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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



As the New Year rings in bringing up lot of hope, aspirations, resolutions, positive thinking we too at PCER, Chembur embraced the New Year by doing things that mould each one of us to a refined person. The two years of pandemic had derailed lot of our initiatives but PCER, Chembur took the best of the opportunities in front of us and marched forward victoriously towards excellence in education.

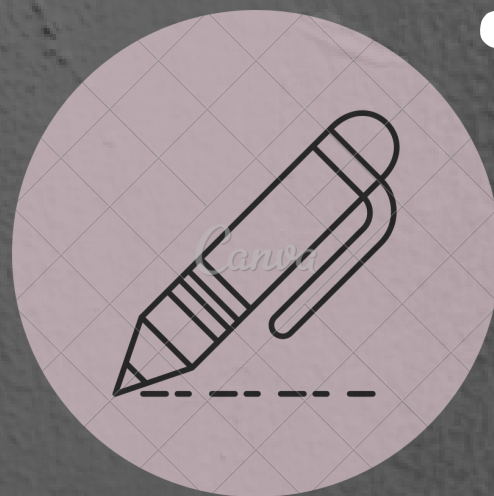
Keeping with growing demands of life long learning and giving an edge to our budding teachers by harnessing their potential PCER, Chembur is now a recognised PhD Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies - Education affiliated to the University of Mumbai. The recognition was our far reaching goal finally accomplished with the continued support and encouragement by our Management- Dr. K.M.Vasudevan Pillai and Dr. Daphne Pillai. Our gratitude to our former Principals, teachers and students for their relentless efforts in building a strong foundation to this institution. An institution of excellence is not a day's work it is the timely, meticulous, persevered journey that leads to scaling greater heights.

With a positive note we started our New Year looking forward to many more milestones to achieve in this coming year.

We wish our Faculty and Students Happy New Year 2022. Best wishes for a prosperous year ahead.

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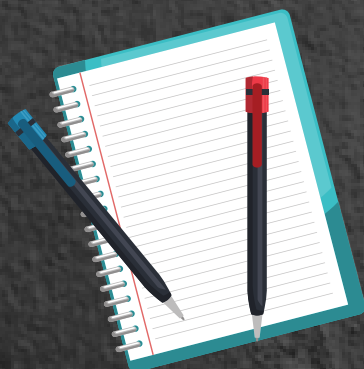
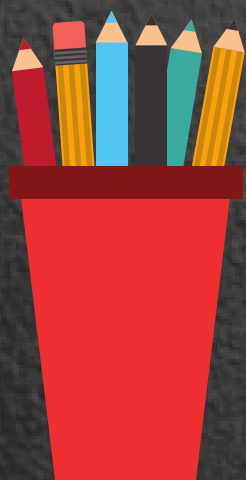
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EDITORIAL



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Happy New Year!

This New Year, I believe will be a year of increased blessings for all of us. This is a time of new beginnings and the celebrations in life.

We hope to close pandemic life, which has been with us for the past two years. As we enter a new year, the month of January is always about fresh beginnings and positive changes. This new year brings a responsibility for each of us to work so that we respect as well as take care of each other and accept each other in one's diversity.

The promise of the New Year is the potential for great achievement in the future and all the opportunities that it offers to our students. PCER, Chembur is fortunate to witness our students rapidly adapting to this digital transition and excelling in these new platforms. PCER is indeed committed to achieving the goals of nurturing students, promoting high-level learning, and empowering the next generation of teachers.

So, with this renewed hope and optimism for the New Year, 2022 PCER, Chembur looks forward to a new beginning, filled with success.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



Dr. Sharda Sharma

PCER is happy to announce that Dr. Sharda Sharma has received a German PATENT with the trademark(no.: 202021 10 6920) and the Certificate of authorisation by the Government of India

Patent title: Mathoscope.

Students are seen to have math anxiety and tend to shy away from Mathematics. This stress leads to stunted exploration of their potential even later in life. The aim was to find the effect of the application of the Mathoscope design in academic practices. This investigation was directed towards developing students' interest in Mathematics subjects and an overall student development. It enabled students to present various theorems, concepts and ideas through skits, charts, games and the like. The objective being to develop research mindedness, promote a scientific attitude, bring out innovative ideas, collaborate with each other and learn from others' experiences.

