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From the Prinicpal's Desk



As the year passes by we see students graduating and bidding farewell to their alma mater.

PCER Chembur successfully develops the skill of professional expertise among its student teachers. We are proud of the achievements of our students and alumni. As we bid farewell to the batch of 2020-2022, we wish them good luck in their future endeavors.

This batch started late due to the Covid pandemic and online lectures and practice teaching due to Covid protocols and safety procedures. The learning loss was indeed a setback in the initial period of the course but the learning activities, online and offline sessions and collaborative practices helped in bridging the gap. It is truly remarkable to see the students combat the situations and emerge successfully in their passion to learn and progress. We thank the FY students for their efforts taken during the Farewell and Graduation day thus bringing in a positive spirit of offline celebration and events back to full swing and enjoyment.

Best wishes to the outgoing SY students. Wishing them luck in all their future plans.

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Editorial

As our second years get ready to start their careers as teachers, and the first years get ready for their internship, I'd like to share a few things that worked for me as a school teacher with a class of 50 students.

All the best, using these....



Eight Tips for your Classroom

- Use your students' names when you address them. It may take a while to learn their names, so taking attendance by calling their names will help you get familiar with their names and learn them faster. If you are not the class teacher, ask them to say their names after they answer or speak to you in class.
- When you ask a question, pause for a few seconds and give students a chance to think before answering. Avoid the urge to give the answer yourself you find that students do not respond to you immediately.
- Encourage all students to speak/ answer in your class. Ensure that every student in your class gets a chance to speak/answer a bare minimum of once every week.
- If you have to correct notebooks, ensure that you collect the notebooks at the end of the same period, correct them the same day and return the books to the students before the next period. This ensures that even the slowest students will make an attempt to complete their notebooks on time, or at the least, you are aware of the students whose books are incomplete.
- Avoid too much teacher talk in the classroom. There are many topics where the students can contribute to the teaching learning process. However this is only possible if the teacher knows how to engage the students properly. Work on your questioning skill and you will see a great improvement in the engagement levels in your class.
- Praise students proportionally to the task completed/ behavior exhibited. Every answer is not excellent, but you do need to acknowledge every student's responses. When an answer requires a greater deal of thinking or effort, those are 'excellent' answers, not mere regurgitation of information you once gave them in a previous period.
- Respond to incorrect answers kindly. Thank students for their attempt to answer. If time permits, push them to think a little more by asking more questions so you can turn their wrong answer into a correct one. If this is not possible, politely ask another student to help their friend with the right answer. You can ask the first student to repeat the correct answer.
- Encourage tolerance for one another. Tolerance to incorrect answers; there is no need to laugh at a student for giving incorrect answers. Encourage patience towards students who may need a little more time to think about the answers when asked a question.

Faculty Achievements



- PCER, Chembur has been successfully granted the German patent on the topic - Effectiveness of STEAM education in fostering Integrative learning through iLEARN Model. This is one of the Best practices that Institution practices.



- Dr. Reni Francis, Principal, PCER, Chembur Published a research paper on 'EFFECTIVENESS OF HOLISTIC MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO EDUCATION IN ACHIEVEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.' in 'Sampriti', a UGC Care Approved, Peer Reviewed & Referred journal.



Canvas Painting and Quilling Workshop

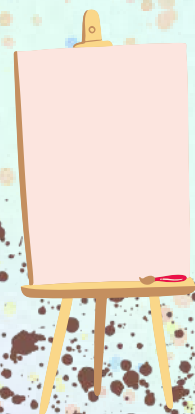
“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”

— Pablo Picasso

PCER Chembur introduced the students to Canvas Painting through a hands-on session led by Mr. Shankar Kathara, HOD, Visual Arts Dept. Dr. Pillai Global Academy, New Panvel on 6th April 2022.

A session on quilling was also organized for the students. The resource person for this session was arts teacher Mr. Ramdas Kondilkar of Mahatma International School, New Panvel.

The students were seen immersed in their creative ventures during these sessions.



Interaction with Dr. Abdullah Rasheed

- Minister of State for Education, Republic of Maldives



The staff of PCER Chembur were honoured to engage in a thought provoking discussion with an Education Minister from Maldives Dr. Abdullah Rashid Rasheed Ahmed. Dr. Abdullah, the Principal - Ministry of Education, Republic of Maldives visited PCER Chembur on 17th April, 2022 and spent the afternoon with the staff sharing his experiences and education journey from its humble beginnings to his current prestigious position in the Maldivian Ministry of Education. He inspired the staff with practical suggestions that have worked for him in his work as an educator and teacher educator. He sought to understand the Indian teacher education and education contexts and discussed systemic similarities and differences. He also shared the latest initiatives being taken by the Maldivian Ministry of Education to improve the quality of teachers in the country.

Valedictory Programme Batch

2020-2022

As semester 4 comes to an end, it's time to bid farewell to the batch of 2020-2022. The Valedictory Programme for batch 2020-2022 was organized on the college campus. The F.Y.B.Ed students under the able guidance of the headmistress and the teachers organized a memorable valedictory programme. The programme commenced with lighting of diya by the dignitaries present followed by a motivational speech by the Chief guest and the trustee of MES, Chembur, who inspired the young student teachers to be a role model in the lives of their students, as each student is a blessing to the teacher and each teacher is a blessing to its students.



