

E-Newsletter



MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur

Chembur Naka, Mumbai-71

Horizon

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Happy Teachers' Day to each one of you. Being a teacher is highly elating and fulfilling as a profession. It helps us to be in touch with the young generation, our future of tomorrow and also nurtures us to meet the dynamic needs of the society. On this special day of celebration in this month, I would like to express my best wishes and gratitude to all the teachers for their selfless efforts and contribution to the children especially during this period of pandemic. Today on Teachers Day, let us join in serving our students the best by understanding the word,

- G- Gratitude to all
- U- Uniqueness in your words and actions
- R-Respect self and others
- U-Useful for the student and society

As a teacher you have chosen the best profession of showcasing care, concern, commitment.

God bless you...

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EDITORIAL

This month we celebrated and appreciated the important role played by teachers in our lives. The present experience of virtual classrooms and online teaching also highlighted the pivotal role of the teacher in the lives of students. Technology makes the content and the materials easy to disseminate yet the teacher plays the crucial role of bringing it all together in a meaningful way to the learner. As observed by Bill Gates, technology is just a tool, in terms of getting the kids to work together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important. Indeed teachers do not just impact learning they impact lives, as the teacher shapes the students minds, nurtures their talents and abilities and instills values that set them on the path to being good human beings.



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



- Faculty Achievements
- Positive Vibes
- Assembly Snippets
- Parent Teacher Meeting
- Mahatma Education Society's-Teachers' Day Celebration
- College Level Teachers' Day Celebration
- Session on 'Create Quiz through Google Forms'
- National Level Live Webinar—NEP 2020 Vision for a Prospective Nation
- Online Quiz competition on International Day of pace and Non-Violence
- Short Term Course on Continuous Professional Development
- Workshop ON VENTEL (Vocational Education Nai Talim Experiential Learning)
- Student's Corner

OBITUARY

With profound grief we share that Mr. Krishnakumar, non-teaching staff of PCER, Chembur, left for his heavenly abode on 11th September, 2020. He was associated with Mahatma Education Society's PCER, Chembur right from its inception in the year 1990. He was the lifeline of the Principal, staff and students of PCER, Chembur. We will miss you each and every moment.

KK you will be always treasured...



11th September, 2020

KK - For all that you were for us at PCER, For all the joy that you brought to us.

Your memory is with us in every single thought, And you will always be a memorable part.

The pain we are feeling of losing you, Will never go away.

But knowing that you are there with us even if you are far away.
When you were with us at PCER, we knew that nothing could go wrong,

But you are still our inspiration and will keep us strong.

Though our heart is heavy and is full of love

That is enough to comfort us, While you are in Heaven above

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

• Dr. Reni Francis (Principal) completed Refresher Course in Teacher Educator School (Education) from September 7 to September 20, 2020 conducted by UGC, HRDC, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad and obtained 'A' Grade.



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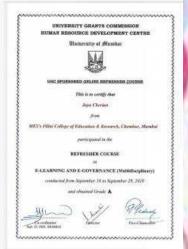
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• Dr. Sunita Jain completed Refresher Course on 'E - Learning and E - Governance' (Multidisciplinary) conducted from September 16 to September 29, 2020 conducted by UGC ,HRDC, University of Mumbai and coordinated by BTTC, Mumbai and obtained 'A' Grade.

• **Dr. Jaya Cherian** completed **Refresher Course** on 'E- Learning and E- Governance' (Multidisciplinary) conducted from September 16 to September 29, 2020 conducted by UGC ,HRDC, University of Mumbai and coordinated by BTTC, Mumbai and obtained 'A' Grade.



- Dr. Reni Francis (Principal), Dr. Mary George Varghese and Dr. Swasti Dhar were the resource persons for the one week short term course on continuous professional development conducted in collaboration with UGC HRDC, University of Kerala and AMU Centre, Malappuram from 21st September, 2020-.
- Dr. Reni Francis conducted a session on 'Inclusive Practices', Dr. Mary George Varghese on 'Positive Self esteem' and Dr. Swasti dealt with 'Understand National, Regional and Institutional educational practices'

POSITIVE VIBES

Hi Sir/Madam

I had a broken relationship. Now I have to work with him? How can I avoid it?

