

Mahatma Education Society's
Pillai College of Education and Research
Chembur Naka
Chembur, Mumbai-71
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VISION

To create opportunities for value-based transactions and empower student-teachers to tackle professional and global issues through collaborations in a techno-savvy era.

MISSION

To promote academic excellence and create humane, self-reliant teachers to meet the local and global challenges of the society and nation.

Mahatma Education Society's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur achieved the successful completion of another academic year. The institution achieved various milestones through the year with new initiatives, activities, collaborations, innovative practices and leveraging the potential of technology. All of this was possible with the vision and encouragement of the Management, the dynamic leadership and dedication of the Principal and the support and efforts of the staff, students and all stakeholders. The institutional transactions due to the pandemic situation were conducted with a combination of offline and online mode. PCER conducted the following activities in alignment with its vision, mission and objectives as well as incorporating its commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals during the academic year 2021-22.

ASSEMBLY

Objective: To inculcate values and develop cultural awareness of student teachers.

The assembly time marks the commencement of the day in PCER, it begins with a prayer followed by discussion on the thought for the day and the news headlines. The assembly activities include skits, songs, moral stories, sharing personal experiences and discussion on various issues. Special assembly programmes are conducted for festivals and days on national and international importance such as Independence Day, Republic Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Teacher's Day, Guru Purnima, National Youth Day, National Girl Child Day, World Human Rights Day, National Tourism Day etc. The students speak on the importance of the day and

present activities related to it. It also serves as a platform for the student teachers to develop confidence, general awareness, communication skills, team spirit etc.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Objective: To enhance the confidence, intellectual and creative talents of the student teachers.

At PCER a wide range of cocurricular activities are conducted for the holistic development of the individual's personality hence along with the curricular the co-curricular aspect is given substantial focus. These activities enable the student teachers in sharpening their talents and abilities and enhance their confidence, communication, and organizational skills. The student teachers participate individually as well as in groups in various cultural programmes organized on different occasions such as Independence Day, Teacher's Day, Onam, Ganesh Chaturthi, Guru Purnima, Hindi Diwas, Diwali, Gandhi Jayanti, Christmas, Republic Day, Marathi Bhasha Diwas, International Literacy Day, International Mother Language Day, World Water Day, World Environment Day, International Women's Day and International Yoga Day. International Yoga Day was celebrated with a one-week yoga therapy session towards health and well-being via PCER YouTube channel

Students also participated enthusiastically in several other cultural and literary events conducted by the college such as Essay Writing Competition, Elocution Competition, Poster Competition, Slogan Competition, Quiz Competition, Online Yoga Competition, Income Tax Essay Competition, Mask making competition, Poetry Recitation Competition, Story Writing Competition, Design an IDEA competition, Student Teacher Action research seminar.

Student teachers presented a skit 'Lock the Ribbon' to spread awareness on World Aids Day .

The students also sharpen their literary and editorial skills as well as technological skills through active involvement in the publication of the college e-newsletter 'Horizon' which highlights the institutional activities and achievements. An interactive awareness programme comprising a series of skits was organized by the student teachers on World Human Rights Day for students of Chembur English High School.

ALUMNI RETURNS:

Objective: To utilize the alumni resource for the capacity building activities of the institution.

The PCER alumni are a valuable resource to the institution and their contribution to the institution is augmented with the Learning Q-EST course that provides an opportunity for the alumni interact with the student teachers and share their insights from their professional field. During the academic year the alumni organized the following activities:

- A Session on Happiness the Science Behind it was conducted by Dr. Tina Roy on 31st July 2021.
- An online session on Mathematics was conducted on Pi-day. Mr. Gyanendrapratap Singh the IGCSE Co-ordinator and Head, Department of Mathematics of Dr. Pillai Global Academy, New Panvel on 14th March 2022.
- Ms. Shubadra Shenoy, Principal, Little Angels International School, conducted a session on Role of Teacher with respect to International Board.
- Ms. Sherry Jose, Assistant Professor, Vivek Junior College, conducted a session on Sharing classroom experience- NEP Perspective on 4th April 2022
- Ms. Abha Bagaitkar conducted a session on Engagement with Stakeholders for Implementation of NEP 2020 on 23rd July 2022
- Ms. Priyanka Mohite conducted a session on Holistic Development among student's viewpoint of NEP 2020 on 25th July 2022
- The Alumni Association of PCER Chembur conducted a Donation Drive from 11th to 28th October 2021.
- The alumni published a book on Gender issues 'Her Voice'.
- The institution organized the annual Alumni Meet on 23rd April, 2022. The alumni achievers from previous batches were felicitated during the programme.

