

NEWS & VIEWS



"Somewhere, Something Incredible Is Waiting To Be Known"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Francis Castelino
Principal



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Dear Students,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. Today, I want to discuss the new age of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Social Media, and how we can navigate these tools wisely to our advantage while staying responsible and ethical.

AI and Social Media have become integral parts of our lives, offering opportunities for learning, collaboration, and personal growth. However, it is important to remember the responsible use of these powerful tools. We must be mindful of the information we consume and share, ensuring its authenticity and reliability. Engaging in respectful and constructive discussions can promote empathy and understanding, bridging the divides.

While AI and Social Media are valuable, they should not replace genuine human interactions. It is important to disconnect from screens, engage in outdoor activities, and nurture meaningful connections with family and friends. Balancing online and offline experiences is crucial for our overall well-being.

Moreover, I encourage you to explore the educational potential of AI and Social Media. These platforms offer a wealth of knowledge, connecting us with experts and providing access to online courses and educational resources. By leveraging these tools for educational purposes, you can expand your skills and knowledge, gaining a competitive edge.

However, it is essential to approach and use AI and Social Media responsibly. Be mindful of the information you share, ensuring that it aligns with your values and promotes positivity. Respect others' privacy and boundaries, and think critically about the potential consequences of your actions online. Aim to create an online community that thrives on respect, empathy, and collaboration.

As future leaders and change-makers, your actions can shape the digital landscape and influence others. Embrace the opportunities presented by AI and Social Media to make a positive difference in the world. Let us leverage technology with wisdom, integrity, and compassion, creating a future where it serves as a tool for positive transformation. I have complete faith in your ability to use AI and Social Media responsibly. Together, let's build an inclusive and compassionate online community that sets an example for others to follow.

I wish you all the best in your endeavours.

FLIGHTS OF ACADEMIC AVENUES @ UNITY

Unity College organised an educational counselling session for class XII Science stream students on 28th April, 2023, inviting speakers from Era Medical College, Lucknow. The session aimed to inform students about different options available after intermediate and provide opportunities for interaction with experts in various fields.

Mr. Sunil Gupta, a distinguished speaker from the OptoMedical Department, discussed educational schemes initiated by the UP Government. Ms. Anuja Srivastava, a renowned expert in the field of Nursing presented on the nursing profession, highlighting its scope and opportunities.



Professor Ajay Deep Singh, an eminent expert in Radio Imaging Techniques, discussed careers in Paramedical Services, inspiring students to pursue healthcare and medical sciences. The session was coordinated by Vice Principal Mr. Sachindra Bharti and Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima Rizvi.

VISITING RESOURCE PERSONS

Unity College collaborated with Rishihood University to organise the "21st Century Skills" Career Counselling programme for Class XII students from Science, Commerce, and Humanities streams on 16th May, 2023. The programme focused on providing career guidance and developing impactful leaders. Resource persons from Rishihood University emphasised the

importance of upskilling and identifying one's interests to choose a future-oriented career. Ms. Toral Shah, a renowned educator, addressed students' queries during the interactive session. The programme was coordinated by Vice Principal Mr. Sachindra Bharti and Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima Rizvi.

A CEREMONY OF SUCCESS AND HONOUR



Unity College held its Annual Award Ceremony on April 28th and May 1st, 2023, to felicitate students who excelled in academics and co-curricular activities. Mr. Francis Castelino, the Principal, welcomed the attendees, and prominent guests included Chief Guest Brigadier Syed Ahmad Ali, Ex-Pro-Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University and presently the Director of Jahangirabad Educational Institute of Technology, also a recipient of the Sena Medal for his

distinguished services during Operation Vijay Kargil War, College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi, and others. The event featured divine renditions and the Unity College Tarana by the choir group. Awards were presented in various categories such as Top Rank Holders, Best Students, Most Disciplined Students, and more. Brigadier Syed Ahmad Ali paid tribute to the College founder, Dr. Syed Kalbe Sadiq, and emphasised the importance of education and striving for excellence.



College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi and Vice Principal Mr. Sachindra Bharti delivered meaningful messages, while Headmistress Ms. Kainaat

Mansoor motivated the achievers. The ceremony ended with the National Anthem.



ELOCUTION COMPETITION



The English Department of the Secondary Section organised an English Elocution Competition for students in classes VI to VIII on 19th May, 2023. The competition aimed to enhance public speaking skills, articulation skills, refine the diction and conquer stage fright. Participants recited a diverse range of poems, captivating the audience.

Results:

Class VI: VIC (1st position), VIB (2nd position)

Class VII: VIIC (1st position), VIIB (2nd position)

Class VIII: VIIIC (1st position), VIIIB (2nd position)

The competition was judged by English teachers, Ms. Sarah Abbas and Ms. Farheen Fatima Naqvi. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino commended the students' efforts, and Vice Principal Mr. Sachindra Bharti announced the results, congratulating the participants and their teachers.

