



From the Principal's Desk

"It always seems impossible until it is done".

-Nelson Mandela

As the academic year 2021-22 comes to an end, our minds and hearts are filled with joy as we have happy memories and some big accomplishments this year. It has been a great year and together we have learnt many new things. Although just like the previous year, this year too, has been like a roller-coaster ride. There were many challenges like the shutdown of the schools in the month of January, the spread of new Variants of Corona Virus, nonetheless we managed to complete our session timely with firm determination and the tireless efforts of the entire Unity Family.

I am thankful to all the teachers, parents and my dear students who continued their attempts towards culminating this school year successfully. The only message I want to give to my dear students is to 'Persevere' in spite of all the hurdles and adversity. William Shakespeare quoted in one of his plays, "Adversity is a blessing in disguise". The last two difficult years have definitely made us more patient, stronger and more tolerant.

It is important to set goals for yourself in the coming academic year and in order to reach your goals you need to be passionate, determined, responsible and learn to work as a team. But above all, to truly succeed and make it to the top you need Perseverance.

Francis Castelino



UNITY STAFF PLAYS A FRIENDLY MATCH

Unity College celebrated the beginning of the New Year amidst exuberance and exultation. As the College was off for the students and the teachers, the office staff kicked off 2022 with a friendly Cricket Match on the very first day i.e., 1st January. The two teams were headed by Administrative Officer Mr. Farman Kazmi and Utility Officer Mr. Ashraf Ali.

The match started with a friendly handshake between the College Principal, Mr. Francis Castelino and the players. The cricket ground buzzed with giggles and laughter as both the teams were enthusiastic to defeat the other one. Moreover, the match ended in a tie. It was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

The event of joy and merriment culminated with a sumptuous treat to the players.



VACCINATION CAMP@UNITY

On 13th January, the Unity Staff stood on duty to kick start the Covid-19 Vaccination Camp for the beneficiaries in the age group of 15 to 18 years in the College premises. It was organised in association with Sewa Sadan, Thakurganj aiming to effect preventive measures against COVID 19 and Omicron to restrain the



deadly virus from spreading among the young children.

Dr. Andaleeb Rizvi and her team from the Health Department administered the vaccination of Covaxin for the

students, with choice between Covaxin and Covishield for the College staff.

Prior to the vaccination, students were asked to submit the consent letters of their parents. Different time slots for classes IX to XII were assigned.



The Vaccination Camp was also organized in the College premises on 17th & 18th of January to vaccinate the left out students of Class IX to XII. Dr. Andaleeb and her team performed the duty with utmost dedication.



THE DAY OF CHARITY @UNITY



On 15th January, 2022, Unity College accomplished the Deed of Charity in the loving memory of Founder President Late Dr. Kalbe Sadiq. Following his philanthropic

footsteps, the students of Class XI (Humanities) distributed woollen as well as cotton clothes among the have-nots in the slum areas of Kuriya Ghat.

The small initiative taken by the students of class XI Humanities section brought smiles to many fellow citizens. They also learned the necessary life-lesson in Compassion and Empathy.



The distribution program was organised by College Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima Rizvi under the able guidance of Principal Mr. Francis Castelino.

SESSION ON EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING BY ASEEMA CHARITABLE TRUST

An emotion is a complex psychological state that unites three distinct conditions—a subjective experience, a physiological response and a behavioural or expressive response. Emotions seem to rule our daily lives. Focus and dedication on the mental health and well-being of teachers is just as important as taking precautions against the virus. Keeping in mind the ongoing need to coach teachers for emotional health at the time of the pandemic, sessions for all the teaching staff of Unity College were organized by the Aseema Charitable Trust from 17th to 19th January, 2022 via a digital platform, which was facilitated by Ms. Kausar Shaikh and Ms. Sharmeen Shah.

Experts highlighted the needs of support to mitigate the impact of mental stress of teachers by addressing and innovating simple things during home learning. The webinar highlighted emotional, psychological and

social well-being of teachers at the time of the Pandemic.

Objectives of the webinars were to:

- Understand the impact of COVID -19 on increasing levels of stress among teachers.
- Understanding causes of increasing stress and how to manage it.
- Provide suggestions and guidance to teachers for improving their mental health.

