

HORIZON



**MES'S PILLAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH,
CHEMBUR NAKA, CHEMBUR, MUMBAI - 400071**



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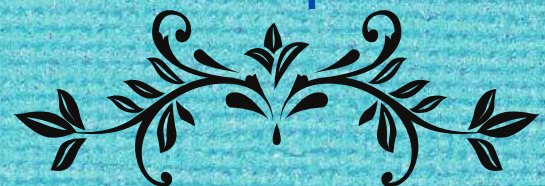
Patriotism is a flavor that each of us treasure in our life as proud Indians, August spreads that flavour of brotherhood, fraternity and justice. We are connected through a strong bond of unity and we as teachers need to foster this spirit of Patriotism among our students in the class.

PCER, Chembur student teachers were thrilled with their first time online classroom experience during their Internship and it motivated them to sharpen their skills. In this process of learning and re-learning, the student teachers focussed on value of HOPE

- H - Honesty
- O- Optimism
- P - Passion
- E - Efficiency



**Dr. Reni Francis
Principal**



Honesty builds trust and commitment to one's work and relations, a crucial factor in today's world of doubt and unbelief. Optimism helps every individual to look forward to a positive self and thus embarking on new initiatives in life. Passion builds the drive to newer aspects in life and efficiency helps as fuel to work better and harder to achieve success.

With new aspirations comes new HOPE.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Independence Day.

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EDITORIAL : Ms. ACHALA BHORE



Patriotism or national pride is the feeling of love, devotion and sense of attachment to the homeland and with the citizens who share the same sentiment. It is about taking pride in one's origin and working for the prosperity of the country.

Patriotism is not just a feeling but an act as well. It comes in many forms; from fighting a war for the country to making a difference in society as an individual. We can also serve our country through our work.

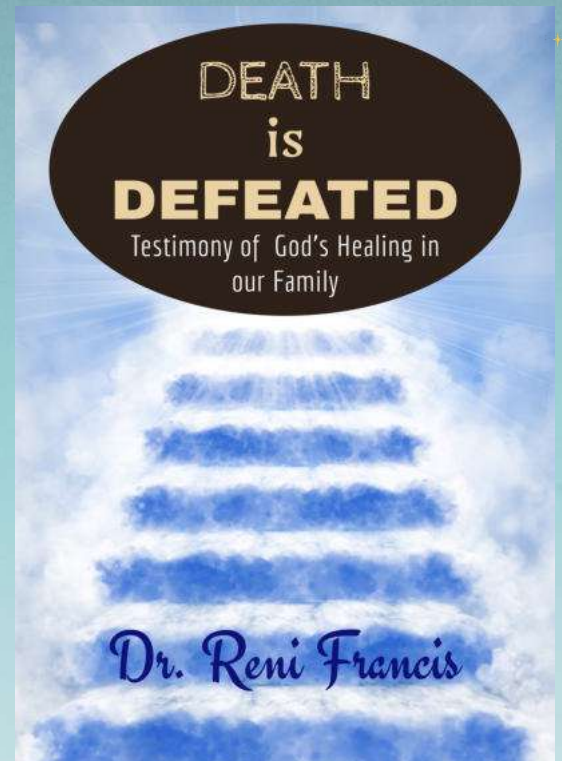
Students can be taught about patriotism by ensuring that the students value. As an educational institution PCER, Chembur strives to inculcate the values of pride and respect for the values of the nation.

The activities such as celebration of national days, celebration of Indian festivals, etc at our institute help in teaching our student teachers to respect each other and fostering equality and brotherhood. This helps in instilling a real sense of patriotism in our students. Thus making the younger generation aware of the importance of unity, social cohesion and reconciliation as they are the cornerstones of the nation's success and development.