PRACTICE TEACHING AND INTERNSHIP:

Objective: To develop the teaching competencies, methodologies and confidence of the student teachers.

The internship period is a very crucial aspect of the B. Ed programme. During this period the student teachers go to schools for their internship activities. This period provides the student teachers with the necessary experience of interacting and practice teaching in schools. Students undergo internship for 18 to 20 weeks during the second, third and fourth semester of this two-year programme. For the academic year 2021-22, due to the pandemic situation, the student teachers conducted their practice teaching in online and offline mode wherein they gave lessons in their chosen pedagogy and completed several activities as required by the Internship programme.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Objective: To inculcate in student teachers the attitude of giving back to society.

PCER Chembur encourages students to participate in Community Extension Work and wish to sensitize them with the differently abled and less privileged. This year the students completed their Community work at National Society For Equal Opportunities For the Handicapped [NASEOH], Education, Training and Service Center for PWDs of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation and the Jan Vikas Society's Mermier Bal Ashram.

The students completed the Community Extension Work at the NASEOH from 14th to 19th March 2022. Students visited all the departments of NASEOH, interacted with the teachers and differently abled learners and helped the inmates in their various activities. The visit sensitized them with the needs of disabled and ways of dealing with the disabled.

The students visited the Education, Training and Service Center for PWDs of NMMC from 21st to 25th March, 2022. The Director of 'etc' Dr. Varsha Bhagat briefed the students about the history and the achievements of the center. She inspired the students to take up courses and careers in special education. The students got an insight into the education, therapeutic and all rehabilitative needs of infants, children & adults with hearing, intellectual, visual, orthopedic, learning and multiple disabilities.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:

Objective: To sensitize students towards the needs of the marginalized society

As part of extension activity, the APY programme was organized at PCER. Students set up counters for display and sale of products. 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. This activity was conducted on 14th December, 2021 to enable students to understand the concept of small scale business and increase self-reliance approach.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Objective: To sensitize the student teaches to social issues and prepare them to be socially responsible citizens

The institution conducted various activities to enable student teachers to understand the various social issues and inculcate in them values and commitment to society. Some of the activities that PCER conducted includes the following:

- On International Literacy Day PCER in collaboration with Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC) in collaboration and Pillai HOC College of Engineering and Technology organised a Book Donation Drive through Wonderwheel Registry to donate Textbooks and School supplies to underprivileged children.
- A Donation Drive was conducted by Alumni Association of PCER on 11th to 28th October 2022.
- Blanket donation drive for the underprivileged
- Expert Talk session on Cancer Awareness
- Expert Talk session on Aids Awareness
- Skit on Aids Awareness
- Skit on Human Rights

- Short movie video Hunger Pulse on avoiding food wastage
- Short video on Environmental awareness
- Educational Resources Drive for a Social Cause

ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES:

Objective: To sensitize student teachers to environmental issues and develop environmentally responsible behavior

PCER Chembur has always held environmental sustainability very dear to its core values. In fact, since the last two years, all the activities carried out by PCER, Chembur have been aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals (SGDs) as suggested by the United Nations.

- This year, the Student Council created a video on the year's theme 'Ecosystem Restoration'. They uploaded the video on Instagram and tagged and shared it in order that the message travels far and wide.
- Students of PCER Chembur observed World Ozone Day with the students of MES's Chembur English High school through activities conducted through zoom online meet.
- An expert talk session on Waste Management was conducted on 21st February 2022 by Mrs Sindhu Iyer, Project Coordinator of Stree Mukti Sanghatana (NGO) NEP 2020.
- Orientation session on Green Campus for students and Faculty of PCER on 10th January 2022
- Zero Power Hour once a week for one hour
- On the occasion of World Water Day a talent search event was conducted on the theme Water
- PCER Chembur in collaboration with Stree Mukti Sanghatana organized a e- waste collection drive and educational resources drive on 14th May 2022

PLACEMENTS:

Objective: To provide opportunities for student teachers' to develop professional skills and personality enhancement

The Placement Cell of PCER aims at making available quality placement opportunities for the student teachers. The placement cell also provides opportunities for personal grooming, personal support and counseling in seeking jobs in good schools. With this objective through the JobPerfect course students are provided with the requisite awareness and skills. The activities that were conducted by the Placement Cell include the following:

- A session on communication skills 'Common Errors in Communication'
- SWOC Analysis
- Resume Writing
- How To Face an Interview

- Sessions for Alumni interaction

The schools that came for campus interviews were Avalon Heights, Shishuvan School, Little Angels International School, SSS Global school, Orchids International and JBCN International. Due to the pandemic situation few placements were conducted through online process, the students filled the recruitment google form links sent by the school and online sessions were conducted for interaction. The placement cell also informs the student teachers regarding job vacancies that are communicated to the institution through mail and messages by various schools and educational organizations from time to time.