Yes, working with your ex definitely would be an awkward situation. It may create a daunting and a messy situation. Breaking up won't be a pleasant experience to anybody in whichever reasons it happens for. However, one can navigate oneself from these situations and can establish a civil relationship too.

- · List out your priorities
- · Respect your priorities and focus on your goals
- · Pursue your Hobbies which will keep your emotional baggage away
- · Workout with counsellor
- · Communicate with your Ex and don't try to avoid or run away.
- · Treat him/her as your colleague and establish a professional relationship



ASSEMBLY SNIPPETS

The assembly for the month of September highlighted the role of the teacher, as Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5th September. The assembly also stressed upon values related to the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi. The assembly focused on special days such as World Ozone Day, World Social Justice Day and World Tourism Day. Through prayer, thought for the day, stories, messages and videos students emphasized the important role that a teacher plays in shaping the lives of students. Teachers today are mentors and facilitators of learning as learning moves on to the virtual world. The importance of values such as empathy, understanding, forgiveness, gratitude were emphasized throughout the activities.



The Pandemic and the subsequent lockdown had adversely affected the final Semester IV examinations for the Batch of 18-20. With the University of Mumbai's decision to conduct the course-end examinations via the Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited (MKCL) platform, 2020, the Examination Department of PCER, Chembur initiated a Google Meeting with the students and their families on the 20th of September, 2020 in order to inform them regarding the change in the format of

PARENT TEACHER MEETING

the upcoming Semester IV Examinations.

Since this was a major departure from the normal, the meeting was held on a Sunday from 6 - 7 pm so that he students from the Batch of 2018-20 and their parents/ spouses or any one family member could be apprised of the change in the format, platform and conducting of the term-end examination.

This activity is in accordance with SGG#4: Quality Education and the same can be viewed at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WFfdYg5N-U-tvKiJLrn0Fujf Zb8-3yf/view?usp=sharing

Mahatma Education Society's -**TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION**

Teachers' Day celebration at MES has always been a great platform for showcasing the Institutional achievements, performances and sumptuous Onam Sandhya. This year due to the Pandemic COVID-19, maintaining the norms of Lockdown, the celeorganized LIVE. The event began with the message given by Dr. Daphne Pillai Secretary Management Board – Mahatma tion Society, appreciating the zeal and enthusiasm of each institution in walking the extra mile and trying to explore new initiatives of online activities and events thus maintaining social distancing and Teacher still going further with all activities - academic, co-curricular and community outreach programme. Pandemic didn't put a full stop on the vibrancy and



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enthusiastic spirt of the Team of MES.

programme showcased the Achievements of Institutions under the MES and Pillai Group of Institutions. This was followed by a number of cultural activities.

The joy and togetherness knew no bounds while we heard Dr. K.M. Vasudevan Pillai - Chairman and CEO- MES address all the viewers, wishing each of us Happy Teachers' Day and Onam. Sir focussed on the hardships during this period of pandemic and the deep rooted efforts of MES in sailing through these tough times. Sir also told us to maintain social norms of lockdown and to take care of our health period. Sir wished each one of us the during this very best of success in our future endeavours and prayed for the well being of all. as we are all in sync with Golden Jubilee Year celebration and carrying the ethos of MES very strongly in our heart,

Link of MES https://youtu.be/KOOEJ2UDky8

COLLEGE LEVEL TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

The students from the batch of 2019-21 gave a pleasant surprise to their Principal and teachers by putting up an online virtual Teachers' Day celebration via a Zoom call on Teachers' Day eve.

The entire programme was conceptualised and organised by the Students' Council of PCER, Chembur and they showed their enterprising and organising capabilities by stitching together videos of their talent. The hour long programme included songs, dances, a play, thank you messages and even games for teachers and participants. It was an evening of gratitude for teachers and the teaching profession. The activity was in line with SDG #4: Quality Education and the entire programme can be viewed at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yJpgfgqTmtBXUmN-ljBD-P86PkBuKH0v/view?usp=sharing





SESSION ON 'CREATE QUIZ THROUGH GOOGLE FORMS

The Practice Teaching Department organised a session via Google Meet on the topic 'Create Quiz through Google Forms' on 4th September, 2020. All the steps mentioned below were thoroughly discussed as well as demonstrated.

Step 1: Setting up a new quiz form

- Go to forms.google.com or to your Gmail account.
- In your Gmail account, go to the 9 dots application.
- Go to Forms
- Click on a quiz form to open

Step 2: Edit and format a quiz form

Student teachers can add, edit, or format text, images, or videos in a Form.