The session was quite interactive with equal opportunities given to the teachers to participate and interact with the facilitator. It made teachers aware of how to cope, adapt and grow as an online teacher and gave them insight into different well-being tips and guidelines to improve their emotional well-being which is the need of the hour.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS

Unity College Vice-Principal, Headmistress and a few teachers attended a 5 Day Professional Development Workshop for Educators organised by the Centre of Educational Development Foundation (CED Foundation) in collaboration with Sahodaya School Complex, MMR and OMMR from 25th January, 2022 to 31st January, 2022 via Zoom.

The Workshop included 5 sessions wherein the resource persons enriched the educationists from different parts of the world on the importance of assessments and its designing, creating competency based multiple choice questions, understanding of the holistic report cards and the role of leadership in assessment analytics.

All the topics were chosen as per National Education Policy – 2020 and were helpful in developing effective teaching.

AMP NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH

Unity College students appeared for the National Talent Search (NTS) program organised by AMP (Association of Muslim Professionals). They vied their counterparts on a national platform. The prime objective was to find the best students to nurture them for higher studies and to focus on education, employment and overall empowerment of the Muslim community as well. Besides, prize money and scholarships would be granted to the deserving candidates.

Unity College felt grateful to be a part of this initiative and participated at School and Junior levels on 19th and 26th December, 2021, respectively. Approximately 70% students from School level and 50% students from Junior level registered themselves for the examination. The exams were conducted online on a specially designed “Champion” App. Senior teachers: Ms. Arshia Tabassum & Mr. Ishan Derick Singh prepared the students at the School and Junior level respectively.

UNITY CELEBRATES BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF JANAB-E-FATIMA(SA)

On 24th January, 2022, the birth anniversary of Janab-e-Fatima (SA) was celebrated online via Zoom.

The Theology teachers- Mr. Arshad Husain, Mr. S. Hashim Ali and Ms. Zeba Rizvi conducted a Mahfil for the Primary students amidst gusto and exhilaration for the glorious occasion. It commenced with the beautiful rendition of the Quranic verses. Mr. Husain shed light on the exemplary life of Bibi Fatima (SA) and her most endearing deeds. Ms. Rizvi engaged the enthusiastic students in a comprehensive Quiz with an aim to provide a learning platform. Then, the young devotees presented mellifluous Qaseedas in Bibi's glory.

The session of obeisance concluded with life lessons to follow the best icon for a daughter, wife and mother.

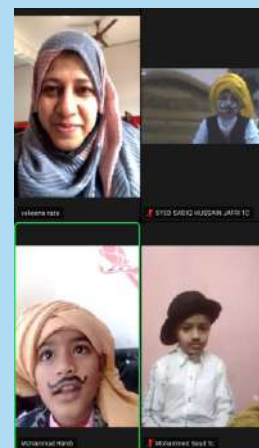
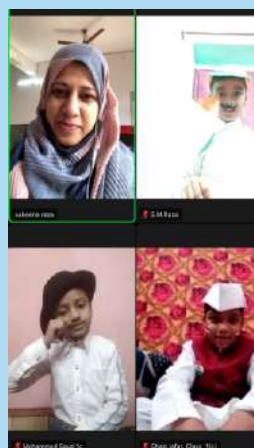
UNITY CELEBRATES THE REPUBLIC DAY

“We are Indians, firstly and lastly.”

- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

The Republic Day of India dawns a bright morning when the entire country stands united to pay tribute to the Great Freedom Fighters and Constitution Builders. The 73rd anniversary is

the second after the COVID Pandemic, when the celebrations have been within the preventive norms. The flag unfurling ceremony was attended by the Staff members of Unity College and its sister branches - Unity College II Shift, Unity Technical Centre and Unity Veda Animation College.





Chief Guest Mr. Karrar Asghar graced the occasion by unfurling the National Flag. The patriotic aura multiplied with the glorious lines of the National Anthem sung by the teachers which was followed by the mellifluous strings of 'Aey Vatan, Mere Vatan' ascertaining love and honour for the country.

