

Mahatma Education Society's
Pillai College of Education and Research
Chembur Naka
Chembur, Mumbai-71

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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.

'Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination.' - Dwight Eisenhower.

Mahatma Education Society's Pillai College of Education and Research marked another milestone in its journey towards excellence in the field of education in the academic year 2016-17. The institution was re accredited with A Grade and CGPA of 3.36, during the third cycle of NAAC. Under the pioneering and visionary leadership of the Management, the dynamic guidance of the Principal, the consistent efforts and cooperation of staff and students the institution has continued to achieve remarkable progress in the academic arena.

PCER conducted the following activities during the academic year 2016-17.

ASSEMBLY

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

PCER places great importance in conducting value based transactions and in alignment with this vision the daily theme based assembly is held with the primary objective of inculcating values among the student teachers. The themes vary from month to month consisting of patriotism, pluralism, environmental, protection, women empowerment etc. The assembly begins with a common prayer followed by discussion on the thought and also the news headlines. The assembly activities include skits, songs, moral stories, sharing personal experiences and discussion on various issues. The daily assembly also provides an opportunity for the student teachers to develop confidence, general awareness, communication skills, team spirit etc. It also is 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.

The students are consistently encouraged to participate in various co curricular activities as they offer a great opportunity for the student teachers to develop and hone their talents. There were a variety of activities in which the students participated

which included the Teacher's Day celebrations, Diwali, Food Mela, Gandhi Jayanti, Christmas, Republic Day, International Women's Day and Alumni Meet.

Our students participated and won laurels in various intercollegiate competitions.

- Prateeksha Pandey and Priyanka Salvi received the Third Prize in "UDAAN: The Flight of Extension (Research Convention)", organized by Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension on 28th February, 2017.
- Ms. Soraya Colaco secured the First Prize in the Inter-Collegiate Personality Contest at BTTC College of Education, on 16th February, 2017.
- Ms. Jyoti Baniya got the First Prize at the Inter-Collegiate Competition on Innovative Methods of Teaching organised by the Rizvi College of Education on 11th December, 2016.

The college conducted **Late Principal Mathews Chacko Extempore Elocution** competition and also a value based inter-institutional fiesta '**Valeur**'. There were a variety of events catering to cultural, ethical, environmental and social values and provided a platform for the students to display their talents. The theme focused on the need to highlight the significance of values in our society. The events included Essay writing, Mehendi, Wealth from Waste and Group Dance. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students across various schools in Mumbai.

THE ICBN INITIATIVE:

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

The PCER alumni are a great resource to the institution and as 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:

- Interactive Session on the 'Role of the Teacher in Today's Classrooms' by Ms. Jyoti Malhotra and Ms. Sindhuja Hariharan on 23rd June.
- Introduction to Baseline Test in Schools by Ms. Taruna Patel and Ms. Ayesha Parker on 1st October.
- Expert Talk by Dr. Asavari Bhavé, Ms. Shubhadra Shenoy and Ms. Nisha Chavan on 22nd October.
- Workshop on Non Violent Communication Ms. Suma Lerin and Ms. Sujata Dewaji on 5th December.
- Symposium on School Boards -How they Differ from SSC Boards by Ms. Sharda Sharma, Ms. Munmun Nandi and Dr. Reni Francis.

PRACTICE TEACHING AND INTERNSHIP:

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

The practice teaching and internship programme for the two-year B. Ed programme comprises of four semesters. The students of S. Y. B. Ed went to various schools for PT in both the third semester (for ten weeks) and the fourth semester (for six weeks). The students of F.Y. B. Ed. joined their seniors in their second semester for a period of four weeks. The schedules for the various semesters were as follows:

- Semester II: (F.Y. B. Ed) -4 Weeks Duration- 10 periods of shadowing of subject teacher; Observation of school activities, 10 lessons of observing of peer lessons.
- Semester III: Semester III- (S. Y. B. Ed) 10 weeks duration- 26 lessons in their method; 2 theme based lessons; 4 co teaching lessons with school teacher; conducting of a unit test, observation of school records.
- Semester IV: Semester IV (S.Y.B Ed) 6 weeks duration- 8 co-teaching lessons with peer; development of a learning resource; interviewing school students and maintain a reflective journal.

EXTENSION:

- To create awareness of the various socio-cultural issues among the student teachers.

Extension project for 2016-17 was completed successfully. This year the project was on Career Path . Students had made brochures on unique career paths and organized an exhibition in schools. Students also participated in the Street play at Udaan festival, organised by Bharathi Vidyapeeth College of Hotel Management.

COMMUNITY WORK:

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

As part of the B.Ed. programme 2016-17, our Student Teachers contributed to Community work in association with the following organizations:

NASEOH

Our Student Teachers contributed by way of helping each section in their work, making and packing chocolates, paper bags, assemble jewellery and cupcakes in the Bakery section.

