



**Mahatma Education Society's
Pillai College of Education and Research**
Chembur
NAAC 'A' Grade

'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'



HORIZON

Principal's Message



Teachers are the roots for all new branches, as we celebrated Guru Purnima in July we harnessed our skills and nurtured our attitudes, values and understanding in our teaching profession. Guru has a prominent place in the life of a pupil. Every action and word has a valuable impact in the life of the pupil.

G- goodness

U - useful

R- resourceful

U- unique

As a Guru you need to imbibe these qualities:

Be good to your students, colleagues, co-staff, parents and other stakeholders and to yourself.

Be useful and productive, work hard and be an asset to the organisation that you work.

Be resourceful having a thorough knowledge of the things around, avoid running out of knowledge and understanding, building that learning quest always

Be unique in your own way, sharpen your skills, nurture your talents, work on your weakness and challenges and make them your opportunities towards growth and progress.

Be a passionate teacher and make an everlasting positive impact in the life of every child.

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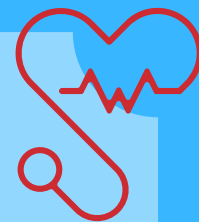
Editorial



The full moon day of the month of Ashada of the Hindu calendar is celebrated as 'Gurupurnima' in different parts of India. The word is derived from the Sanskrit root 'Gu' meaning darkness or ignorance, and 'Ru' denoting the remover of that darkness while purnima means the full moon day. Gurupurnima is also known as the Vyasa Purnima as it also marks the birthday of the great sage Vyasa. Vyasa is also called Vedvyasa as he compiled the Vedas into four separate books i.e. Rigveda, Samaveda, Yajurveda and Atharvaveda. He also authored the epics Mahabhartha and Bhagvadgeeta. Mahatma Gandhi revived the festival to pay tribute to his spiritual guru Shrimad Rajchandra, an influential Jain poet and philosopher.

PCER Chembur celebrated this day by organizing various activities to honor the gurus. Students expressed their feelings on this occasion through their speeches, poems and messages.

This July was special for all the budding teachers as they began preparing for their first practice teaching lessons and the three week internship in the schools. While preparing for their lessons students also celebrated the National Doctors Day, World Population Day, and Eid. Dr. Asha A.K. assistant professor at Aishabai College of Education and Ms. Mahalaxmi Anand Head Early and Primary Years of Garodia International Centre for Learning were invited to deliver the guest lectures.



Doctor's Day



MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organized a session on account of Doctor's Day, on 1st July 2022. The guest speaker for this session was Dr. Karan Shah. Dr. Karan is a scientist from ICMR-NIRRH, Parel.

Dr. Karan spoke about the significance of this day being celebrated as 'Doctor's Day' nationwide. He briefly spoke about Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, who was a famous physician and a freedom fighter from West Bengal. Dr. B.C. Roy's birth date and death anniversary falls on July 1st, hence this day, in India, is celebrated as 'Doctor's Day' to honor Dr. B.C. Roy, to remember his contributions in the field of medicine and pay a tribute to such a noble personality. Dr. Karan spoke about the various works done by doctors in the present era. He spoke about inspiring points to encourage the new generation who are interested in studying medicine and wish to be a doctor. He spoke in depth about the profession, giving out adequate knowledge to the spectators. Dr. Karan interacted with the participants and answered their questions along with clearing their doubts. The session ended with an address given by Dr. Reni Francis, Principal of PCER, Chembur. She highlighted that it is important as teachers to understand and honor doctors for their selfless efforts and contribution towards mankind. Hence, on the National Doctors day PCER Chembur organized this event to thank all the doctors and salute the medical fraternity for their contributions towards the society.





Practice Teaching and Internship

The students of PCER spent the month of July immersed in practice teaching and internship activities. Micro skills sessions were conducted from 4th to 7th July, 2022. A demonstration of an Integrated lesson was held on the 8th of July along with a detailed session on objectives and specifications for lesson planning. Students began their school internships for three weeks beginning from the 18th of July, 2022.



SIES Matunga, Chembur English High School, Chembur English Junior College, AFAC High School and AFAC Junior College, Chembur Karnatak School, Padua High School, St. Sebastian's School were the Internship schools. Students presented engaging lessons and conducted value based peer teaching lessons, CCA activities and made effective learning resources and teaching aids.



