karbala to understand the events and values associated with Muharram. The students also recited Nauhas and spoke a few lines about Muharram, deepening their appreciation of the historical and spiritual significance of the day. These engaging activities helped students connect with the teachings of Imam Hussain (AS) and deepen their appreciation of the significance of Muharram.



GARDENING ACTIVITY

Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews urged students to plant seeds of change by fostering green spaces, protecting existing flora, and combatting pollution to ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. The Earth Day Celebration served as a rallying cry for collective action, inspiring students to become champions of environmental preservation.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Pre-Primary Section of the College marked Independence Day with enthusiasm on August 16, 2024. Various activities tailored to different age groups inspired patriotic feelings and appreciation

for India's heritage. In the Lower Nursery, children created colourful impressions of the national flag with orange and green paint.



Dressed in white with national flags and accessories, Upper Nursery students made tricolour kites using pulses and rice to symbolise the Indian flag. In the Prep section, students held a special morning assembly with performances of 'Saare Jahan Se Acha' and the National Anthem. They also crafted the National Flag and displayed

symbols such as the Tiger, Peacock, Mango, and Lotus, representing strength, beauty, richness, and purity. Teachers explained the significance of these symbols, enriching the students' understanding of their national heritage. The celebrations blended education and entertainment, fostering patriotism and pride among the students.

RAKSHABANDHAN CELEBRATION

On August 20, 2024, the Pre-Primary Section of the College celebrated Raksha Bandhan with various engaging activities. Lower Nursery students tied Rakhis to their classmates, symbolising the protective bond between siblings. Upper Nursery students created beautiful Diyas using paper folding and pasting techniques, showcasing their

artistic abilities. Prep class students decorated unique Rakhis with bindis, stars, mirrors, and pearls, accompanied by cards and chocolates. These celebrations provided young minds with opportunities to connect with their cultural heritage and foster joy and belonging.



FIRELESS COOKING

On August 31, 2024, the College transformed into a culinary haven for Pre-Primary students, who participated in fireless cooking activities. The day was filled with excitement, creativity, and healthy competition. Lower Nursery students created tasty Traffic Lights, adorable Cat-Faced sandwiches, and Edible Faces, while Upper Nursery students crafted Snowman and Boat Sandwiches and enjoyed

Biscuit Chat. Prep students showcased their culinary prowess with Monaco Cheesy Biscuits, Russian Sandwiches, and Quick Spicy Bites. These fireless cooking activities, conducted in the classroom setting, were a resounding success, highlighting students' creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm and demonstrating that cooking can be both fun and educational.



RED DAY FIESTA

On September 13, 2024, the Pre-Primary Section of the College celebrated Red Day with engaging and educational activities tailored to each class level. Lower Nursery students sorted red objects and pasted red paper onto printouts of fruits, while Upper Nursery children sorted and jumped on red shapes. In the Prep class, students deepened their understanding of primary colours by illustrating the

life cycle of fruits using red glitter sheets. The day's events aimed to help students recognise and appreciate the colour red, with activities such as dressing in red attire and bringing red flowers and fruits. Overall, Red Day was a successful exploration of the vibrant hue through various interactive experiences.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

On September 21, 2024, the College's Pre-Primary Section celebrated the International Day of Peace with enthusiasm. The students presented the song 'I've Got Peace Like a River' during the morning assembly, bringing joy to everyone with their innocent voices and cheerful expressions. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews highlighted the importance of peace in society, emphasising the need for harmony in a world plagued by conflicts. The students were encouraged to be ambassadors of peace in their own way, inspired by his message. Throughout the day, various creative activities were

organised to teach the values of peace, harmony, and global unity. The Lower Nursery children used their handprints to represent peace, while the Upper Nursery class made paper candles as symbols of hope. The Prep students created dove impressions in their scrapbooks, symbolising empathy and kindness. These activities aimed to help the students understand and appreciate the significance of peace in their lives, promoting empathy, kindness, and unity within their communities.



RECITATION COMPETITION

On September 24, 2024, the Pre-Primary Section of the College hosted a vibrant recitation competition, showcasing the talents of young students. Esteemed guests, including College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Jt Secretary Dr M Talha,

Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor attended the event, which was judged by English teachers Mr Rajesh Pandey and Ms Naaz Fatima.



