

**Mahatma Education Society's
Pillai College of Education and Research**

Chembur
NAAC 'A' Grade

'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'



HORIZON

Principal's message



Dr. Reni Francis
Principal, PCER Chembur

As we bid farewell to year 2022, we come together to celebrate the success, gains, achievements and every blessing that helped us to grow, enhance our ability and sharpen our skills.

In celebration of Christmas and New Year let us remember the gifts given to Baby Jesus, relating the gifts to real life experiences.

1. Gold - like gold is a valuable metal, it is highly treasured and expensive, the same way our life should have valuable and meaningful to others.
2. Frankincense - spreads fragrance and calms the environment. Likewise our life should spread beauty of life and happiness with all the people around us.
3. Myrrh- Myrrh is used in embalming process to make the things remain fresh for a longer time, hence let's make our life like myrrh to remain fresh with new ideas and thoughts thus stimulating creative environment.

As we look forward to the coming year let us welcome with fresh ideas, positive mindset and blessings in abundance.

Wishing you the very best ahead.



*Merry
Christmas*



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EDITORIAL



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“Every time we love, every time we give, it’s Christmas.”
– Dale Evans

Christmas is not just about wearing new clothes, buying gifts and feasting on delicacies. Christmas has a deeper meaning to it. It is about the birth of God’s son - Jesus. It is about how he came to give us hope, love and joy. And it is about sharing the love, joy and hope that Jesus gave us with the world. How better and beautiful the world would be if we gave gifts of understanding, compassion, service, friendship, kindness and gentleness to the ones who are so much in need of it. Let’s pledge to do something meaningful for someone in this Christmas season.

- Visit someone who is lonely in this season of love & companionship. Let’s visit an orphanage or an old age home and share the joy of the season with them.
- Share Christmas treats with the poor. Visit the streets and give them food and sweets prepared for Christmas.
- Help someone who needs it. Help someone decorate their home, help bake cookies or cakes, or volunteer in some social services.
- Donate food, money, clothing, books or toys to someone in need. Not only will it make a difference but also share some cheer.

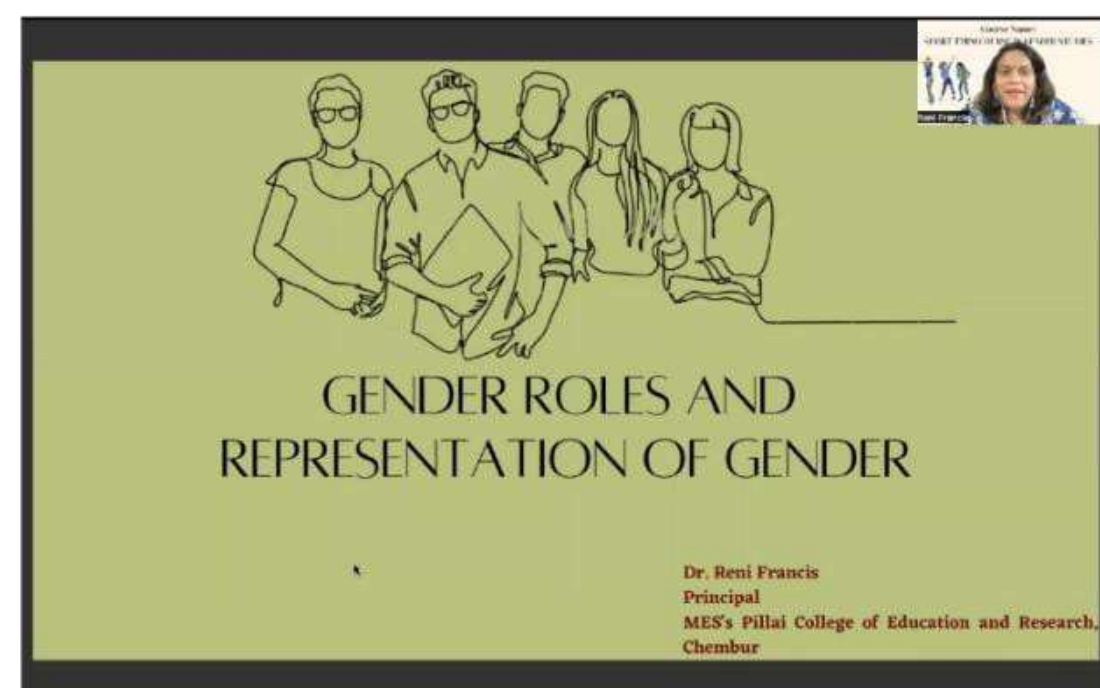
It is important that we give something to the society but at the same time, it is important to give some importance to ourselves too. The most important thing to do in this season of joy for yourself is to pause and reflect on all that you did this year and how you will make your life better and fruitful. Spend time with your family and friends, relax, watch a movie, play games, reflect on the values shared by Jesus and teach your children to be better people by following those values in life.

