

E-Newsletter

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Horizon
March –2021



The month of March is always celebrated with numerous events. PCER marked the onset of celebrations with International Women's Day, honouring the Corona Women Warriors, followed by the Alumni Achievers Award.

The various events highlighted are

A – Always

R - Realise your

I - Inner

S - Strength and

E - Expertise



Dr. Reni Francis
(Principal)

The celebrations, activities and achievements focus on the most important aspect of every human life ARISE - realising your potentials, abilities, capacities, expertise thus developing one's identity. The B.Ed grooms every student teacher in various ways during the two years of their campus experiences and these experiences are instrumental in honing their skills for a bigger and wider classroom experience. Hence let us all ARISE in identifying oneself and be an asset to the society and world at large.

Wishing you all great successful endeavours ahead.

Arise and Awake the inner self.

Editorial

Each time a Woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for ALL women” – Maya Angelou

The month of March threw the spotlight on women’s achievements as we celebrated International Women's Day. As a society, we have indeed come a long way in removing obstructions of various forms that stand in the way of women achieving their full potential.

Yet the road ahead is long in terms of reaching the goal of true equality of women and men. PCER, through its various activities and programmes, encourages all women to be the change they wish to see in the world and, in the process, be an inspiration for each other.

This month the S.Y. B.Ed. students began their class tests in preparation for their forthcoming semester 4 University exams. PCER wishes them all the best as they move towards the final leg of their B.Ed. journey.

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Corona Women Warriors Award 2021

MES's Pillai College of Education & Research, Chembur in association with Lions Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar Galaxy and Leo Club of Ghatkopar Galaxy organised the Corona Women Warriors Award, 2021.

Lockdown was beyond our control and to face the adversities of the lockdown along with the fear of the virus was a challenging task for everybody. The idea of Corona Women Warrior Award was to choose those extraordinary women who have fought with all the fears and have emerged victorious by walking the extra mile, helping the underprivileged and those in need.

It was the brainchild of our Principal, Dr. Reni Francis to initiate this unique idea of felicitating the awardees. Lion Dimple Mehta, the President of Lions Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar Galaxy and Leo Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar Galaxy and Lion Rekha Sanghani, the Past President coordinated seamlessly to make the event a successful one.

Registration began from 25th January, 2021 and the message was shared in social media groups. The registration link was:

<https://forms.gle/KZec2L7qJ3htwVeA7>

We received more than 30 entries. The jury selected four Corona Women Warriors from three different categories.

Community Personnel: Dr. Frances Vaidya

Teacher: Ms. Mansii Thakker

Medical Staff: Dr. Shilpa Nellikka & Ms. Pooja Prakash Mandviya

Dr. Frances Vaidya was able to touch the lives of around 10,000 people.

As a President of Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Film City, she felt it was her prime duty to reach out to the society in the Pandemic situation keeping the theme HOPE in mind

H- Health n Hygiene

O- Old age and Orphans

P- Patriotism

E- Environment

Miss Mansi Thakker could reach 12,000 beneficiaries. She Conducted free online Leadership development (Chanakya Arthashastra), business psychology, personal growth training sessions and mental health counseling for more than 12000 youth and women in different sectors, mandals, companies and individuals.



Dr. Shilpa Nellikkal has made a remarkable contribution towards society. She impacted 79,766 beneficiaries. She led the team for conducting voluntary awareness sessions for Health care workers—mainly staff of KEM (nursing staff and class 4 workers).

Ms. Pooja Prakash Mandviya touched 80,000 beneficiaries. She is working as a covid analyst in covid-19 laboratory Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University. She worked fearlessly to step ahead and help other people. They had a very small team of 7 people but worked 24X7 voluntarily. Most of the time they even worked at night due to high sample load.

The grand finale was scheduled on 8th March, 2021 as a live program streamed on PCER Chembur's YouTube channel and was appreciated a lot by everybody.