The competition featured two categories: Upper Nursery UN A, UN B, UN C and Prep classes Prep A, Prep B, Prep C. Arham Ali of class IV C commenced the event with a soulful recitation of the Holy

Quran, followed by Principal Mr Mathews, who emphasised the importance of such events in fostering confidence and creativity.



Prep Category

1st Position: Prep B
2nd Position: Prep C
3rd Position: Prep A

WINNERS

Upper Nursery Category

1st Position: UN B
2nd Position: UN C
3rd Position: UN A

Guests praised the students' performances and the creative use of props. Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi and Dr M Talha commended the hard work of teachers, while Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti remarked that everyone was a winner. The Lower Nursery added joy with a non-competitive performance. The

event highlighted themes of environmental conservation and concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor, celebrating the success of the competition and the collective effort of students and teachers.

THEOLOGY

EID-E-MUBAHILA CELEBRATION

Eid-e-Mubahila was celebrated in a lively assembly on July 1, 2024, with a soulful tilawat and a Qaseeda performance, 'Janam Fida-e-Haideri,' by class V girls. Theology teacher Mr Arshad Husain addressed the students, emphasising the importance of truthfulness and the story of Prophet Mohammad's (PBUH) follower who transformed his

life by speaking the truth. The assembly was graced by Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti and Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor. The event prompted students to reflect on their character and pledge to become wonderful human beings, following the Ahlul Bayt's path.

MUHARRAM SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The College recently hosted a six-day Muharram Special Assembly from July 8 to 12, 2024, organised by the Theology Department to educate the school community on the significance of this sacred month in Islamic tradition.

The assembly began with touching Nauha recitations by the young children from class Prep,



From Primary to Senior Secondary Sections, Theology teachers Ms Zeba Fatima and Ms Ana Khan organised daily recitations from the Holy Qur'an followed by speeches on Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions. Students highlighted the stories of individuals like Janabe John Bin Huwai and Anas Bin Harith, shedding light on themes of empathy and generosity. The endurance of the martyrs of Karbala and the role of women in the



Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews highlighted the values of sacrifice and perseverance derived from Karbala, while Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti urged students to fulfil their duties with tolerance and perseverance.

prepared by Ms Hejana Ali Rizvi and Ms Wafa. Notable performances included Kulsoom Fatima reciting 'Haye Mazloom Hussain' and a group Nauha 'Jab Rida Sar Se' that moved the audience to tears. Ms Hejana Ali Rizvi delivered a powerful speech on the message of Karbala and the responsibilities of Azadars during Muharram.



battle were also discussed.

Ramiza Fatima, Zoha Sajjad, Hadiqa-tuz-Zahra, Zainab Fatima, Haniya Zehra, and Hiba Zehra delivered speeches on various aspects of Karbala, while teacher Sayyeda Kaneez Abbas highlighted its significance. Heartfelt elegies and a presentation on Muharram facts by students Labiba Zehra, Ibtida Zahra, and Qaima Zehra added depth to the assembly.



The assembly left a lasting impression, highlighting the timeless importance of Muharram in fostering empathy and unity within the school community.

SHINING TALENTS AT INTERNATIONAL MUHARRAM EXHIBITION

The talented artists from the College showcased their work at the 16th International Muharram Exhibition from July 10 to 14, 2024, at the UP Lalit Kala Academy in Lucknow. Organised by the One Voice Committee, the exhibition featured various art forms conveying the message of Karbala. Coordinated by Ms Nisar Fatima Rizvi, it highlighted works from morning shift students Basilah Husain (XI-A), Zahara Raza (XII-A), and Fatima Moosvi (XI-A), along with second shift students Mohammad Haider (X), Syed Ali Abbas (X), and Amina Mirza (XI). Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews praised their artistry and encouraged them to uphold the values of humanity reflected by the martyrs.



