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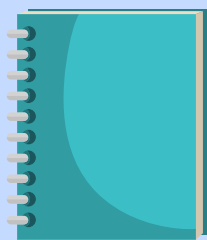
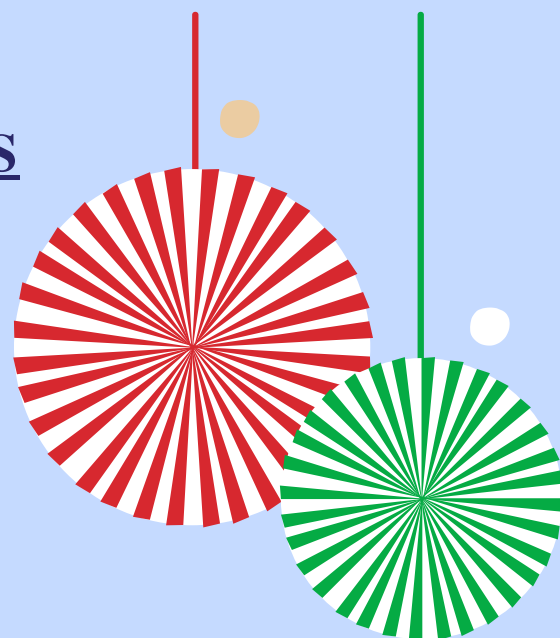
DR. RENI FRANCIS
PRINCIPAL

The year seems to have come to an end so soon... The monthly calendars looked like they flipped away soon with the wind. Nevertheless, the year 2021 also gave a lot of new and advanced learning. We did see some ray of hope in the beginning of January 2021, with the number of COVID cases dropping and things seemed to be taking a course of normalcy. But it was a short-lived period as the second wave hit the city and country in no time. Time passed back to lockdown and the educational sector remained affected again. Online was the No. 1 in the race in reaching to unreached. The year again stretched with uncertainties until September and October, 2021 and finally a green pasture of re-opening of schools was heard. This was indeed an amazing period for educators to be amidst the students, and back to the school bell ringing in cheers of children and sounds of happiness. Schools missed the kids. Slowly things settled down and educational institutions welcomed everyone on the 'Back to School/College' initiative. New programmes and events were planned thus bringing in social bonding and fun. The month of December is usually a fun period as it is the year ending and anticipation of the New Year.

We too look forward to a great beginning and thanking Almighty God for a safe year 2021 and wishing a bright and prosperous future ahead.

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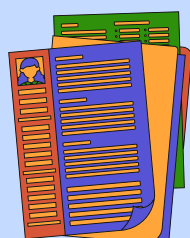
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EDITORIAL



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As the second year of the pandemic comes to an end, most of us are breathing a sigh of relief and hoping that the new year brings new, happier, healthier experiences for us all. But before we close the year 2021 it would be fitting for us to count our blessings. It was a year of great turmoil for many but in the midst of the pain I'm sure we can find small, little moments of joy. It could be a good laugh we shared with family, or a pleasant conversation with someone we had not met for a long time due to the pandemic; the first restaurant meal we had in over a year, or the first visit we made to close family that we haven't seen for months; the joy of seeing your parents or grandparents learn to use their phones to video call near and dear ones, or your first holiday or visit to your native place since a long long time; it could be your first lecture in person, or the joy of going for a short walk without a mask in a long long time. May we be able to see the moments of joy through all the pain. Moreover, let us be grateful for the opportunity to stay home and safe for most of the year during the peak of the pandemic. It was wonderful to eventually get back to somewhat normal by meeting everyone in college and getting to know one another. Additionally, I hope that this year has brought you new learnings about yourselves and the world around you. May we count our blessings and keep track of everything we've learnt so we can close the year 2021 with gratitude and joy as kinder and wiser versions of ourselves.



College Achievements



PCER Chembur was awarded with the 'Best Research Award for the year 2021' by the Asian Society for Scientific Research.