He gave tips and ideas on how to keep our spirit of confidence uplifted and to boost the confidence of students and motivate them to help them discover their best abilities as they are a ray towards a brighter future to build a great nation. The programme followed up by a prayer song sung by the FYBed students to invoke God's blessings.

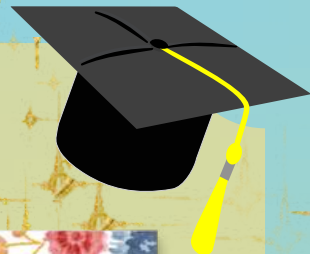
The Report by the second year General Secretary was presented by Ms. Vairavalaxmi. There was also a video taking everyone down memory lane with highlights of all the activities curricular and cocurricular, and fun times spent during the course. The Headmistress Dr. Reni Francis then addressed the outgoing batch and inspired them to do their best in all spheres of life and keep up the values taught in PCER, Chembur. There were group dances performances by the freshers for the outgoing batch on classical and contemporary dance followed by certificate distribution for the outgoing batch for their achievements in various fields. The outgoing batch shared their journey and experience in PCER, Chembur which left the freshers speechless and their experience motivated and inspired them on the other hand.



There was a beautiful and melodious farewell song composed and sung by the freshers wishing the outgoing batch all the very best. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Asmaa Maqsood Sarang and everyone were treated to a delicious lunch.



Alumni Meet



PCER Chembur organized the annual Alumni Meet on 23rd April 2022 from 2.00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Hall, Chembur Campus. Due to the pandemic safety measures the meet was not conducted for the previous batch hence this year the Alumni Meet was conducted for the batches of 2018-20 and 2019-21.



The First Year B.Ed students, Batch 2021-23, presented a very enjoyable and fun-filled programme that was smoothly anchored by Ms.Erica, Ms.Carol, Ms.Anita and Ms.Raveena. The programme consisted of a melodious duet song by Ms.Neha Darole and Mr. Santosh Sutar, a lively group dance performance on a musical medley, a short fun filled game presented by Ms.Aanchal and Mr.Deepak. Principal Dr.Reni Francis addressed the gathering and appreciated the achievements of the alumni and encouraged them to continue learning and growing in their fields.

The alumni achievers were appreciated, and their efforts recognized by PCER through the Alumni Achievers Award that were presented to Ms.Aabha Bagaitkar, Ms.Shivani Mayekar and Ms. Priyanka Mohite as they continued successfully with their growth trajectory. The Alumni during their interaction conveyed their gratitude to the institution for their growth and motivated the new batch to take up all the opportunities that they receive for learning. The degree distribution ceremony was also conducted wherein the students were awarded their degree certificates. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Ms. Aanchal who expressed gratitude and appreciation for all those who contributed to the successful event.

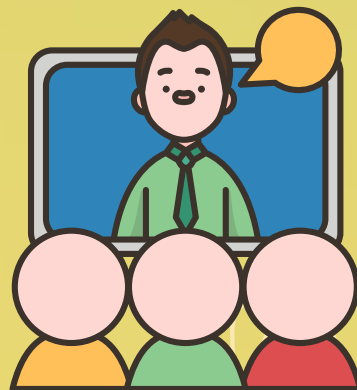


Action Research Seminar



Board of Studies in Education, University of Mumbai in collaboration with Chembur Sarvankash Shikshanshastra Mahavidyalaya & MES's Pillai College of Education Organized 'Student Teachers Action Research Seminar' for the S.Y.B.Ed students of Batch 2020-2022 on 25th April, 2022. The students were supposed to present their Action Research in front of the Judges and other panel members which included staff members of both the colleges.

The Seminar started with a welcome address by the principals of both colleges and after the students finished their presentations, the research head of CSSM appreciated the efforts made by the students in delivering their presentations. The seminar was a great success as there were good no. of participants who performed extremely well and represented their college with great zeal.



Alumni Corner

Changing Role of the Teacher

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought a significant change in the field of education. At first, it was seen as an impossible phase for schools to make education accessible for all. Technology was seen as a ray of light . But what we have disregarded intentionally was the role of teachers. Teachers were receptive during this period. It was teachers who have indeed paved the way during lockdown.



Ms. Liza Dsouza
(PCER Alumni, Batch 2018-20)
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It was during this time that we together as a team observed each-others session and started inculcating the principle of INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH in each other's session. Gone were those days when a teacher used to teach only one subject. As society changes, Education has also shifted from the teacher centric approach to the student centric approach. Similarly, even the role of a teacher has evolved during a period of time. A modern teacher is now seen as a person who is tech-savvy, knows the day-to-day changes and happenings around the world including the latest trend in social media and needs to walk hand-in-hand with the change in the field of education. Right from the implementation of the NEP to making it a part of the daily curriculum, it is upto the role of a teacher as to how to make these changes into a student-friendly approach. Thus, the role of a teacher keeps changing and it is multidimensional in nature.

Students' Corner



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