



JULY to SEPTEMBER 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

"Somewhere, Something Incredible Is Waiting To Be Known"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Deepak M Mathews
Principal

It fills me with immense pride to share the accomplishments and milestones of Unity College over the past three months. The last quarter has been one of remarkable achievements and vibrant activities. Our young athletes made us proud with their spirited performances in the CISCE Zonal and Regional Football Tournaments, as well as the Arm Wrestling Tournament. Equally commendable were the accomplishments of our literary talents, who displayed exceptional debating skills at prestigious Inter-School events such as Angelorum, Ad Astra, Affluence, and Anandotsav 2025. Adding to this glory, our Photography Club brought laurels through outstanding performances in video recording contests, while our budding coders and graphic designers excelled in Hackathons and Designing Competitions, showcasing both innovation and creativity.

The College also witnessed the successful conduct of major events including Independence Day and Teacher's Day, celebrated with great enthusiasm. A special highlight was the Mushtaq Naqvi Memorial Inter School Debate Competition, where eminent schools of Lucknow participated, and our debaters secured the Runners-Up position with distinction.

Our younger sections were equally active—Pre-Primary celebrated Blue Day, Rakshabandhan, and Fireless Cooking, while the Primary Section held engaging events like the Kargil Vijay Diwas Inter-House Quiz, Science Quiz, and Spell Bee. These activities not only enhanced their creativity and knowledge but also nurtured team spirit and confidence among the children.

On the academic front, the Half Yearly Examinations were conducted smoothly, reflecting the diligent efforts of students and teachers alike. As we step forward, our focus now shifts to the much-anticipated Annual Sports Day, an event that promises to bring out the best in our young champions.

FITZROY REFRESHER TRAINING

The Fitzroy Refresher Training took place on July 2, 2025, catering to Pre-Primary and Primary English teachers, and was led by Mr Karthikeyan from Saar Publications. Ms Tazeen Rizvi opened the session with a formal welcome, underscoring the anticipated productivity of the event.

Mr Karthikeyan fostered an interactive discussion around core language learning principles, emphasising the significance of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing (LSRW) skills. He introduced the Fitzroy sequence of Phonemes, Graphemes, and Morphemes as vital to language acquisition and promoted a scientific methodology for teaching. Additionally, he distinguished between language—shaping perspectives—and literature, which nurtures them.

Concerns over the rise of Gen Z vernacular and American spellings were addressed, as these

trends impact the integrity of the English language. The training covered various phonic rules including the pronunciation of (i) and (y), (ck) usage, double vowels, alongside key techniques such as decoding, blending, segmenting, sight word recognition, and controlled vocabulary. Mr Karthikeyan also highlighted the advantages of Fitzroy readers, which are organised by number and color, and demonstrated their application with relevant software.

To enhance engagement, the session incorporated interactive activities like Word Chain, Go Fish, Recycling, and Martians. These activities contributed to the training's enjoyment and efficacy. Participants found the session beneficial, expressing eagerness to implement the teaching strategies in their classrooms. The event concluded with Mr Karthikeyan thanking attendees for their participation and attentiveness.



17TH INTERNATIONAL CALLIGRAPHY AND HERITAGE EXHIBITION

The 17th International Calligraphy and Heritage Exhibition, dedicated to the theme of Muharram, opened at the State Lalit Kala Academy to honor sacrifice and spiritualism. Co-organised by One Wise Trust, the UP Urdu Academy, and the Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Memorial Committee, the exhibition was accessible to the public daily from 11 am to 6 pm until July 3, 2025, showcasing the talents of calligraphers from India and beyond.

Among the attendees were Vice Chancellor of Era Medical College Dr Abbas Ali Mahdi, Secretary of Unity College Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, and other dignitaries. Notably, 23 students from Unity College participated, mentored by Principal



Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and staff members. This event highlights the cultural heritage, creativity, and devotion reflected in the showcased artworks.

UNITY TRIUMPHS AT CISCE ZONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2025

The College secured a spot in the semi-finals of the CISCE Zonal Football League 2025 by defeating St Francis College 2-0. The team demonstrated exceptional teamwork and discipline under captain Ali Jafar Kazmi. In the semi-final, Unity College defeated CMS Rajajipuram 4-0, with a hat-trick of goal from Amaan Agha. The final match between Unity and

La Martiniere College was goalless, and Unity narrowly lost by 3-4, emerging as the runner-up. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews congratulated the team for their performance and encouraged them to take part in the sport, as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle.



POPULATION DAY AWARENESS

Unity College held a special assembly on July 14, 2025, to mark World Population Day. The assembly began with a Tilawat by Shazan and an Oath of the Day by Amal Ameer. Sara Iqbal delivered a speech promoting self-awareness and raising awareness about overpopulation's impact on global resources, education, and employment.

She highlighted the theme for the year: 'Empowering young people', to create families in a fair world, emphasising informed choices, gender equality, and universal access to healthcare and education. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews urged students to be responsible citizens.

UNITIANS SHINE IN LOGIQIDS MENTAL APTITUDE OLYMPIAD

Students of our College delivered an impressive performance in the LogiQids Mental Aptitude Olympiad 2024-25, held in the month of May. A total of eight students from various classes

secured International Ranks in the final stage of the Olympiad, showcasing their logical thinking and mental aptitude skills.

The names of the students along with their respective classes and international ranks are as follows:

Name	Class	International Rank
Shaikh Ali Hadi	I	26
Hasan Mohammad	II	31
Bisma Fatima	III	99
Zainab Fatema	V	129

Name	Class	International Rank
Zainab Amina Rizvi	V	114
Izaan Hasan	VI	83
Fatima Huda Baqri	VII	76
Ayesha Hayat	VII	132

Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti congratulated all the rank holders on their outstanding achievement and encouraged other students to

take part in such competitions in future.