PCER Alumni Awards 2021

PCER Chembur had initiated the PCER Alumni Award in 2013 in order to felicitate our alumni who have displayed excellence in their professional field.


The self-nomination form for the awards was displayed on the PCER website (1st to 28th February, 2021) and was circulated via WhatsApp among the various alumni groups. A total of 8 responses were received in 3 categories.

Among these the winners chosen were as follows:

Area	Name of the recipient	Batch
Professional Excellence	Ms. Sheeba Chikodi	2012-13
Academic Enrichment through ICT	Mr. Mahesh Jain	2013-14
Contribution to Knowledge Building	Fr. Sebastian Gomes	2014-15



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Come nominate yourself

THE PCER Alumni AWARD


OPEN TO ALL ALUMNI OF PCER, CHEMBUR
UP TO THE BATCH 2017-19

Highlighting the achievers and laurels from 1st April, 2019 to 31st January, 2021

[READ THE CONCEPT NOTE HERE](#) [SELF-NOMINATION FORM](#)




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THE PCER Alumni AWARD 2020-21

Congratulations to





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Join us in felicitating them on **8th March, 2021 at 5:00 pm** on PCER Chembur's  and  channels

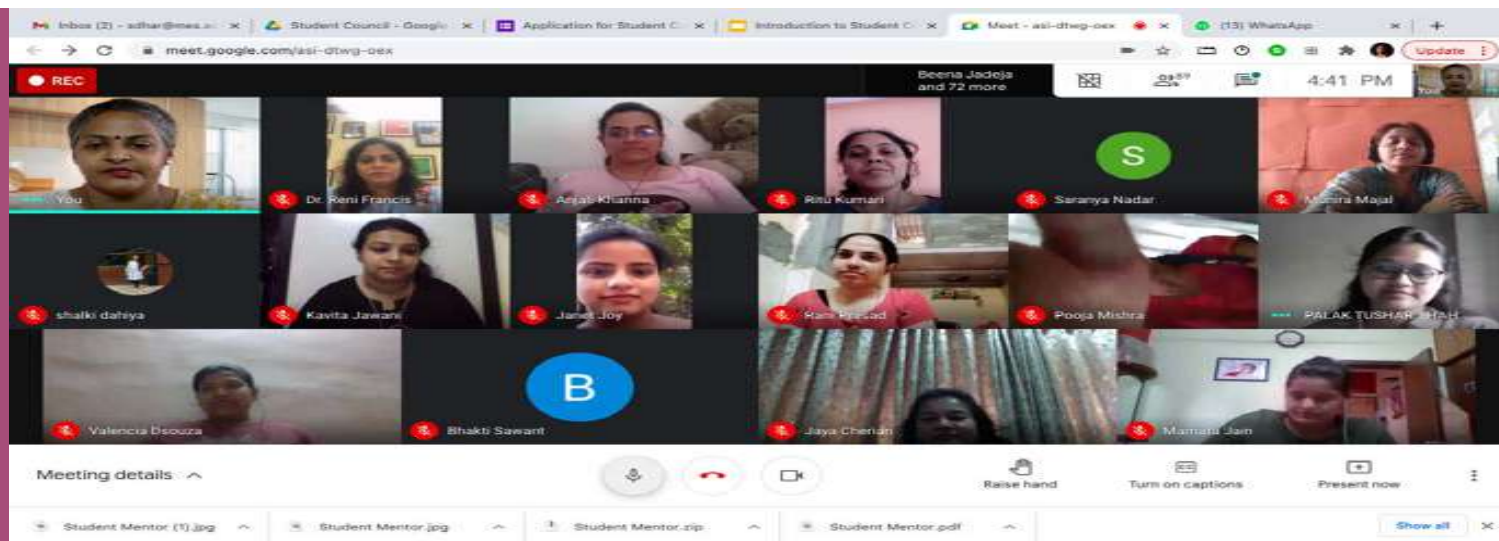


The award ceremony was held on the **8th of March, 2021** from 5:00pm to 5:30 pm via Streamyard and streamed live on PCER's YouTube channel. The programme was conducted by the Alumni Association of PCER, Chembur and hosted by Ms. Vasundhara Kaul (Alumna- Batch 2013-14) and a member of the Alumni Association.