UNITY ALUMNI'S SABEL COMMEMORATING KARBALA

The College Alumni, Batch 2016-2017, organised a Sabeel at Baitul Mal Ashra in Thakurganj, providing water and fruits to attendees of the majlis and passers-by. The event, guided by College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima Rizvi, served as a reminder of the hunger and thirst endured by martyrs and children of Karbala, fostering a sense of community and reflection among participants.



ENLIGHTENING SESSION BY MAULANA ZAMEER ABBAS JAFRI

On August 14, 2024, the College organised a session for class XI students with Maulana Zameer Abbas Jafri Sahab, an esteemed Islamic scholar, as the guest speaker. Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti and College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima were also in attendance. Maulana Jafri delivered a powerful address, defining Imaan as the strength to resist sin and emphasised the importance of facing challenges and striving for positive change. He encouraged students to work hard and persevere for success. Additionally, he mentioned that academic success and acquiring knowledge are the best gifts students can offer Imam Mahdi (AJTF). He stressed the importance of being smart and cautious in today's world to avoid deception, and

highlighted the need for integrity alongside knowledge. Drawing examples from Prophet Yusuf and Hazrat Abbas (AS), Maulana Jafri urged students to demonstrate dedication and courage in a competitive environment. The session included an interactive Q&A segment with students and teachers discussing educational roles, which Maulana Jafri addressed with insightful examples. Dr S Kalbe Sibtain Noorie wrapped up the session by emphasising the significance of education in students' lives and their moral responsibilities towards the zuhoor of Imam-e-Zamana (AJTF). This thought-provoking session provided valuable insights for students to reflect on.



ENDURING LESSONS OF MUHARRAM

The College marked the conclusion of the Muharram mourning period on 8th Rabi'al-Awwal with a Special Assembly on September 11, 2024. Theology Teacher, Mr Arshad Husain, delivered an inspiring speech, encouraging students to learn from the martyrs of Karbala and to uphold values of humanity, sacrifice, peace, justice, and truth. He emphasised the importance of continuous personal and spiritual growth, urging students to make each day better than the last. Mr Husain stressed the need to carry the spirit of Muharram throughout the year by dispelling ignorance and making positive contributions to society. The address motivated students to become sources of light and compassion in their communities, leaving them with a powerful message to uplift and inspire others.



COMMEMORATING PROPHET MOHAMMAD (PBUH) & IMAM JAFAR-E-SADIQ (AS)

The College celebrated the Birth Anniversaries of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq (AS) on September 21, 2024, with a focus on harmony and reflection. The event commenced with a recitation from the Holy Quran, setting a peaceful tone for the day. Zahara Raza (XII-A) delivered a moving speech acknowledging the contributions of

the honoured figures, highlighting values like generosity, empathy, knowledge, and politeness that continue to inspire. QSschool students from classes V and VI shared profound sayings of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) emphasising humility, peace, compassion, justice, forgiveness, and brotherhood.



Tasveer Fatima (XI-B) provided insights into the lives of the revered individuals, while Midhat Fatima (XII-C) wrapped up with an insightful 'Thought for the Day.' Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews stressed the importance of peace, drawing lessons from Prophet Mohammad's (PBUH) life and urging students to embody obedience, honesty, and diligence in their lives. The day ended with QSschool



distributing cakes to all students and staff on the joyous occasion of 17 Rabi-ul-Awwal, fostering a spirit of unity and joy on campus. Overall, the celebration was a reminder of the timeless values and principles championed by Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq (AS), promoting unity and happiness among the college community.

VISITS, TRAININGS & COUNSELLINGS

SSC CAREER INSIGHTS FOR CLASS XI

On July 8, 2024, a Counselling Session for Class XI students focused on job opportunities under SSC government services, led by Major SJM Jafri from Goodwill Trust, New Delhi. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima welcomed Major Jafri. The session began with a quiz to gauge students' interests and preferences. Jafri outlined the scope of opportunities offered by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) through

Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, and discussed various exams such as CPO, CHSL, JE, Constable GD, Havildar, and MTS. He urged students to stay informed by reading competitive magazines and watching shows like Kamyabi Ke Raste. The session concluded with a Q&A round, with Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti extending a vote of thanks, emphasising the importance of time management. Overall, it was a highly informative session providing valuable insights into SSC opportunities.

