



# **HORIZON**



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

## **Principal's Message**

Lights, sounds, colours and happiness, the month of November welcomed the festival of Diwali. After a long period of darkness due the COVID pandemic, there was a ray of hope and festivities. Markets were crowded and shops / houses were all lit. The tough times of hardships were ceasing off and the brightness towards newer avenues and opportunities were growing. Schools and colleges also embraced their students wholeheartedly maintaining all COVID protocols and guidelines. Finally the empty benches and desks got their seats full with the sound of children in the classrooms.



**DR. RENI FRANCIS,  
PRINCIPAL**

Teachers had a vital role to play, this was a time of unlearning, learning and re-learning of digital learning in the classroom. We witnessed the reverse cycle that had been our only medium of instruction with students. Teachers adapt and adopt easily to the ever demanding society and that is what makes Teachers as one of the most important professions. At PCER, Chembur too we marked the beginning of our college, students with vaccination were given a vaccination I-Card. Introductory events were organised to bring in social cohesiveness.

A new beginning and new learning... we welcome you even if we are the nearing the end of the year.

Best and safe wishes to all...Happy Diwali...

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# **EDITORIAL**



**MR. RAJENDRA DESHMUKH**

A patent is an exclusive right granted for an invention, which is a product or a process that provides, in general, a new way of doing something, or offers a new technical solution to a problem. The long-term trend shows patent applications growing worldwide every year since 2004. 3.3 million patent applications were filed worldwide in 2018. (World Intellectual Property Rights Organization)

Human knowledge, on an average, is doubling every 13 months. We are quickly on our way, with the help of the Internet, to the doubling of knowledge every 12 hours. The New Digital Age is reshaping the future of people, nations and business all over the world and some serious changes to technology, human intelligence and business are coming our way, whether we like it or not. The above trends show that Science and Technology is changing our lives. It is creating new processes, products, gadgets and technological inventions.

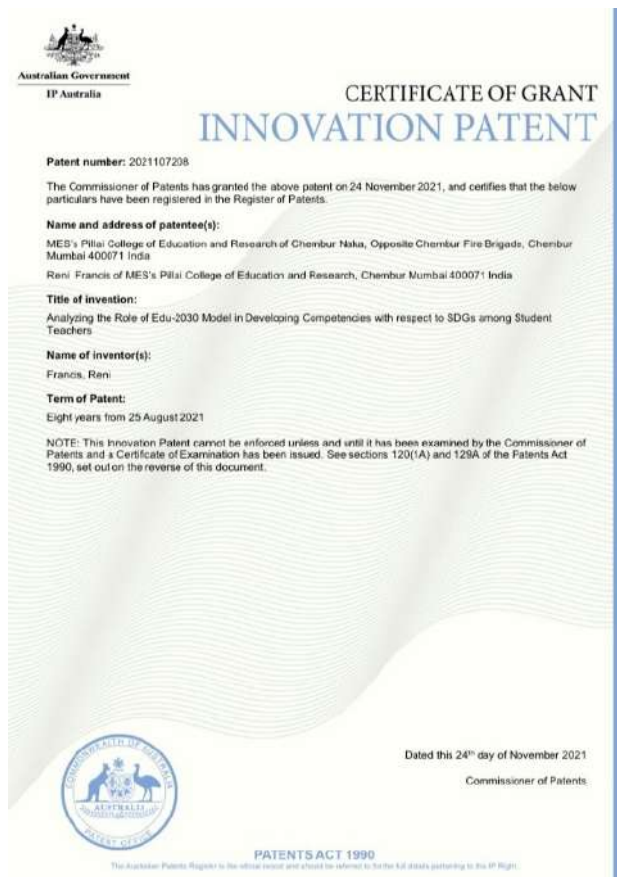
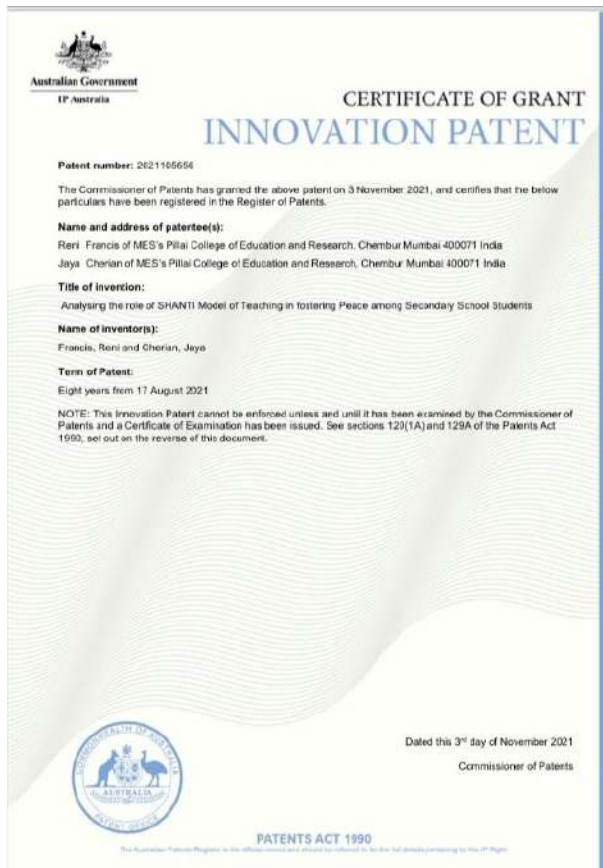
During the current pandemic, technology and digital era is reaching its peak with ever evolving technology and almost addicting all humans. With the changes happening around no one will be left uninfluenced. All institutions are seen diving in the digital era and optimizing their output. Educational institutes are also leading in terms of participation in the digital era and also our stakeholders specially the students. The paradigm of literacy is shifting, respected Dr. Daphne Pillai very rightly quotes in her latest blog.