This accomplishment reflects the College's consistent efforts to promote analytical thinking and academic excellence among its students.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE & LEGACY

Anjuman Nasirul Aza in Lucknow celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary on July 15, 2025, with a religious program and a special segment honoring class X school topper. Notable students included Unity College's Mohd Sajjad Baqri and II Shift High School's Ashneen Fatima. Dr Kalbe

Sibtain Noorie, a religious scholar and leader, addressed the gathering, highlighting Dr Kalbe Sadiq Sahab's pioneering efforts in promoting free education. The Anjuman presented commemorative shields and a dining set to Dr Noorie and the young achievers.



STUDENTS EXCEL IN ARM WRESTLING

On July 17, 2025, five students from the College excelled in the Arm Wrestling Competition at

Gurukul Academy during the event Play Palooza.

Mohammad Ali (VIII-A) & Mohammad Rizvi (IX-A)

Gold medals in the under 60 kg and under 50 kg categories.

Mohammad Ali (XI-B) & Ali Abbas (XI-C)

Bronze in the under 55 kg and under 60 kg categories.

Abu Sufiyan (XII-A)

Achieved a silver medal in the over 70 kg category.

The medalists were honored in the morning assembly on July 19 by Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal

Mr Sachindra Bharti, who praised their accomplishments and encouraged greater student involvement in co-curricular activities.

UNITY LAUNCHES COLLEGE MAGAZINE 2025

Unity College celebrated the successful launch of its College Magazine 2025 on July 19, with Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti unveiling the publication. The magazine showcases a vibrant overview of the academic and extracurricular achievements from the year. Chief Editor Mr Mathews praised the Editorial Team,

consisting of members from the English, Hindi, Urdu, and Sports Departments, as well as a photography contributor. He acknowledged the contributions of former Headmistress Ms Kinaat Mansoor and the Primary and Pre-Primary teachers, along with students whose works are featured. Mr Bharti encouraged students to recognise their peers in the magazine.

BLUE DAY BLISS

On July 19, 2025, the Pre-Primary Section of the College celebrated Blue Day, marked by vibrant decorations and enthusiastic participation from children and teachers dressed in various shades of blue. The event aimed to introduce young learners to the concept of colors through interactive activities. Lower Nursery students got engaged in coloring cloud cut-outs and

fingerprinting raindrops, reinforcing color recognition. Upper Nursery students showcased creativity by making blue whales from A4 sheets, while Prep students crafted paper octopuses with tentacles and smiling faces. Overall, the celebration was both educational and joyful, successfully strengthening color identification and nurturing creativity in the children.



PRIMARY SECTION CREATIVE WRITING EXCELLENCE

On July 18 and 19, 2025, Unity College held English and Hindi Creative Writing Competitions for Classes I to V, allowing young learners to harness their creativity through various engaging themes. English topics included 'My Best Birthday Ever' and 'If I Could Fly,' while Hindi prompts featured 'Ped Hamare Sathi' and 'Bachpan ki Shararatein.' The students enthusiastically

participated, producing imaginative and reflective compositions, evaluated by faculty members. Winners for each class were announced in both languages, showcasing literary talent, reinforcing confidence, and highlighting the importance of storytelling in children's development.

The winners were: English Creative Writing Winners

CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV	CLASS V
1st – Shifa Rizvi (I-C, Tagore House)	1st – Saniye Zehra (II-C, Iqbal House)	1st – Fariha Kashif (III-C, Iqbal House)	1st – Izna Zehra (IV-B, Iqbal House)	1st – Yameena Bano (V-C, Tagore House)
2nd – Ifra Fatima (I-B, Iqbal House)	2nd – Mohd. Aahil Abidi (II-A, Iqbal House)	2nd – Ali Abbas (III-B, Iqbal House)	2nd – Areeba Fatima (IV-A, Iqbal House)	2nd – Mohd. Naqi Mehdi (V-A, Gandhi House)
3rd – Wajeeh Hasan (I-A, Tagore House)	3rd – Mahreen Fatima (II-B, Gandhi House)	3rd – Adeeba Zehra (III-A, Tagore House)	3rd – Syed Ali Raza Rizvi (IV-C, Gandhi House)	3rd – Mujtaba Haider (V-B, Gandhi House)

Hindi Creative Writing Winners

CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV	CLASS V
1st – Zehra Fatima (I-B, Tagore House)	1st – Hasan Abbas (II-C, Iqbal House)	1st – Mohd. Mahir Rizvi (III-B, Sir Syed House)	1st – Fatima Farwa (IV-B, Iqbal House)	1st – Arham Ali (V-C, Tagore House)
2nd – Minhal Kazmi (I-A, Gandhi House)	2nd – Marefat Hussain (II-A, Iqbal House)	2nd – Mohd. Murtaza (III-C, Sir Syed House)	2nd – Shadma Zehra (IV-C, Tagore House)	2nd – Hira Kashif (V-B, Sir Syed House)
3rd – Waniya Fatima (I-C, Sir Syed House)	3rd – Zainab Haider (II-B, Iqbal House)	3rd – Aliya Fatima (III-A, Tagore House)	3rd – Mohaddisa Zehra (IV-A, Sir Syed House)	3rd – Falaq Mahtab Khan (V-A, Tagore House)

The competition highlighted the literary promise of Unity's youngest learners, offering a glimpse

into their creativity, curiosity, and evolving command of language.