IRANIAN DELEGATION VISIT

On July 9, 2024, the College welcomed a delegation from the Hamgaman Institute in Iran. They shared their global 'Tarbiyah' programme with the College, aiming to promote understanding, cooperation, and a balance of knowledge and spirituality. Sister Fatima expressed gratitude for the College's hospitality and emphasised the pursuit of perfection as a human purpose. Quoting surah 'Iqra', she encouraged students to utilise their abilities fully, merging scientific knowledge with spiritual development. She also stressed the need to strengthen faith through a deep connection with Allah. Sister Fatima highlighted the insufficiency of worldly knowledge alone and underscored the

significance of self-growth and personal development. She challenged listeners to ponder why humans are considered the best of creations under Allah's guidance, linking this to a responsibility for inner peace. The College Secretary, Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, commended Sister Fatima's literary contributions of over 200 books and supported her message of self-improvement. He suggested integrating the Tarbiyah programme into the College curriculum, leaving students inspired by the emphasis on spiritual growth, self-examination, and community service.



FITZROY REFRESHER TRAINING FOR EDUCATORS

On July 11, 2024, Kartikeya Shukla of Saar Publications conducted a Fitzroy refresher training for teachers. The session focused on the importance of concise introductions, evolving

terminology, and the role of phonics in language development. Mr Shukla highlighted the need for English teachers to cultivate all four core language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.



Techniques like skimming and scanning were introduced to strengthen these essential skills. The session also covered the blending of systematic synthetic sounds in phonics, facilitating easier reading and comprehension. Mr Shukla called for a paradigm shift towards learning, highlighting the contrast between millennials' natural upbringing and Gen Z's indoor confinement. To reinforce phonics fundamentals, the session included a



revision of 42 sounds, discussion of 144 combinations, and exploration of 30 rules. Additionally, Mr Shukla taught the decoding technique in learners in understanding and enhancing their language skills. This insightful training equipped teachers with valuable strategies to elevate their teaching and foster a dynamic and engaging learning environment for their students.

CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS SESSION

Female officers from Thakurganj Police Station visited the College on July 24, 2024, to address concerns about crimes against children. They educated students on recognising good and bad touch, shared helpline numbers for emergencies, and encouraged reporting crimes at pink booths. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews thanked the officers, while College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima made the session interactive to empower students against potential threats.



THE 100ED FEST: EMPOWERING EDUCATORS

The 100ED Fest 2024, organised by Burlington English, was a significant educational event on August 9, 2024, aimed at training over 100,000 educators across 100 cities. The event, which included English teachers Ms Sarah Abbas and Ms Farheen Fatima Naqvi, provided actionable strategies for teachers to adapt their teaching methods, integrate hands-on activities, and leverage storytelling and technology to create

immersive learning environments. The workshop also highlighted the importance of emotional safety in the classroom and introduced interactive techniques like Learning Centres, Jigsaw Puzzles, Brainstorming, and Sketch Notes. The workshop concluded with a five-minute demo class, showcasing the creativity of the teachers and the practical effectiveness of the strategies discussed.

MR RAZA RIZVI INSPIRES STUDENTS' ECO JOURNEY

On August 16, 2024, students from the Organic Farm Club met with London-based research scholar Mr Raza Rizvi to discuss their achievements in sustainable practices. They shared their personal experiences and highlighted their dedication to environmental preservation. Mr Rizvi was impressed by their innovative approaches and encouraged them to document their experiences, potentially leading to scholarship opportunities. The students are now awaiting the publication of their articles in a prestigious London-based magazine, marking a significant milestone in their journey towards eco-friendly practices and sustainable living.



INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO AMUL BANAS DIARY

On August 28, 2024, class XII D students from the College visited Amul Banas Dairy in Lucknow with teachers Mr Syed Kazim Imam and Mr Ishan Derick Singh. Mr Upadhyay welcomed them and shared Amul's history. Students observed production and packaging of products like ice cream, curd, and milk, as well as quality assurance processes. The visit provided valuable insights into the dairy industry.



EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO CIMAP, LUCKNOW

On August 29, 2024, students from the Biology and Biotechnology departments, along with their teachers Ms Huma Rizvi and Ms Eva Abbas, and lab assistant Mr Baqar, visited the Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP) in Lucknow. The group was welcomed by CIMAP coordinators Ms Pragya and Ms Pooja, who guided them during the visit. Dr Manoj Semwal led an interactive session on career opportunities in drone technology, followed by a live drone demonstration by Mr Raj Awasthi, showcasing the innovative use of drones in farming. Students were recognised for

their achievements in Essay Writing and Poster Making competitions, held on May 9, 2024 at Unity College, receiving certificates and prizes. They also learnt about the 'Jigyasa' programme and toured CIMAP facilities, including advanced laboratories such as The Tissue Culture Lab and The Biotechnology Lab as well as areas dedicated to vermicomposting and apiculture. A visit to 'Manav—The Health Garden' allowed students to explore medicinal plants. The excursion provided a unique learning experience blending science with nature.



CYBERBULLYING WORKSHOP

The College, in collaboration with Times NIE and CECS, held a workshop focused on cyberbullying and social media distractions for students of classes XI and XII. The goal was to raise awareness of the hidden online dangers. Mr Vishesh Singh, an experienced consultant, led the session by prompting students to consider who knows their potential best—encouraging them to stay connected with parents and teachers. He emphasised that the internet can either be a tool for self-improvement or self-destruction, explaining the various forms of cyberbullying and providing precautionary tips. The workshop concluded by equipping students with knowledge to navigate the virtual world safely, with Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews emphasising the need to be cautious in the digital world.



PRIMARY SECTION COUNSELLING SESSIONS

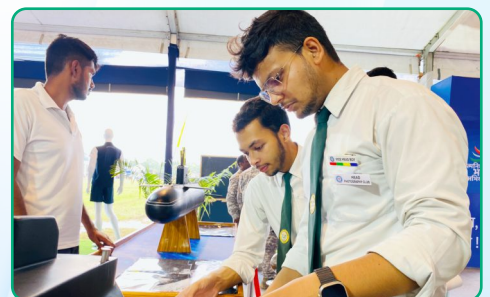
On September 4 and 6, 2024, the Primary Section of the College held counselling sessions for students in classes IV and V, focusing on personal development and well-being for both boys and girls. Headmistress Ms Kainaat Mansoor led both sessions. The girls' session on September 4 covered personal hygiene, menstruation management, healthy eating, self-defence, puberty changes, and wise cellphone use. The boys' session on September 6 emphasised healthy sleep habits, personal hygiene, time management, academic dedication, bullying prevention, social media safety, and cleanliness. Both sessions aimed to equip students with essential skills and knowledge for responsible behaviour, growth, and safety in various aspects of their lives, promoting confidence and maturity.



STUDENTS' VISIT TO ARMED FORCES FESTIVAL

On September 5, 2024, a group of ten students from the College attended the Armed Forces Festival organised by the Surya Command at the Surya Khel Parisar in Lucknow Cantonment. Head Boy Abbas Saeed and Vice Head Boy Mohd Ali Zaidi led the group. The exhibition displayed advanced military

equipment such as tanks, helicopters, artillery guns, naval gear, and vehicles. Students got to handle real firearms, explore Army tanks and trucks, see specialised computers, and interact with Army officers, gaining a deep respect for the Armed Forces.



VISIT TO UP STATE ARCHIVES

On September 9, 2024, the History students of class XII A of Humanities from the College visited the UP State Archives in Lucknow. Guided by their teacher, Mr Mohd Mohiuddin, the students explored artefacts and original literary works from Ancient to Modern history. They witnessed preservation techniques like silica gel and specialised tissue papers. Highlights included an 1871 Map of Lucknow and the original telegram announcing Rani Laxmi Bai's death. The students were deeply

moved by an exhibition on India's Freedom Struggle, featuring documents and photographs depicting sacrifice and patriotism. They thanked Archivist Mr Amitabh Pandey and others for sharing knowledge, as well as their Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti for organising the insightful trip. This experience left a lasting impact, increasing the students' appreciation for India's history.