Ms. Vasundhara greeted the online audience and called upon Principal (Dr.) Reni Francis to give the welcome address. This was followed by Dr. Swasti Dhar, Joint Secretary of the Alumni Association detailing the work and objectives of the association followed by an introduction to this year's winners. The winners were felicitated and then were called upon to share their views with the audience.



The Student Mentor & Teacher Assistant Programme



PCER, Chembur in collaboration with the Alumni Association of PCER, Chembur initiated the Student Mentor and the Teacher Assistant programme, whereby students of the current Second Year could act as mentors for their juniors in the curricular and the co-curricular fields.

The Teacher Assistant programme is open to all alumni of PCER, Chembur who wish to teach either the first or the second years on any academic or co-academic topic of their choice.

The programme kickstarted on 12th March, 2021 with Ms. Palak Shah from the batch of 2019-21 acting as a student mentor for the first years (Batch 2020-22) by taking up a topic for Course AB1 – Critical Understanding of ICT on the topic ‘Video Editing and Compilation’. The class was held via Google Meet.

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invites you to become a

Student Mentor

Open to ALL S.Y. students of PCER Chembur to extend their expertise and experience to mentor the FYs in subject matter or essential skills that will help them to polish their teacher-training experience.

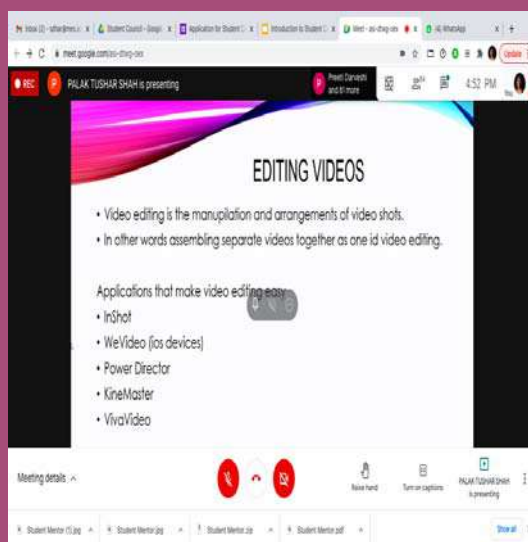
Earn a Certificate and add it to your CV

Teacher Assistant

Open to the Alumni of PCER Chembur to extend their expertise and experience to mentor the SYs and FYs in subject matter or essential skills that will help them to polish their teacher-training experience.

Earn a Certificate and add it to your CV

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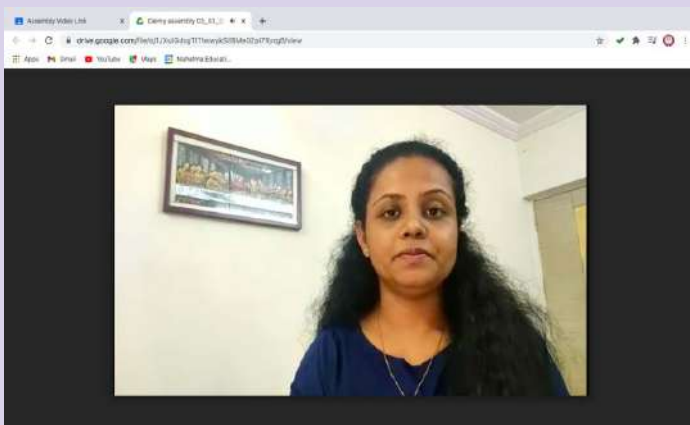
Assembly Snippets



The assembly for the month of March focused on the theme - 'Multiculturalism.' Some of the values highlighted during the assembly activities were Tolerance, Empathy, Secularism and the Need for Education.