**“As a person in education for the past 49 years, I have been reflecting on the interpretation of ‘Literacy’ for 2021. I see the winds of change coming and thus see the need to remobilize our efforts to redefine traditional literacy to meet the needs of today. We need to prioritize digital literacy in education today, especially for those who currently do not have access to digital gadgets or the Internet. Covid has decreased the literacy rate among those who have no digital access, and we need to find ways to bridge this gap. For the people who do have access, we need to teach them how to safely navigate through all the information. I see my three grandchildren on the verge of starting pre-school and kindergarten, already well-versed on their phones and tablets. The digital world is an amazing place that can keep them entertained and teach them, but it can also be a treacherous place with scams, inappropriate content, and propaganda. As a guardian, we must ensure that we filter the bad of this new world but allow our youth access to the good. As we strive to educate nations, we must enable them to not just read and write, but also help them understand and utilize the new digital media of education.”(Dr. Daphne Pillai)**

**The end users of technology now Schools, Teachers , Parents and Students will play a vital role in technology consumption and generation of new technology in future. It will come up with many blessings but will also invite few new problems. We all must be well prepared to manage the change and adapt to the digital era effectively.**

**This month our dear principal Dr. Reni Francis and Asst. Prof. Dr. Jaya Cherian made significant contributions to the invention world and was awarded with two Australian patents for innovation. PCER Chembur conducted an Add-on course 'Job Perfect' to help students increase their market value. Assembly highlighted and celebrated the important days in the month of November. Webinar on 'Enabling a Perfect Research Ecosystem with Scopus, Science Direct and Mendeley' empowered Team PCER to contribute with more vigor in the educational research.**

# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



**MES's Pillai College of Education and Research reached another significant milestone with the achievement of two Australian innovation patents.**

# Webinar on 'Enabling a perfect research ecosystem with Scopus, Science Direct and Mendeley'

## Enabling a perfect research ecosystem with Scopus, Science Direct and Mendeley



Tuesday, Nov 16, 2021



11:30 AM (IST)

Dr. Vinita Saroha  
Customer Consultant  
Elsevier



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Registration Link

<https://bit.ly/3BY3Ob4>

Internal Quality Assurance Cell of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, organized an online national webinar on 'Enabling a perfect research ecosystem with Scopus, Science Direct and Mendeley'. The resource person for the webinar was Customer Consultant, ELSEVIER Dr. Vinita Saroha. The two day event held on 16th and 17th November attracted participants from different institutes all over India. The webinar empowered the participants in underpinning the basics of research, research planning and ethics in publication.