Burton Hills rightly said “The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.”

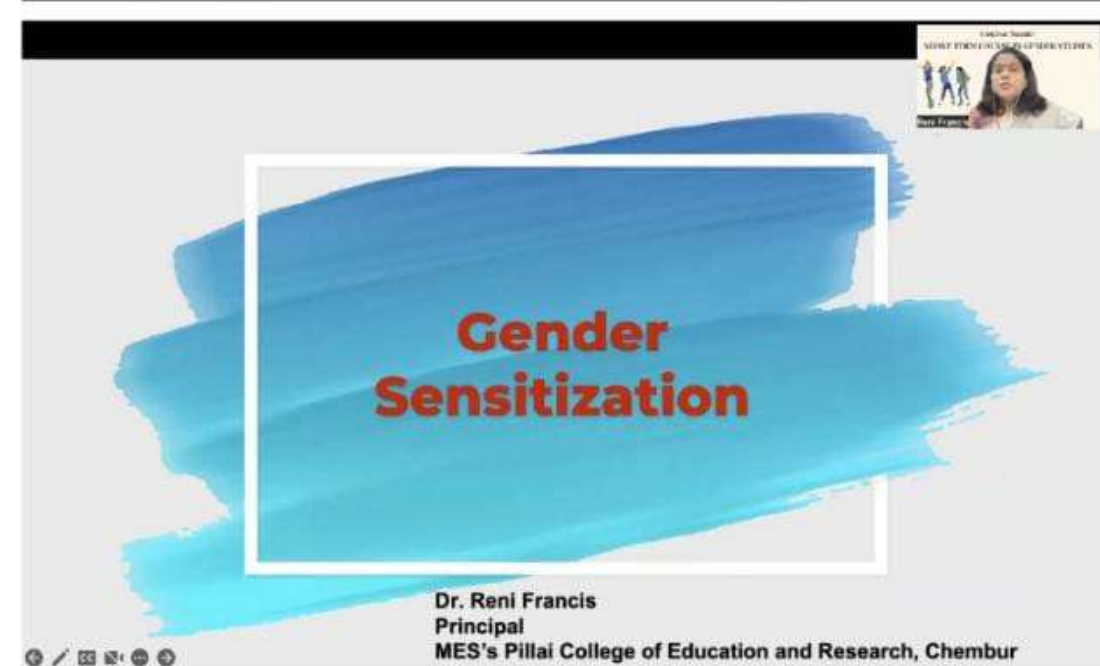
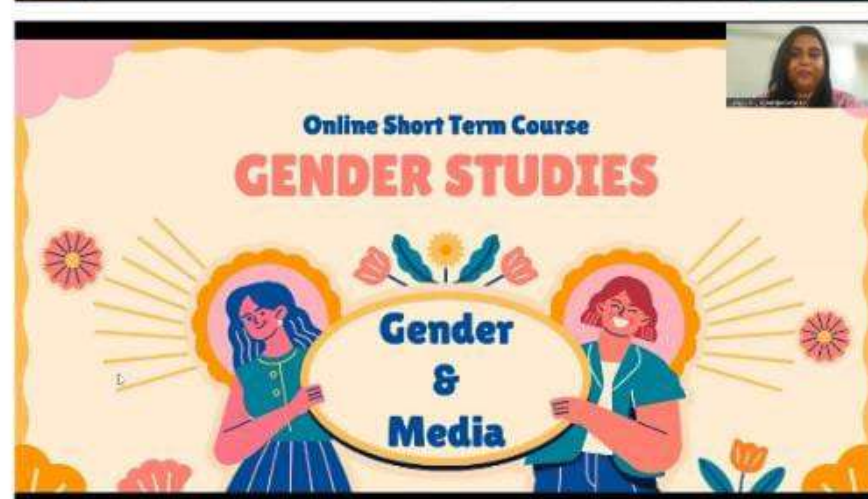
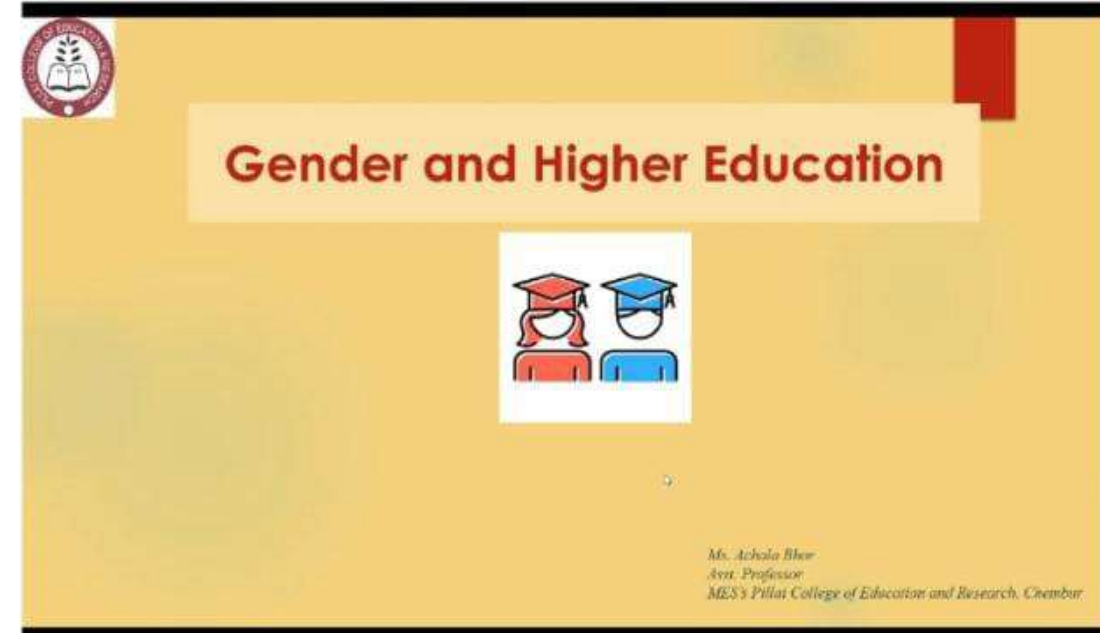
The gift of love. The gift of peace. The gift of happiness. May all these be yours at Christmas. Wishing you all a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

All teaching faculty were resource persons for the Short Term Course on Gender Studies organised by the Women Development Cell of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur in collaboration with Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC).

