

**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.

MES's Pillai College of Education & Research (PCER), Chembur started this academic year with a change in the leadership. Dr. Sunita Wadikar retired after a long service of 29 year, out of which 16 years were as a Principal. The reigns were taken over by Dr. Reni Francis, who has not only been an alumna of the institution but has also been a faculty since 2008. Under her dynamic and youthful leadership, PCER Chembur embarks on a course of establishing new trends and benchmarks in the field of teacher education.

PCER Chembur conducted the following activities during the academic year 2019-20

- **ASSEMBLY**

Objective: To inculcate values and develop cultural awareness of student teachers.

The day in PCER starts with a 30-minute assembly which provides the students to master speaking confidently and also express their views about education and current events. Prayers, thought for the day and daily news are everyday features. Apart from this, significant days are celebrated through Special Assemblies or activities to commemorate special days.

Special Assemblies conducted during the academic year were:

Guru Purnima, Independence Day celebrations, Teachers' Day, Ganesh Chaturthi, Moharram, Onam, Gandhi Jayanti, Dusshera, Diwali, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Eid-e-Milad, Christmas, Pongal, Lohri, Makar Sankranti, Republic Day, International Mother Language Day, Shivaji Jayanti, Marathi Language Day, International Women's Day, Holi

- **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

Objective: To coordinate intra as well as inter- college events as well as organize activities and competitions to enhance our students' exposure to learning.

Inter-college Competitions

Ms. Komal Bipin won the 2nd Prize in the Digital Poster Making Competition organized on 9th August, 2019 by Rizvi College of Education, Mumbai(add details of the college)

Felizia – The inter-college competition was held in collaboration with the University of Mumbai, Thane Sub-Campus at the Thane sub-campus university. The highlight of the event was the elocution competition as well as the Best out of Waste, Rangoli and the Ad-Mad show. The competition was received well and was also covered by the Times of India.

Intra-college Competitions

1. Poster cum Slogan Competition (19th July, 2019) on the theme – ENVIRONMENT

1st Prize – Ms. Neha Janardhan Patil
2nd Prize – Ms. Komal Kushwaha ‘Special Laws for Women’
3rd Prize – Ms. Aarti Udayan Suriyan

2. Carrom Competition on 1st August was organized by the Sports Club

1st Prize – Ms. Sudha Priya and Mr. Charlin Chandran
2nd Prize – Ms. Sharon Pinto and Ms. Erica Pinto
3rd Prize – Ms. Ankita Singh and Ms. Disha Kanojia

3. Quiz Competition on 26th August, 2019 was organised by the Arts Club

1st Prize - Ms. Shivani Koppikar and Ms. Varsha Nair
2nd Prize - Ms. Neelem Gupta and Ms. Shilpa Wagle

4. Patriotic Group singing Competition on 8th August was organized by the Fine Arts Club

1st Prize - Ms.Tamanna Midday, Ms.Shivani Koppikar, Ms.Pallavi Priya, MsDisha Kanojia, Ms.Rehana Khan
2nd Prize - Ms.Niharika Singh, Ms.Neha Patil, Ms.Neelam Gupta and Ms.Rachna Kuradia.

5. Annual Sports Meet

Shot Put

1st Prize - Ms. Sabina Rose
2nd Prize - Ms. Anuja Kanse
3rd Prize - Ms. Saili Bhosale

Spoon and Marble Race

1st Prize - Ms. Mary Fernando
2nd Prize - Ms. Sabina Rose
3rd Prize - Ms. Sweety Chaudhary

Broad Jump

- 1st Prize - Ms. Sabina Rose
- 2nd Prize - Ms. Bhavika Senghani
- 3rd Prize - Ms. Saili Bhosale

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- 1st Prize - Ms. Shilpa Pal
- 2nd Prize - Ms. Anuja Kanse
- 3rd Prize - Ms. Regina Sofistic

6. *Felizia – Intra-college level Elocution Competition*

- 1st Prize – Ms. Shweta Pandey
- 2nd Prize – Ms. Tamanna Midday
- 3rd Prize - Ms. Niharika Singh

7. *Other Competitions*

- Collage making competition
- Salad Dressing Competition
- Cloth Bag Making Competition
- Late Principal Mathews Chacko Extempore Competition
- Diya Making competition
- Basketball competition
- Rang-de Diwali Rangoli competition
- Street Play competition
- Teaching Aids Competition

Activities commemorating Special Days

- International Yoga Day (21st June) – session by Mr. Sadashiv Kashinath & Mr. Farheed.
- International Literacy Day (8th September) – presentation of a skit highlighting the importance & challenges India faces in reaching 100% literacy.
- Hindi Diwas (14th September) – presentation of a poetry and video presentation on the importance of Hindi as an official learning.
- National Students' Day (15th October) – conducting of an extempore competition based on the thoughts of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
- Mental Health Day (11th March) – Expert Talk by Ms. Yvette Lee, Counsellor – Mahatma Education Society with special emphasis on Carl Rogers' ABCDE Model
- Mathematics Day (14th March) – Expert Talk by Mr. Gyanendra Pratap Singh, HOD Department of Mathematics, Dr. Pillai Global Academy, New Panvel, on the topic 'Mathematics is Everywhere'
- International Women's Day – Expert Talk by Adv. Neeta Kedia who spoke about 'Laws every woman should know about'