A Partnership starts with an understanding of your ambitions and challenges

### Our Mission

- To promote academic excellence and create humane, self-reliant teachers to meet the local and global challenges of the society and nation
- To create opportunities for value-based transactions and empower student-teachers to tackle professional and global issues through collaborations in a techno-savvy era.



### Our mission

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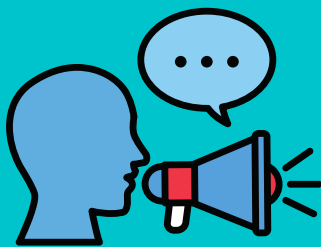
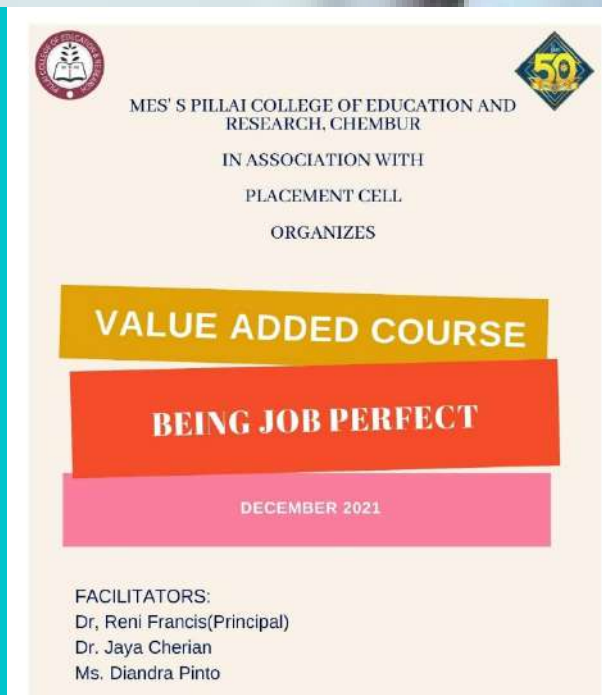
# **Job Perfect Workshop**

**A workshop series/add-on course, “Job Perfect” preparing students for Campus Placement was conducted over three sessions. The sessions covered common communication errors, SWOC analysis and resume writing skills and interview skills.**

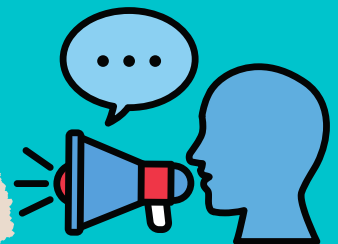


**MES's PCER, Chembur in association with Placement Cell organized an Add on Course on the topic 'Being Job Perfect' in November 2021. The course is in sync with SDG # 4: Quality Education. The course consisted of 30 hours and was divided into four modules:**

- 1. Common Errors in Communication**
- 2. SWOC Analysis**
- 3. Resume Writing**
- 4. How to face an interview**