- Edit your form
- Create a quiz with Google Forms
- Make it correct as well as creative
- Use different question format to make it interesting
- Choose where to save form responses

Step 3: Send your form for students to fill out



After the form is ready, they can send their form to students and collect their responses.

This helped the student teachers to learn a new google application which they will use in their Internship Period to assess their students. Dr. Reni Francis congratulated the Practice Teaching Department for conducting the session smoothly and efficiently.

NATIONAL LEVEL LIVE WEBINAR NEP 2020 – VISION FOR A PROSPECTIVE NATION



Center of Education,
Indian Institute of Teacher Education, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
in collaboration with MES's Pillai College of Education & Research, Chembur, Mumbai **Organises**





National Level Live Webinar

NEP 2020-Vision for a Prospective Nation

Panelists





Dr. Kalpesh H. Pathak Principal & Director Center of Education, IITE Gandhinagar, Gujarat



Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences , MIT Art, Design and Technology University

Dr. Asawari Bhave



Prog Director Early Years/ **Curriculum Head MES** Navi Mumbai



Edupreneur & Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) Practitioner Kolkata

Ms. Vasundhara Kaul



Grade Lead The Somaiya School Mumbai

Mr. Mahesh Jain

Date:8th September, 2020

Last date of registration is 5th September, 2020. To register click the link below:

https://forms.gle/aCQHBRsdALVDPMuH9

National level LIVE Webinar: NEP 2020 - Vision for a Prospective Nation

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National Level LIVE Webinar on

8th September 2020 NEP 2020 - Vision for a Prospective Nation

















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P 2020" - Vision for a Prospective Nation.



Center of Education, Indian Institute of Teacher Education, Gandhinagar in collaboration with MES's PCER, Chembur organised a National Level Live Webinar titled NEP 2020- Vision for a Prospective Nation on 8th September, 2020. There were 415 registered participants who viewed the live program. The session was in alignment with Sustainable Goal 4: Quality Education.

Dr. Reni Francis, Principal, PCER, Chembur, Mumbai, addressed and welcomed all the audience with a meaningful message on how NEP 2020 would bring a revolution in the field of education.

There were five eminent speakers touching on different aspects of NEP-2020. The first speaker, **Dr. Kalpesh H Pathak**, Principal & Director, Center of Education, IITE, Gandhinagar, Gujarat highlighted his perspectives of NEP-2020 from the point of teacher education. Not just changes in TET and BEd courses, NEP also suggests policies for teachers who have already been hired including mandatory courses, setting up of national professional standards, no transfer policy and digital management of hiring and vacancies in schools across the country.

The second speaker, **Dr. Asawari Bhave**, Dean-Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Head-School of Education & Research as well as PhD Chief Coordinator, Research Cell, MIT Art, Design & Technology University, Pune, spoke on how NEP 2020 will transform higher education. The biggest highlights of the NEP 2020 are, 1) A single regulator for higher education institutions, 2) Multiple entry and exit options in degree courses,3)Discontinuation of MPhil programmes, 4) Low stakes board exams and 5) Common entrance exams for universities.

The third speaker, **Mr. Mahesh Jain**, Grade Lead at The Somaiya School, Mumbai stressed on reforms the NEP has brought up at Primary and Secondary level of education which includes The 5+3+3+4 system, teaching up to class five in mother tongue or regional language, lowering the stakes of board exams etc

The fourth speaker, **Ms. Namarata Saxena**, Program Director for early years and curriculum head at Mahatma Education Society, Navi Mumbai gave her perspectives on the New Education Policy and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). ECCE will be delivered through a) standalone Anganwadis; b) Anganwadis co-located with primary schools; c) pre-primary schools/sections covering at least age 5 to 6 years co-located with existing primary schools; and d) stand-alone pre-schools - all of which would recruit workers/teachers specially trained in the curriculum and pedagogy of ECCE.

The final speaker, Ms. Vasundhara Kaul, with 13+ years of rich experience covering work experience across the banking sector, higher education institutions, schools and NGOs across various geographies (India & UAE - Dubai, Sharjah & Abu Dhabi) highlighted perspectives about NEP 2020 from a psychological point of view. She gave real life examples to share how it is and will help in developing a healthy psyche upon students, teaching fraternity as well as parents.