Special Assembly



World Population Day & Celebration of Eid

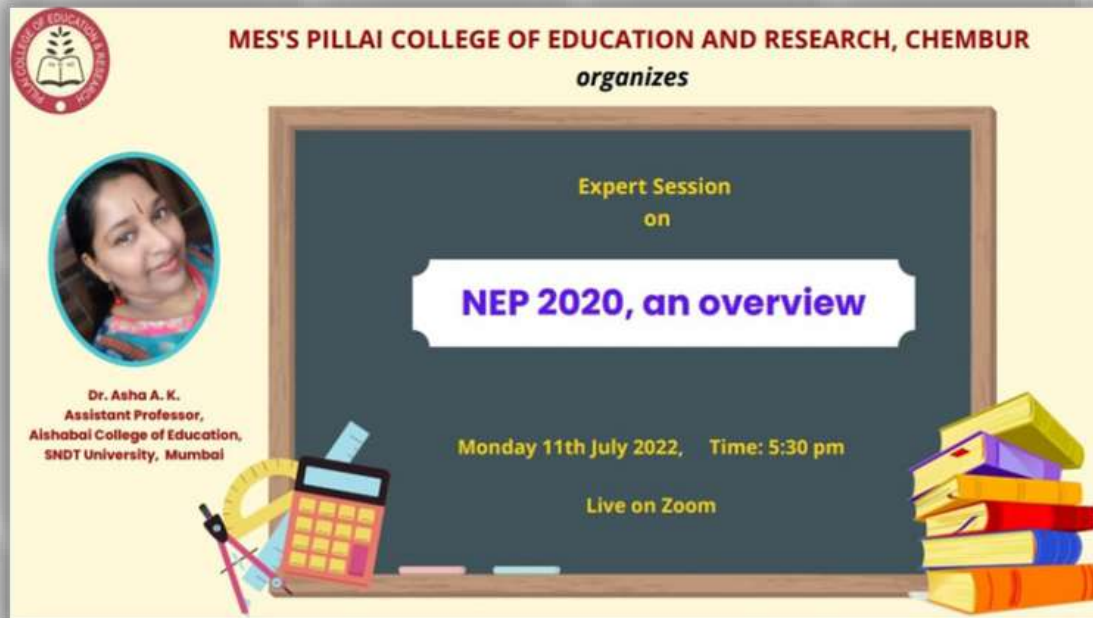
On 11th July, 2022 at Pillai college of Education and Research, Chembur students of F.Y B.Ed conducted an assembly based on the theme of World Population Day. The assembly began with a prayer said by Miss Felicia Fernandes followed by the 'thought of the day' given by Miss Mala Gaikwad. Miss Anita Pamecha, shared some interesting facts on the world's population and why we observe this day globally. A video was played focusing on the growing world population and as responsible citizens what are the necessary steps we can take to curb this problem.



The assembly then proceeded towards the celebration of Eid-al-Adha or Bakra Eid. Miss Jayalaxmi conveyed heartily wishes to the students, and also spoke about the importance of this festival. The Principal of PCER Chembur, Dr. Reni Francis addressed the students and said that as teachers we all should try our best to spread the message of world population problems all over our country and spread awareness about the importance of keeping the population under control. Dr. Reni Francis ma'am also emphasized on the importance of celebrations of festivals bringing the students closer to each other's traditions and cultural beliefs and developing respect and understanding for each other's customs and traditions also to foster cultural appreciation.



Session on NEP



On 11th July 2022, Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur conducted an online session on National Education Policy (NEP) 2020: An overview. The speaker for this session was Dr. Asha A.K. She is an Assistant Professor at Aishabai College of Education, SNDT University, Mumbai. Miss Nina Dumasia and Ms. Laxmi Nair students of F.Y B.Ed Batch 2021-2023 were the hosts for the session. The session began with a brief introduction of the speaker given by the host. Dr. Asha gave an overview of the following aspects: Aims, Principles and Vision of the NEP, types of the National Education Policies linked with the school education system. She then proceeded to speak comprehensively about the salient features of NEP. She presented and spoke regarding the Early Childhood Care and Education(ECCE), Foundation Literacy and Numeracy(FLN), Curriculum and pedagogy in schools, testing and assessments. In her presentation Dr. Asha covered the aspect of teachers and teacher education and training. She spoke about equitable and inclusive education, the varied school complexes, and school accreditation. The session was informative and Dr. Asha spoke thoroughly about every aspect with regards to the NEP 2020. After the presentation students asked questions and shared their opinions about NEP 2020. Dr. Asha elucidated the content to the students based on their questions. At the end, Dr. Reni Francis, the principal of Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur addressed everyone present and thanked Dr. Asha for conducting a session on the National Education Policy 2020. It was truly an enlightening session.

Guru Purnima Assembly

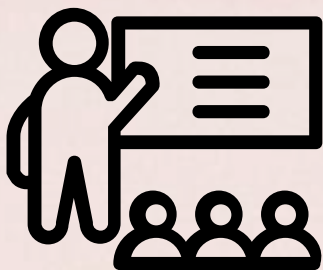
Students of F.Y.B.Ed Batch 2021-2023 organized a special program for the teachers of PCER, Chembur. The program included a prayer song by Ms. Neha, Speech by Mr. Pramod, dance by Ms. Ruchika and a short video tribute for the teachers put together by Mr. Deepak and Ms. Reena Nair.