ACCESS LIFE

Our students undertook to care for the inmates of a Cancer Home for children - Access Life, situated in Maitri Park, Chembur. Many of these children have to miss school due to the treatment they are undergoing. The student teachers from Pillai College undertook the service of teaching the students with basics of school subjects. The parents, too requested that they be taught some basic skills and simple spoken English and our students were happy to oblige. Our teachers also undertook to teaching them simple basic skills and drawings.

Apart from providing service, PCER was also happy to donate the proceeds from the project 'The Fistful of Grain' in the form of a cash donation of tune of ₹ 15,000/-

Community Service Day

Community service day was celebrated on 21st January 2017 at Dr. K.M.Vasudevan Pillai Campus Panvel. Our inmates were from Aashraya, Snehasadan, Chembur. Post lunch they taken to respective activity area wherein sessions on 'Best out of Waste' was conducted. The required materials were provided for the participants. There were games organized and also gifts were given. Mahatma Education Society provided them with lunch, refreshments and some take away gifts.

WORKSHOPS AND EXPERT TALK:

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

Several workshops were conducted on a wide range of topics throughout the year. They are as follows:

- Micro Teaching Workshop
- Evaluation Workshop
- Expert Talk by Film Maker Mr. Vivek Vaswani
- Workshop on Awareness of Corporal Punishment
- Workshop on Disaster Management
- Workshop on Suicide Awareness and Prevention Strategies
- Workshop on School Disaster and Safety.
- Role of Teacher in Classroom
- Modeling to be a Role Model
- Training Programme on Human Rights
- Introduction to Baseline Tests in Schools
- Wellness and Meditation By Brahmakumaris
- Workshop on Women's Legal Rights by Majlis Legal Centre
- Workshop on Action Research
- Workshop on Non Violent Communication
- How to prepare an Effective CV
- How to Face an Interview
- Workshop on Inclusive Education By Hashu Advani College of Special Education
- Workshop on 21st Century Skills
- Sensitization Programme to Deal with Differently Abled Students
- Workshop on Personality Development and Grooming
- Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) Workshop
- Workshop on Innovative Methodology in Mathematics

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 and presented papers too.
- The P.G recognized staff have been the visiting faculty for M. Ed and M.A in Education at our sister concern at Panvel.
- 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 conduct workshops and training sessions.

The spectrum of activities and achievements includes:

- PCER organized a two day training programme on ‘Disaster Preparedness’ on the 17th and 18th June, 2016 with the objective of preparing our student-teachers to be equipped with basic first aid.
- PCER’s Women Development Cell organized a National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, sponsored Training Programme on ‘Human Rights for All’ on 23rd July 2016.
- The Convocation and Degree Distribution ceremony for the academic batch of 2014-15 was held on 16th October 2016.
- PCER in collaboration with Soroptimist International conducted an Adult Literacy Drive wherein around 70 adults were trained in English proficiency and skill development, twice a week from July to March.
- PCER students participated in various Inter Collegiate competitions and won prizes in various events such as Poetry competition, Quiz Competition, Personality Contest, Innovative Methods of Teaching, Poster Making and so on.

- A Food Festival and Jumble Sale was organized with the proceeds going to a charitable cause.
- Talk by experts on awareness of illnesses like AIDS and Cancer.
- Our bi-annual research journal Transacademia was published.
- A street play was organized by PCER students on the occasion of International Women's Day on 8th March, 2016 at different venues around Chembur to spread awareness of challenges faced by women.

FEATHERS IN OUR CAP:

- PCER received the Best Teacher Education Institute of the Year Award under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Sunita Wadikar in the category of Leadership and Innovation from the Higher Education Forum on the 18th of March 2017.
- Dr. Mary George Varghese received a Major Research Grant from ICSSR (New Delhi)
- Dr. Reni Francis & Prof. Jaya Cherian received a Minor Research Grant from the University of Mumbai.
- Dr. Reni Francis received the following awards-
 - Senior Woman Educator & Scholar Award by National Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development in 2017.
 - The Best Teacher Award 'Acharya Devo Bhava' by Bainfeed, Hyderabad based NGO in 2016.
 - Most Promising Alumni Award by K. J Somaiya College of Education, Training & Research in 2016.
- Dr. Reni Francis authored a book ' Redesigning Learning Horizons through Multiple Intelligence Approach.'
- Dr. Reni Francis authored a series of Teacher Resources in English 'Nine Hats' Edition for Chetana Publications.
- Dr. Reni Francis was appointed as a Member of S.Y B.A.(Education) and T.Y.B.A (Education) Syllabus Revision Semester 3, 4, 5, 6 in Indian Education System, Education for Women and Challenges in Indian Education System.
- Dr. Sunita Jain successfully completed her doctoral studies.

FUTURE PLANS:

- Establishing a Ph. D centre.
- Endeavoring for more projects for minor and major researches.
- Enhancing consultancy, collaboration and exchange programmes.

Dr. Sunita Wadikar
Principal