CAULIFLOWER SOWING

On July 19, 2025, Unity College's Organic Farm celebrated a significant event as students participated in sowing cauliflower seeds on campus. This initiative, guided by Farmer Mr Nasir and Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima Rizvi, enabled students to engage directly with organic farming. Mr Nasir provided insights into the

health benefits of green vegetables, emphasising the importance of cauliflower. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews commended the students for their commitment to sustainable agriculture and healthier living, marking this activity as a progressive step for the community.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE INDIAN ARMY

On July 22, 2025, a counselling session organised for students of classes XI and XII featured guidance from College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and counselors Ms Nisar Fatima Rizvi and Ms Ghazala Jafri. Special guests, Lt Col Dipankar Chaudhary and Major General Shabih, provided insights into career opportunities in the Indian Army, including preparation for the NDA and Naval Academy, exam patterns, syllabi, and submission deadlines. They discussed alternative entry modes such as NCC Special Entries for law graduates under the JAG branch, Short Service Commission (Technical), and Army Educational Corps for postgraduates. The presentation by Lt Col Chaudhary was well-structured, while Major General Shabih emphasised upon education's role, aspiration setting, and life balance. A video showcasing army life was also presented. The College Secretary Mr Rizvi expressed gratitude to the guests and motivated students to plan their futures wisely, urging them to consider careers in the Indian Armed Forces. The inclusion of parents enriched the session, making it a comprehensive experience for students and guardians alike.



ONE DAY AS A SCIENTIST' PROGRAMME AT CSIR-NBRI

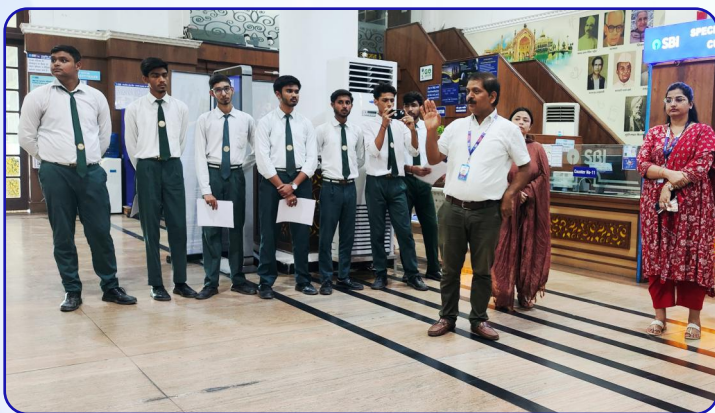
On July 22, 2025, students from classes X-A and X-B participated in the Jigyasa – One Day as a Scientist programme at CSIR's National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), accompanied by their Science teachers, Ms Huma Rizvi and Mr Seraj Ahmad. This initiative, organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), aims to foster scientific curiosity among students nationwide. During their visit, students interacted with scientists, learned about diverse

plant species and their applications, and observed ongoing scientific research in the laboratories. The programme provided an enriching and interactive experience, granting students first-hand insight into scientific research. At the conclusion of the event, all participants received certificates from CSIR-NBRI, marking it as both an educational and memorable occasion for all involved.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO BANK OF INDIA

On July 24, 2025, students from classes XI and XII (Commerce Section) visited the State Bank of India, Hazratganj Main Branch, Lucknow, an excursion coordinated by Mr S Kazim Imam in collaboration with Mr Ratnesh Mallvya from the Marketing Department and Ms Kiran Chaudhary, the Personal Banking Manager. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews highlighted the importance of educational excursions in linking theoretical knowledge with practical experiences, while Vice-Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti encouraged students to engage actively and inquire about banking trends. During the visit,

Mr Mallvya provided a detailed lecture on SBI's history, functions, and services, followed by a tour of the bank's museum that showcased its heritage. Ms Chaudhary further emphasised the importance of personal banking in managing finances. A significant aspect of the visit was that 48 students opened savings bank accounts, marking a critical step towards financial literacy and inclusion. This educational experience provided the students with practical knowledge about banking and enriched their understanding of financial management.



ARGUMENT MEETS ELOQUENCE AT UNITY COLLEGE

In its pursuit of promoting articulate communication and critical reasoning, the College held its Inter-House Debate Competition on July 26, 2025, providing students with a platform to engage in significant social discussions. Each of the four houses participated

with two teams in both Junior and Senior categories. The Juniors debated the motion 'Recycling should be made compulsory', while Seniors addressed 'Social media platforms must be held legally accountable for the spread of misinformation'.

Participants explored the complexities surrounding environmental urgency and civic responsibility linked to recycling and the balance between freedom of expression and accountability in the digital realm. The audience was actively engaged, especially during the rebuttal round, showcasing students' spontaneity

and poise under pressure.

The judging panel featured Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Academic Advisor, Ms Tahseen Zaidi, who praised the debaters' confidence and originality. They encouraged participants to enhance their eloquence and body language.

JUNIORS

Best Speaker (For)

Fizza Zainab, VIII C
(Gandhi House)

Best Speaker (Against)

Aliza Zehra, VIII C
(Sir Syed)

Best Team

Innama Abbas VIII C &
Samad Zaidi VIII B
(Iqbal House)

Runner Up Team

Fizza Zainab VIII C &
Aliya Fatima
Zaidi VIII A
(Gandhi House)

SENIORS

Best Speaker (For)

Faris Abrar XII D

Best Speaker (Against)

Insha Haider XII C

Best Team

Faris Abrar XII D &
Maryam Rizvi XII C
(Iqbal House)

Runner Up Team

Tuba Ahmad XII C &
Anam Zehra XI B
(Tagore House)

Gandhi house was declared as Champion House. Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi commended the impressive presentations, highlighting public speaking as a vital life skill and urging learners to excel in multiple spheres. Principal Mr Mathews

celebrated the collaborative efforts that ensured the event's success, motivating all students to strive for excellence. Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti acknowledged the judges and offered a vote of thanks.