The students gave roses to all the teaching and non-teaching staff as a token of their love and respect. The programme ended with an inspirational message shared by the principal of PCER, Chembur, Dr. Reni Francis.

Expert session on innovative teaching strategies

MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur curated an expert session for the students of F.Y B.Ed on the topic – 'Innovative Teaching Strategies' by Ms. Mahalaxmi Anand. The session was held on campus. The students received immense clarity on aspects related to teaching, classroom management, pedagogies, and learning environment. Ms. Mahalaxmi provided minute details from lesson to, lesson planning, to teaching of lessons, to teaching methodologies.



She suggested a variety of tips and tricks for ice breaker activities that can be conducted in the classroom. Ms. Mahalaxmi even compared the different forms and styles of teaching that has emerged and how it affects a learner and its potential. She thoroughly explained about how to handle students in a classroom and how a teacher can make her teaching more visible and learner friendly. Miss Mahalaxmi engaged the teacher trainees into critical thinking tasks to help sharpen their teaching skills.

Lesson Demo by Alumni



- Ms. Bhakti Sawant



As the F.Y B.Ed students were gearing up for their upcoming internship, Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur arranged for a demo session for the students to boost their morale and give them clear insights into the teaching world. The session was conducted by one of the former B.Ed students Miss. Bhakti Sawant on 16th July, 2022. She gave a demo of Science and the sub-topic was 'Nutrition in plants'. She incorporated every aspect in her teaching, such as set induction, explanation, use of appropriate teaching aids, evaluation, summarization. She linked the core values with her lesson and taught it to the students. After completion of her demo class Miss Bhakti communicated with the B.Ed students on one-on-one basis, clearing their doubts and giving them tips and tricks to work with for their respective methods. She encouraged the students to stay calm and focused and to give their best in everything that they do in the class. The students had an enriching learning experience through this demo session.





ALUMNI CORNER



The Importance Of Value Based Education In Today's World *IBDP Teacher and Environment Sustainability Mentor* *Nahar International School*

-Ms. Supriya Shinde
(Batch 2015-17)

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all' - Aristotle

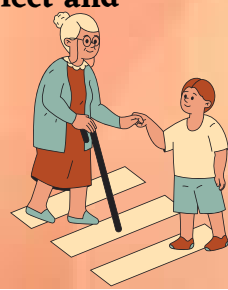
The word Education is derived from the Latin word *educatio* which means - a breeding/ a bringing up. Education empowers an individual to become the best version of themselves and yet stay true to their roots. Education when exchanged in a community can enlighten the young minds to bring in change and strive towards building a better world. However, the question is 'What is a better world?' Is it the one which has all winners, one with all the money and resources, one with all the luxuries we created for ourselves? Or is it the one which is built on values, on love, on mutual understanding, on trust, on empathy and so many more such value adding adjectives?

After spending about a decade in the field of education and having experienced various platforms, I have been on the crossroad on several occasions where I have questioned myself whether it is the assessment based approach that holds more significance or is it the value based approach and for some reason my conscience has always moved to the latter.

I believe value based education is the most crucial for the generations to come. Considering the way the world is changing, catching pace, becoming more and more techno-centric, the children are losing their connection with the Emotional quotient. Rather than developing radical thinking they are getting used to the quick fixes, which most of the time are temporary and can falter with great intensity. Thus more so a need of 'Value Based Education'

Value Based Education allows individuals to develop perspectives in order to become responsible, social beings. It helps them develop strong interpersonal relationships among family, friends and society. Value based education helps develop the core virtues of empathy, honesty, fairness, perseverance, resilience and make them more progressive, responsive individuals with clear perception towards life. These skills become predominant in helping them build a harmonious environment for every being to thrive.

Lastly I would like to add this quote I resonate the most with 'Education need not only be a tool for survival but for enhancing perception. The children must blossom and flower into great Human Beings' - Sadhguru. Life is not a rat race that we train our young children for but is a beautiful journey which we must equip them to perceive, cherish, learn, reflect and lead mindfully.





Student Corner



Ms. Shreya Sanal
FY.B.Ed
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What is Poetry to you?

Poetry –

Interplay of words;
3 syllables,
the art of surviving

But what is writing
poetry to you? – they ask.
writing poetry is healing to
the wounds that cut too deep.

Writing poetry is the escape
my heart longs for
from those demonic dreams –
a means to let go.

Writing poetry is a medium
to turn my tragedies into art;
art that will be eternal.

Writing poetry is the
art of the heart & soul,
a way to express myself
when all else fails.

Writing poetry is a sweet
gateway from the cruel reality,
it is home; a safe place –

it is me; I am poetry.

Writing poetry is poring
tears through words &
giving my pieces to
those who need healing.

Writing poetry is unlocking
the door that has been shut
since ages and going back home.



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