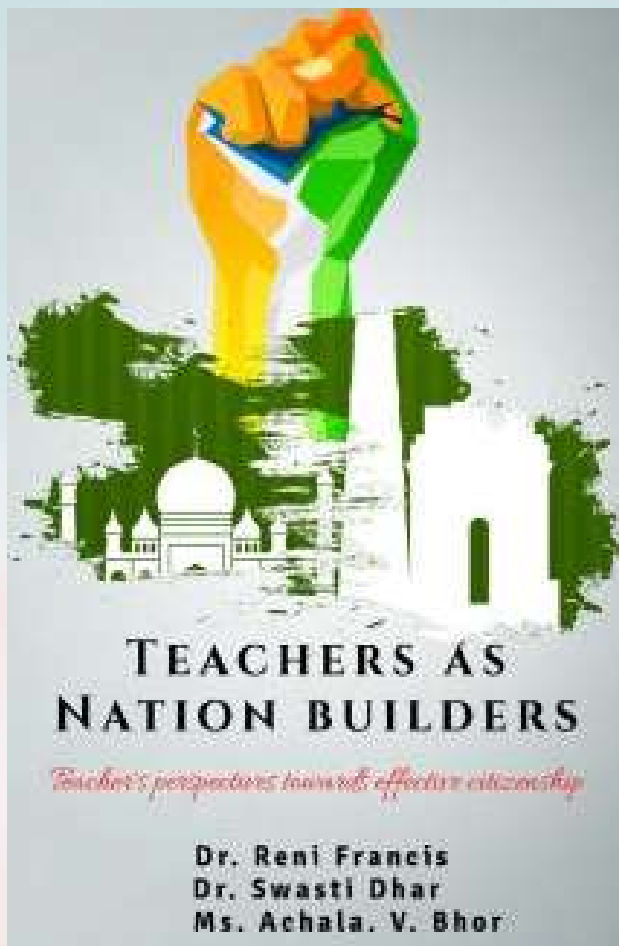
FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Publication of a book by Dr. Reni Francis

Covid has engulfed our city, country and world at large. Dr. Reni Francis, principal, PCER, Chembur published a book on God's testimony in her life as her family battled with COVID.



Publication of a book, "Teachers as Nation Builders"



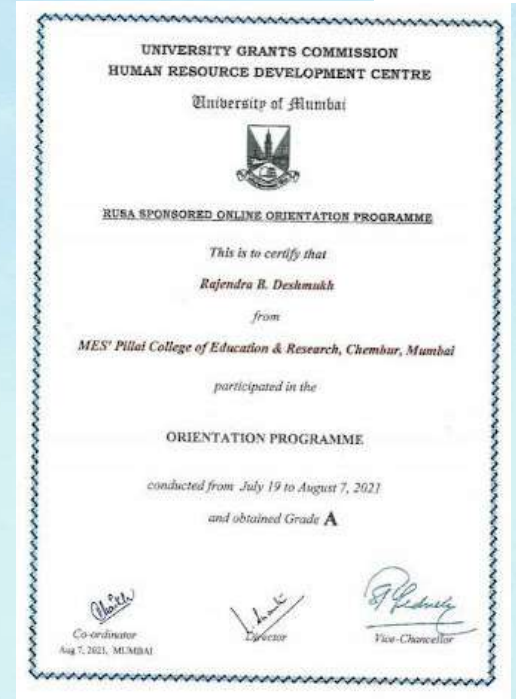
On the occasion of Independence Day on 15th August, 2021, PCER Chembur, released the book 'Teachers as Nation builders' a tribute to the contribution of teachers towards nation building. This book is a compilation of articles written by the Alumni of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur.

The idea of this book was conceived when we at PCER, Chembur thought, what could be a better way to celebrate this jubilant mood than by listening to what the teachers of today have to say about the role of teachers in empowering future citizens.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Orientation programme certificate

Mr. Rajendra Deshmukh, Faculty, PCER, Chembur completed the Orientation Programme conducted by the University Grant Commission, Human Resource Development Centre [UGC HRDC] University of Mumbai from 19th July to 7th August 2021 and obtained 'A' Grade.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

On 15th of August 2021, 75th Independence Day was celebrated at Chembur Campus. The staff from MES's institutions from Chembur campus were present for the celebration of Independence Day. Ms. Preeti Pawar, Principal of Chembur English High School hoisted the flag and addressed the audience. This was followed by the address of Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai, Chairman, Mahatma Education Society.