Also present on the occasion were Mr. Francis Castelino-Principal Unity College, Dr. Kalbe Sibtain Noorie-Manager, Unity College II Shift, Joint Secretary Dr. M. Talha, Mr. Khan- Principal, Unity Technical Centre and Ms. Shabana Ahmad- Principal, Unity College II Shift, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff of the College.



Mr. Karrar exhorted one and all not to make this day a ritual but to pay tribute to the Constitution builders and uphold the state of liberty, equality and justice in the present time.

Principal Mr. Francis Castelino said that the beauty of our Country



lies in the fact that despite diverse communities, cultures and religions, we are united as only Indians by heart. He concluded with his message to lead a good life and help others to live in peace.

The Secondary and Senior Secondary students joined the



celebration later via WhatsApp. A Creative Writing Contest was organized to give a boost to the students confined to their homes on such a grand occasion. The competition provided an



opportunity to the budding authors and future citizens to mark the D-day with their creative skills.

The Pre-Primary and Primary Sections buzzed with online activities a day before i.e., on 25th January. LN, UN and Prep students



showed their love for the Nation by making Tri-Colour Hoardings,



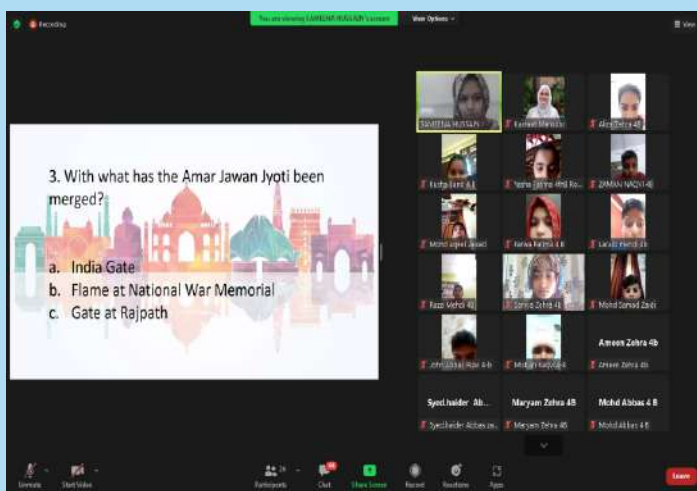
United Citizens in origami art and symbolic National Caps. In



the Primary Section, Class I students were asked to dress up like a National Hero and give voice to his oft quoted lines. Class II engaged in Tri-Colour Salad Making while Class III in Patriotic Quotes. Class IV participated in a Patriotic Quiz Competition and Class V took the challenge of the Creative Writing Competition and expressed their thoughts and opinions on diverse nationalistic topics.

The enthusiastic children completed the activities along with their teachers on Zoom and Whatsapp under the supervision of their parents. They thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.





The celebration culminated with a vote of thanks by Dr. M. Talha.

REHNUMA MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME @ UNITY

Just ahead of successfully launching the Rehnuma Mentorship Programme at Unity College on 26th January, 2022, two online meetings were held on 15th and 23rd of the month to design and decide the roadmap of the Programme. The virtual meetings were attended by Mr. Ahmad (Programme lead), Mr. Sachindra Bharti (Programme Coordinator), Ms. Eva Abbas (Y Cohort lead), Ms. Nida Ikram (M Cohort lead), Ms. Nisar Fatima (O Cohort lead) and the Mentors, wherein a number of ideas were shared by Mr. Ahmad and Mr. Bharti along with explaining them their role and importance in the Programme.

Finally, on 26th January, the Rehnuma Mentorship Programme was launched. Vice Principal Mr. Bharti welcomed every mentee and mentor on board and wished them all the luck for the success of this very kind

effort by Rehnuma. Mr. Ahmad then took over to formally introduce the Programme to everyone and made them aware of the mentor-mentee pairing scheme and how they are supposed to interact with each other. He also apprised them of the various activities that shall be carried out throughout the Programme. Mr. Ahmad introduced the Cohort Coordinators and also allowed the mentors and mentees to have a brief introduction and knowledge about each other. They were keen to share their experience and had a good interactive session.

The Programme was launched successfully by the efforts of Mr. Sachindra Bharti and Mr. Ahmad.

