

**Mahatma Education Society's
Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur
Annual Report 18-19**

Vision -To create opportunities for value-based transactions and empower student teachers to tackle professional and global issues through collaborations in a techno savvy era.

Mission -To promote academic excellence and create humane, self-reliant teachers to meet the local and global challenges of the society and nation.

Mahatma Education Society's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur marked the completion of another successful year as it steadily journeys onwards in the path of achieving excellence. The institution has been steered on this journey by the visionary leadership of its Management, the steady support and guidance of the Principal, the able efforts of the staff and students and all the community stakeholders. PCER conducted the following activities during the academic year 2018-19.

ASSEMBLY

- To inculcate values and develop cultural awareness of student teachers.

The day commences at PCER with the assembly time, which is accorded a lot of significance, as the focal point of all assembly activities is values. The assembly is conducted as per the themes allocated to each month. The themes vary from month to month consisting of patriotism, pluralism, environmental protection, scientific temper, women empowerment etc.

The assembly begins with a common prayer followed by discussion on the thought for the day and also the news headlines. The assembly activities include skits, songs, moral stories, sharing personal experiences and discussion on various issues. During festivals and important days special assemblies are conducted highlighting the importance of the day and presenting activities related to it. It also serves as a platform for the student teachers to develop confidence, general awareness, communication skills, team spirit etc. It is also an occasion for students and staff to come together and enthusiastically celebrate festivals, days of national and international importance.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- To enhance the confidence, intellectual and creative talents of the student teachers.

PCER strongly believes in the wholistic development of the individual's personality hence along with the curricular the co curricular aspect is given substantial focus. The student teachers are encouraged and motivated to participate in various co curricular activities as they offer a great opportunity for the student teachers to develop and hone their talents and skills.

Students wholeheartedly participated in various cultural activities organized by the institution, which included celebrations for Independence Day, Teacher's Day, Onam, Ganesh Chaturthi, Guru Purnima, Hindi Diwas, Diwali, Gandhi Jayanti, Christmas, Republic Day, Marathi Bhasha Diwas, International Literacy Day, International

Women's Day and International Yoga Day. Students also participated enthusiastically in several other cultural and literary events conducted by the college such as Late Principal Mathews Chacko Extempore Elocution Competition, Gandhian Values Poster Competition, Slogan Competition, Drama and Art Exhibition and Sher-O- Shayari Competition.

The college conducted its annual value based inter-institutional fiesta 'Valeur'. The theme focused on the need to highlight the significance of values in our society. The events included Essay writing, Mehendi, Rangoli, Nail Art, Street Play, Mask Making, Hair Styling, Best Out of Waste, Ad Mad Show and Street Play. The inter- collegiate event saw large participation from various colleges in Mumbai.

Our students participated and won laurels in various intercollegiate competitions.

- K.J.Somaiya College of Education and Research: Event- Pratyush
 - Ms. Pallavi Priya- 2nd Prize- Poetry Recitation
- MES'S Pillai College of Education and Research: Event – Valeur
 - Ms. Bhavika Senghania- 1st Prize- Mehendi
 - Ms. Sabiha Khan- 2nd :Prize- Mehendi
 - Ms. Afreen Sheikh- 2nd Prize
 - Ms.Sophia Rodrigues- 2nd Prize- Essay Writing
- R.R College of Education and Research- Event-Mridang
 - Girls Box Cricket Team- 1st Prize-
 - Ms. Jincy James,
 - Ms. Satyapriya Chellamani,
 - Ms. Subashri Sekar,
 - Ms. Jayashree Balraj,
 - Ms. Shamira Banu,
 - Ms. Pooja Yadav,
 - Ms. Sapna Diwakar,
 - Ms. Pattu Subramanian,
 - Ms. Hepzibah Rani
 - Lagori Team- 2nd Prize
 - Ms. Subashri Sekar,
 - Ms. Jincy James,
 - Ms. Hepzibah Rani,
 - Ms. Jayshree Balraj
 - Mr. Vidyasagar Sharma

Our students also participated and won prizes in the Nation Wide Competition Sponsored by National Commission for Women:

- 1st Prize- Ms. Farheen Khan; Ms. Jahaara Hashmi
- 2nd Prize- Ms. Ramalakshmi Laskhmanan; Ms. Tammanna Midday; Ms.

Bhakti Gala; Ms. Neetyanandi Nadar

- 3rd Prize- Ms. Radhika Doshi; Ms. Komal Bipin; Ms. Rebeka Samuel

ALUMNI RETURNS & THE ICBN INITIATIVE:

- To utilize the alumni resource for the capacity building activities of the institution.