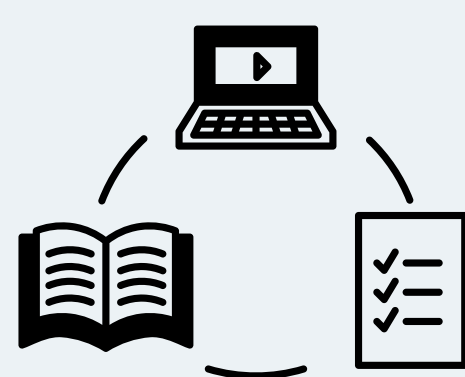


Gender and Workplace





SHORT TERM COURSE: GENDER STUDIES



A Short-Term Course on Gender Studies organized by the Women Development Cell of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur in collaboration with Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC) was made available for the students of PCER, Chembur Batch 2021-2023 from 1st December to 8th December, 2022. The modules under the course were:

1. Gender & Gender related Concepts
2. Gender Roles and Representation of Gender
3. Gender Sensitization
4. Gender Stereotype
5. Gender & Media
6. Gender & Workforce
7. Gender & Higher Education

This was a free certified self-paced course for the students. The objective behind the course was to sensitize students about Gender perspective and gender related concepts.

MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur
in collaboration with
Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC)
organises
Online Short Term Course on
GENDER STUDIES

- Duration: 1/12/2022 - 10/12/2022
- Mode: Online self-paced, Google Classroom
- Eligibility: Passed Grade XII
- Certification: Online Certificate will be provided to the participants after completion of the course.
- Course Accreditation: MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur and Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC)
- Course Co-ordinator: Dr. Reni Francis
- Google Classroom code: p6l3zhf
- Registration: Free

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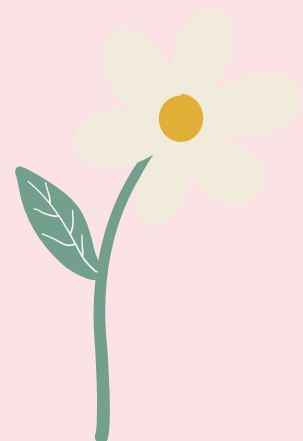
Children's Movement for Civic Awareness (CMCA) SESSION

MES's Pillai College of Education and Research organized a workshop on 'Leading Successful Change Initiatives' in association with the Children's Movement for Civic Awareness [CMCA] on 10th December 2022. The session was conducted by the CMCA volunteers and very experienced teachers Ms. Effie Acharya and Ms. Brinda Ganesh.

They highlighted the aspects of being an active citizen who follows constitutional laws to bring about equality as well as changes for the betterment of the society. The resource persons created an active participation environment in the class, in which the students were divided into groups to work on allocation of budget to various ministries, such as Water sanitation, Education, Women Safety, Health and welfare, Agriculture etc. and also asked each group to prepare a definition for the word 'Development'.

The session inculcated critical thinking amongst the students by giving them stories to work on, in which they had to look out for the characteristics of a 'Responsible Citizen'. Students also received a booklet of helpline numbers to deal with the issues discussed in the session. The session ended on an informative and insightful note.