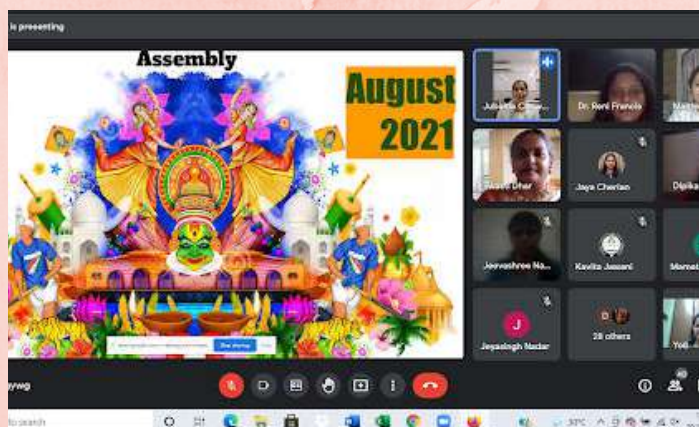


SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

PCER Chembur organized a special assembly through Google Meet on 30th August, 2021 at 5.00 pm to observe and celebrate the important days and festivals of the month. The virtual assembly focused on the various festivals and occasions that were celebrated and observed in the month of August. The special assembly programme was organized by the tutorial group of Dr. Swasti Dhar (Roll Nos- 18 -36).

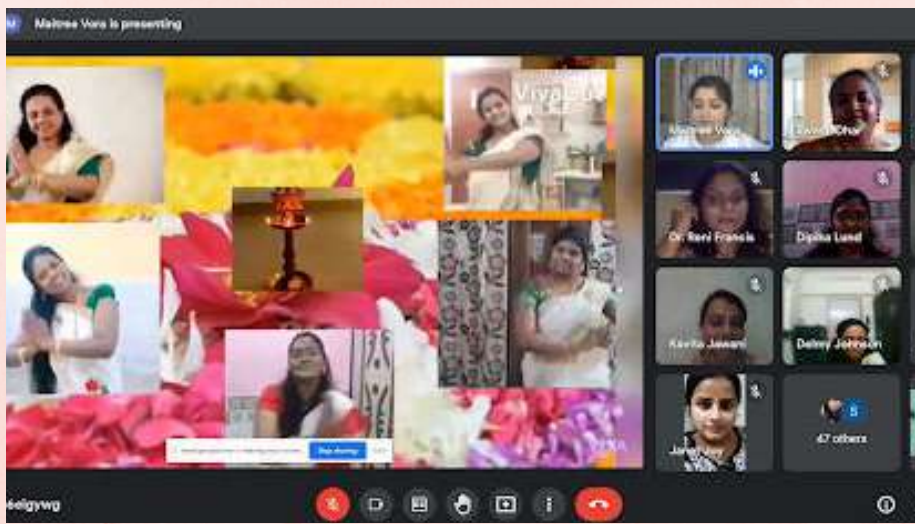
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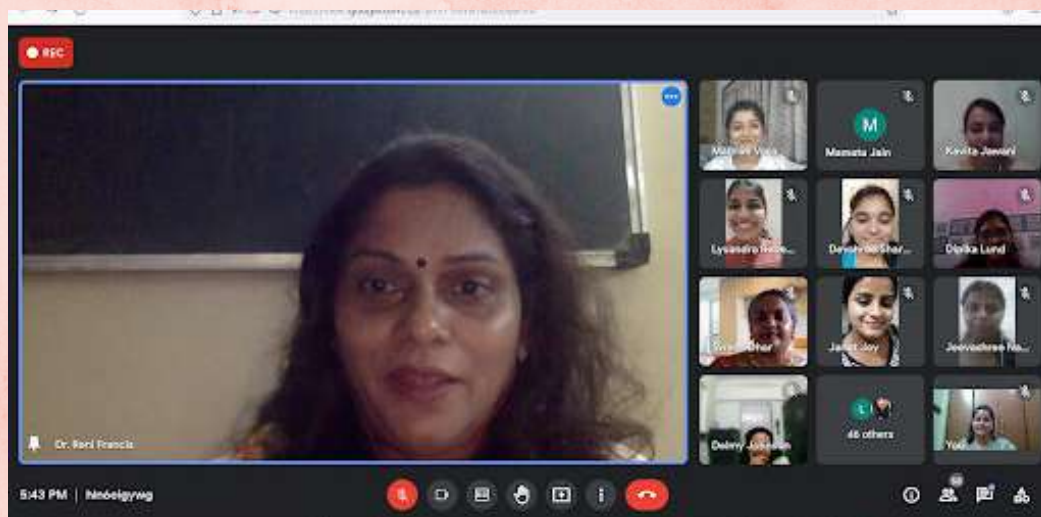