COLLEGE SALUTES BRAVERY ON KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

Unity College commemorated Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26, 2025, through an Inter-House Quiz Competition for students in classes IV and V, held in the Central Hall. The event was attended by distinguished members including College

Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Managing Committee Member Dr Kalbe Sibtain Noorie, Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, and Primary Section Co-ordinator Ms Tazeen Rizvi.

The program commenced with soulful renditions by students representing diverse religious texts, symbolising national unity. Organised by the Social Studies Department, the quiz aimed to instill a sense of patriotism and pay tribute to the valor of soldiers. It featured four competitive rounds—General Knowledge, MCQs, Visual, and Buzzer—inciting fierce competition primarily between Iqbal and Sir Syed Houses. Quiz Mistress Ms Nelofer Naqvi engaged participants with thought-provoking questions about the Kargil War.

Secretary Mr Rizvi also praised the audience for their quick responses and promoted small acts of

kindness as forms of patriotism. Principal Mr Mathews emphasised the importance of valuing learning, commending Ms Tazeen Rizvi for her organisational efforts, while Dr Noorie congratulated all teams on their performances. Sir Syed House claimed victory, followed by Iqbal and Gandhi Houses, with trophies awarded to the winners. The event concluded with the National Anthem.

Additionally, classes I to III engaged in a Card-Making activity, crafting messages such as “Thank You Soldiers” and “Jai Hind,” while classes IV and V wrote heartfelt letters to soldiers, expressing gratitude and admiration.



MEMORY POWER WEBINAR

On July 27, 2025, the College students participated in an engaging webinar on Memory Power organised by Times NIE in collaboration with the Sudhir and Smruti Foundation – Padho India. Led by renowned International Memory Coach Mr Saurabh Vidhyadhar, who has trained over six lakh individuals, the session aimed to unveil techniques for enhancing memory and addressing academic and emotional challenges

faced by children. Mr Vidhyadhar discussed issues such as concentration problems, lack of confidence, digital distractions, anxiety, and negative thinking. The interactive format encouraged participation from both Senior and Junior students and their families. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews expressed appreciation to Times NIE and Padho India for facilitating this valuable learning opportunity.

THE STUDENTS SHINE AT CISCE U-19 REGIONAL FOOTBALL

Unity College students representing Lucknow South Zone performed well at the CISCE Regional

Under-19 Boys' Football Tournament at St Joseph's College, Greater Noida.



They won their opening match 3-0 against Varanasi, with goals from Qaim Abbas Zaidi, Arham Haider Rizvi, and Yogi from La Martiniere College. The second match ended in a draw, allowing them to advance to the semi-finals,

where they were defeated 3-0 by Lucknow North Zone, finishing fourth overall. Officials, including Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi and Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, congratulated the team for their efforts.

YOUNG ORATORS AND DESIGNERS SHINE

The College participated in the Annual Inter-School fest Angelorum 2025 at Loreto Convent, Lucknow, from July 28 to 30. Students from various institutions took part, with our team achieving notable success. In the debating competition Verba Et Vis, Insha Haider, Sara Iqbal, and Tuba Ahmad, all from class XII-C secured

second place for their arguments on 'Ethical Neutrality'. Additionally, Tilmeez Husain from class XII-D won third place in the Graphicore event for his design skills. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti commended all participants for representing the College with distinction.



UNITIANS MAKE A MARK AT AD-ASTRA 2025

The College participated in the Ad Astra 2025 inter-school event hosted by St Agnes' Loreto Day School on August 2-3, 2025, achieving notable success. The Debate team, consisting of Sara Iqbal and Insha Haider, was recognised as the Best Team, with Insha also winning Best Speaker (Opposition). Tuba Ahmad earned third place in Extempore, while Albash Alam and Anayah Siddiqui secured second place in the Comic Strip Competition. The team consisting of Arham Haider, Mohd. Farhan, Tilmeez Husain, Khizran

Zehra and Hadees Fatima won third prize in Beyond the Meme. In Culinary Voyage, Tasveer Fatima won first prize in Entrée, and she and Hania Zehra were the Overall Best Team. Kisa Fatima and Fatima Raza also won second prize in Mask Making. The Principal and Vice Principal praised the Teacher In-Charges for their mentorship, highlighting the College's commitment to both academic and co-curricular excellence.



MONTESSORI TRAINING AT ASEEMA, MUMBAI

From August 4 to 9, 2025, the Montessori teaching team of Unity College participated in a training session at Mumbai Public School hosted by Aseema Charitable Trust. Led by senior educators, the program focused on enhancing Montessori teaching skills, emphasising child development and creating engaging classrooms. Aseema has been positively impacting underprivileged children in Mumbai since 1995,

promoting joyful learning and independence. The six-day training combined theory and practical learning through hands-on activities, fostering creativity and confidence among participants. As a result, the Unity College team now possesses renewed motivation and practical tools to enhance the Montessori program, aiming for holistic student development and improved classroom experiences.

NCC CAMP ACHIEVEMENTS

A contingent of 21 students from the College participated in the NCC Camp at 2 MTR AMC Centre from July 29 to August 7, 2025, where all received camp certificates and demonstrated outstanding performance. The cadets won first prize in the Group Song and Line Area Competition. Cadet Alia Fatima (IX-B) earned

third prize for map-reading skills, while Cadet Zoya Fatima (IX-A) received recognition for her leadership as Eco Company Senior. ANO Nilofer Jafri was awarded an Appreciation Certificate for her contributions. These achievements reflect the dedication, discipline, and teamwork of the NCC cadets, bringing pride to the College.