The PCER alumni are a valuable resource to the institution and as part of their contribution to the quality enhancement of the transactions in the institution the ICBN was set up. The Intellectual Capacity Building Network is the initiative of our alumni who are actively contributing to the intellectual growth of our institution. The alumni organized the following activities:

- Workshop on ‘ Introduction to Baseline Tests in Schools’ was organized on 1st October 2018. The resource persons were Ms. Taruna Patel and Ms. Ayesha Parker.
- Workshop on ‘Innovative Teaching Aids’ was conducted on 18th December, 2018. The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Samita Shetty.
- A One-day Symposium on ‘Institutional Best Practices’ on 14th February, 2019. The symposium saw participants from various educational institutions sharing their best practices.

The institution organized the annual Alumni Meet on 23rd February, 2019. The academic achievers from the previous batch of 2016-18 were felicitated during the programme.

PRACTICE TEACHING AND INTERNSHIP:

- To develop the teaching competencies, methodologies and confidence of the student teachers.

The internship period is a very crucial aspect of the B. Ed programme. This period sees provides the student teachers with the necessary experience of interacting and practice teaching in schools. Students undergo Internship for 18 to 20 weeks during the second, third and fourth semester of this two-year programme.

For the academic year 2018-19, the students of PCER went to 10 various schools and junior colleges for their Internship wherein they shadowed the school subject teachers, gave lessons in their chosen pedagogy and completed several activities as required by the Internship programme.

EXTENSION:

- To sensitize students towards the needs of the marginalized society
- To prepare students to be socially responsible citizens

There were extension related activities of the of the Department of Life Long Learning & Extension, Mumbai University in which the students participated. The students of F. Y. B. Ed conducted their activities at college and University levels under two categories PEC and SWS.

Under PEC the students conducted lessons in their internship schools as well as co curricular activities on topics like health and hygiene, importance of healthy diet, taking care of self, sex education, self-defense, caring our surrounding, responsibility towards resources- water, electricity.

Under SWS the students conducted surveys on various issues related to women. The various topics selected were domestic violence, attitude towards girl child, work-life balance etc. The students conducted street-plays on 'Domestic Violence' in various parts of Greater Mumbai.

The students also participated in the Mumbai University Extension Festival-UDAAN. Students performed a Street Play on the theme 'Dowry System' and also participated in Poster Making Competition.

COMMUNITY WORK:

- To inculcate in student teachers the attitude of giving back to society.

The students were allocated to various NGOs and centres such as Lend a Hand, NASEOH where they carried out various activities as per the requirement of the centre. They also conducted an Adult Literacy Drive teaching basic language skills to women from the economically weaker section. Some of the activities conducted were Wall painting, teaching aids preparation, learning resource preparation, craftwork, candle, paper bags making, chocolate making and remedial teaching.

Community service day was celebrated on 2nd February 2019 at Dr. K.M.Vasudevan Pillai Campus, Panvel. Students from NASEOH Chembur were invited and taken to Panvel. Post lunch they were taken to respective activity area. PCER students conducted various activities for the NASEOH students and spent time fruitfully.

Placements:

The Career Cell of PCER aims at making available quality placement opportunities for the student teachers of the college. The placement cell also provides for personal grooming, personal support and counseling in seeking jobs in good schools. Students are oriented about preparing an effective curriculum vitae and appearing for interviews. Personal guidance is given to the student- teachers to facilitate them to take up the most apt job opportunity.

A number of educational institutes and NGOs visited the campus for placements that started in the month of December which included Universal School, Podar School, Arya Vidya Mandir, Shishuvan, P.G. Garodia School, Kotak Education, Avalon Heights, Teach for India Foundation, Somaiya School, Hill Spring International Jr College and Akanksha Foundation.

Some of the activities conducted by the placement cell includes:

- A session on Global Career Options for Primary/ Secondary Level Teachers and Educators in Higher Education and Career Goals was conducted by Ms. Sneha Shah, Faculty, CollegePond Institution on 11th August ,2018
- A workshop on innovative set induction was conducted by Ms. Shubadra Shenoy PCER alumni and Principal, Little Angels International School on 17th October,2018
- Teacher Eligibility Test Practice Sessions were conducted in February & March 2019 to orient students regarding Teacher Eligibility Test.
- PCER alumni Ms. Krupa Talekar conducted an interactive session on job opportunities on 27th March, 2019.

WORKSHOPS AND EXPERT TALK:

- To develop the intellectual skills, understanding, self-awareness and creativity of student teachers.