The assemblies also highlighted the issues of zero-discrimination day, national safety day and the festivals of Maha-Shivratri and Holi.

The first year students took up the mantle of conducting special assemblies from this month and the students organised an online assembly via Google Meet to celebrate World Water Day on the 22nd of March, 2021. This assembly was organised by the IQAC Cell under its VENTEL programme which promotes the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) given by the UN.



Student Council Batch 2020-22

The Students' Council of PCER Chembur's 2020-22 batch was elected in a unique manner as befitting the circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Students were informed about the process of election and selection followed by PCER Chembur. The students came to know the various portfolios, the responsibilities attached with each post and the skills expected for the same.

The students self-nominated themselves via a Google Form and canvasses online via WhatsApp. The Google Form was kept open for three days (from 12th to 14th March, 2021) and the students nominated themselves for the various posts.

On the 17th of March, 2021, the nominated candidates canvassed and presented their views in front of the Principal, Faculty and their classmates via a special session on Google Meet. The elections took place via a Google Form and the link to the form was shared in the Google Meet itself.

The election process was followed up with a detailed online interaction with the Principal and the teachers-in-charge, Dr. Swasti Dhar and Dr. Jaya Cheria on the 18th of March, 2021 and the results were declared on the same day.

The Oath taking ceremony for the Student Council was completed via Google Meet on 22nd March, 2021.

The elected Student Council members for the batch 2020-22 are as follows:

General Secretary : **Ms. Chrysl D'souza**

Deputy General Secretary : **Mr. Melvin Chacko & Ms. Dipika Lund**

Academic Incharge : **Ms. Anjali Khanna**

Assembly Incharge : **Ms. Vairavalakshmi Chelliah**

Cultural & Sports Incharge : **Mr. Dale D'Silva and Ms. Pooja Mishra**

Reports Incharge : **Ms. Namrata Singh**

Photo & Records Incharge : **Ms. Devshree Sharma**



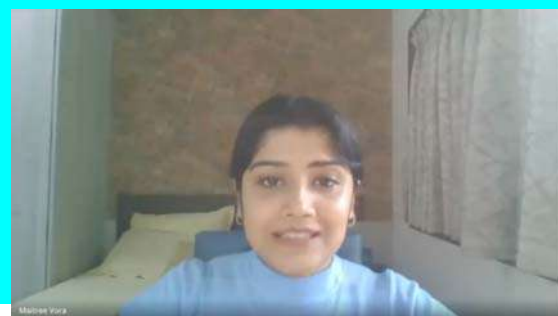
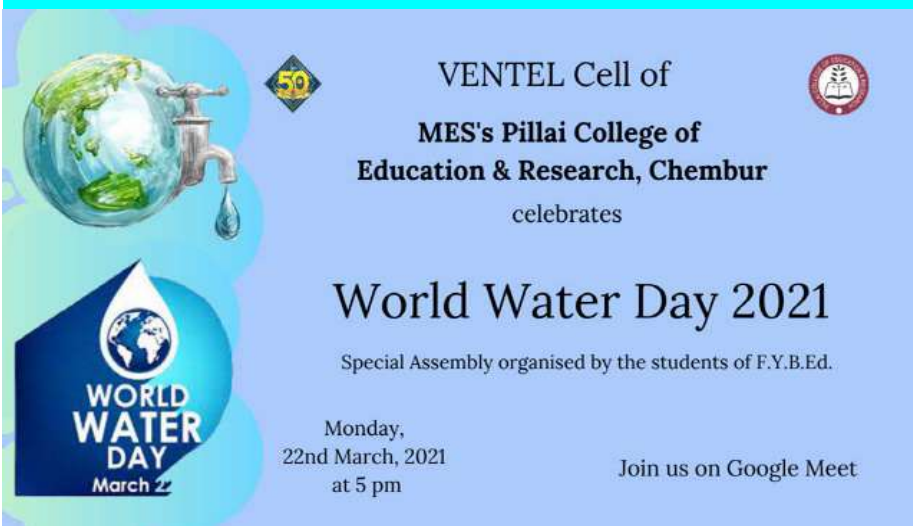
IQAC Corner

World Water Day Celebrations

The VENTEL Cell of PCER, Chembur organized a special assembly on the occasion of World Water Day, 2021. The special assembly was organized by the students of the first year (Batch 2020-22).