• **THE ICBN INITIATIVE:**

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

- A Workshop on Classroom Management by Ms. Rakhi Pandey, Head of English – Primary, GEMS Winchester School, Jbel Ali, UAE, alumna from the Batch of 2011-12 was organized on 12th July
- Book Release & Launch – Decoding SDG in Classroom, a book authored by The Alumni Association of PCER Chembur (chapters by various alumni) was inaugurated in August 2019
- Expert Talk on ‘Collaborative Learning’ by Ms. Parveen Shaikh, Principal of The Somaiya School, Vidyavihar and an alumna of the Batch of 2013-14 was organised on 29th August, 2019.

- **PRACTICE TEACHING AND INTERNSHIP:**

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

- Workshop on Innovative Teaching Aids was organized on 20th July, 2019. The resource person was Ms. Samita Shetty
- Panel Discussion on Reflective Practices for Teachers was organized on 29th Aug, 2019. The resource persons were Ms. Parveen Shaikh, Principal-The Somaiya School, Ms. Namrata Saxena, Certified IB Coordinator and Mr. Rajendra Deshmukh, Senior Teacher - CEHS.

- **EXTENSION:**

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

- Annapurna Yojana by the S. Y. B. Ed. was organized in October 2019 with the setting up of a 2 day Food Stall.
- Annapurna Yojana by the F. Y. B. Ed. was taken up on 13th March, 2020 by organizing a one-day Food Mela.
- Participation in poster making competition and Street play at the UDAAN Annual Festival

- **COMMUNITY WORK**

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

- A week-long Newspaper Drive (ending on 29th August, 2019) and an amount of Rs. 5000 was collected and donated to SIBC in support of women and girl empowerment.
- Participation in the Juhu Beach Clean-up on 13th September, 2019. The post Ganapati Visarjan cleanup was by DNA Eco-Ganesh Foundation

- Participated in the Mangrove Cleaning Drive on 23rd November, 2019 organised by the Environment Club in collaboration with the Mangrove Marshalls of Navi Mumbai.
- Visit to Navjeevan Centre at Murbad from 2nd – 4th December, 2019 in order to interact with the inmates and help them academically as well as in teaching them SUPW skills.
- Participated in the Chembur Festival to connect with the community and highlight values of different cultures and community and inculcate tolerance, acceptance
- A Jumble Sale was organized in collaboration with SIBC and the proceeds donated to them.

- **WORKSHOPS BY WDC (WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT CELL)**

- Expert talk on 'Good Health and Well-being' by Dr. Dilkush Kemchandani -Senior Gynecologist and Obstetrician and Dr. Kiran Dabholkar- Senior Gynaecologist, Infertility specialist and a family physician. The programme was in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Deonar.
- Expert Talk on ‘The Anti-dowry Movement’ by Ms. Asha Kulkarni was organized on 27th November, 2019.

- **PLACEMENT CELL**

- In July, 2019, a team from the GEMS Group of Dubai interacted with the students of PCER Chembur apprising them of career opportunities in the UAE and the various GEMS school.
- Conducted a session on CV Writing by Dr. Swasti Dhar
- Conducted a session on Language Enhancement & social Graces by Dr. Jaya Cherian
- Placement Rounds– 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.

- **OTHER WORKSHOPS AND EXPERT TALKS:**

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

PCER continues to add value by organizing Workshops and Expert Talk in order to develop competencies among student-teachers.

Educational Visits

- Students and Faculty of PCER visited the ISRO organized Science Exhibition at SIES High School, Matunga on the 20th of September. This exhibition was organized by ISRP to commemorate the birth centenary of Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, the Father of the Indian Space Mission
- Students and Faculty organized a three-day educational trip to Goa from 11th-14th February, 2020. The trip helped to focus on understanding the cultural diversity in India.

Workshops & Training Sessions

- One-day training programme on ‘Human Rights towards Reduced Inequalities’ sponsored by National Human Rights Commission
- One-day Digital Literacy Workshop sponsored by the Maharashtra State Commission for Women for 230 B. Ed. and D. Ed. students
- Session on ‘Using Twitter for Education’ in collaboration with SLN and Twitter India

Expert Talks

- Bottom-up policy approach in reviewing Educational Policy’ by Dr. Matthew Witenstein, Assistant Professor, University of Dayton, Ohio)
- ‘Importance of Financial Planning’ by Ms. Premila D’Souza, Senior Manager, Citizen Credit Bank.
- Importance of Mental Health by Ms. Swati
- Workshop on ‘Learning Basic Home Skills’ by Mr. Shahitharan Pillai
- Session on Disability and Inclusion by Ms. Bhavan and Ms. Leela. This session was in collaboration with SIBC.