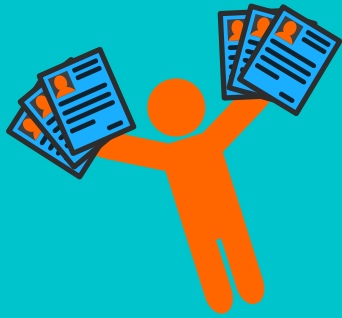
## Common Errors in Communication



The session focused on the importance of communicating correctly and conveying ones' thoughts and ideas in a clear and concise manner. The session highlighted the common errors committed during communication in English language such as usage of wrong plurals, the importance of adding the modal after a 'Wh' word, use of can/may/could. The session also highlighted the importance of correct pronunciations, introducing oneself correctly and the right use of prepositions and articles for grammatically correct sentences. Students were also advised to refer to dictionaries and conduct spell check to avoid spelling errors. The session concluded with a general discussion on the students' queries regarding correct English language usage

## SWOC Analysis

Self awareness is crucial as a well adjusted adult. Teachers need to be aware of their strengths and weaknesses and the sessions gave them the opportunity to self reflect and explore these for themselves. Student teachers on the brink of exploring the world of work need to be well equipped not only with their knowledge and skills related to teaching, but also their knowledge about themselves, awareness of the levels of their skills and developing the right attitudes towards their students.



## Resume Writing



Navigating the complexities of the job market in a post pandemic world makes it imperative that student teachers start off on the right foot; ensuring a quality, effective resume and cover letter. This is an opportunity for one to present their best selves to prospective employers.



## How To Face An Interview



This session focused on the various aspects that are part of a job interview. It oriented the students regarding the things to be kept in mind during the pre interview stage, the day of the interview and post- interview. In the pre-interview stage the candidate should focus on personal aspects such as health, hygiene, grooming etc and mental aspects such as strengthening content knowledge, updating current affairs knowledge, etc. On the day of the interview the candidate should be mindful of the following –being punctual, confident, courteous and positive, carrying necessary documents etc. Post-interview it is desirable for the candidate to mail a thank you to the organization and reiterate their interest in the job.

# Quiz on National Cancer Awareness Day



MES's PILLAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH  
CHEMBUR

ORGANIZES

ONLINE QUIZ ON

**NATIONAL CANCER AWARENESS DAY**

ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2021

<https://forms.gle/yYCucadL9mSVkka79>

*Early Detection  
is the  
Best Protection*



PCER observed National Cancer Awareness Day on 7th November, 2021 by organising an online quiz on cancer disease. The quiz was conducted through google forms and participants received e- certificates.

This activity was aligned with SDG 3- Good health and Well being.

The google form link:<https://forms.gle/AfDyCYQDEy9DkbtRA>



# Alumni Corner



**Ms. Shivani Mayekar**  
**PCER Alumna Batch 2019-21**  
**Presently- Asst. Prof.**  
**G.N. Khalsa College**

## **A Secret Life Formula**

In modern times, we are in constant turmoil in our lives which is beset with multiple problems. There is a constant struggle to perform our daily activities and chores, let alone to fulfill one's aspirations and desires. There is an endless quest to seek out perfection. To achieve the impossible idealistic sense of perfection. Impossible because perfection is an abstract idea. It is the condition, state, or quality of being free or as free as possible from all flaws or defects. In seeking perfection, one often forgets to live life. To live in the present moments, to enjoy and celebrate the minute, small incidents and beauty of life. Human tendency is to always feel that the grass is greener on the other side but if we forget to appreciate or value what we have, then the chances of us losing it, is also very likely. Just like, if something is stuck in between our teeth our tongue constantly touches that area. Likewise, our mind focuses on our problems and worries and in turn we find our thoughts and ourselves turning negative. Hence, our glass is always half empty. It's an infinite regress. To overcome this, we need to inculcate just one value, it is the act of 'Gratitude'. Gratitude is an emotion you feel when you are in need, helpless and suddenly someone steps in and helps you. Pulling you out of a seemingly hopeless situation. The person can be your teachers, parents, classmates, even strangers. But nevertheless, you are sincerely grateful to them. It can be a deceptively simple 'Thank You' on the surface but beneath it has gratitude, appreciation, acknowledgment and deep respect. Gratitude develops feelings of strong happiness within yourself and the opposite person. It is a positive emotion, which develops a healthy mindset and motivates us. It basically helps you to appreciate things that you have rather than focusing on what you don't have.