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The month also saw the occasion of Muharram (remembering of the sacrifices in the Battle of Karbala) and the festivals of Raksha Bandhan, Gokul Ashtami and Onam. Onam holds a special place for PCER as it is a Malayalam linguistic minority institution. This year, even though it was virtual, the spirit of Onam was kept intact by the students who put up a virtual traditional Onam dance.



The assembly saw an interactive sports based quiz which commemorated not only the national sports day but also the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics. Overall, the assembly celebrated the spirit of Indian festivals and brought the Batch closer through activities.





GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING SESSIONS

PCER conducted two virtual expert talks as part of the Guidance and Counselling Cell RISE- Re-assuring Impactful Sociable Emancipation initiative. The expert talks were conducted via YouTube Live sessions on 20th August and 24th August 2021 from 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm

The session on 20th August was on the topic "Diet for Wellness". The resource person for the session was Ms. Jennifer Dhuri, Consultant Dietician. The session was very smoothly anchored by the General Secretary of the Student Council of PCER. Ms. Dhuri gave a very comprehensive and relevant exposition on the importance of diet and nutrition in the holistic wellbeing of the individual. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session wherein Ms. Jennifer provided clear and needful information to the participants. The link for the session is given below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKEp__hpV-A



The topic for the session on 24th August was on Mental Health-"Let's Talk about Healthy Living". Dr. Sheryl Senthilnathan, Consultant Psychiatrist was the resource person for the YouTube Live session. Dr. Sheryl gave a very pertinent presentation on the contemporary scenario highlighting the factors that affect the mental health of people and what lifestyle changes and habits one needs to cultivate to address the issue. The session was very confidently anchored by Ms. Beverley DSouza. After the presentation Dr. Sheryl clarified the queries presented to her by the host. The link for the session is given below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtKItTg8RBU>

SIBC, PCER AND PCE “BOOKS AND STATIONERY DONATION DRIVE”

On the occasion of the International Literacy Day on 8th September, 2021, Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC) in collaboration with MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur and Pillai HOC College of Engineering and Technology organises a Book Donation Drive to donate Textbooks and School supplies to the underprivileged children in the society. The items were placed on the Wonderwheel Registry. The delivery point was Chembur Campus. The items received were donated to Adiwasi School, Community Schools and orphanages. The objective behind this activity was to support education to the underprivileged.

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and
Pillai HOC College of Engineering and Technology
LET'S JOIN TOGETHER IN SUPPORTING EDUCATION TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED

Donation drive begins on 21st August 2021 to 5th September 2021

Donate Textbooks and School Supplies

Our Beneficiaries

Donate for a social cause of minimum Rs 50/- or more.

<https://wonderwheelstore.com/donate>



IQAC CORNER

The IQAC Cell of PCER Chembur, in collaboration with Mahatma Night Degree College of Arts & Commerce organised an Online Workshop on the topic 'Filing of Income Tax Returns' from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the 31st of August, 2021.