MAY DAY CELEBRATION CROWNED BY ESTEEMED VISIT



Unity College celebrated May Day in the presence of the distinguished Lt. General Zameer Uddin Shah, a retired senior General of the Indian Army who served as the Deputy Chief of the Army Staff (Personnel & Systems) and has also been decorated with several honours, including the PVSM, SM, and VSM. He was also the former Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University. Lt. Gen. Shah addressed the students, encouraging them to consider a career in the armed forces.



He emphasised pursuing subjects of interest and the importance of Mathematics while highlighting that Science is not the only career option. The assembly was conducted flawlessly by class X students, including Tilawat, the College Tarana, and an informative speech on Labour Day. The event left a lasting impression on the attendees.

MOTHER'S DAY

CELEBRATING THE BRILLIANT GEMS OF A MOTHER'S LOVE



Unity College celebrated Mother's Day on 15th May, 2023 to honour the unconditional love and care provided by mothers. The day began with a special assembly where Sajjad Baqri of class IX B delivered a speech on the global importance of the day. Students from classes IV and V performed a

song to express their gratitude. The Pre-Primary section organised various activities to showcase their affection. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino congratulated the students and encouraged them to embody virtuous deeds that bring happiness to their parents.

NCC PARTICIPATED IN THE KRANTI MAHOTSAV-1857



NCC cadets of Unity College participated in the Kranti Mahotsav-1857: Ek Kranti Gaatha on 8th May, 2023 to commemorate the sacrifices and heroism of ordinary Indians during the First War of Independence in 1857. Under Officer Nilofer Jafri's guidance, the cadets performed a skit portraying

the life of Rani Lakshmi Bai, showcasing her courage and resistance against British soldiers. The performance highlighted the significance of the First War of Independence and inspired students to become exemplary citizens.

STUDENTS' ORIENTATION BY ZAKAT FOUNDATION, INDIA

Zakat Foundation, India organised an Orientation Program at the College in Lucknow on 15th May, 2023, for academically exceptional and financially deserving students aiming for the Civil Services Examination. The program included information on the Preliminary Eligibility Test (PET), government job opportunities, and a motivational speech by Mr. Mohd. Salman Khan, a successful candidate who cleared the PET and currently holds the esteemed

position of Junior Secretary Assistant at CSIR Lucknow. Mr. F. M. Khan, a prominent member of the Lucknow Team, shed light on the potential job opportunities that the students could explore by enrolling in this esteemed program. The President of Zakat Foundation India, Mr. Syed Zafar Mahmood, delivered an enlightening presentation, inspiring students to become catalysts of positive change.

UNITY HI-FLYERS UNLOCK THE SUCCESS CODE AT ICSE AND ISC 2023

Unity College soared to new heights at the ICSE and ISC 2023, celebrating remarkable achievements with a grand ceremony. The atmosphere was electrifying as the achievers shattered previous records, with an average score of 81.36 in ISC and an impressive 81.14 in ICSE.

Among the 128 ISC students, 22 achieved scores of 90% and above, while 56 secured scores between 80% and 89%. In ICSE, out of 120 students, 27 soared to 90% and above, and 45 achieved scores between 80% and 89%.



The ceremony was a jubilant affair, filled with garlanding ceremonies, proud parents, and delightful sweets for the accomplished students. Butool Uzma stood out as the ISC topper with an outstanding score of 98.75%, while Shajar Ali claimed the prestigious top spot in ICSE with an impressive score of 97.60%.

Principal Mr. Francis Castelino extended his heartiest congratulations to the students and expressed gratitude to the teachers and parents for their unwavering support. The event captured the magical moments through captivating photo-shoots, ensuring memories that would endure for generations.



College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi emphasised that the high percentages achieved by the students were just the beginning of their journey and encouraged them to pursue higher education aligned with their passions. College Jt. Secretary Dr. M. Talha motivated the boys to strive for equal representation in academic achievements and reach new heights.

Manager Unity College II Shift, Dr. S. Kalbe Sibtain Noorie, praised the remarkable progress of the College under the invaluable guidance and support

of Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi and appreciated the philanthropic efforts of TMT that made quality education accessible. Vice Principal Mr. Sachindra Bharti concluded the event with heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the grand success of the students.

The celebration ended with a sumptuous refreshment session, leaving proud smiles and ignited aspirations that would continue long after the event.

YOGA FOR HEALTH AND HARMONY

The College actively participated in the celebration of International Yoga Day on June 21, 2023. The event featured esteemed guests, including Chief Guest Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, Retd. Director General of Police, and Special Guest Mumtaz Khan,

Junior Hockey Champion and was attended by Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi, Vice Principal Mr. Sachindra Bharti, and Principal II Shift Ms. Shabana Ahmad.



The students showcased their mastery of various yoga asanas, highlighting the physical, mental, and emotional benefits of yoga. Ms. Khan emphasised that poverty should not be a barrier to success. She inspired them, particularly the girls, to persevere, trust their parents, and explore new opportunities to achieve their goals.

Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh highlighted that good health and good company, which are promoted by yoga, are among the best attributes in life.

The event concluded with a message that the practice of yoga should continue beyond a single day and foster inner peace and harmony.

EMPOWERING EDUCATORS

The College recently conducted a two-day Orientation Program for teachers to enhance their teaching methodologies and align with the latest pedagogical approaches. On the first day, a Fitzroy Reader Teachers Training Session was held, where teachers were introduced to the Fitzroy Reader and trained on phonological and phonemic awareness skills. They were divided into groups and assigned tasks to create games related to these skills.

The second day featured a comprehensive workshop on the National Education Policy (NEP) and National Curriculum Framework (NCF) conducted by Oxford University Press. The workshop focused on adapting teaching methods to promote holistic learning, 21st-century skills, and inclusive and discovery-based lessons. The orientations aimed to equip teachers with the necessary tools to address students' literacy needs effectively and prepare them for the future.



A staff meeting on the third day provided an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration between school management and teachers. Principal Mr. Francis Castelino emphasised the importance of maintaining a positive learning



environment, effective classroom management, and professional conduct. Vice Principal Mr. Sachindra Bharti shared strategies and resources to enhance teaching effectiveness and student learning outcomes.



College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi highlighted the goal of preparing students for the future and suggested various points for academic improvement.

During the open session, teachers expressed concerns about low attendance in remedial classes and suggested better planning and incentives for



full attendance. They also highlighted the efforts in providing Phonics training and incorporating outdoor teaching and value education for teachers. The orientation equipped teachers with upgraded skills and a learner-centric approach, while the meeting fostered unity and collective responsibility towards quality education.



UNITY COLLEGE II SHIFT

These articles highlight various achievements and events at Unity College II Shift, including academic success, sports achievements, students'

orientation, parental involvement, and the promotion of yoga for holistic well-being.

UP BOARD RESULTS

Unity College II Shift achieved resounding success in the UP Board 2023 results. With a 100% pass rate, the students showcased exceptional performances. In class X, out of 48 students, 9 scored 80% and above, 34 achieved 70% and above, and the remaining 5 secured scores between 67% and 69%. In class XII, among the 19 students from Commerce and Humanities, 1

student scored 82%, 6 scored 70% and above, 8 achieved 60% and above, and 1 student attained 55.40%.

Wajeeha Zaidi emerged as the top scorer in High School with an impressive aggregate of 86.83%, while Alisha Zaidi secured the top spot in Intermediate with 82%.

CHEERS FOR SPORTS STARS

Unity College II Shift students excelled in the Panja Kushti Regional Championship, organised by the Non-Olympic Association, UP in May, 2023. All in all, 30 players from 11 schools and 3 clubs came up to vie for the coveted trophy. Alamdaar Raza clinched the 1st position, followed by Abbas Haider at the 3rd

place in the 55 kg category. Mohd. Hamza won the top notch and Mohd. Saqib Raza, the 2nd place in the 60 kg category, while PTI Ms. Shahina Jafri won a Gold Medal in Women's Arm Wrestling. The school's teachers also received recognition for their contributions to the event's success.

STUDENTS' ORIENTATION BY ZFI

Unity College II Shift, dedicated to empowering the underprivileged, hosted an orientation session in collaboration with ZFI (Zakat Foundation, India) on May 23rd, 2023. The session aimed to prepare students from Classes IX to XII for Civil Services and other competitive entrance exams, while also providing support for their further education. The dignitaries from ZFI emphasised the importance of ethical values and introduced the PET (Preliminary Eligibility Test) and government job opportunities available after completing High School and Intermediate Examinations. Mr. Mohd. Salman Khan, a successful beneficiary working as a Junior Secretary

Assistant at CSIR Lucknow, shared his inspiring success story. Mr. F. M. Khan from the Lucknow Team motivated students to register and explore various job opportunities. The session concluded with an invigorating online presentation by Mr. Syed Zafar Mahmood, President of Zakat Foundation India, encouraging students to seek knowledge, strive for success, and never give up. College Secretary Mr. Najmul Hasan Rizvi advised students to analyze their strengths and weaknesses before embarking on future ventures. The session left a positive impact, equipping youths with awareness, preparation, and a sense of accomplishment.

MOTHER'S MEET

A Mother's Meet was organised at the Montessori Section on 10th April, 2023 to discuss the objectives of the Montessori teaching and the importance of parental cooperation for students' progress. Principal

Ms. Shabana Ahmad highlighted the role of a learning environment and emphasised punctuality and neatness. The teachers interacted with the mothers, providing guidance and noting their suggestions.

YOGA DAY CELEBRATION

Montessori students were introduced to the significance of Yoga on the occasion of International Yoga Day. They participated in warm-up exercises,

sitting and standing asanas, and learned about the physical, spiritual, and mental benefits of regular yoga practice.



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