## **Simple ways of offering gratitude:**

### **1) Thank You:**

**One of the simplest and easiest way of expressing yourself but it has to be with sincerity. Irrespective to the class, gender, religion, etc.**

### **2) Acknowledgement of Other's Efforts:**

**Not taking things and people for granted, especially our near and dear ones.**

### **3) Develop a Positive Mindset:**

**Start the day with a heart full of gratitude and happiness.**

### **4) Accept Yourself:**

**Acceptance is the first key to happiness.**

### **5) Volunteer:**

**Last but most important part you need to give back to society. Giving back is also a sign of gratitude, where you feel abundance and are sharing it back. It need not be big acts; small constant acts also are the key to gratitude.**

**I would conclude with a wise ancient Greek philosopher, Epicurus:**

**"Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not, remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for."**






# Assembly



A Special assembly was conducted on November 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. by the students of Ms. Achala Bhor Tutorial group from roll number 73 to roll no. 90 through Google Meet. The students presented all the important events and festival celebrated in the month of November i.e. Diwali, Children's Day, Guru Nanak Jayanti and also highlighted on International Day for the elimination of violence against women. The students presented the celebration of Diwali, Guru Nanak Jayanti and Children's day through speeches, dance and songs. The importance of International Day for the elimination of violence against women was highlighted through song and powerpoint presentation to create awareness about elimination of violence against women.

The assembly was anchored by Samantha D'Souza and Shelina. Salvius marked the assembly with an auspicious beginning through a prayer to goddess Lakshmi. Following with a heartfelt prayer on Guru Nanak Jayanti offered by Simran Kaur. Samantha Dsouza spoke a few words on the festival of Diwali where she enlightened on how Diwali is celebrated and why we celebrate it every year with so much happiness and joy. She also spoke about Guru Nanak Jayanti to everyone, which is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism.




 **MES'S PILLAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
AND RESEARCH CHEMBUR**

THE STUDENTS OF PCER CHEMBUR CORDIALLY INVITE YOU ALL  
TO  
**NOVEMBER MONTH ASSEMBLY**  
ON

- Diwali 🌟
- Guru Nanak Jayanti ॥
- Children's Day 🚂
- Elimination Of Violence Against Women ♀

ON TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 2021  
AT  
5:00PM







Next the students started with the children's day celebration where Samruddhi Ghag gave a speech on children's day. She spoke on why we celebrate children's day. This was followed by a dance performance on a song called 'Itti si khushi' by Sahana, Saranya, Shweta and Sneha.

Shelina then called upon Shifa and Shilpa to sing the song called 'bekhauff'. Through this song they tried to convey the message that women should stop living in fear and stand up against violence. Shabnam spoke about why 25th November is marked as Elimination of Violence Against Women, where she also mentioned some websites where women can file their complaints and get help. This was followed by a skit by Saili, Shabnam, Sapna Pandey, Samruddhi Haldankar and Sapana Pal wherein they depicted how women can face violence at the workplace and also suggested how they could prevent it.

Principal Dr. Reni Francis ma'am, addressed everyone and motivated the students with her encouraging words of wisdom. She appreciated the performances put up by the students and also shared her thoughts on the significance of celebrating festivals and important days. She also appreciated the efforts in organizing the virtual assembly.

A Vote of thanks was proposed by Shelina, who thanked the principal, teachers and all those who contributed towards the conduct of the event.

