

# HORIZON



**MES'S PILLAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH,**  
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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

September rings in the most awaited day of the year 'Teachers' Day Celebration'. I have always considered this day as a Happy Birthday for all teachers. It is the birth of a Teacher, a Guru among all those taking teaching as a profession. A day of celebration and reviving the vows we take as Teachers. We are so overwhelmed with all the messages pouring in of wishes and praise but it is also a time to reflect ... reflect on the role of teacher ... dynamic teacher... versatile .... and many more. Let us deeply understand our role with the present context of being a SMART Teacher:

- S - Self aware
- M - Motivation
- A - Analyse teaching and learning
- R - Risk taking
- T - Technologically equipped



**DR. RENI FRANCIS, PRINCIPAL**

**Self aware** - knowing oneself, only you can help yourself and improve yourself. This is very crucial as it focuses on the SWOC- strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges.

**Motivation:** It is important to motivate your students and colleagues to achieve more. Life sometimes puts forth difficulties and obstacles, the inner and outer motivation propels to do better and move farther

**Analyze teaching and learning:** Our role is to teach but did the students learn? This question should help us reflect on our teaching methods, does these methods help our students achieve learning outcomes?

**Risk taking:** New challenges and opportunities knock on your door every day, facing them and arriving at a solution are very important for teachers.

**Technologically equipped:** Technology has taken control of our physical space to screen space and hence to be equipped with the latest technology is the need of the hour.

On Teachers' Day I wish to congratulate you on embarking on this wonderful journey of a very noble profession. Wishing you good memories on this journey.  
Happy Teachers' Day

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# **EDITORIAL**



**MR. RAJENDRA DESHMUKH**

September is an important month for all the teachers, students and educational institutes. 5th September, the birthday of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, has been celebrated as Teachers' day since 1962.

As cultures in India, cultures in all parts of the world appreciate the significance of the teachers and to honour them, Teachers' Day is celebrated on different dates.

Ideal teacher-disciple instances are awesome, stupendous! Socrates- Plato-Aristotle-Alexander in Greece. Dronacharya-Arjun, Chankya-Chandragupta Maurya, Samarth Ramdas-Chatrapati Shivaji, Ramkrishna Paramhans- Swami Vivekanand, Acharya Praffulchandra Ghosh-Satendra Bose-Meghanad Saha and many more in India.

A teacher in India inspires, revives and shapes thousands of students, in his career, what an amazing service to the Nation!

Teachers embracing excellence, care, love, respect, empathy, dedication and pedagogical understanding become role models for their students. They influence the students' academic achievement and the overall behaviour.

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops. Better-equipped, unified, motivated and accountable teaching community surely plays a pivotal role to translate the national and humanity goals into reality.

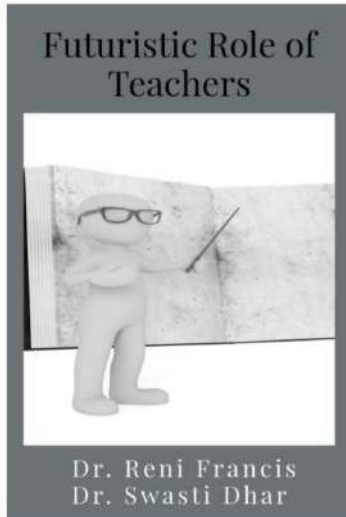
September was a happening month for all at PCER, Chembur. Teachers' Day celebrations were grand this year also. On the occasion of Teachers' Day, the Chairman and CEO of MES respected Dr. K.M.Vasudevan Pillai and the Secretary of MES respected Dr. Daphne Pillai greeted and addressed the entire MES family.

Launch of Prabal MOOC Program with Carpe Diem, New Website - Upscale your Communication, Paper publication in Turkish Journal by our Principal Dr. Reni Francis and release of a book titled 'The Futuristic Role of the Teacher' authored by Dr. Reni Francis and Dr. Swasti Dhar were the major events of this month. Activities planned by the student council and assemblies this month by the tutorial group were memorable.

Expert talks by Dr. Vimala Nandakumar, Prof. [Dr.] B. K. Sarkar, Mr. Kumar Vikram and Mr. Gupteshwar Rao on various subjects enlightened the students.



# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



a) On the occasion of Teacher's Day, **Dr. Reni Francis and Dr. Swasti Dhar published a book titled 'Futuristic Role of Teachers.'** This book is a compilation of chapters from eminent educationists and teachers who have put forth their views about what the future role of a teacher will be.