HELLO BRITANNICA PROGRAMME

On August 8, 2025, English teachers attended a session on the Hello Britannica programme led by Mr Abhishek Sharma and Mr Mohd Asif Azhar. The session highlighted Britannica's legacy since 1768 and its innovative educational programme

aimed at enhancing communication skills for students, especially first-generation learners. Teachers expressed positive feedback on the programme's design, ease of use, and its potential to improve students' communication skills.



PRMIARY SECTION COMMEMORATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

On August 13, 2025, the College's Primary Section held a special assembly to celebrate the 79th Independence Day, attended by Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti and Primary Coordinator Ms Tazeen Rizvi. The event began with a recitation of the Holy Quran and featured an interactive quiz focused on India's history and freedom fighters, encouraging lively participation

among students. Mr Bharti praised the efforts of teachers and students, urging them to appreciate India's heritage and the contributions of unsung heroes. The assembly successfully enhanced students' understanding of their national identity, emphasising the significance of Independence Day, resulting in an engaging and memorable celebration.

EMPOWERING TEACHERS THROUGH SCT

The SCT Teachers' Training at the College took place on August 12 and 13, 2025, featuring newly appointed faculty members. Inaugurated by Primary Coordinator Ms Tazeen Rizvi, the workshop emphasised the importance of the new teachers' roles. Conducted by Ms Sakeena Raza and Ms Tasneem Zehra, sessions focused on Student Centred Teaching (SCT) strategies,

including VARK, Think-Pair-Share, and Learning Jigsaw, among others, alongside effective assessment methods. Participants found the workshop inspiring and innovative. The event concluded with acknowledgments of the trainers' expertise and the engagement of the teachers, reinforcing the College's commitment to fostering student-focused learning.

DIGITAL MOHARRAM ACTIVITY

On August 18, 2025, Unity College's Pre-Primary Section held a digital drawing activity focusing on the theme of Moharram in the Computer Lab. Children illustrated scenes from the Battle of Karbala, particularly the tent of Imam Hussain

(A.S.) near the river. This activity aimed to enhance creativity and values-based learning, teaching young learners about sacrifice, patience, and truth while improving their artistic and computer skills.

ARBAEEN REFLECTIONS

The Arbaeen Special Assembly was held on August 20, 2025, at the College, involving students from Classes I to V and attended by

Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and Primary Coordinator Ms Tazeen Rizvi.



The event began with a Quran recitation and featured a skit by Class V that honored Imam Husain (A.S) and the Arbreen walk, symbolising themes of love, sacrifice, and resistance against oppression. Mr Mathews emphasised the

importance of internalising the sacrifices of great figures for societal upliftment, while Mr Bharti noted that honoring martyrs involves faithful duty. The assembly was impactful, appreciated for its clarity and emotional depth.

STUDENTS SHINE AT AFFLUENCE

The College achieved notable success at Affluence 2025, the Annual Fest hosted by St Clare's Convent, Lucknow, on August 21-22, 2025. Under the encouragement of Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, students excelled in various competitions. In the Word Relay, the team of Mohammad Sajjad Baqri, Hadiqatuz Zahra Rizvi, and Mohammad Jawad secured first place, guided by Ms Farheen Fatima Naqvi and Ms Gul Sanobar.



MUSHTAQ NAQVI MEMORIAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE AT UNITY COLLEGE

Our College hosted the Mushtaq Naqvi Memorial Inter-School Debate Competition 2025 on August 21, emphasising the importance of ideas and eloquence among youth. This annual event honors Late Mr Mushtaq Naqvi and aims to promote critical thinking and oratory skills among students, sponsored by Mr Shahab Hussain. Dr Amrita Das, the Chief Guest, highlighted the significance of the debate, urging students to

integrate AI into their careers. Ten institutions participated, debating the topic 'Schools should shift to skill-based education instead of exam-based learning,' showcasing well-reasoned arguments. The competition was evaluated by esteemed judges and concluded with awards for the best speakers, teams, and a focus on the value of participation in debate. The event reinforced the transformative power of dialogue.



The winners were as follows:

Best Speaker (For) Manasvi Prakash Srivastava, La Martiniere Boys College Best Speaker (Against) Insha Haider, Unity College	First Runner-up (For) Shreyasi Jha, La Martiniere Girls College First Runner-up (Against) Roshni Chauhan, CMS Rajajipuram	Second Runner-up (For) Sara Iqbal , Unity College Second Runner-up (Against) Shreeya Srivastava, La Martiniere Girls College & Lakshya Pandey, St Francis College	Best Team La Martiniere Girls College 1st Runner Up Team Unity College
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CAREER GUIDANCE SESSION ON CHARTERED ACCOUNTANCY

On August 25, 2025, a career counselling session focussing on Chartered Accountancy (CA) was held at the College, organised by Mr Suhail Raza. CA Mr Divesh Agarwal, the resource person from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) took the session, the session featured an engaging presentation on the CA profession, its career prospects, and motivating stories of successful Chartered Accountants. Notably, alumnus CA Arpit Srivastava shared his

experiences and challenges, inspiring students to pursue their ambitions with dedication. Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti welcomed attendees, and Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews encouraged students to thoughtfully consider their careers. The event concluded with gratitude expressed towards the guests, leaving students informed and motivated about opportunities in Chartered Accountancy.

YOUNG CODERS SHINE AT CODE HACKATHON 2025

Students of our College participated in the Code Hackathon 2025 held at Modern School, Aliganj, on August 25, 2025. The participants were accompanied by Computer teacher Mr Jai Banerjee. Fatima Ahmad (XII-B) and Tasveer Fatima (XII-B) secured the runners-up prize in Glitch Hunt, while Aliza Zehra (VIII-C) and Fizza Zainab (VIII-C) won the third prize in Spark Designing.

Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti congratulated the winners and applauded the dedication of Computer teachers Mr Monis Naqvi and Mr Jai Banerjee for guiding the students towards this achievement.



UNITY AT SANATKADA

The College continues to enhance its students' learning experiences by engaging them with the rich heritage of Lucknow through art, culture, language, and cuisine. On August 25, 2025, ten students accompanied by teachers visited Adde-Baazi at Sanatkada, where the book 'Tehzeeb: Culinary Traditions of Awadh' was launched by designer Mr Adil Iqbal Ahmad and featured a discussion with Chef Mr Sadaf Husain. Mr Adil,

though not a chief or foodie himself, aimed to preserve Awadh's culture through family recipes and narratives of fine dining. He emphasised that his work intertwines food, culture, lifestyle, and etiquette, capturing the essence of Lucknow. The students expressed gratitude to college administrators for the opportunity to deepen their appreciation of Lucknow's tehzeeb and the importance of preserving India's cultural legacies.



BUZZING BRILLIANCE: PRIMARY SECTION SPELLING BEE 2025

The College held its inaugural Spell Bee Competition for Classes 3 to 5 on August 26, 2025. The event featured peaceful renditions from religious texts and was attended by Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti. The competition included five engaging rounds, from simple spelling to a rapid-fire challenge, captivating both participants and the audience. Mr Mathews emphasised the event's aim to build confidence and promote the English language, while Mr Bharti acknowledged the organising team's efforts. The event concluded with prize distributions. Followed by a call for more frequent competitions to increase participation.



RESULTS

1st Position
Iqbal House (Trophy)

2nd Position
Gandhi House (Gold Medals)

3rd Position
Tagore House (Silver Medals)

FIRELESS COOKING FIESTA

The Pre-Primary Section of the College held a Fireless Cooking Fiesta on August 28, 2025, for Lower Nursery, Upper Nursery, and Prep students. The event turned classrooms into culinary studios where children, dressed in aprons and chef caps, prepared nutritious snacks without fire. Each class engaged in specific

activities: Lower Nursery made personalised sandwiches; Upper Nursery created a corn puri chaat; and Prep students topped biscuits with sauces and vegetables. This initiative fostered creativity and essential life skills, promoting confidence and social interaction while allowing the children to enjoy cooking and sharing food.



TATA BUILDING INDIA SCHOOL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

The Tata Building India School Essay Writing Competition was held in the College on August 30, 2025. The event was coordinated by Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and teacher Ms Sarah Abbas. All students from classes VI to XII

enthusiastically participated in the activity, penning down their thoughts on five ways in which they can help in building a Self-Reliant India. The young writers expressed innovative and thoughtful ideas in their essays, showcasing their vision for the nation's progress.

The results of the competition were as follows:

Junior Category (VI–VIII)

I Position: Ramiza Fatima (VII-A)

II Position: Haya Siddiqui (VIII-B)

III Position: Juveria Kashif (VI-C)

Senior Category (IX–XII)

I Position: Kashish Fatima (XII-C)

II Position: S. M. Hussain Rizvi (XI-C)

III Position: Unnati (XII-B)

The competition proved to be a meaningful platform for students to express their ideas and

inspired them to contribute towards the vision of a strong and self-reliant India.



MATHS QUIZ CHALLENGE

Maths department of our College hosted an Inter-House Mathematics Quiz on August 30, highlighting enthusiasm and competition among students. The event featured notable figures, including Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, who emphasised the importance of continual

practice in mathematics, Jt Secretary Dr M Talha, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, Quiz Master Mr Inkit Panjabi, Scorer Mr Mirza Saif Husain, Narrator Mr Heerath Gupta, and Time Keeper Ms Farwa.

Each house fielded teams for four competitive rounds for both junior and senior category testing

speed, accuracy, and teamwork. The winners received trophies and certificates.

RESULTS

Juniors

1st Position: Iqbal House
2nd Position: Gandhi House
3rd Position: Sir Syed House

Seniors

1st Position: Sir Syed House
2nd Position: Iqbal House
3rd Position: Tagore House

Jt Secretary Dr Talha commended the participants and the event's organisation, while Vice Principal Mr Bharti also expressed gratitude

towards the organising team, highlighting the quiz's role in promoting mathematical skills and enthusiasm among students.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON THE LAST DAY OF MOHARRAM

A special assembly held on August 30, 2025, marked the last day of Muharram, beginning with a morning prayer and pledge. The assembly featured a poignant recitation of the elegy 'Yaad Aaoge Bhaiyya' by class XI-A girls, eliciting strong emotions. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti attended,

with Mr Bharti emphasising the importance of fulfilling duties sincerely and reminding students to prepare for their upcoming Half-Yearly Examinations. The assembly ended with a focus on reflection and a renewed commitment to hard work.

HONOURING OUR TEACHERS

Our college celebrated Teachers' Day on September 4, 2025, a day before the national occasion. The event began with a morning assembly featuring a Quranic recitation by Fatima Ahmad, followed by a College Pledge. Maryam Zehra delivered an address honoring teachers as mentors and role models, while Qudsiya Fatima expressed gratitude in Urdu, highlighting teachers' crucial roles. The celebration included fun activities and a cultural program with music,

poetry, and games. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews emphasised the nobility of teaching, and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti compared teachers to illuminating candles. Gifts and awards were presented to recognise teachers' contributions. The event concluded with an address by College Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, a tribute to mentors, and a celebratory lunch, affirming the unity and respect for teachers.