The audiences highly appreciated all the speakers and applauded after each talk and raised a few healthy queries to the experts through you tube chat forum. This initiated a lot more discussion. The above session can be watched by clicking the link given below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3wjwXy5n9M

ONLINE QUIZ COMPETITION ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means" - Ronald Reagan.

To mark the Golden Jubilee Year of Mahatma Education Society, Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur in association with Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC) organized an online quiz, as a part of the Observance of International Day of Peace and Non-Violence on 21st September. The Quiz consisted of 20 compulsory questions; each question carried one point. The items were based on general knowledge related to topics such as peace, non-violence, various organizations working towards international peace building initiatives and activities.



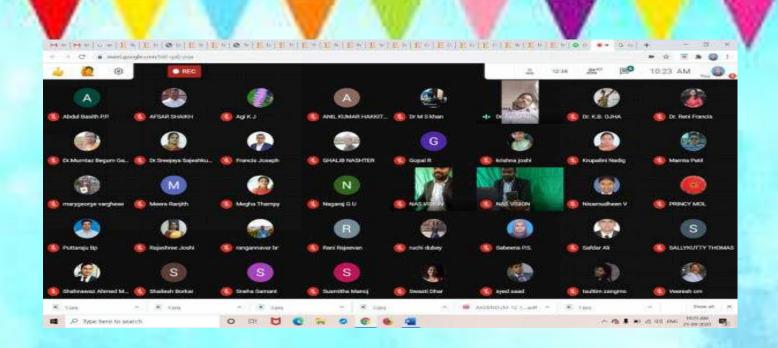
international peace building initiatives and activities. Only one entry per participant/ registration was allowed. All the registered participants received Certificate of Participation. The SDGs covered for this activity is Goal 16:Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

Overall there were 223 responses, the major respondents were students and various professionals. The Google quiz link:

https://forms.gle/FzT1Uw677RZwA1X6A

Short Term Course on Continuous Professional Development





Short Term Course on Continuous Professional Development in collaboration with UGC HRDC, University of Kerala and AMU Centre, Malappuram

MES's PCER, Chembur organized a One week Short Term Course on Continuous Professional Development in collaboration with UGC HRDC, University of Kerala and AMU Centre, Malappuram

Dr.Faisal K.P., Director, AMU Centre, Malappuram, inaugurated the Course on Continuous Professional Development on 21st September 2020. The objective of the program is to improve the skills of academicians from various institutions through this course.

During the inaugural program Dr.Reni Francis, Principal, PCER highlighted the importance of such programs and significance of collaborative academic endeavors. Dr. Mary George Varghese, Assistant Professor, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Mumbai expressed gratitude to AMU for their cooperation in organizing the program.

The course was designed to be run through a MOODLE learning management system. Course content and related learning experiences were presented in two sessions a day during the course duration. Mr. Naseer Ali M.K., Assistant Professor, Department of Education, AMU MC and Dr. Mary George Varghese, Assistant Professor, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research were the course coordinators.

More than 45 academicians from various institutions participated in the course. The course received positive feedback from all the participants.

The above course is covered in Times Headline on 24th September, 2020. Visit the site for more details https://bit.ly/367M8gP

WORKSHOP ON VENTEL

(Vocational Education Nai Talim Experiential Learning).

"The Indian youth needs to be empowered, and it can be done through good education and vocational training". M. M. Pallam Raju

Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Dept of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt of India and University of Mumbai - BOS in Education in association with MES's Pillai College of Education & Research organized a Workshop on VENTEL (Vocational Education Nai Talim Experiential Learning) on 27th September, 2020 from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm. The program began with a formal welcome to all to the Workshop on VENTEL followed by the University Song.