PCER believes in equipping students with knowledge and skills that are beyond the mandated curriculum and instilling in them the awareness to stay updated with current trends in education. Several workshops were conducted on a wide range of topics throughout the year. They are as follows:

- Micro Teaching
- Evaluation
- Action Research
- Special Education
- Emotional Intelligence
- Core Values
- Aids Awareness
- Inclusiveness and lesson planning.
- Role of a Teacher
- Innovative Teaching Methods
- Wealth From Waste
- Campus to School
- Career Options by CENTA
- Avoiding Corporal Punishments
- Laws Related to Women
- How to prepare an Effective CV
- How to Face an Interview
- Personality Development and Grooming
- Teacher Eligibility Test (TET)
- Communication Skills

STUDENT SUPPORT:

- Tutorial Groups: Various activities are held to improve students overall performance. One –to –one support and counseling is provided during these sessions.
- Study Circle: Collaborative studying is encouraged to maximize learning for all.
- Library Reference: A well-equipped library with e-resources is provided for the students and they are encouraged to spend time there on a daily basis for reading and referencing.
- Guiding Professor: To guide the lessons and improve the quality of the lessons to be given.
- Mentoring Session: Student mentors help other students through academic and moral support.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

- Several faculty members participated in national and international seminars/workshops/conferences/symposiums and presented papers too.
- Several faculty members attended Faculty Development Programme, Refresher Courses and Certificate Course.
- Several of the faculty have been the visiting faculty for M. Ed and M.A in Education at our sister concern at Panvel as well as Ph. D research guides.
- Regular presentation sessions are conducted in the staff room wherein the faculty shares their knowledge on various topics with their peers.
- Several of the faculty members are pursuing their doctoral studies and several of the teaching staff has undertaken research projects at various levels.
- The faculty also provide consultancy in various areas of academic expertise and are resource persons for workshops and training sessions.

The spectrum of activities and achievements includes:

- A Jumble Sale was organized with the proceeds going to a charitable cause.
- Expert talk on awareness of illnesses like Cancer.
- A Yoga For Wellness Add on Course was organized to foster wellness consciousness in the students.
- A Skill Development Programme was conducted to enhance the skills required by today's teacher.
- A Computer Literacy Programme was conducted for the Support Staff to orient them regarding use of technology.
- A field visit was conducted to Chatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sangrahalaya on 1st October, 2018
- Students and faculty members organized 'Fistful of Grains' on 4th October, 2018 and collected Rice and Dal. Students identified different places viz. Kurla, Sion GTB, Matunga etc. and distributed to the needy ones who stays on the roadside temporary houses.
- PCER conducted its Annual Day programme showcasing a wide variety of cultural events on 19th December 2018.

- The Degree Convocation Ceremony for 2016-18 batch was conducted in the college premises on 23rd February, 2019
- The Principal, Staff and students of PCER enjoyed a fun filled day with an educational trip to visit the campus at Rasayani where Dr. K.M. Vasudevan Pillai, Chairman and CEO of MES interacted with the students.

FEATHERS IN OUR CAP:

- Dr. Sunita Wadikar received an award during 20th Principals' Conference held at Anand Gujarat in appreciation of excellent performance and high grade in Assessment & Accreditation by National Assessment & Accreditation Team (NAAC)
- Dr. Reni Francis authored a book- 'Decoding SDG's' ISBN: 978-81-938567-0-3 and co-edited a book on 'Project Based Activities', ISBN: 978-81-932809-4
- Dr. Sunita Jain authored a book on 'Value Embedded Life' ISBN 978-81-936096-8-2
- Dr. Mary Devakumar received the following awards:
 - 'Most Outstanding Educator award 2018' by the International Association of Research and Developed Organization(IARDO).
 - 'Most Outstanding Educator award 2018' by I2OR, Australia.
- Ms. Vani Achari received the following awards:
 - RACE-2019 Bangkok Award for 'Best Thesis' titled 'A Study Of Explicitly Designed Training Module (ACTION Model) on Disaster Management Strategies To Enhance Awareness of Disaster Management Among Pre-Service Teachers'
 - 'I2OR Bright Educator Award 2018' by the International Institute of Organized Research I2OR Awards 2018.
 - 'IARDO Award for Promising Educators-2018' by the International Association of Research and Developed Organization in association with Gurukul Institute of Engineering & Technology, Kota.
 - 'Bharat Ratna Dr.Abdul Kalam Gold Medal Award' for excellence in the field of education by the Global Economic Progress & Research Association, GEPR, New Delhi.
 - 'Outstanding Teacher Educator Award' by the ASIA-ARAB SUMMIT & AWARDS-2018 by Innovation Society, India and Centre for Educational and Social development.

FUTURE PLANS:

- Ph. D centre.
- Minor and major researches.

- Consultancy, collaboration and exchange programmes.

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