EXPERT TALK SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS:

Objective: To develop the intellectual skills, understanding, self-awareness and creativity of student teachers.

Several sessions, workshops and activities were conducted on a wide range of topics throughout the year to enrich the curricular programme as well as move beyond the mandated curriculum and instilling in them the awareness to stay updated with current trends and issues in education and the society. They are as follows:

- Micro Teaching Skills
- Evaluation
- Objectives and Learning Outcomes
- Core Elements and Values
- Impact of Rising Population Crisis
- Menstrual Health and Hygiene
- Happiness the Science Behind It
- Diet for Wellness
- Mental Health- Let's Talk About Healthy Living
- Action Research
- Inclusive Education
- Emotional Intelligence
- Aids Awareness
- Nurturing culture of excellence: IPR perspective
- Mental Health and Happiness for Today's Teaching
- Professionals based on Dr. Glasser's Choice Theory
- Learning Beyond Classrooms
- Translating Texts and Ideas
- Role of a Teacher
- Effective Communication Strategies in the Classroom
- Mental Health in an Unequal World
- Food and Mood: How Nutrition Affects Mental Health
- Cancer Awareness

- Innovative Teaching Methods
- How to prepare an Effective CV
- How to Face an Interview
- Personality Development and Grooming
- Teacher Eligibility Test (TET)
- Common Errors in Communication
- Content Enrichment Programme(CEP)
- Integrated Approach in Atomic Energy for Sustainable Future
- Patent Your Ideas
- NEP 2020 Leading to an Outcome Based Curriculum
- NEP 2020 Foundational Literacy and Numeracy
- Mathematics- Pi Day
- Ethics in Research
- NEP 2020- Enhance Critical Thinking and Creativity
- Oral Hygiene
- Canvas Painting
- Quilling Work
- NEP 2020- Equity and Inclusion

THE SPECTRUM OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES INCLUDE:

- Women Development Cell (WDC), University of Mumbai in collaboration with MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organized a webinar on 11th July 2021 on World Population Day with the theme "Rise for a Better Living".
- PCER, Chembur launched an Online Crash Course in preparation towards the MAHA TET Exam 2021.
- The IQAC Cell of PCER Chembur, in collaboration with Mahatma Night Degree College of Arts & Commerce organised an Online Workshop on the topic 'Filing of Income Tax Returns'.
- 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.
- PCER Chembur started a new website on Google Sites named Upscale your Communication Quotient.
- A National Level Multi-Disciplinary Online Seminar on Gender Equality Towards a Welfare State was organized by MKLM's B L Amlani College of Commerce and Economics in collaboration with IQAC of MES' Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur on 25th September, 2021.
- The Board of Studies in Education, University of Mumbai in collaboration with MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organised an online Colloquium on

Best Practices in VENTEL MGNCRE Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav for Student Teachers of VENTEL Cell.

- PCER, Chembur in collaboration with Soroptimist Welfare Association and Mahatma Junior College of Education observed the International Girl Child Day through an online Zoom session on Cyber Security and Social Media Dangers on 11th October 2021
- PCER Chembur in collaboration with Soroptimist Welfare Association and Arpan Foundation organised a two days training program on the ‘Understanding Child Sexual Abuse and Personal Safety Education(PSE) Programme’ through Zoom platform.
- Internal Quality Assurance Cell of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur in collaboration with Elsevier organized an online national webinar on ‘Enabling a perfect research ecosystem with Scopus, Science Direct and Mendeley’.
- MES’s Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organised a session in collaboration with the Management and Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council [MEPSC], New Delhi on the topic ‘Enhancing your skills towards a better tomorrow’.
- PCER Chembur and Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC) in collaboration with ‘Responsible Netism’ organised a webinar on ‘Cyber Sakhi’ for the students.
- A two-day International Conference on Sustainable Practices in Higher Education was organized by PCER Chembur in association with the Council for Educational Administration and Management on 24th and 25th March 2022.
- Board of Studies in Education, University of Mumbai in collaboration with Chembur Sarvankash Shikshanshastra Mahavidyalaya & MES’s Pillai College of Education organized ‘Student Teacher’s Action Research Seminar’ on 25th April, 2022

STUDENT SUPPORT:

- Tutorial Groups: Various activities are held to improve students’ overall performance. One –to –one support and counseling is provided during these sessions.
- Study Circle: Collaborative studying is encouraged to maximize learning for all.
- Library Reference: A well-equipped library with e-resources is provided for the students and they are encouraged to spend time there daily for reading and referencing.
- Guiding Professor: To guide the lessons and improve the quality of the lessons to be given.
- Mentoring Session: Student mentors help other students through academic and moral support.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

- Several faculty members participated in national and international seminars/workshops/conferences/symposiums and presented papers too.