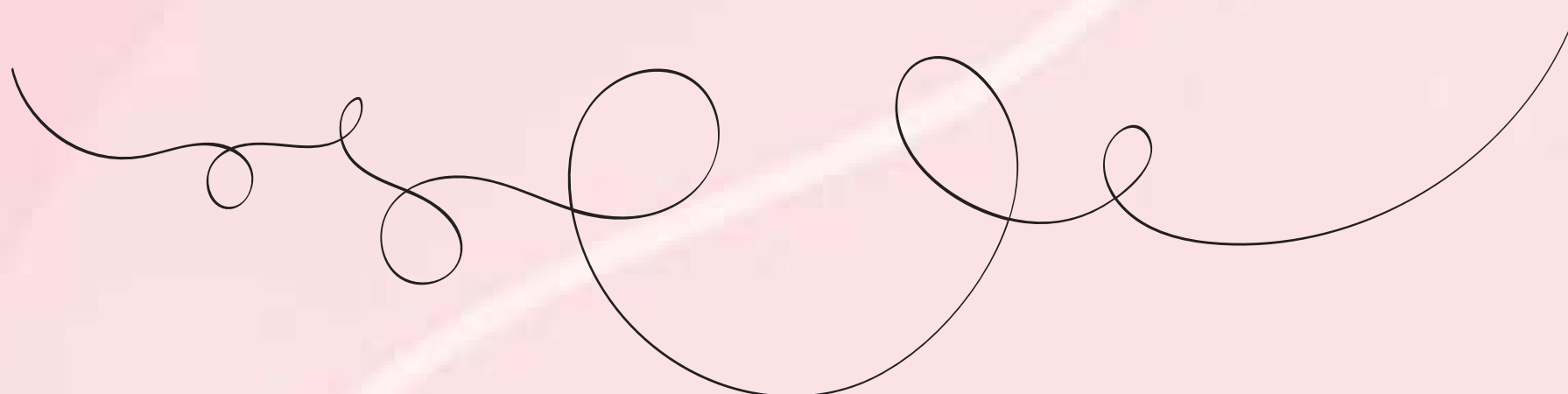
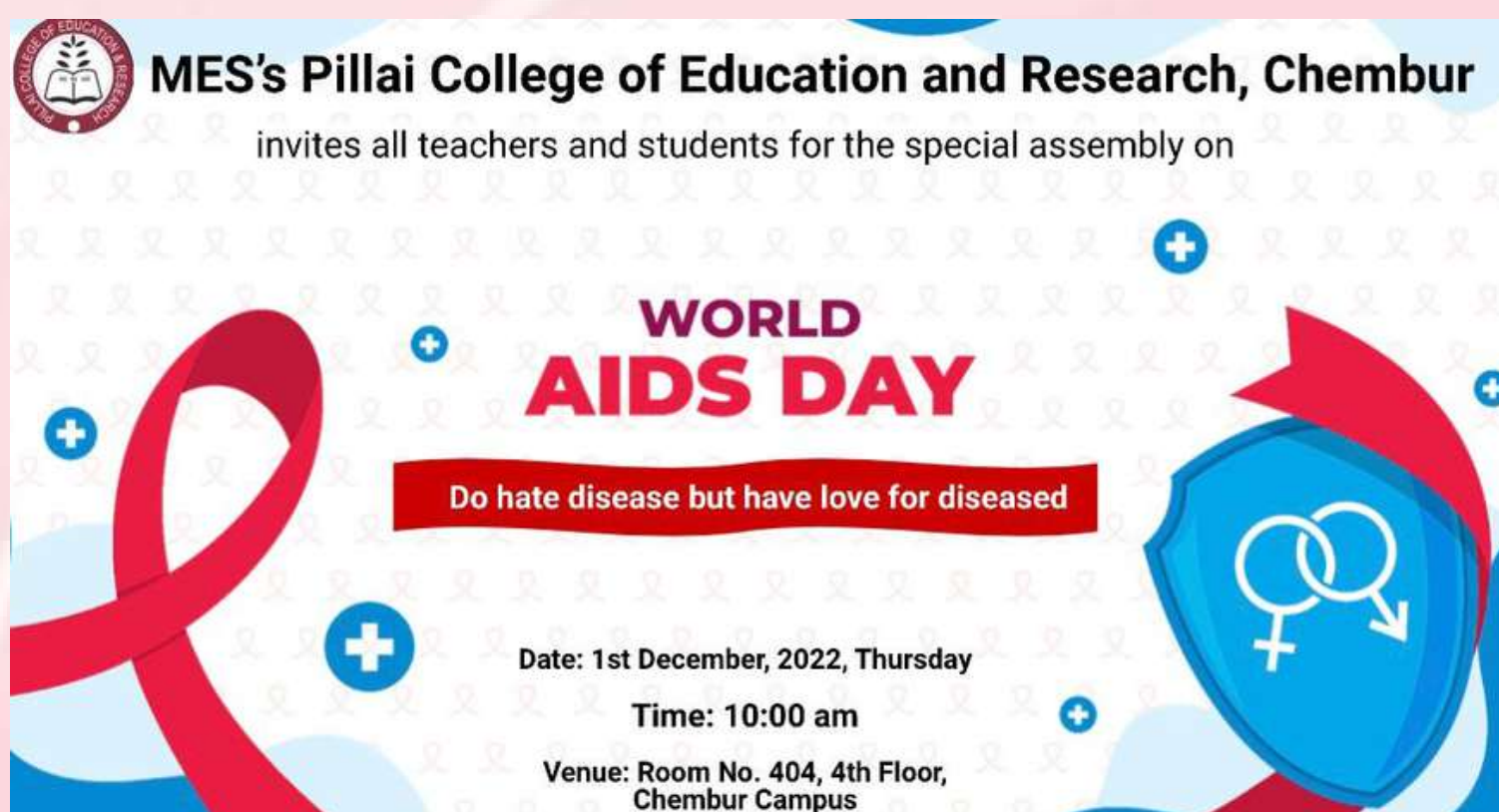