MATHEMATICS WEBINAR

On 28th January, 2022, the Mathematics Teachers of Secondary and Senior Secondary Sections from Unity College attended the Mathematics Webinar on the topic "The Language Called Mathematics". It was organized by Matific- an online program for students in grades K-6, that offers over 1500 Math games and activities which are linked to the content from the most popular Math textbooks.

The session was conducted by Prof. M. M. Pant - Former Pro Vice Chancellor, IGNOU.

He discussed with effective content about the myths and misconceptions regarding Math, the beauty of Mathematics, overcoming Math phobia, etc.

The main objective behind this session was to adopt newer world views and mindset, oriented towards growth and welcoming changes. Overall, the session was wonderful and very informative with reference to latest trends in the subject around the world.

UNITY TEACHER FELICITATED @ R.D. CONTINGENT '22

Ms. Nilofer Jafri, ANO III Officer, was conferred with a trophy at the Felicitation Programme of R. D. Contingent for meticulously coordinating the NCC programme from 30th January to 3rd February, 2022.

The award ceremony was held at St. Fidelis School to felicitate all the cadets of the UP Directorate who participated in the Republic Day Parade. The function included a string of colourful melodious cultural programmes. Chief Guest for the occasion was Additional Director General, Major General Rakesh Rana. He highly appreciated the commendable



coordination of the ANOs in making the function a great success. Later, during the Prize Distribution Ceremony, the outstanding contributions of the ANOs were also acknowledged and honoured with Trophies.

ICAI COMMERCE WIZARD: A TALENT SEARCH

The Institute of Chartered Accountancy of India conducted the ICAI Commerce Wizard: A Talent Search organized by the Committee on Career Counselling CCC- ICAI. It was a diagnostic test conducted for the Secondary and Senior Secondary students on 16th and 30th January, 2022 at the designated centre. The test for classes IX and X measured the aptitude and understanding ability of students in the fields of Economics, Business Studies and Mathematics. The test for classes XI and XII encompassed their aptitude as well as command over Business Studies, Accounts and Economics.

Participants were given participation certificates while the rank holders would be awarded with the prize money of Rs. 2000, Rs. 1500 and Rs. 750 respectively with merit certificates and Consolation prizes of Rs 500.

Around 50% of students from IX and X and 30-40% of students from XI and XII participated in the programme. The test was valuable to gauge one's capabilities and potentials and accordingly to design a roadmap for a brighter future.

CAREER COUNSELLING @ UNITY

A Career Counselling Session was held at Unity College for the Senior Secondary students of all the streams- Science, Commerce and Humanities on 5th February, 2022. The



session was conducted by Ms. Nivedita Sinha- Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Haryana and coordinated by Vice Principal Mr. Sachindra Bharti and Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima Rizvi.

Ms. Sinha guided the aspirants about the aspects they should look for and the objectives they should keep in mind while choosing a university for respective courses. Besides, she shed light on various courses and degrees offered at the Campus. In conclusion, she addressed the queries of the students.

The session proved very informative and beneficial for the students which shall help them in building their career.



UNITY WRITES UNACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP TEST - PRODIGY TEST 2022

The Times NIE organised UNACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP - PRODIGY TEST 2022 on 6th February, 2022 with an aim to provide utmost benefit to the brilliant students across India.

The test was for the students of Classes VII to XII, especially Engineering and Medical aspirants from classes XI and XII. An hour long online test was conducted, based on aptitude and critical thinking.

The winners would get exciting prizes like Rs. 20 Lakhs College Grant, MacBook Air, Apple I Phone, Apple iPad, Amazon Echo Dot, Amazon Vouchers, UNACADEMY Scholarship, etc. In addition, all the participants would get a 1-month free subscription to the Creative Corner.

The students took delight in appearing for the online test and are extremely grateful to the Times NIE for its constant inspiration and endeavours in making their academic journey a grand success.

UNITY TOPPERS FELICITATED WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

A dash of encouragement is more helpful than a dipper of pessimism.