SEMINAR FOR URDU TEACHERS

A seminar for Urdu teachers was held on September 6, 2025, coordinated by Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews, Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and teacher Ms Nilofer Jafri. The session was conducted by Lecturer Dr Reshma Parveen. It focused on promoting the Urdu language, updating teaching skills, and

encouraging self-study. The discussions included exploring contemporary Urdu literature, which motivated teachers to enrich their classroom approaches. Overall, the seminar emphasised the importance of continuous learning in preserving and promoting Urdu.



EXPLORING THE TREASURES OF UP STATE ARCHIVES

On September 8, 2025, class XII-A students from Unity College visited the UP State Archives in Lucknow, guided by teachers Ms Nisar Fatima Rizvi and Mr Mohd Mohiuddin. The excursion included a tour of the library, showcasing rare artefacts and manuscripts from various historical periods. Students learned about preservation techniques and viewed significant exhibits, such

as an 1871 map of Lucknow and a telegram about Rani Laxmi Bai's martyrdom. An exhibition on India's Freedom Struggle further enriched their understanding. Haniya Zahra expressed gratitude to the archivists and school officials for their support, highlighting how the trip deepened students' appreciation for India's historical journey and respect for freedom fighters.



RED DAY WONDERS

On September 9, 2025, Unity College celebrated Red Day in its Pre-Primary Section, engaging young learners in a joyful exploration of the color red. Activities included crafting red mushrooms,

watermelons, and strawberries, allowing children to connect the color with familiar objects through hands-on creativity.

Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews enriched the experience of the students by interacting with them, encouraging their expression and participation. The event culminated in a joyous and imaginative celebration, leaving the children with lasting memories and enthusiasm for discovery.



A BEACON OF MERCY; PROPHET MOHAMMAD

The Pre-Primary Section of the College celebrated the Birth Anniversary of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) on September 10, 2025, with a Special Assembly led by Ms Wafa Mirza. The programme began with a recitation of a significant verse highlighting the Prophet's role as a mercy to humanity. Young learners performed qasidas and

shers, fostering an atmosphere of reverence and gratitude, while promoting virtues like truthfulness and compassion. The assembly concluded with a dua for Allah's blessings, aiming to inspire moral integrity and harmony in the community, leaving a lasting impression of guidance and peace.



BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF IMAM JAFAR AS-SADIQ(AS) & PROPHET MOHAMMAD (PBUH)

The Birth Anniversaries of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and Imam Jafar As-Sadiq (AS) were commemorated on September 10, 2025, during a Special Assembly attended by students from Pre-Primary to Class VII, alongside Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice-Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti. The assembly began with the recitation of Surah Rahman by Syed Mohammad Husain Naqvi and featured a qaseeda by girls from Classes VI and VII, alongside five

sayings of the Prophet presented by Syeda Rafat Fatima. The Pre-Primary students also contributed with praises for the Prophet and Imam. Maulana Mr Arshad Husain delivered a scholarly address on the teachings of the Holy Personalities, followed by Principal Mr Mathews encouraging virtues like honesty and kindness. The event, celebrated with devotion, reinforced the moral legacy of the Infallibles and inspired attendees to embrace virtuous living.

HINDI DIWAS A CELEBRATION OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Our college celebrated Hindi Diwas on September 11, 2025, with an assembly attended by Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti, and organised by Hindi teachers Dr Roopam Gupta and Ms Barkha Sharma. The event featured Qur'anic verses, Sanskrit shlokas, and a pledge by students with the theme 'Bhasha Hamari Sanskriti Ki Pehchan Hai'. A speech by Aliya Zaidi emphasised the importance of Hindi in strengthening national

pride. Students performed group songs and shared insights about Hindi's historical significance, while Vice Principal Mr Bharti praised the students and faculty members. The assembly concluded with a reminder of the intrinsic link between love for the motherland and respect for its language, reinforcing the need to nurture appreciation for Hindi among the younger generation.



EXPRESSIONS IN RHYME

On September 11, 2025, Unity College hosted a Recitation Competition for its Pre-Primary Section, featuring young orators from Lower Nursery, Upper Nursery, and Prep. The event opened with soulful recitations of verses from the Holy Quran, Bhagwat Geeta, and Holy Bible, emphasising values of peace and unity. Performances included inspiring pieces from the Prep Section, lively recitations by Upper Nursery, and charming presentations from Lower Nursery, all showcasing confidence and expression.

Dignitaries Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi and Ms Kainaat Mansoor praised the children and highlighted the event's role in developing communication skills. The winners across



sections received certificates, culminating in a celebration of talent and expression that promotes holistic development.

VISIT TO THE BOOK FAIR

Students from classes XII-B and XII-C visited the Book Fair at Balrampur Garden on September 11, 2025, a visit approved by Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti. The Librarian Ms Amreen Rizvi and teacher Mr Siraj Ahmad accompanied the students. The trip aimed to foster lifelong

reading habits by allowing students to explore various literature types. The fair featured a range of books, and students actively engaged with vendors and discussed their interests, enhancing their appreciation for reading as a source of knowledge and imagination.



NURTURING PEACE AND HARMONY

On September 22, 2025, the College's Pre-Primary Section celebrated Peace Day with activities promoting kindness and cooperation. The event featured a Special Assembly led by Class Prep, where children performed songs expressing the values of friendship. Principal Mr Mathews emphasised the essence of peace through kindness and sharing. Various peace-

themed activities involved Lower Nursery children colouring peace symbols, Upper Nursery pupils crafting handprints with the message 'We Can Change the World', and Class Prep making paper doves and hearts. The celebration concluded with reflections on peace and togetherness, showcased through the children's creative expressions.