SPECIAL ASSEMBLY: WORLD AIDS DAY



S.Y.B.Ed students of PCER, Chembur organized a special assembly celebrating one of the most important days - World Aids Day. The assembly consisted of prayer, thought for the day and role play. A powerful message was given by Ms. Asma Sarang through "the thought for the day," wherein she explained that there is lack of knowledge about HIV & why it is important to spread awareness about the same. A group of students from SY.B.Ed performed a roleplay on this day to spread awareness about Aids. The roleplay highlighted some of the major issues revolving around aids. Through various acts & scenes, the students showed the orthodox mentality of people & how they are afraid to educate their own children about the causes & effects of aids & the regret they face in future when their child becomes a prey to HIV because of their carelessness.



BEING JOB PERFECT

Believe in yourself.

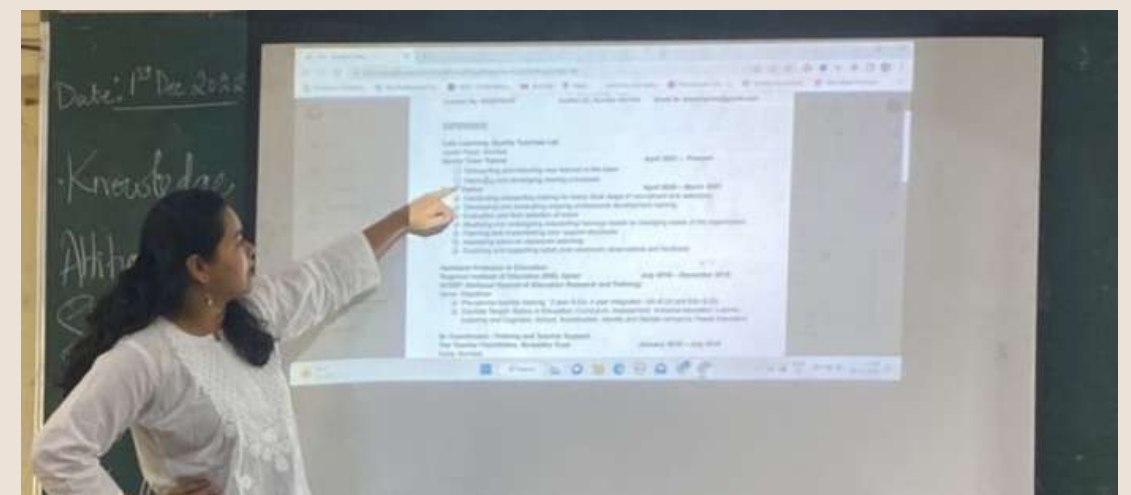
A : SWOC

On 1st December a workshop on SWOC Analysis was conducted for the students of S.Y.B.Ed in preparation for the upcoming campus placements. The Session on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges was conducted by PCER faculty Ms. Diandra Pinto. The workshop was an interactive session where the students were facilitated in the process of reflecting on the strengths and weaknesses. They were then explained the concepts of opportunities and challenges and students were let to identify their own. The students performed this keeping in mind both personal and professional competencies. This workshop was conducted as a preliminary activity to their session on resume writing.