Session on - 'Enhancing your skills towards a better tomorrow'



MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur
in association with
Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council, New Delhi

organises a session on
Enhancing your skills towards a better tomorrow

Date:- 17th January, 2022
Time:- 11:30 am

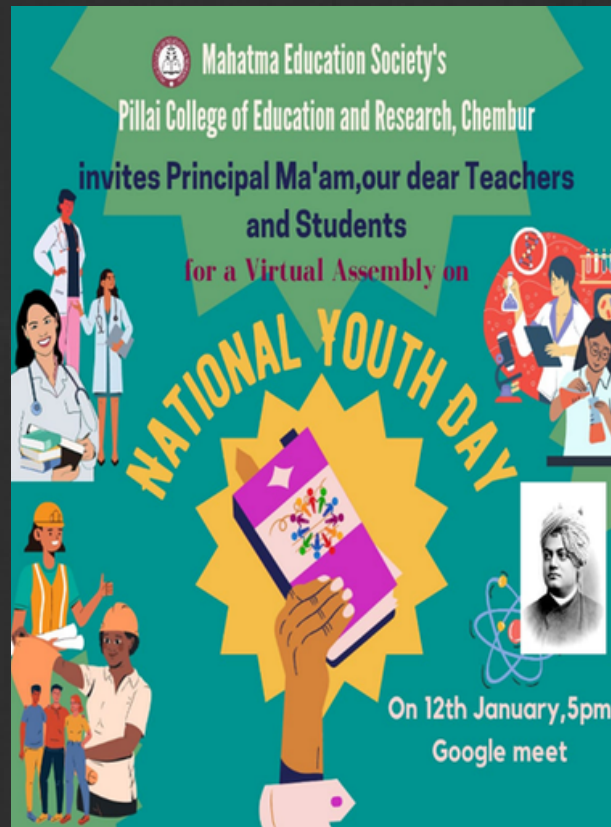
**An initiative of Management and Entrepreneurship
Skill development**

On the 17th January 2022, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organised a session in collaboration with the Management and Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council [MEPSC]. The speaker for the session was Mr. Santosh Kumar Saha, The Head Business Development at MEPSC.

The session started with a prayer followed by a thought for the day. The topic of the situation was 'Enhancing your skills towards a better tomorrow'. Mr. Santosh Kumar Saha explained to the participants the importance of developing skills through certified courses and oriented students about the various courses offered by the MEPSC. He enlightened the students about the generic skills and importance of developing job specific skills as well as the entrepreneurial skills.

The principal of PCER Chembur Dr. Reni Francis officially declared the launch of the association and MOU with the MEPSC on this occasion. The session concluded with the vote of thanks extended by Asst. Prof. Mr. Rajendra B. Deshmukh.

National Youth Day



On the occasion of National Youth Day and birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda student council of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organized a special assembly on 12th January ,2022 at 5.00 pm through google meet.

National Youth Day, also known as Vivekananda Jayanti, is celebrated on 12 January, being the birthday of Swami Vivekananda. In 1984 the Government of India declared this day as National Youth Day and since 1985 the event is celebrated in India every year. Every year the government decides the theme for celebration. This year also the government has decided the theme as 'It's all in the mind' which is a key teaching of Vivekananda.

On this occasion PCER organized a special assembly through online mode. All the students of PCER, Professors and M.Ed interns had attended the program. Students shared their ideas and thoughts on National Youth Day through speeches, poems and many more.

The assembly was deeply appreciated by everyone. The idea behind conducting this event was to encourage the young minds to bring creative thoughts, provide the platform to present themselves through their words and also to make them think about how we can serve ourselves for the betterment of the nation.

Makar Sankranti/ Pongal/ Lohri Celebrations



On the occasion of Makar Sankranti/ Pongal/Lohri students of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organised a special assembly on 15th January, 2022 at 5.00 pm through google meet.

The assembly enlightened everyone about the legend behind Makar Sankranti, Lohri and Pongal. During this assembly S.Y. B.Ed students displayed a range of activities virtually. The students of PCER presented an extravagant event by giving speeches, performing dance, quiz, saying a prayer followed by thoughts for the day.

As said, culture is a vital part of our upbringing and who we are today, as a nation and as a country. Our country's culture is something that we will be buried with, the time we die and are to live with it forever. While writing the 'Natya Shastra', our ancient scholar Bharatmuni might not have thought that the Rasa and Bhava of his writing will last for millennia. Continuing his legacy a special classical dance performance was displayed by Ms. Preeti Darveshi.