MISSION SHAKTI AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT UNITY COLLEGE

The awareness campaign was spearheaded by Thana Prabhari and police officials, including Sub-Inspectors and female officers. It was attended by school leadership and featured addresses that highlighted important helplines such as 112, 1090, and 1076. The programme focused on educating students about cybercrimes, safety

tips, and the importance of reporting incidents to authorities. The Principal Mr Deepek Mathews and Vice Principal Mr Sachindra Bharti concluded the event with gratitude towards the police for empowering students, fostering awareness, and encouraging vigilance among girls to face challenges confidently.



UNITIANS ACHIEVE SUCCESS AT ANANDOTSAV

The College excelled at Anandotsav, an Inter-School event held by Colvin Taluqdars' College from September 24 to 26, 2025, showcasing students' literary and photography talent. Faris Abrar and Akbar Hussain won first prize in the

Mushaira; Tuba Ahmad secured second place in Turncoat; Insha Haider was awarded Best Speaker in Debate; and a team comprising of Sara Iqbal, Insha Haider, and Tuba Ahmad won second prize in the Moot Court.

In photography, Kabir Abbas Zaidi and Mohd Farhan earned first prize in Paparazzi. Principal Mr Deepak Mervyn Mathews and Vice Principal

Mr Sachindra Bharti praised the winners and their mentors, affirming the college's commitment to holistic development of students.



UNITY COLLEGE IInd SHIFT

GREEN FARM VISIT

On July 12, 2025, Unity College II Shift organised an educational visit to the Unity Organic Farm for class XII students, accompanied by Counsellor Ms Nisar Fatima Rizvi. The visit aimed to familiarise students with innovative techniques in organic farming and to promote a healthy

lifestyle. Farmer Mr Nasir shared valuable insights into sustainable agricultural practices, making the session both informative and inspiring. Principal Ms Shabana Ahmad appreciated the students' zealous participation in the College's green farming initiative.

MAJLIS-E-AZA AND EXHIBITION

On August 22, 2025, the College held the Majlis-e-Aza and Art Exhibition to honour the sacrifices of Imam Husain (A S) and his companions at Karbala. The event, centred on the values of truth, justice, and sacrifice, began with Qur'anic recitations by Baquar Mirza (VII-B), followed by Salam by Zainul Ali (VII-A), Rehan Husain (X-A), Ishba Fatima (IX-A), and Aataina (XII-B). Maulana Arshad Husain Moosvi delivered a thought-

provoking Hadis on the moral and spiritual lessons of Karbala and their relevance today. The Art Exhibition showcased students' paintings, calligraphy, and quotations reflecting the message of Karbala. Principal Ms Shabana Ahmad awarded prizes and certificates for the best painting, best calligraphy, and most inspirational quote.

ENGLISH LITERARY DAY

The Primary Section celebrated English Literary Day on August 28, 2025, with great enthusiasm to foster a love for the language and develop students' confidence in expression. The programme included a captivating action song by class I, a spritely rhyme dance by class II, a moral skit by class III, an eloquent poem recitation by class IV, and a moving skit on Malala Yousufzai by

class V. Creative props and costumes added vibrance to the event. The occasion was graced by Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Manager Dr S Kalbe Sibtain Noorie, and Principal Ms Shabana Ahmad, who praised both the students for their splendid performances and the teachers for their meticulous training.

TRIBUTE TO TEACHERS

The Teachers' Day was celebrated on September 11, 2025, as a heartfelt tribute to its dedicated educators. The programme began with Tiwalat-e-Qur'an by Qaiser Mirza, followed by a serene Geeta Shloka recitation by Kisa Fatima, reflecting the spirit of unity in values. Iqra Fatima delivered an inspiring speech based on Abraham Lincoln's letter to his son's teacher, while Ataina Faima expressed gratitude for the tireless contributions of teachers. The highlight of the celebration was the Montessori students' charming roleplay of Secretary Mr Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Manager Dr S

Kalbe Sibtain Noorie, Principal Ms Shabana Ahmad, and other beloved teachers, earning much applause. Fun games including Passing the Parcel, Guess the Movie, and Guess the Song added to the enjoyment. Teachers' services were acknowledged with tokens of appreciation.

Manager Dr Noorie praised the teachers' valuable contributions and commended the students for their heart-touching presentations. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Principal Ms Ahmad and a delightful refreshment.

WALL MAGAZINE COMPETITION

The Wall Magazine Competition held on August 24, 2025, celebrated creativity, collaboration, and positivity on the theme of Positive Vibes. Each entry reflected joy and hope through artwork, quotes, and thoughtful content. After careful

evaluation by a panel of judges, Mohd Ali Shah secured the first position for an outstanding magazine, while APJ Kalam House and Radha Krishnan House stood first and second runners-up respectively.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

On August 13, 2025, the Montessori Section marked India's 79th Independence Day by dressing in white, carrying national flags, and wearing tricolour wristbands. The highlight was a Tricolour Handprint Activity, where children

created a flag with saffron, white, and green prints, complete with a blue Ashoka Chakra. The celebration fostered a sense of pride through patriotic songs and joyful participation.

BLUE DAY BLOOMS

On August 22, 2025, the tiny tots celebrated Blue Day with joy and excitement, dressed in vibrant shades of blue and bringing blue objects from home. They enjoyed activities such as handprints,

sorting, and singing rhymes. Classrooms adorned with blue artwork created a cheerful atmosphere, helping children explore the colour in a fun and meaningful way.

BONDS OF LOVE

On August 12, 2025, little cherubs joyfully celebrated Rakshabandhan by making colourful rakhis using simple shapes. They learned about the bond between brothers and sisters and tied

their handmade rakhis on each other's wrists, sharing smiles and sweet moments. The activity beautifully conveyed love, friendship, and togetherness.