MOTIVATIONAL SESSION WITH MR CHANDRA PRAKASH

On September 17, 2024, students of class XI attended an inspiring session by Senior Retired IPS Officer Mr Chandra Prakash. The event was attended by Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Jt Secretary Dr M Talha, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima. Mr Mathews introduced Mr Prakash as a valuable role model. During the session, Mr Prakash shared humorous anecdotes from his personal journey, emphasising the importance of patience,

perseverance, and setting realistic SMART goals. He encouraged students to use their time effectively and seek guidance from teachers to achieve their dreams. Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi expressed gratitude to Mr Prakash for sharing his wisdom and knowledge. He highlighted the significance of such sessions for personal growth and encouraged students to step out of their comfort zones. The session included a Q&A segment where students interacted with Mr Prakash, making it a highly productive and beneficial experience.



COUNSELLING SESSION ON CAREERS IN ARMED FORCES

The College organised a career counselling session on September 23, 2024, featuring Lt Cdr Abbas Zair Naqvi from the Indian Navy and Asst Commandant Mohd Mohsin Abbas from the Indian Coast Guards. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews welcomed the guests, joined by Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima Rizvi. Students from various classes attended, including XI A, XII A (Humanities), and XII Commerce and Humanities from the II Shift. The speakers discussed career opportunities in the Army, Air Force, and Navy,

emphasising that students from all streams can pursue these paths. They highlighted entrance exam requirements, premier military academies, and service options. To prepare for exams, students were advised to read newspapers daily, visit the 'SSB Crack' website, and read two insightful books: 'To Risk It All' and 'A Splendid Exchange'. Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi delivered the vote of thanks, encouraging students to make informed career choices based on their passion, determination, and self-awareness.



HONOURING THE FOUNDER OF INDIAN BLIND PARA JUDO ASSOCIATION

On September 28, 2024, the College honoured Mr Munawar Anzar Siddiqui, Founder General Secretary of Indian Blind Para Judo Association, for his exceptional performance at the Paris Paralympics. He coached Kapil Parmar to a historic Bronze medal, the first Indian Judoka to achieve this feat. The College Secretary, Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, along with Jt Secretary Dr M Talha, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and College Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima presided over the felicitation ceremony. Mr Siddiqui has been honoured by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr Mukesh Ambani and Ms Nita Ambani, badminton legend Prakash Padukone, Indian Oil and CBSE for his significant contributions to Judo. Mr Siddiqui, during the felicitation ceremony at the College, shared his journey and experiences, emphasising Judo's

values of self-defence, discipline, and flexibility. He also highlighted Kapil Parmar's inspiring story, where he overcame injuries and financial struggles to achieve Paralympic success at just 24. College students were impressed and called Mr Siddiqui a true role model. Numerous national-level athletes from the College attended the event. Husain Mehdi (XII-B), a Taekwondo Gold Medalist at a prestigious competition in Tamil Nadu, and Rabab Fatima (VIII-B), an Arm Wrestling Silver Medalist at a tournament in Maharashtra, were introduced to Mr Siddiqui to celebrate their outstanding achievements. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr Bharti, leaving the College community proud to have hosted such a distinguished guest. Mr Siddiqui's presence will surely motivate aspiring Judo enthusiasts to strive for excellence and bring glory to the nation.



HAR GHAR TIRANGA CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Under the leadership of ANO Ms Nilofer Jafri, NCC cadets from the College actively took part in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' National Campaign on Independence Day. They marched in the local area,

promoting patriotism and interacting with the community through spirited slogans. This successful event highlighted the cadets' commitment to their nation and its values.



SHINING WITH 'A' CERTIFICATES AND GOLD MEDALS

The College's NCC Girl Cadets received 'A' certificates for their 2023-24 training, with Angel Fatima and Midhat Fatima (IX-B) winning Gold Medals in Map Reading at a camp on July 29. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews awarded certificates to 20 cadets at a special ceremony. The

school attained second place in the group song competition. Mr Mathews commended the cadets and ANO Ms Nilofer Jafri for their commitment, encouraging more girls to join NCC for growth and discipline. He also announced plans to extend the NCC programme to boys.



UNITY COLLEGE II SHIFT

MONTESSORI LEARNING ACTIVITIES

On August 12, 2024, the Montessori Section celebrated Green Day with sapling planting and nature-inspired handprint art activities for LN, UN and Prep.

