

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.

Mahatma Education Society's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur completed yet another year in its remarkable journey of forging a path towards achieving excellence in the field of teacher education. Under the pioneering and visionary leadership of the Management, the dynamic guidance of the Principal, the steadfast efforts and cooperation of staff and students the institution has continued on its course of establishing new benchmarks in the field of teacher education.

PCER conducted the following activities during the academic year 2017-19.

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. 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 in various co curricular activities as they offer a great opportunity for the student teachers to develop and hone their talents and skills.

There were a variety of activities in which the students participated which included the Independence Day, Teacher's Day celebrations, Onam, Ganesh Chaturthi, Hindi Diwas, Extempore, Diwali, Gandhi Jayanti, Christmas, Republic Day, Marathi Bhasha Diwas, International Women's Day, Poetry Recitation, Ted Talk and Alumni Meet

The college conducted **Late Principal Mathews Chacko Extempore Elocution** competition and also a 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 and Ad Mad Show. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students across various colleges in Mumbai.

Our students participated and won laurels in various intercollegiate competitions.

St.Teresa's Institute of Education : Event-Planit-E

- Ms. Nanda Deshmukh- 1st Prize- Eco-Friendly product
- Ms.Jincy James, Ms. Nisha Phulwaria and Ms. Subashri Shekar - 3rd Prize- Poster competition

MES's Pillai College of Education : Event-Valeur

- Mr. Punit Matta- 2nd Prize – Extempore Competition
- Ms. Sinduja Asaithambi- 3rd Prize – Best out of Waste
- Ms. Sabiha Khan-1st Prize - Mehendi
- Ms. Pooja Yadav-1st Prize – Nail Art
- Ms. Sophia Rodrigues-3rd Prize- Essay

Shree Narayan Guru College of Arts, Science and Commerce: Event-Oasis

- Mr. Chaithra Kumar-1 Prize – Accounting test
- Ms. Swati Gujral-2nd Prize – Accounting test

Guru Nanak College: Event-Zeel Fest

- Ms. Nanda Deshmukh and Mr. Kunal Anand- 1st Prize – Debate

Mahatma Night Degree College- Event-Talent Mania

- Ms. Sabiha Khan-2nd Prize-Mehendi

Bombay Teachers Training College-Event-HUM TUM

- Mr. Nikhil Fernandes-2nd Runners Up – Personality Contest

R.R. College of Education-Event-Mridaang

Cricket team-1st Prize-Box Cricket

- Ms. Shilpa Sen-1st Prize - Quiz
- Ms. Sabiha Khan-2nd Prize - Mehendi
- Ms.Pooja-2ndPrize- Nail Art

H.J. College of Education: Event-Intercollegiate Essay Competition

- Ms. Sivaranjani Ganesan-1st Prize

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 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:

- Ms. Nadia Mendes Batch of 2015-17, took an interactive session on ‘Apps and Technology in Education’.
- Ms. Vasundhara Kaul, Batch 2013-14 took an interesting session on ‘Inclusion in Education’.
- Through ‘Alumni Writes’ the alumni with their writings and articles reach out to the college and the students with their thoughts and views.
- The Alumni meet was organized on 15th March, 2018 at Chembur Campus. Students of the batch 2015-17 were invited for the Alumni meet and the certificate distribution ceremony.

PRACTICE TEACHING AND INTERNSHIP:

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

Students interact and intern with a school during Practice Teaching (PT) and this forms a very important part of their B. Ed. Curriculum. Students undergo Internship for 18 to 20 weeks during the second, third and fourth semester of this two-year programme.

For the academic year 2017-18, the students of PCER went to 10 different schools and colleges for their Internship wherein they shadowed the school subject teachers, gave lessons in their chosen pedagogy and completed a myriad of activities.

EXTENSION:

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

Students of F.Y.B.Ed actively participated in extension activities of the Department of Life Long Learning & Extension, Mumbai University. Students conducted their activities at college and University levels. At the university level students carried out the project activities, general awareness lessons and debate on “Should Menstruation and Sanitary Napkins be discussed openly in the Public Platforms”. Students actively participated in the debate and took a vow on spreading the message among the general public and student community. Students participated in University Extension festival-UDAAN 2018. Students performed Street Play on the theme 'Save Food' and Poster Making Competition.

COMMUNITY WORK:

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

The students were allocated to various NGOs where they carried out various activities as per the requirement of the centre. Some of the activities conducted were craftworks, candle and paper making, paper bags making etc. At some of the centres our students conducted remedial coaching and language training also.

Community service day was celebrated on 27th January 2018 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. Our Career Cell follows a four stage process model involving the Pre Placement activities, Career Guidance, Executing Placement and Post Placement reviews.

A number of educational institutes, NGOs visited the campus for placements that started in the month of December with the arrival of Universal School, Podar School, Arya Vidya Mandir, and Shishuvan. The second round of campus interviews was held in the month of February by P.G. Garodia School, Kotak Education, Avalon Heights.

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
- Evaluation
- Action Research
- How to prepare an Effective CV
- How to Face an Interview
- Personality Development and Grooming
- Teacher Eligibility Test (TET)
- Transactional Analysis.
- Effective Classroom Management
- Communication Skills
- Teacher as a Role Model
- Emotional Intelligence
- Memory Enhancement Techniques
- Enhancing Leadership Skills
- Process Drama
- Leadership
- Aids Awareness
- Inclusion in Education

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's Women Development Cell organized a National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, sponsored Training Programme on 'Human Rights for All' on 25th November, 2017.
- PCER in collaboration with Soroptimist International conducted an Adult Literacy Drive wherein participants were trained in English proficiency and skill development –beautician skills/computer skills.
- Visit to a Mobile Laboratory - Science Express Train
- A Jumble Sale was organized with the proceeds going to a charitable cause.
- Talk by experts on awareness of illnesses like Cancer.
- Our bi-annual research journal Transacademia was published.
- PCER Chembur organized an International Seminar on "Promoting Research for Quality Education" in collaboration with St. Teresa's Institute of Education, Santacruz.
- A Skill Development Programme to enhance the skills that a teacher would need today.
- Expert Talk on Education Abroad to provide information from the career perspective to the student teachers.
- Students and faculty members organized 'Fistful of Grains' on 14th Dec 2016 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.
- The Principal, Staff and students of PCER enjoyed a fun filled day at Franav Farms that was followed by a 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's research students completed their doctoral studies—Dr. Swasti Dhar, Dr. Sharda Sharma.
- Dr. Reni Francis achievements include:
 - Member of the Board of Studies for the Department of Education
 - Ph.D. Guide for candidates doing their Ph.D. from the University of Mumbai
 - Received the D. Litt (Education) from the University of South America, 2018

- Dr. Reni Francis received I2OR – Academic Leadership Award 2017 by the International Institute of Organized Research.
- Authored the books-'When Love Meets Education' and 'Basics of Commerce Education – Pedagogy of Commerce'
- Dr. Mary Varghese became a Ph.D. Guide for candidates doing their Ph.D. from the University of Mumbai
- Dr. Swasti Dhar was awarded her Ph.D from the University of Mumbai.

FUTURE PLANS:

- Ph. D centre.
- Minor and major researches.
- Consultancy, collaboration and exchange programmes.

Dr. Sunita Wadikar
Principal