This hands-on workshop was open for all the faculty members of MES's Chembur Campus. Many of us outsource the filing of our income tax returns to chartered accountants or other professionals because of a common fear of not filling government forms. Now, with the filing of returns becoming online, the process has become much simplified and no educated person should shy away from it.

The Resource Person for the Workshop was Dr. Eknath Zherekar, Principal of MNDC College who took up this seemingly complicated topic and explained it in an extremely simplified manner.

The workshop had a total of 51 participants and was in line with SDG#8: Decent Work and Economic Growth



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Organises

One Day online Workshop
on
"Filing of Income Tax Return"
Date : 31st August, 2021
Time : 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
Only for MES Chembur Staff

Organising Team

Workshop Chairperson & Resource Person Dr. Eknath K. Zherekar I/C Principal	Convener Dr. Anaya Markandeya IQAC Coordinator	Dr. Reini Francis Principal PCER
Workshop Committee Members Assoc. Dr. Lata Krishnan Asst. Prof. Yashar Pawar Asst. Prof. Harsh D. Shukla		Dr. Swasti Dhar IQAC Coordinator PCER



ALUMINI CORNER

**This month's contribution to the Horizon comes from
Ms. Biju Nair from the Batch of 2012-13**

What are you anchored on?

I had joined the B.Ed. course in 2012, when I was 40 years old! I had already worked 8 years in corporates and had run my own franchisee business in Training for 12 years. The only reason I had joined the course was because I now wanted to implement these workshops within the organized setup of a school, for which this degree was mandatory.

But I never imagined that B.Ed. would catapult me to a whole new level. This extraordinarily rigorous and multifaceted course had filled me with an aptitude which I myself had not realized.



I had gone for the interview to be a Life Skill Trainer and I got hired as the Primary Head in this prominent, upcoming school. The next eight months were followed by an amazing time of putting all the learnings into practice. I can easily say that it was the highpoint of my entire career and I was riding on the pinnacle of Success.

But suddenly, life changed dramatically. From letting go of my job to losing my entire life savings, that year hit me with one crises after another. I went through various emotions of fear, anger, denial and depression. That is when I asked myself - what am I anchored on? Like a boat without anchors, I was being tossed to and fro by the ravaging waters.

I realized that I had built my life on the artificial pillars of money, qualification, skills, achievements, self-dependance and so on. But one by one, these pillars were easily breaking. I came down on my knees and prayed to the only One who could now help. God. And He did.

What I thought was my falling, turned out to be my calling!! Today I have rebuilt my life on the foundation of Scripture (The Holy Bible). Jesus is my Savior, not my religion. He is the pilot of my life. No matter how turbulent the weather might be, I know I won't crash land again. Today, I am cruising comfortably. The world is in panic mode, with Covid and all the uncertainties. But I rest fully assured knowing that my God, my Savior will take care of it all.

I truly wish & pray for all our lives to be anchored in God. The Bible says, "You will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free". May the truth about God truly set us free from all worries and fill us with the hope, joy and peace found in Him. God bless us all !!