On August 19, a Rakhi Making Competition for Upper Nursery A and B showcased students' creativity using different materials. Upper Nursery B celebrated Vriksha Bandhan, where they tied handmade Rakhis to trees, symbolising their love for nature.



The Independence Day celebration was marked with a flag hoisting ceremony and patriotic activities, followed by the sweets distribution.

Principal Ms Shabana Ahmed praised the students and teachers for their efforts.



VISIT TO LUCKNOW AIRPORT AND METRO

Seventy students from class XII A and B of Unity College II Shift visited Lucknow Metro Station and Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport on August 17, 2024. Senior teachers Mr Ammar Rizvi, Ms Waseem Fatima, Mr Zafar Zaidi, and Ms Fareeda

Rahat joined the trip. The students gained insights into the Metro system's features and operations, thanking Principal Ms Shabana Ahmed and the Management for organising the educational outing.



COMMEMORATING HUSAIN DAY

A Majlis-E-Aza was held on August 27, 2024, at the Central Hall to honour the sacrifices of Imam Husain (AS) and his family. Organised by TMT, students, and teachers, the event featured Quranic recitation by Azhar Abbas (X), Soz by Mohd Haider (X) and Arsh Abbas (X), Salams by Anamta Fatima

(X), Sana Fatima (X), Ali Raza (VI-A), and Ishba Rizvi (VIII B), and a speech by Mariyam Zehra (X). Maulana Faiz Abbas Mashadi discussed Imam Husain's commitment to justice, with the event ending in a Nauha by Ayan (VII-B) and Mohd Haider (X).

CLASSWISE COUNSELLING SESSION

Unity College conducted a month-long class-wise Counselling Session from August 21 to September 21, 2024. The session, led by Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi and UEP Academic Advisor Ms Tehseen Zaidi, UEP Coordinator Mr Meesam Zaidi, and Principal Ms Shabana Ahmed aimed to enhance study skills, emotional resilience, and family communication. Ms Zaidi addressed attention difficulties and mobile addiction with primary and junior parents, while Mr Rizvi provided guidance on career planning and academic challenges for students and parents.





INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The recent Investiture Ceremony at the College celebrated student leadership, appointing Ali Raza and Shagufta Fatima from class XII as Head Boy and Head Girl. Discipline Incharges from XII were Aun Agha and Anamta Fatima, while Zain Hasan and Insha Fatima from XII were named Sports Captains. Principal Ms Shabana Ahmed administered the pledge and encouraged the Students' Council to serve with integrity and dedication.



ARENA OF WORDS

On August 29, 2024, Unity College II Shift hosted its inaugural Inter-House Debate Competition. The event showcased students' impressive oratory skills, with Principal Ms Shabana Ahmed welcoming the guests and emphasising the value of participation. Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi and Manager Dr S Kalbe Sibtain Noorie praised the participants and teachers. Junior teams debated 'Single-Use Plastic Should Be Banned,' while Seniors debated 'AI is a Threat to Humanity,' including a captivating rebuttal round. Judges, Journalist Ms Kulsoom Mustafa and Educationist Ms Saira Khan, praised the high debate standard.



RESULTS: Secondary Section

Best Speakers: For
Mohd Amir (Mohd Ali Shah House),
Against- Maryam Sheikh
(APJ Abdul Kalam House)

Runners-Up: For
Ashima Ali (Dr Radhakrishnan
House), Against- Mohd Haider
(Dr Radhakrishnan House)

RESULTS: Sr Secondary Section

Best Speakers: For
Ali Abbas (Asafuddaula House),
Against- Shagufta Zehra
(Dr Radhakrishnan House)

Runners-Up: For
Ali Arsh (Mohd Ali Shah House),
Against- Samad Zehra
(APJ Abdul Kalam House)

Champion Houses

Mohd Ali Shah House
and
Asafuddaula House

The event concluded with
a vote of thanks from
Ms Farha Naqvi, Head of
the English Department.