Global Intellect Educational Award appreciated the contribution of PCER Chembur in the field of education by presenting the 'Best College Award for the year 2021'



A step towards strengthening educational research at PCER Chembur.



The Principal of PCER Chembur Dr. Reni Francis and Asst. Prof.Dr. Mary Varghese with Honorable Shri. Uday Samantji, Higher Education Minister, Government of Maharashtra

Faculty Achievements

- The Principal of PCER Chembur Dr. Reni Francis was invited as the resource person for the online Faculty Development Program on 'Mentoring Teaching & Pedagogy in Technical Education', organised by Dr. M. G. R. Educational and Research Institute in association with the Academic Staff College.
- Asst. Prof. Mr. Rajendra Deshmukh presented a research paper titled 'An overview of comparative primary science curriculum studies and their importance' in the National Level Multidisciplinary E-conference organised by the Mahatma Night Degree College of Arts and Commerce.



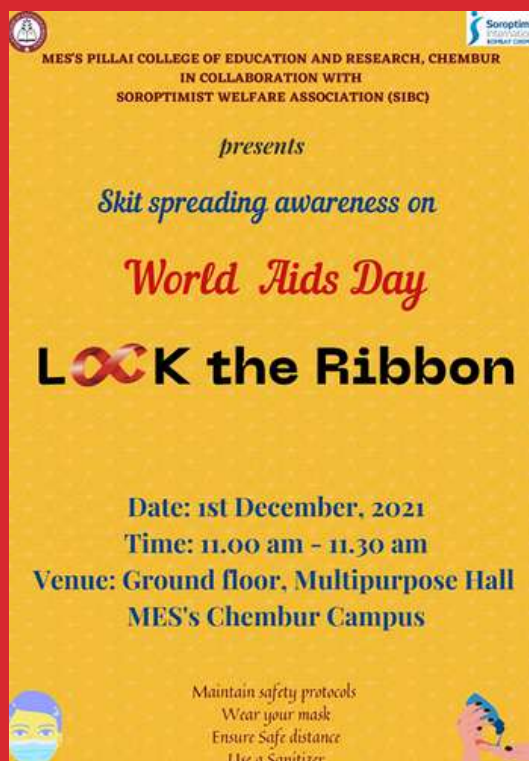
Campus Placements



PCER organized placement interviews during the month of December. Schools such as Avalon Heights, Shishuvan, Little Angels International School etc came to the campus to interact with the students. The schools conducted brief orientation sessions for the students regarding their institutions and their expectations. They answered the queries raised by the students. Candidates were called to the institution for further stages of the interview process.