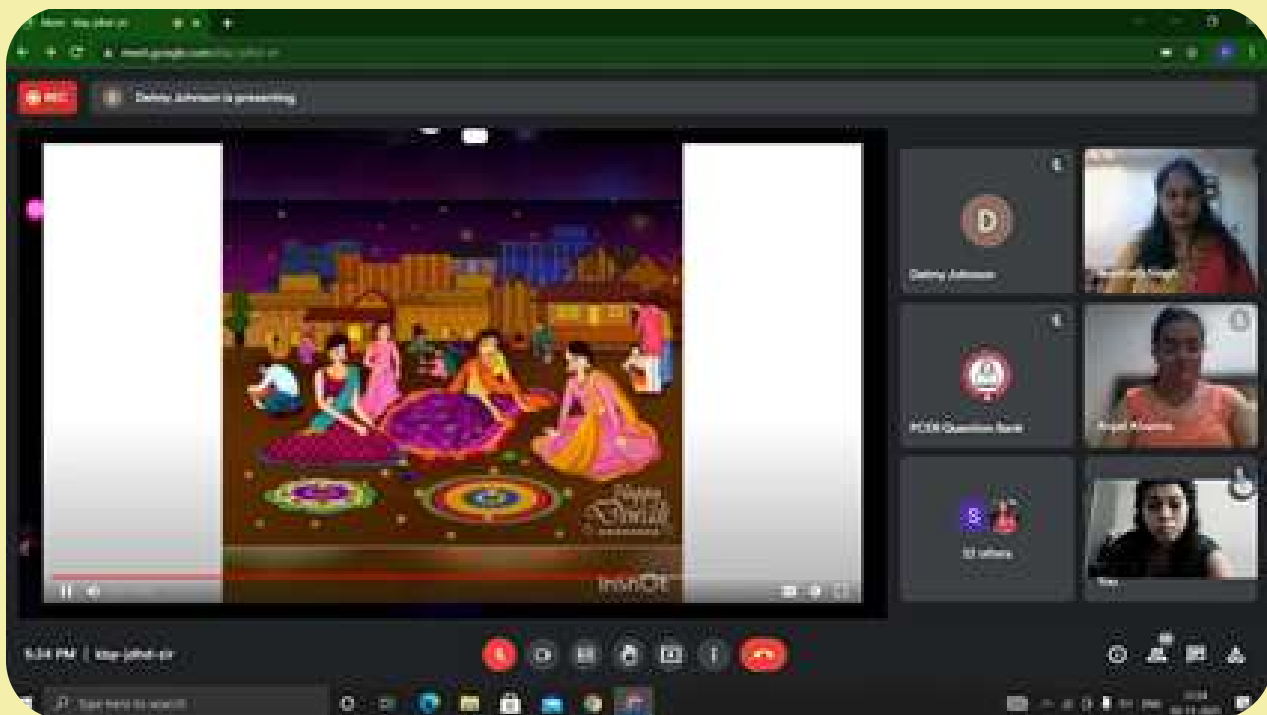
# Student's Corner

## Diwali Celebration



The student council members along with other students of PCER, Chembur celebrated the special occasion of Diwali on 2nd November 2021 through google meet.





The assembly was organized on Google meet and was attended by all the students of S.Y.B.Ed ,teachers and principal. The assembly highlighted the significance of celebrating Diwali. During this event various activities like speech, dance , song were conducted by the students with great enthusiasm. Several competitions like rangoli making and best out of waste were arranged for the students of PCER.

Principal Dr. Reni Francis ma'am announced the results of the competition and enlightened the teachers and students with her thoughts on the Diwali festival. She also explained how wisdom enlightens our mind and it paves ways to our understanding. Ma'am also appreciated the entire student council members and all the other students, for the successful organization of this event.

# Poem by Munira Majal



**A – Hurray!**

**Dear students of 2 A, you have come a long way,  
Online learning was challenging, but you have continued to be managing  
In your cozy little room you have mastered the features of ZOOM  
Mute, unmute and other netiquette rules  
You have adapted well although, sometimes you try to make us a fool.  
Clicking photos and uploading your work  
Assures us that your responsibilities you will not shirk,  
So let us summarize this in a nutshell  
So far you all are doing quite well.  
May you continue to grow and learn,  
And to see you in school face to face is what we teachers yearn.**





**Art by  
Ms. Siddhi Surve**