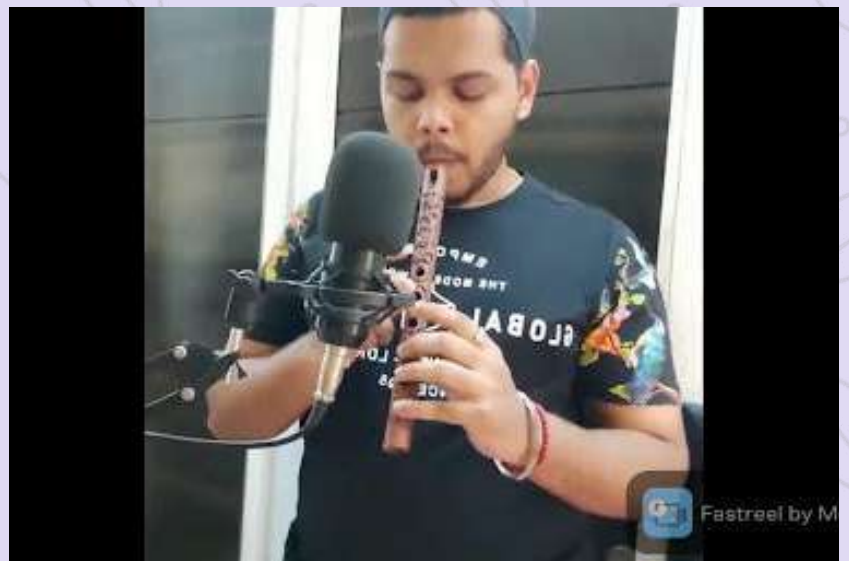
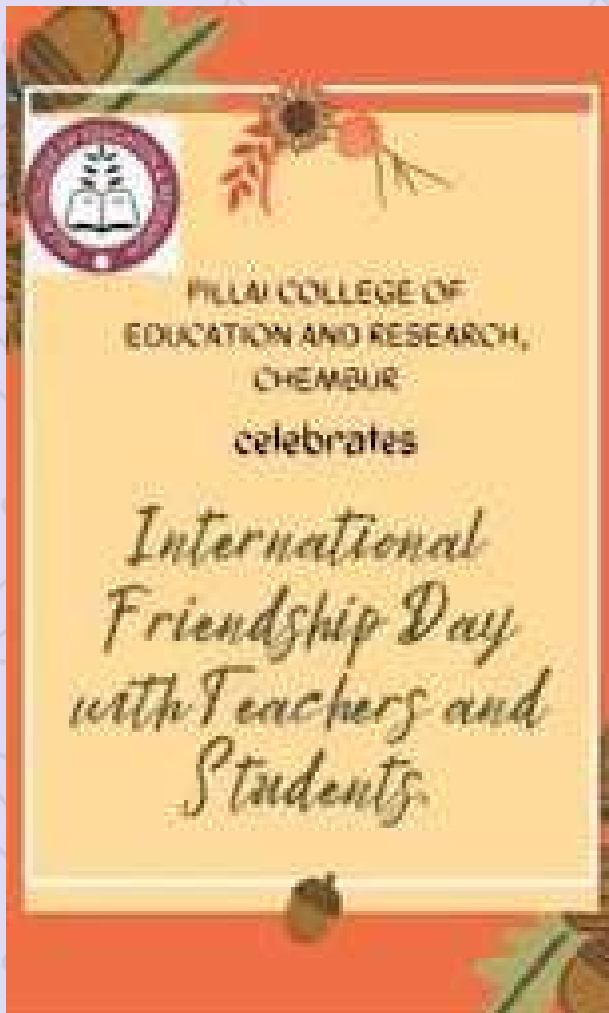
STUDENTS' CORNER

FRIENDSHIP DAY VIDEO

"A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow."
— William Shakespeare

Friendship Day 2021 celebrations at PCER Chembur was indeed an unique and pleasant event. The Student Council compiled visual messages from teachers and students wishing their friends and secret friends and created a memorable video connecting the class with one string-the string of friendship.

<https://youtu.be/h28NRTioSy>



Independence Day video

75th Independence Day was celebrated with great fervor at PCER Chembur. The students released a video on this occasion containing speeches, drama, dance, students playing musical instruments and singing.

The video can be viewed using the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BhAxmumPNIncWXe8Fafg0L7aluTDrBBo/view?usp=sharing>



Award Winner - Melvin Chacko

Melvin Varghese Chacko of class FYB.ed 2020-21 got an opportunity to be one of the jury alongside Gulzar Sahab and Ravi Shankar Sharma for the event 'Reviving Bazaar: Celebrating Sagar Sarhadi; the man and his ideas' He also received two awards. The 6th Perfect Achievers Award under the category Excellence as an Author, Poet and a Critic organized by the Perfect woman magazine and The Opus Talent Award's Talented 30 award.



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