• SEMINARS ORGANISED BY PCER

- A one-day National Seminar ‘Ki & Ka – Gender Equality & Sustainable Development’ in collaboration with SIES Institute of Comprehensive Education organised on 18th January, 2020
- Many Webinars held – The entire list is given in the Sub-Title Online Sessions

• FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

An MGNCRE sponsored five-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) from 19th-23rd August, 2019 for B. Ed. faculty was organized for transacting curriculum on Community Engagement, Nai Talim and Work education through community engagement in Higher Education Institutions.

• FEATHERS IN OUR CAP:

Memorandum of Understanding

PCER Chembur entered into a MoU with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai

Books authored by our Faculty

- Dr. Swasti Dhar authored a book on 'Language Across Curriculum' published by Himalaya Publications (ISBN:978-93-5367-511-0). This book is a B. Ed. syllabus book for Semester III.
- Dr. Reni Francis & Ms. Jaya Cherian co-authored a book 'Language Enhancement' The book is published by LAP Lambert Academic Publishers (ISBN: 978-3659609954)
- Dr. Jaya Cherian was conferred her doctoral degree from the University of Mumbai
- Dr. Sunita Jain & Dr. Swasti Dhar coauthored a book on 'Guidance & Counselling' published by Himalaya Publications (ISBN: 978-93-89951-55-4). This book is a B. Ed. syllabus book for Semester IV.
- Dr. Mary George Varghese, authored a book on 'Learning and Teaching' published by Amitesh Publishers (ISBN: 978-1-67817-6)
- Dr. Mary George Varghese , authored a book on 'Environmental Education' for Mumbai University published by Amitesh Publishers (ISBN: 978-1-67800-4)

• ONLINE SESSIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC LOCKDOWN

Keeping the Covid -19 scenario in mind, the college too was completely shut down end March but at PCER, the learning did not stop.

PCER seamlessly moved its classes online through Google Classrooms and Meet and also conducted a number of online sessions which were streamed live on YouTube.

Online sessions for faculty and students

- 'How to conduct and write a Literature Review' by Dr. Priam Pillai – COO, Mahatma Education Society on
- 'Knowing your Wellbeing 'by Dr. Mary Varghese on 31st March, 2020 ,
- 'Preparing for your Action Research Viva' by Dr. Swasti Dhar on 31st March 2020 ,
- 'Career Guidance' by Dr. Sunita Jain on 4th April, 2020

Online Quizzes & Competitions

- Quiz on 'Social Wellness' for all educators including Principals, teachers, educationists, students and others. More than 890 people participated.
- Quiz on 'Physical Wellness post Covid-19 Lockdown' had 867 participants. It was open to all in Maharashtra.

Online Panel Discussion hosted live and streamed on PCER's YouTube channel:

- 'Why Should You Choose Teaching A Profession' - 17th May, 2020.
- 'The journey to be a teacher' - 21st May, 2020.
- 'Should Men opt for Teaching as a profession?' - ???

Live Sessions

- Session on Parenting Styles by Principal, Dr. Reni Francis conducted for the parents of Chembur English High School on 30th May, 2020
- A three-day value-added course by The Alumni Association of PCER Chembur named 'Q-EST' focussing on Emotional Quotient (EQ), the Social Quotient (SQ) and the overall Teacher Quotient (TQ) was conducted via YouTube Live on the 4th, 5th and 6th of May, 2020.

Fundraisers

- A fundraiser in the form of a Recipe-contest 'Flavours from your Home' was organised in collaboration with Soroptimist Welfare Association

Faculty Development Programme

- A Faculty Development Program on 'Online Teaching and Learning' organised for Ponda Education Society's College of Education, Farmagudi, Ponda Goa. The online session was conducted from 22nd May 2020 to 29th May 2020 by Dr. Reni Francis

Webinars & Workshops

- A three-day Webinar on 'Effective Leadership Skills Post Covid-19 Pandemic' in collaboration with University of Mumbai, Thane Sub Campus organised on
- National Level Online Workshop on 'Digital Teaching For Smart Learning' in collaboration with IQAC, TITUS II Teachers College, Tiruvalla, Kerala. The workshop was conducted from 27th April, 2020 to 2nd May 2020.
- A three-day Webinar on 'Reviving Educational Practices Post Covid-19 Pandemic' in association with Pillai College of Education and Research organised on
- Free Live Webinar, on 'Reshaping Education in the New World – Pandemic Effect' in collaboration with MIT-ADT School of Education & Research, MIT Art, Design & Technology University, Pune organized on 1st May, 2020.

FUTURE PLANS:

- Setting up of the Ph. D. Centre
- Boosting our online presence so that student-learning is not affected
- Focus on academic excellence by teachers and students.