The Pandemic has brought with it a disruption of life as we knew it. The field of education is no exception. But it is a fact that like the doctors of the world showed their mettle, teachers all over the world also got their act together.

Even though schooling turned to technology, it is a sad fact that, in India, very few had access to technology. Thus, a look at the future role of education and teachers becomes moot. This book looks into these aspects and is in line with SDG 4: Quality Education

b) As e-learning becomes the "new normal", the authorities have been taking steps to make digitization of education accessible and affordable for all. **Dr. Reni Francis, Principal, PCER, Chembur** published an article on, **"Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on learning outcomes, curriculum transaction and evaluation"** in the Turkish Journal of Qualitative Inquiry.

## TEACHER'S DAY ADDRESS



On the occasion of Teachers Day. 5th September 2021, Chairman Dr. K.M.Vasudevan Pillai and the Secretary Dr. Daphne Pillai addressed the entire MES Pillai family. Teachers' Day celebration at MES has always been a great platform for showcasing the Institutional achievements and performances. This year due to the Pandemic COVID19, maintaining the norms, the celebration was organized virtually. The event began with the message given by Dr. Daphne Pillai – Secretary Management Board – Mahatma Education 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. Dr. K.M.Vasudevan Pillai - Chairman and CEO- MES addressed all the viewers, wishing each of us Happy Teachers' Day. 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 wished each one of us the very best of success in our future endeavours and prayed for the well being of all.



# AUDITS



In the month of September, PCER Chembur went through internal audits of. Electrical Safety Audit, Energy Audit and Green Audit. These audits were held to evaluate an institution's internal controls. The electrical audit was carried out to improve the safety of people and equipment and / or facilities, to detect risks, reduce incidents and resolve inadequate procedures and to reduce operational costs and improve productivity.

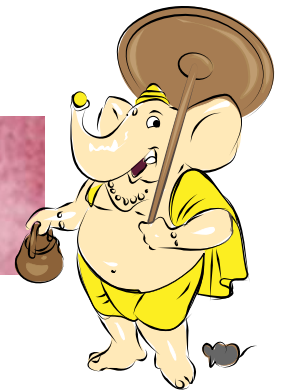
An energy audit was carried out to inspect and analyze energy flows for energy conservation in a building. The objective behind this audit was to reduce the amount of energy input into the system without negatively affecting the output.

The purpose of the green audit was to identify, quantify, describe and prioritize the framework of Environment Sustainability in compliance with the applicable regulations, policies and standards.

All these efforts at PCER play an important role in ensuring the green quotient of the campus is intact, ensuring compliance with laws and regulations and helping to maintain accurate and timely reporting.



## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



The assembly for the month of September highlighted the virtual celebration of important days falling in the month of September such as Teacher's day and Ganesh Chaturthi. The special assembly programme was organized by the tutorial group of Dr. Mary Varghese (Roll Nos- 1-18).

The assembly began with a prayer and thought for the day. The assembly stressed upon values related to the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi. Students emphasized the important role that a teacher plays in shaping the lives of students through prayer, thought for the day, stories, messages and videos. There were also fun games for the teachers planned by the students. During this assembly, students added music, fun, entertainment and creative ideas making everyone happy.

The special assembly of September month with the celebration of important days such as Teacher's day and Ganesh Chaturthi emphasized on the importance of values such as empathy, understanding, forgiveness, and gratitude throughout all the activities.





## GIVING IS THE GREATEST ACT OF GRACE

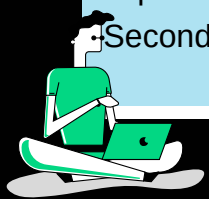
A donation drive was organised by the Soroptimist Welfare Association [SIBC] in collaboration with MES & Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur and Pillai College of Engineering and Technology. The drive was open from 21st August to 5th September in association with the online platform wonderwheelstore.com. The drive successfully collected around 50,000 rupees which were used to provide textbooks and school supplies for the underprivileged and needy students.



### 'INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY: WINDS OF CHANGE' –

A BLOG BY DR. DAPHNE PILLAI

Respected Dr. Daphne Pillai, Co-Founder of the Pillai Group of Institutions and Chairperson, Management Board, Mahatma Education Society posted a stimulating blog 'International Literacy Day: Winds of Change' on the SIGBI website on <https://sigbi.org/2021/ild2021/> on 2nd September 2021. The blog highlights the post Covid challenges and changes in the education sector and emphasizes on the need to re-think and redefine the term 'literacy' and its traditional meaning. It guides about how and why the focus of Literacy teaching should change. A must read for all stakeholders in education, thinkers and decision makers, it also explains the need of an unique project "The Power of a Second Chance".



# INTERNATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE DAY

On 23rd September 2021, PCER Chembur observed the International Day of Sign Language Day. All the students were asked to watch the movie "Pushpak" and write a movie review for the same by tagging the social media handles of PCER Chembur.



## IPR SESSION BY PROF. (DR.) B. K. SARKAR



MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur  
organises an Expert Talk on  
**NURTURING CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE: IPR PERSPECTIVE**



**PROF. (DR.) BIPLAB KR. SARKAR**  
Post.Doc. (Singapore), PhD. (CS) (IIT-BHU), M-Tech (CS) IIT-BHU, B-Tech (CS).


**DATE:**  
21st September, 2021

**TIME:**  
11.00 am - 12.30 pm

**VENUE:**  
Room No. 401, 4th Floor,  
MES's Chembur Campus

PCER, Chembur organised an expert session on the topic Nurturing culture of excellence:

IPR perspective. The inspiring session was conducted by Prof. (Dr.) B. K. Sarkar. The session was attended by all the teachers of Mahatma education Society's Chembur Campus on 21st September, 2021. The principal of PCER, Chembur, Dr. Reni Francis introduced the guest and also shared her experience of registering for the patents. Dr. Sarkar explained the concept of patent, its types i. e. design and utility and the process of registering for the patents. The inaugural address by the chairman and CEO of MES respected Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai and the expert session motivated all the faculty members to innovate and come up with patentable designs and products.



## BOOK RELEASE

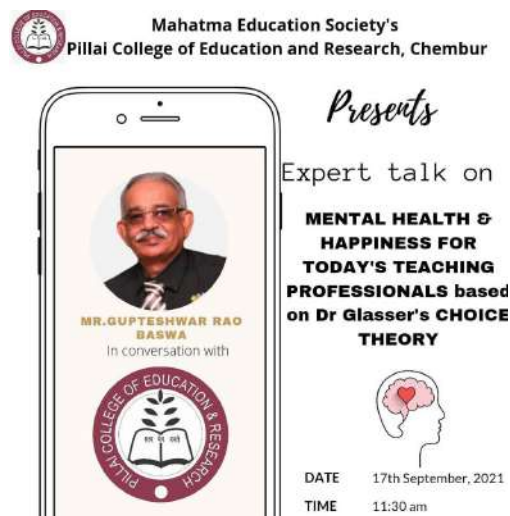
On the occasion of Teachers Day, PCER Chembur released a book titled 'The Futuristic Role of the Teacher' Dr. Reni Francis and Dr. Swasti Dhar authored the books which contains chapters contributed by eminent educationists and other personalities who have lent their voice to the theme of how teachers need to adapt to their role post Pandemic and with evolved technology.





## EXPERT TALK ON MENTAL HEALTH AND HAPPINESS FOR TODAY'S TEACHING PROFESSIONALS BASED ON DR. GLASSER'S CHOICE THEORY

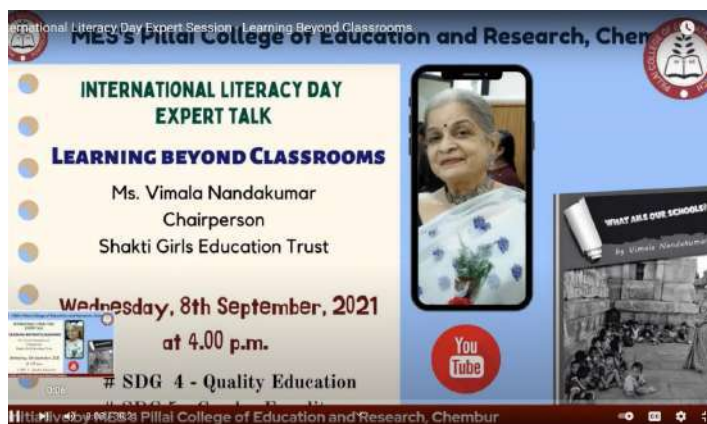
PCER, Chembur organised an expert talk on Mental Health and Happiness for Today's Teaching Professionals based on Dr. Glasser's Choice Theory on 17th September, 2021. The digital teacher and an eminent speaker with umpteen school experience and also an alumina of Dr. William Glasser's Institute Mr. Gupteshwar Rao explained the Choice Theory to the F.Y. B.Ed. students. What makes teachers unhappy and how to deal with unhappiness was explained to the student teachers with many examples in the session.



## INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY SESSION

– BY DR. VIMALA NANDAKUMAR

SDG 4 focuses on Quality Education. PCER has always contributed their best in fostering SDG's. On the occasion of International Literacy Day 8th September, 2021 MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur conducted a Live Session on 'Learning Beyond Classrooms' by Ms. Vimala Nandakumar - Chairperson - Shakti Girls Education Trust. This activity was aligned with SDG4 - Quality Education



## HINDI DIWAS CELEBRATIONS

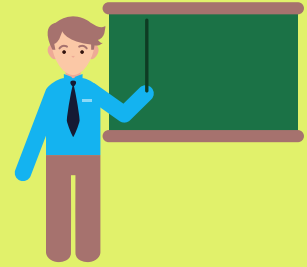
PCER Chembur celebrated Hindi Diwas on 14th September 2021 at 11.00am through the zoom meeting. The resource person for the programme was Ms. Manisha Upadhyay, HOD & CAS Coordinator IBDP, Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Gorai spoke on Shiksha Mein Hindi ka Mahatva. She shared her experience of teaching in IB school and highlighted the importance of Hindi in Education. The F. Y. B. Ed. students also presented the songs, poems and a visual on this occasion.





## LAUNCH OF " PRABAL" MOOC PROGRAM

MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur & Carpe Diem EdPsych Consultancy LLP launched a first MOOC programme on Empowering Teachers with Counselling Skills for Online & Offline Classrooms.



### MANAGEMENT-STUDENT INTERACTION



On the 17th of September, the Chairman and CEO of MES, Dr. K.M. Vasudevan Pillai met with 20 students from the Batch of 2020-22 for an hour-long session. Keeping strict Covid protocols in mind, few students who had completed their second vaccination, were invited for the Interaction.

The session lasted from 9:30 am to 10:30 am and the students got a glimpse into the philosophy of MES and the vision for future teachers as envisaged by the Management. The students were free to pose questions and doubts which the Chairman answered freely.

## LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE – UPSCALE YOUR COMMUNICATION QUOTIENT (CQ)



Under its new initiative, PCER Chembur started a new website on Google Sites named Upscale your Communication Quotient. This Google Site is power packed with video lessons on how one can become a better communicator. The video lessons have been contributed by the teacher-educators of PCER, Chembur.



## International Translation Day



Expert Talk by

MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur  
organises an Expert Talk on the occasion of

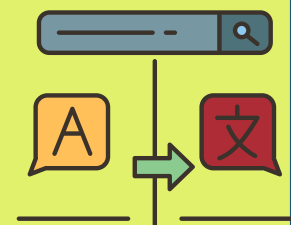
**INTERNATIONAL TRANSLATION DAY**

**Translating Texts & Ideas:  
A Conversation**

Thursday, 30th September 2021  
at 5:00 p.m.

**Mr. Kumar Vikram**  
Publishing Editor,  
Translator and  
Bi-lingual Poet

[www.YouTube.com/PCERChembur](https://www.YouTube.com/PCERChembur)



On the 30th of September, 2021, PCER Chembur was in conversation with Mr. Kumar Vikram, a Publishing Editor, Translator and Bi-lingual poet who also holds the position as a Senior Editor at the National Book Trust.

India has a special place in the world of translations as it is truly a multilingual country. However, one needs to focus not only on the translation of texts but also on the translation of ideas.

The event was in line with SDG4: Quality Education and the full session can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cogbp8tfakY&t=121s>



# **ALUMNI CORNER**

**THIS MONTH'S ARTICLE HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTED BY FR. SEBASTIAN GOMES  
FROM THE BATCH OF 2014-15.**

My name is Fr Sebastian Savio Gomes. I am an OFM Cap priest belonging to Maharashtra Province. I began my active education ministry in the year 2015. My dear friends, my love for teaching started from the days when I was pursuing my school and college studies.

I did my studies in St Joseph School, Vikhroli and St. Xavier's Junior College and graduated from Bangalore University. I completed my B. Ed. from PCER, Chembur in 2015. My mother, Mrs Seraphine Joseph Gomes used to take tuitions at home and so I used to help her in teaching Maths.