- Several faculty members attended Faculty Development Programme, Refresher Courses, Short Term Courses
- Regular presentation sessions are conducted in the staff room wherein the faculty shares their knowledge on various topics with their peers.
- Several of the faculty members are pursuing their doctoral studies and several of the teaching staff has undertaken research projects at various levels.
- The faculty have published several articles in Journals, seminar proceedings and books.
- The faculty also provide consultancy in various areas of academic expertise and are resource persons for workshops and training sessions.
- The faculty are members of Syllabus Framing Committee for four year Integrated B.Ed course
- The faculty are also part of various University activities, committees etc

FEATHERS IN OUR CAP:

- PCER Chembur received approval from University of Mumbai for a Ph.D Research Centre - Interdisciplinary Studies Education
- PCER Chembur was awarded with the 'Best Research Award' for the year 2021
- PCER Chembur received the 'Best College Award for the year 2021' from Global Intellect Educational Award
- PCER, Chembur has been successfully granted the German patent on the topic - Effectiveness of STEAM education in fostering Integrative learning through iLEARN Model
- Dr. Reni Francis, Principal, PCER, Chembur successfully completed her second doctoral degree in the Faculty of Commerce & Management in the subject of Business Economics from the University of Mumbai
- Dr. Reni Francis was awarded the Certificate of Recognition for becoming a certified Apple Teacher
- Dr. Reni Francis became a member of the School Management Committee for BMC managed schools in Mumbai Public School, Matunga
- Dr. Reni Francis is the convener of the B.Com B.Ed four year Integrated Syllabus Framing Committee.
- Dr. Reni Francis and Dr Jaya Cherian received two Australian innovation patents
- Dr. Mary Varghese is the member of the B.Com B.Ed four year Integrated Syllabus Framing Committee
- Dr. Mary Varghese received the International Academic Achiever Award (IAAA-2022)
- Dr. Jaya Cherian is a member of the B.Com B.Ed and B.A B.Ed four year Integrated Syllabus Framing Committee
- Dr. Reni Francis authored the following books
 - Death is Defeated on God's testimony in her life as her family battled with COVID.

- Online Learning Impacts Classroom
- Interactive Method of Teaching Science
- On the occasion of Independence Day on 15th August, 2021, PCER Chembur, released the book 'Teachers as Nation Builders' a tribute to the contribution of teachers towards nation building.
- Dr. Reni Francis and Dr. Swasti Dhar published a book titled 'Futuristic Role of Teachers.'
- Dr. Reni Francis, Principal, PCER Chembur, and BOS Member, University of Mumbai co-authored a book with Dr. Sunita Magre, Professor and Chairperson, Board of Studies, University of Mumbai 'Best Practices in VENTEL', Published by Notion Press.
- Dr. Reni Francis, Principal, PCER Chembur and Dr. Jaya Cherian, Asst. Prof. PCER Chembur published a book 'NaiTalim in Classroom'
- On the occasion of International Women's Day Dr. Reni Francis, Dr. Jaya Cherian and PCER Alumni published the book 'Her Voice'
- Dr. Reni Francis and Dr. Jaya Cherian co-authored the book Yoga- A Guide to Holistic Living
- Mr. Rajendra Deshmukh, Faculty, PCER, Chembur completed the Orientation Programme conducted by the University Grant Commission, Human Resource Development Centre [UGC HRDC] University of Mumbai.
- Ms. Achala Bhor successfully completed an Online Short-Term Course on Research Paper Writing organised by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.
- Dr. Jaya Cherian, Mr. Rajendra Deshmukh, Ms. Achala Bhor, Ms. Diandra Pinto and Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath received funding for research projects from GEH Research.

FUTURE PLANS:

- Additional programmes such as M. A in Education, B.Com B.Ed Integrated programme
- Provide additional seats for Ph.D
- Provide more skill development courses
- Undertake major and minor research
- Augment MoU's

PHOTO GALLERY

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22