India is a land of diverse culture and the abundance of festivals stems from the country's religious diversity. These festivals are occasions of joy, unity and celebration. Since we had the celebration of all the three festivals together, the significance behind Pongal and Lohri was also explained.

The programme was hosted by the M.Ed interns and the M.Ed students also conducted the quiz on Makar sankranti, Pongal and Lohri.

Principal Dr. Reni Francis ma'am spoke about how and why it's important to stay positive in today's times and deal with different situations. She articulated this by giving her own personal example that she had faced and also explained why it is important to stay strong and happy and hence pray to the almighty to give us strength and positive energy every day. She also appreciated the efforts put in by all for the success of the event though it was through online mode. She ended by showering her blessings on all the students and wished everyone good luck.

National Girl Child Day



MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur observed National Girl Child Day on 24th January, 2022, 5:00pm. There was a special assembly conducted virtually through the Zoom platform.

National Girl Child Day is observed every year in India on January 24 to promote awareness about the rights of a girl child and to promote the importance of their education, health, and nutrition. The day is in line with government campaigns and initiatives such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Save the Girl Child, free/subsidized education, and women's reservations in colleges and universities. National Girl Child Day was first initiated in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

On this occasion PCER organized a special assembly through online mode. All the students of PCER, their professors and M.E interns had attended the program. Almost 50 people attended the session. The event was hosted by Ms.Christy. She started the event by welcoming all dignitaries and shared the purpose behind celebrating this event.

At the beginning of every program we worship God. So we began the assembly by prayer. Prayer was conducted by Ms. Karuna Bhosale. Then Ms. Bandana recited the poem of 'Bharat ki Betiyan'

To highlight the idea and history of National Girl Child Day, Ms. Faiza presented information through a video. She also spoke about women empowerment.

Ms. Geetanjali delivered a speech on girl child day. She also explained about various schemes for the girl child.

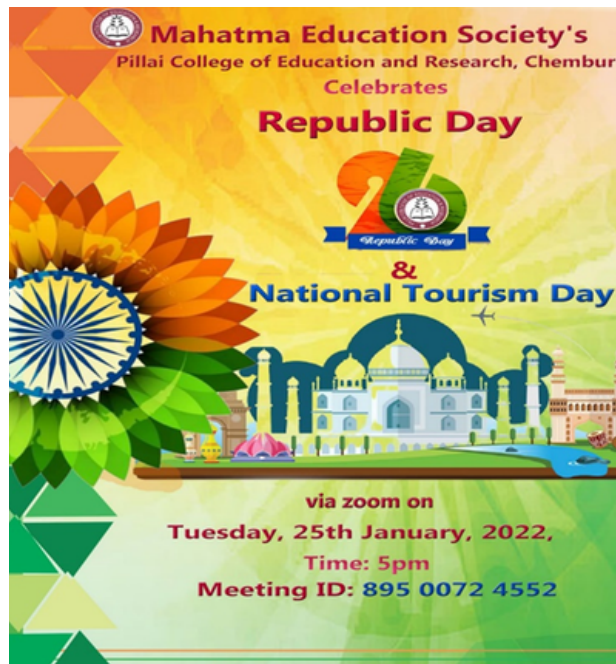
After that, it was time for some fun activities for all. There was a Quiz activity conducted and it was about identification of the name of personality from their picture.

The assembly was deeply appreciated by everyone. The idea behind conducting this event was to create awareness about the rights of girls, removing gender-based biases and providing equal opportunities.

At last, the event was concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Roshni. She expressed special thanks to the Principal, dedicated student council members of PCER, all the professors, M.ed interns and all the audience to make this a successful event.

It was a good learning experience for all of us. We got to know about the various government schemes, contribution of citizens for women empowerment.

Republic Day / National Tourism Day



On 25th January 2022 celebrated Republic day and National tourism day at 05:00p.m. through the Zoom platform. The virtual celebration of Republic day and National tourism day was hosted by Ms. Bhakti. She started the event by welcoming all dignitaries and shared the purpose behind celebrating this event. The assembly enlightened everyone about the history behind Republic Day and National Tourism Day. After this Ms. Bhakti started by putting forth her thoughts on Republic Day followed with a prayer by Mr. Melvin. The thought for the day was shared by Ms. Pooja Mishra.