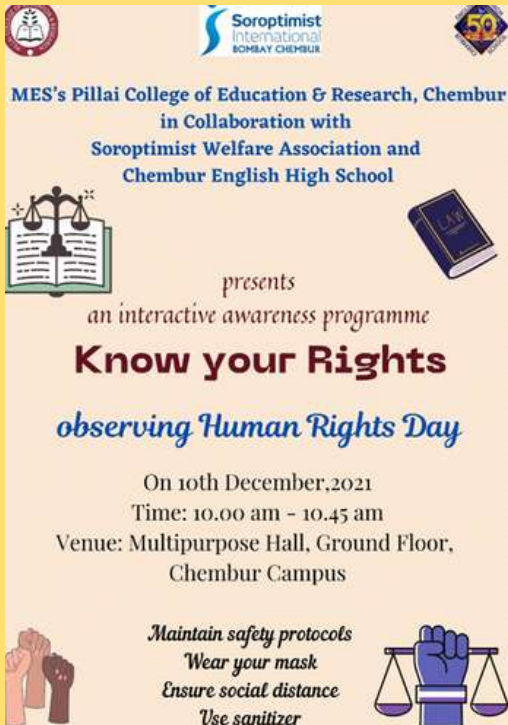
World Aids Day



Commemorating World AIDS Day 2021 MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur in collaboration with Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC) organised a skit spreading awareness about Aids- 'Lock the Ribbon', at the Chembur campus, Ground floor on 1st December, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. Principal Dr. Reni Francis initiated the event by welcoming the audience, thanking the management of PCER Chembur, chairman Dr. K.M Vasudevan Pillai Sir and secretary Dr. Daphne Pillai ma'am along with welcoming president of Soroptimist Welfare Association, Ms. Yvette Lee ma'am, secretary Ms. Priti Pawar and chief guest Dr. Jitendra Aherkar Principal of B. L. Amlani College of Commerce and Economics, Vile Parle. The S. Y. B.Ed students presented a skit to create a sense of awareness among the students and also to sensitize them on the alarmingly increasing spread of AIDS all over the world.

After the skit, principal Dr. Reni Francis ma'am and the chief guest Dr. Jitendra Aherkar Sir shared a few words on the skit and enlightened that as teachers how important it is to spread awareness about our duties and responsibilities about this disease.

World Human Rights Day



World Human Rights Day is celebrated worldwide on 10th, December 2021. PCER Chembur arranged an informative program on the occasion of World Human Rights Day, for the students of standard 9th. The S.Y. B.Ed students from the English Pedagogy class planned, performed and executed the Program.

The program was blessed with the presence of Dr. K.M. Vasudevan Pillai the founder of Mahatma Education Society, Mrs. Preeti Pawar the Principal of Chembur English High School, Dr. Reni Francis the Principal of PCER Chembur and the B.Ed teachers. The event began with a basic introduction to Human Rights Day and some key human rights in our constitution. This was followed by a series of skits each highlighting the basic human rights relevant to the students of std 9. The skits were presented in a simple, interactive manner which was very impactful on the students.

The students were actively engaged throughout the program by the hosts asking questions after each skit to check and develop student understanding of the topic. The hosts were very enthusiastic and their main objective was to make students aware of their rights. Topics like child marriage and child labour were highlighted so that students understand the violation of human rights. The Right to Education was emphasized and discussed. Effective posters highlighting the various human rights were displayed. After the skit and interaction with students, the concluding speaker engaged the students to discuss potential courses of action if their human rights are violated. This discussion was based on the story in the skits performed. Students were left with actionable points to follow to safeguard their basic human rights. The event concluded with Dr K.M.Vasudevan Pillai sir giving an engaging talk about Human Rights.

Extension Activity

The APY was conducted on 14th of December, 2021. This activity was conducted to make students understand the concept of small scale business and increase self reliance approach. Principal Dr.Reni Francis, Teachers and all the students of S. Y.B.Ed. were gathered at the college campus for the same. The preparation of this event started weeks ago. The event took place in the multipurpose hall ground floor. All together there were 8 stalls. Due to the pandemic the food items were not allowed to sell , other than food items stationery items, handmade soaps, purses, masks, jewellery, party decorations items, hair accessories, etc were sold. There was a game stall for the students wherein students were participating enthusiastically. Everyone was very excited to buy and sell the things made by them. Students conducted and participated in this activity with great zeal and excitement. This activity helped students to understand the importance of team work and develop entrepreneurship skills.





Special Assembly



A special assembly was conducted on 18th of December, 2021. Principal Dr.Reni Francis, teachers and all the students of S.Y.B.Ed. were gathered at the college campus for the same. The preparation of this event started weeks ago. All the students were eagerly waiting for this assembly as this was the first assembly which was going to take place offline. The event took place in the multipurpose hall ground floor. The walls of the hall were decorated with colorful ribbons, screens and balloons. One could also view a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. The host of the event was Ms. Tanuja who gave a warm welcome and initiated the event. The assembly started at 12:30pm and continued till 1:30 pm. It started with a soulful prayer by Ms. Vairavalakshmi. Thereafter, Ms. Vaishnavi gave us a beautiful thought for the day. Mrs. Sudha Gupta shared a few words about the significance of Christmas. The most anticipated part of the event was the Nativity skit which was done beautifully by the team and brought up the essence of the festival. Mrs. Santoshi gave a speech in celebration of the New year. In order to entertain the audience the team had organized games such as Flip the bottle and Blow the Candle. This made the assembly cheerful and most memorable. The final part of the assembly was the dance performance. The theme for the dance was retro vintage. The Assembly ended with our principal congratulating the team and enlightening us with a few words of wisdom along with a vote of thanks.