The love for Maths was instilled in me by my tuition teacher Mrs Prescilla Alva. She taught me simple and easy methods to solve the problems in Maths. I started loving Maths and scoring good marks as a result of it.

I started teaching Maths to others and they too started scoring good marks which instilled in me an interest in teaching. One problem which I always faced till I completed my B Ed was that I never used to complete my full paper. I used to leave 20 to 30 marks questions not because I did not know the answer but because time would get over. But my B Ed. professor, Dr. Mary Varghese helped me to overcome that problem too. So the interest to not only teach others but to understand the problems of students and help them made me better in my teaching.

I truly believe that studies itself is not everything and one must focus on the All Round Development of a student. They also taught me to believe in myself. My B. Ed. companions, Principal Dr. Sunita Wadikar and the staff encouraged me to participate in various events. This helped me to secure I would say compete with oneself. The moment you compete with others you will always be discouraged, disappointed and unhappy. Rather compete with yourself and see how you will climb the steps of success slowly but surely.

One more thing which we often neglect is the area of sports. We want our child to be good in studies only. When it comes to sports we don't encourage them. But we want our country to win gold medals in the Olympics. Are we only satisfied with one gold and our National Anthem being played once? No, I want to hear my National Anthem to be played many times. So we need to prepare our kids for sports from school itself. School and parents should come together to facilitate the child in various sports events and the children should develop interest in it from his or her early days.

In this time of the Pandemic, children have lost the part of creativity and activity. All the schools and the teachers are trying their best. But I request the parents, in this critical time, make your children participate in activities so that children may not lose their creativity. Ask them some songs. Involve them in indoor games. dance etc.

Stay Home, Stay Safe. Let's all strive to make our Country India Proud in whatever way we can and in whatever field we can. Let us be responsible citizens and be responsible to our duties with love.

# STUDENTS' CORNER

## I AM TIME

Tick Tock , This is my ring  
It's Loud and clear, And I am always flying  
Hurry up Hurry up  
I am time, Wasting me is a crime  
When things are bad, I still stand  
And I take time to pass away  
When you are glad  
I seem to fly away  
I am a powerful tool,  
Waste me if you are a fool  
I will go, and never come back,  
For time wasted I never be backtrack  
Yes! I am time  
I am your past  
I am your Present  
I am your future I am your future



(MS. POOJA MISHRA)  
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## DRAWING



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# STUDENTS' CORNER

## MARY OF MAGDALENE

-BY MELVIN CHACKO

Mary of Magdalene,  
You fascinate me  
Not on who are you,  
I have no doubts about it  
however, you are misinterpreted for centuries  
"Apostle to the Apostle's princess  
I do not want to err in depicting you.  
Not at all tainting your narrative  
You remain intriguing to me beautiful as a rose  
The great painter never lied in it  
Oh saint the cruel fate twisted your struggle  
Isn't it your story the repetition of exiled feminine,  
of invalidation, mistreatment, shame and silence?  
Was it not the story of an inner Goddess that abominations erased and depicted as a whore  
When you were the healer, the teacher, the influential leader  
who knew God and the son and the spirit in your heart, mind and soul.  
Oh, the Dogma of the Male-dominated semantical world  
would never fancy such a privilege of female arising.  
You become a lamentable and disheartening pain.  
For you inherited the truth of the pain of the love that was crucified.  
This world would have changed by you, the lust for power, ugly avarice and ignorance  
mitigated. But you were withered  
Prophecy of the arid land will you blossom again.  
From where the Goddesses were burned at stake and exiled forever will the purpose be  
fulfilled.  
Will love and harmony be restored  
Mary of Magdalene you are not a publically defamed characterization....  
you enchant me  
The Divine feminine.



## CELEBRATION OF GANESH CHATURTHI



On 17th September 2021, the students of PCER organised virtual celebration of the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi at 5:00 p.m. through google meet.. The celebration stressed upon values related to the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi and the programme was marked by speech, Ganesha songs, dance and a meaningful message by the students. Principal Dr. Reni Francis ma'am spoke about the significance of Ganesh Chaturthi. The programme was very well appreciated by the Principal, Dr. Reni Francis.

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## WINNERS OF POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

PCER Chembur, congratulates Ms. Lincy Perera and Ms. Callista Rebeiro, students of F.Y.B.Ed for winning the Inter-collegiate Poster competition organized by Pillai College of Education and Research, Panvel in association with Rotary Club of Ambarnath.



# CONGRATULATIONS