Dr. Sunita Magre, Chairperson- BOS in Education, University of Mumbai welcomed all the participants and thanked the patrons of MGNCRE, University of Mumbai and PCER, Chembur for collaborating and making this workshop possible for all the participants. **Dr. Reni Francis**, Principal, PCER, Chembur also stressed upon the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi which is so relevant in today's times. She spoke on the coordination of Head, Heart and Hand for being self-reliant in life. Follow the link below to view the session:

meet.google.com/mwy-ktwd-aqh



Ms. Manisha Karape, Organiser MGNCRE, MoE, GOI emphasized the various initiatives under VENTEL and highlighted the objectives of the workshop. The resource persons for the workshop were:

Dr. Ketki Satpute, Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Guru College of Education

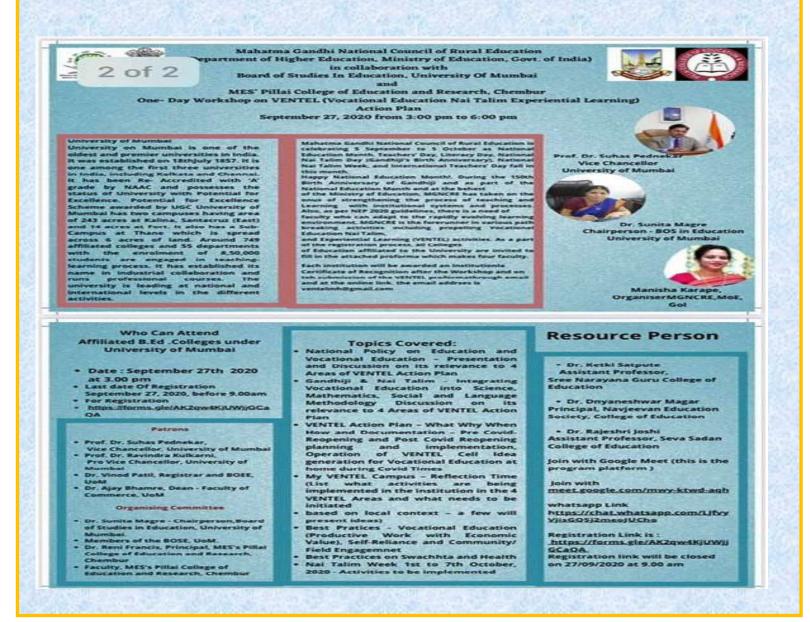
Dr. Dnyaneshwar Magar, Principal, Navjeevan Education Society, College of Education

Dr. Rajeshri Joshi, Assistant Professor, Seva Sadan College of Education

The workshop was highly appreciated by all the participants and it laid the foundation and gave direction for VENTEL activities to be adopted and practiced by each institution.

There were 80-90 registered participants who had filled the form mentioned below for their confirmation. The participants had joined the program in Google Meet Link with the following details:

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SO THIS IS LOVE?

Beyond what feels Good.....

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. LOVE never FAILS."- The HOLY BIBLE.

It was finally here-Anna's wedding day, the day she had dreamed about and planned for months. The small, picturesque church was crowded with friends and family. Sunlight poured through the stained-glass windows, and gentle music was being played. Anna walked down the aisle towards David . Joy surged within her. This was the moment for which she had waited so long. He gently took her hand, and they turned towards the altar. But as the minister began to lead Anna and David through their vows, the unthinkable happened. A girl stood up in the middle of the congregation, walked quietly to the altar, and took David's other hand. Another girl approached and stood next to the first, followed by another. Soon, a chain of six girls stood by him as he repeated his vows to Anna.

Anna felt her lip begin to quiver as tears welled up in her eyes. "Is this some kind of joke?" she whispered to David. "I'm....I'm sorry, Anna", he said ,staring at the floor. "Who are these girls, David? What is going on?" she gasped. "They're girls from my past," he answered sadly. "Anna, they don't mean anything to me now.... But I've given part of my heart to each of them."

"I thought your heart was mine," she said. "It is, it is, He pleaded. "Everything that's left is yours." So this is love? You surely don't want this nightmare to happen in your life.

Youths today have set it up as a trend to hit on someone and then date and once confused; give up on each other. Giving up on each other is done so casually that there is no meaning in a relationship. That's not all, that's the trendy love. Love is a strong feeling of affection. Your mother's inseparable love, can it be compared to anything? Her love is selfless. If such a love never fails, then why is it so that the other relationship fails most of the time. Love never fails.... in case it has, that means it was not love for sure. Youth of today, take time to understand that this trend/change will give you happiness only for a limited period with so many terms and conditions. And your heart will be divided into so many parts that in the end it will be just a small piece. Your love must be expressed, there are so many people in the world who need your love, your time, need you...orphans, widows, differently abled kids, physically challenged...

Let this be a burden for you to spread love, let your love be genuine. Let this genuine love be the trend. And thus you will be the change that you want to see.

Ms. Sherry Sam Jose (SYB.Ed)