A video made by Devashree which included information about the Indian constitution was displayed. Ms. Chrysil then spoke about the bravery and sacrifices of our freedom fighters. Later a patriotic song "Ae mere watan ke logo.." sung by Ms. Saili, with her melodious voice. After the song the republic day celebration was concluded with an amazing dance performance by Ms. Mamta.

PCER B.Ed students under the guidance of their respective tutorial group in-charge professors and with the help of M.Ed interns, arranged the special assembly for National tourism day based on the different regions of our country and highlighted the various aspects such as culture, songs, dance, festivals celebrated, traditional wear dishes as well as famous places, monuments, leaders, through an engaging presentation and videos. Each region covered three states where B.Ed students and M.Ed interns collectively took part and expressed their views and information in this special assembly.

An interactive and lively quiz was also conducted by the students based on the information provided in the presentation. At the end students also conducted a fun activity to appreciate all the efforts and extra hard work done by their council members. In which the faces of students were replaced by famous personalities such as freedom fighters, social activists etc.

The event was concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Nirali Bhagat. She expressed special thanks to our Principal Madam, dedicated student council members of PCER, all the professors, M.Ed interns and all the audience to make this event a success.



Ms. Senorita Shelwin Pereira
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The local media and the experts of the education department laud that the education crisis was handled brilliantly during the pandemic. But on the grass root level the story was different altogether. It is estimated that this year-and-a-half of pandemic-related school closures, for instance, have created a four-year learning deficit. A student who was in Grade 3 before Covid-19 is now in Grade 5, and will soon enter middle school, but with reading abilities of a Grade 1 pupil.

It is said that we are a progressive digital country, a country which has ample access to mobiles and the internet. But in our Indian society there are households that have four to five children. It is possible that these families may not have enough mobiles so that all the children could access their respective classes at the same time. In my personal experience no they did not have the resources to get used to this sudden shift in the education process. Not only children in schools but also those students who were in their final year of professional courses were seen struggling to acquire the necessary knowledge and skill sets to sustain in the real world. All this was due to lack of in person training or lack of interest or resources to attend the online sessions. Professional degrees where the students are expected to brainstorm and then find solutions where reduced merely to just attempt the MCQ's on an online platform in the comfort of your homes and acquire the necessary degree. This in turn turned out to be the kryptonite for the students as we saw there were many institutions which were not willing to give jobs to these students. They believed that the marks and the grades on their certificate were not justifying the actual skill set that they acquired.

Now the question is who failed over here? Was it the government or the education department or the educational institutes or the student himself? In my opinion each and every one of us failed to do our jobs correctly. Digital integration in the education sector was long due in our country, which was thoroughly neglected by all parties involved in the education sector. Maybe due to lack of intent or lack of interest or just the fear of letting go of the familiar and stepping into an unknown territory. Whatever it may be, it did show us how enormously unprepared we were to face such a crisis situation.

But nevertheless there was a silver lining to this all. Throughout this pandemic we saw the immense ability of our society to shift, pivot and adjust to the changing environment. Our education sector in a matter of months shifted from traditional methods to the digital one. A process which would have taken more than five years in the Pre Covid world was achieved in a matter of months. Yes we were unprepared but now we have got a glimpse of how uncertain the world can be and we as members of the education society should come forward and ensure that we build a robust educational system in place which can sustain and withhold any type of challenges that we may come across in the future.

We all know by now only technology is not enough for educating the young minds but it is a tool that needs to be used by the educators. So as George Couros said "Technology will never replace great teachers, but technology in the hands of a great teacher can be transformational." so let us all keep this in our minds and reinvent the four pillars of our educational system, so that in the future no student is left behind. Let's build towards a future where we have all inclusive education and sustained learning. We must ensure that each and every one of us has the necessary equipment and the skillsets required to ensure that once again the children of our society won't have to face the BRAIN DRAIN due to any pandemic or social situations.

STUDENTS CORNER

THE PATH OF LIFE

Poem by Lyzandra Rebello

THE PATH OF LIFE!

In Life we are made to believe,
Togetherness is all we need.

Faith, Hope & Love remain,
Above all it's Love that gives us pain.

Life on Earth we've come to learn
A path that's full of twist and turns.

The path of life is random,
one may grow or stumble.

Opportunity is what we strive,
Success without failures can't arrive.

Seeking to follow the crowd
or seeking to stand aloof
In the end it all depends on
the path we choose.



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