BLESSING IN DISGUISE

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Over the past two years, life has changed tremendously. All of us have seen very closely what ‘uncertainty’ is. We have laughed, giggled, cried, achieved, lost loved ones, felt that emptiness / loneliness and have also experienced the love, support, and company of the loved ones – either in their presence or virtually. This period has been that of learning as well as unlearning.

We always tend to think about ‘me, mine and myself’ most of the time, throughout the day. When we shift our attention from ‘ourselves’ to the ‘society’, we see so many problems, worries and tensions in people’s lives at a grandeur scale and this gives us the taste of the other aspect of reality. Also, at such times, suddenly a thought comes to our mind, “Oh my God! I am so blessed! My problems are so small compared to their problems.”

When this happens, the value for all that we have in life comes to surface in the form of gratitude and we start counting our blessings. So, if we start helping others – it could be in the form of social service or even uplifting someone’s state of mind, we realize that our problems have become petty or rather we realize that we have somehow gained the strength to face the problems. At times, when we look back, we even laugh at ourselves for the way we kept brooding over our problems and had overlooked the blessings of life.

Also, during this pandemic, we have realized how less our needs are and what is actually important to us in our lives. We have become wiser to choose happiness over materialistic pleasures. We have seen the immense support of mankind which has even more highlighted and strengthened our faith of valuing people, humanity, and life as a whole.

As it is said, ‘Every cloud has a silver lining’, we have seen the world coming closer through technology. People from various fields started ‘Work from home’ – even the fields which we never thought of; times where people from different age-groups struggled and learnt to use technology skillfully. This period taught us about survival and much more. It taught us about work-life balance. We learnt the value of valuing others and that household work is not gender-based. The enormous amount of transformation in understanding our strengths and weaknesses helped us to use our skills to surpass this difficult phase of life.

We have seen our plans going for a toss and yet these trying times gave us another chance to truly live our lives, to go within, to develop our skills, to pursue our hobbies / passion and to grow as a better human being. Many experiences changed our perspective to look at things, events, people and of course, life. We learnt that we need to choose ‘love’ over ‘being right.’

Life taught us to ‘let go’ of the negative emotions and everything that is unnecessary or unwanted and ‘hold on’ to the loved ones, take care of them, value them, value ‘what is’ instead of worrying about ‘what is not.’ These experiences have shaped our lives, taught us to live in the present moment and endorsed the fact that ‘Change is the only permanent thing in life.’

Students' Corner

Poem by Shabnam Shaikh



My Song

He says She says They say
But listen -
Is something they never dare

He sees She sees They see
Then how come -
My pain they couldn't perceive

He knows She knows They know
Only -
Truth they don't wanna know

He gives She gives They give
Sorry!
Acceptance is not on their list

Somehow.....

I tag along
on their tune
a little wise
a little amused
oh ! How they love this muse

until the time....

when loud and clear
the song in me will overflow
He will mind, She won't approve
But It's My Song Now
Deaf and Alive
I will Play it and Groove .

Poem by Ms. Anjali Khanna



DAD YOU ARE MY HERO.....

Dad you are my hero
I believed I am zero,
But it was you who taught me the world,
How to raise your swords.....
It was you who taught me
How to take stands
Otherwise I would have gone mad,
It was you who taught me
To take one's responsibility
It was you who taught me
To always be a learner.
And it was you gave us
This life.....
DAD YOU ARE MY HERO.....