UNITY CHEERS @ GOLD RUSH & OTHER SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

EVENT	RESULT
CISCE SPORTS HALL OF FAME	
CISCE TAEKWONDO U-19 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 (OVER 78 KG)	Hussain Mehdi (XII B) secured 1st place at Zonal, State and finally won the National Championship.
CISCE ZONAL ATHLETE MEET 2024:	
100M RACE	Mohd Farhan (VIII C - U 14) and Qaim Abbas (XI D - U 19) won Gold Medal.
1500M RACE	Insiya Rizvi (XII C - U 19) won Silver Medal.
CISCE ZONAL FOOTBALL BOYS' UNDER 17 CHAMPIONSHIP 2024	Unity defeated La Martiniere in the Final Match by 2-0 and lifted the Champion's Trophy.
CISCE REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL GIRLS' UNDER 17 CHAMPIONSHIP 2024	Unity lost the Semi-Final Match at Zonal level. Lucknow Zone B team featuring two standout players from the College, Hadees Fatima and Khizran Zehra (XI-B), secured the Runner-Up position.

CISCE SPORTS HALL OF FAME	
DISTRICT TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP, UTTAR PRADESH TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATION AND THE GOVT. OF INDIA	Hussain Mehdi (XII B) won Gold Medal (District) and Bronze Medal (State).
2024 INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 'FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP', DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, ELDECO	Unity won the Quarter-Final Match but lost the Semi-Finals by 0-1.
ARM WRESTLING TOURNAMENT, NON-OLYMPIC GAMES 2024	RABAB FATIMA (VIII B)-Gold Medal (District), Bronze Medal (State), Silver Medal (National)
	WALI HAIDER (IX B)-Gold Medal (District), Gold Medal (State)
	MOHD RIZVI (VIII B)-Gold Medal (District), Gold Medal (State)
	SAMANA RIZVI (X C)- Gold Medal (District), Silver Medal (State)
	SYED MOHD HAIDER ZAIDI (XII A)- Gold Medal (District), Bronze Medal (State)
	MOHD FAIZ KHAN (VIII B)- Gold Medal (District), Bronze Medal (State)
	MOHD AMAN (VIII B)- Gold Medal (District)

ARM WRESTLING TOURNAMENT, NON-OLYMPIC GAMES 2024	MOHD ALI (X A)- Gold Medal (District)
	ALI ABBAS (X A)- Gold Medal (District)
	AFZAL SHAMIM (VIII B)- Silver Medal (District)
	KAMRAN HAIDER (X A)- Silver Medal (District)
	YASHI SAINI (X A)- Silver Medal (District)
	GHAZI ABBAS (XI D)- Silver Medal (District)
	SYED ALMAS MEHDI (IX A)- Silver Medal (District)
	MAISHA SIDDIQUI (VIII B)- Bronze Medal (District)
MARTIN CUP : INTER-SCHOOL TOURNAMENT, LA MARTINIERE COLLEGE	Unity won a series of five league matches but lost the Quarter Finals to DPS Jankipuram in tie-breaker, 2-4.
SUBROTO CUP 2024 REGIONAL LEVEL TOURNAMENT	Unity won the Champion Trophy at City Level but lost in league matches at the Regional Level.
10TH DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE, LA MARTINIERE COLLEGE	Unity secured the Runners-Up Position after losing face off against Bryan Eleven by 0-2.
BHOOLE BISRE KHEL, UP NON- OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION	TUG-OF-WAR QAIM ABBAS (XI-A)- Gold Medal, MOHD FARHAN (XI-C)-Gold Medal, SYED ALI KAZMI (XII-B)-Gold Medal, MOHD ZAID (XII-B)- Gold Medal, FAIZ ALI (XII-C)-Gold Medal, WASHID ABBAS (XII-D)- Gold Medal, SHUJA ABBAS (XII-D)-Gold Medal, MOHAMMAD ILYAS (XII-D)-Gold Medal, SHABIH HASAN (XII-D)-Gold Medal, MOHD ALI ZAIDI (XII-D)-Gold Medal
	THREE LEGGED-RACE ABIDA (VIII-A, II SHIFT)- Bronze Medal, KAINAAT FATIMA (VII-B- II SHIFT)- Bronze Medal

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