The assembly began with a prayer by Ms. Lyzandra Rebello followed by 'Thoughts on Water Conservation' by Ms. Lincy Perera. Ms. Maitree Vora then presented her views on the importance of water conservation and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 which focuses on Clean Water and Sanitation. A short film on how we can individually contribute to save water was presented by Ms. Mamata Jain. The host for the evening, Ms. Maitree Vora, concluded the assembly by inviting our Principal, Dr. Reni Francis to speak about the VENTEL Cell of PCER, Chembur and also about World Water Day.

Apart from the special assembly, a quiz was created and shared via Google Form to raise awareness about the World Water Day. The quiz consisted of 15 questions each carrying 2 points. Students and teachers could attempt the Quiz and earn themselves a Certificate.



Alumni Corner

From this month, we begin with a special 'Alumni Corner' where each month we will invite our alumni to showcase their thoughts and ideas with their alma mater and the current batch of students.

This month features an article by Ms. Ajita Venugopal from the Batch of 2011-12.

The dawn of progressive development

"If we teach as we taught yesterday we rob our children of tomorrow"



Our country has definitely evolved over the years in imparting education to the masses. The traditional approach was replaced by Macaulay's system of memorising concepts and the emphasis was primarily on grades. The irony is that this practice still exists and the education system has now become stagnant.

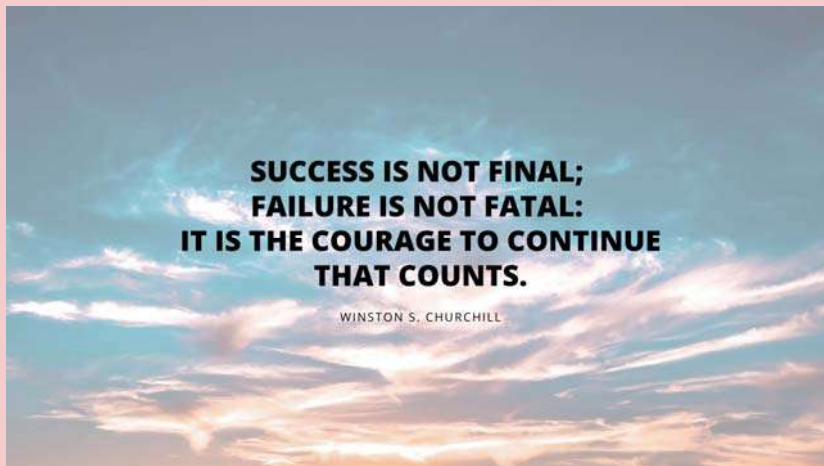
The creativity of a teacher and their skills tend to take a back seat as the training is not in par with the other recognised courses. The need of the hour is to make it more intensive. The screening and selection of the candidates applying for the post of teachers should be made more arduous. Apart from learning and inculcation of virtues, it definitely paves the way for distinguished personalities in the near future.

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**SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL;
FAILURE IS NOT FATAL:
IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE
THAT COUNTS.**

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL



Students' Corner

In the student's corner this month we feature two of our students.

Ms. Jeevashree Nadar is a first year student from the Batch of 2020-22 and is an artist. These sketches have been drawn by her:



Ms. Jeevashree Nadar

Ms. Maitree Vora is also a student from the Batch of 2020-22 and she presents a short poem penned by her:

Loving Myself

Throwback to Grade 5
In a room full of twenty-five
My teacher says I've a beautiful smile
I look around and take a while
I thought it was all a bluff
Because I didn't love myself enough
Now when someone says so
I don't look around anymore



Ms. Maitree Vora