-William Arthur Ward



Unity College religiously believes in appreciating and encouraging the students who notch exceptional results in Class X and XII. To honour and appreciate the toppers in the Boards as well as the

best students in different sections of the last four years from 2018 to 2021, the College hosted an Achievers' Felicitation Ceremony on 26th February, 2022.

The high achievers were conferred with generous scholarships. Late Syed Hidayat Husain Scholarship was given to the ICSE Toppers in Science and Commerce streams, Late Mukhtar Hussain Scholarship to the Topper Boy and Girl in ICSE and ISC Math, Mohini Saxena Special Award / Scholarship to the Best Student in Pre-Primary, Primary, Secondary and Senior Secondary sections and Unity College Scholarship to the ICSE toppers.



Addressing the awardees and their parents, Joint Secretary Dr. M. Talha motivated them to imbibe the



three Cs- Commitment, Courage and Competence to scale greater success since sky's the limit.

Principal Mr. Francis Castelino congratulated the students and parents and expressed special thanks to the parents for their cooperation in making their wards grab the top notches. He also mentioned the Rehnuma Mentorship Programme run by the College and offered them to join as mentors to guide and counsel their juniors.

The function culminated with a group photograph of the proud recipients and their overwhelmed parents with Dr. Talha and Mr. Castelino. The awardees also expressed their gratitude to their teachers and pride to be a part of this esteemed educational institution.

EXTRAMARKS @ UNITY

Opportunities don't happen, you create them.

- Chris Grosser

A Career Counselling Session for Classes XI and XII of



Science, Commerce and Humanities streams was organised on 26th February, 2022. It was conducted in a very comprehensive manner by Mr. Amar Sinha and Mr. Usman

Siddiqui from EXTRAMARKS and coordinated by Vice Principal Mr. Sachindra Bharti and Counsellor Ms. Nisar Fatima Rizvi.

The expert Counsellors guided and provided information regarding the courses which the students of each stream can opt after +2. They also explained the three most important objectives that a student



should have before choosing any course- Goal, Compassion and Commitment. Towards conclusion, the

students' queries were answered, and the aspirants were motivated to be different from others.

The session proved to be of great help to the students in making an informed decision about their career and education.



made clear by performing various activities so as to make understanding better. The queries and the problems of the teachers were patiently addressed by the Coordinators so as to make their doubts clear. SCT Lesson Planning was also explained by the Coordinators. Overall the session was quite interactive and proved very fruitful to the new teachers.

SCT TRAINING-PRIMARY



Early childhood education lays the very foundation of a student's long-term development and learning. Unity College facilitates an enabling and stimulating environment in these foundation stages of lifelong learning and

follows Student Centred Teaching (SCT) to foster better learning. The Primary Section of Unity College organised a special SCT Training Program for new teachers on 16th March, 2022 with an aim to give them an insight into the SCT methodologies to be followed in the coming session. This was undertaken by the Coordinators of the Primary Section, Ms. Huda Ameer and Ms. Tasneem Zehra under the guidance of the Headmistress, Ms. Kainaat Mansoor.

The training program broadly encompassed different methods of teaching that shift the focus of instruction from the teacher to the student.

The Coordinators gave the trainees an insight into SCT and how it aims to develop learner autonomy and independence and further focuses on skills and practices that enable lifelong learning. They further explained how these methods have proven to be superior to the traditional Teacher Centered Approach in education. Multiple teaching strategies used in SCT were introduced and briefed to the trainees. Since SCT focuses on activity based learning, these concepts were



END OF SESSION PREP PARTY

The last exam day that marks the end of the session was made memorable for the Preparatory Class at Unity College with an aim to celebrate their graduation to Primary Section and to bid them a warm good-bye. An energising party was arranged for the students just before the mid-term break.

All the sections of the Prep classes were beautifully decorated with balloons and coloured streamers. The little ones seemed quite excited about the party. The party began with children dancing to the music being played on the projector and enjoying to the core. There were arrangements for snacks too for the children which was followed immediately after all the fun. The children were also taken to the Children's park in the College where they thoroughly enjoyed playing on the swings and slides. They had a whale of a time. It was a much-needed break for the little ones post Covid time.

Their respective class teachers bid them farewell and wished them good luck. The stupendous party ended on an emotional note.

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