B : RESUME WRITING

A session on Resume Writing was conducted on the 1st of December following the workshop on SWOC analysis. Using their reflections and notes from the workshop students were asked to keep in mind the various things that they would have to include in their resumes. Several sample CVs were shared to identify the best way to format their resumes. Students asked several questions throughout the session. The students were given the task of preparing their own resumes and getting them reviewed by their guiding teachers in the following week.



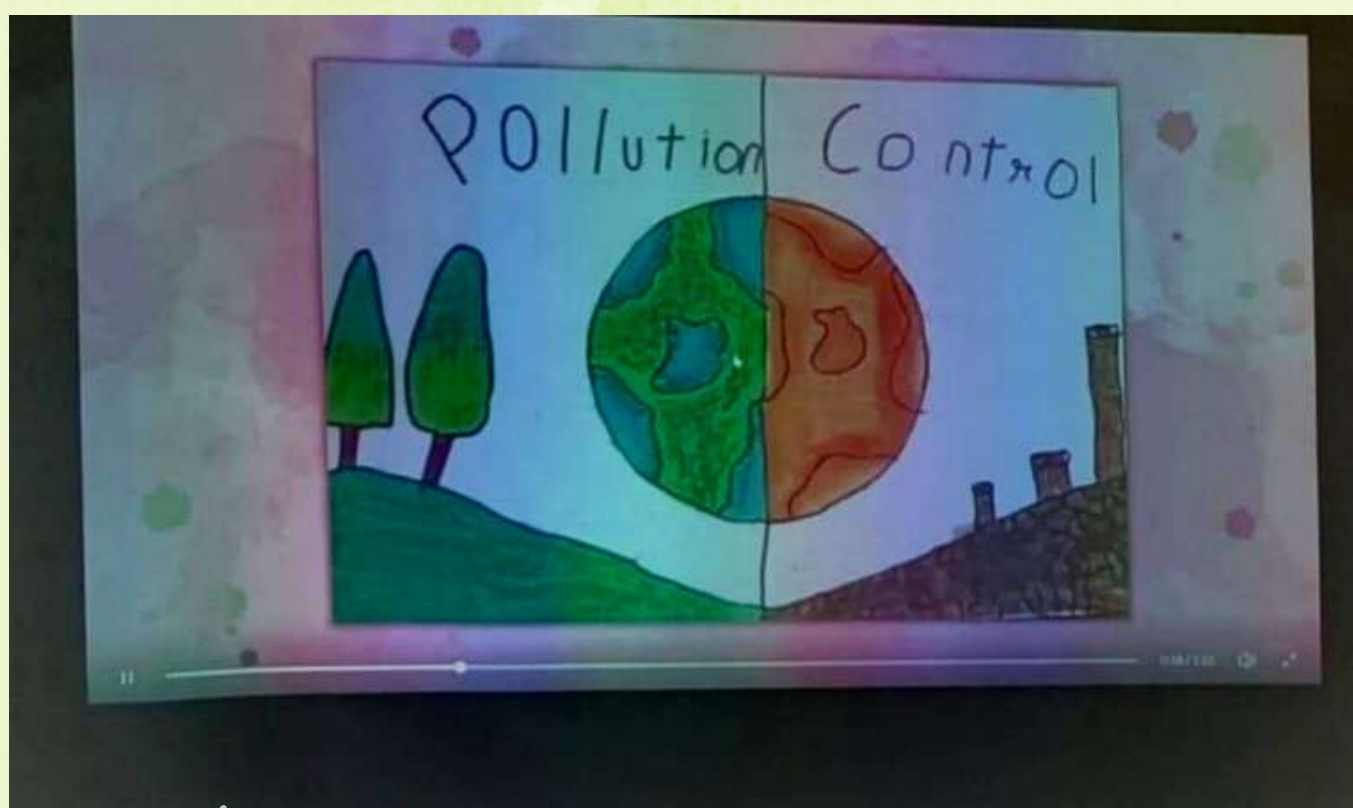
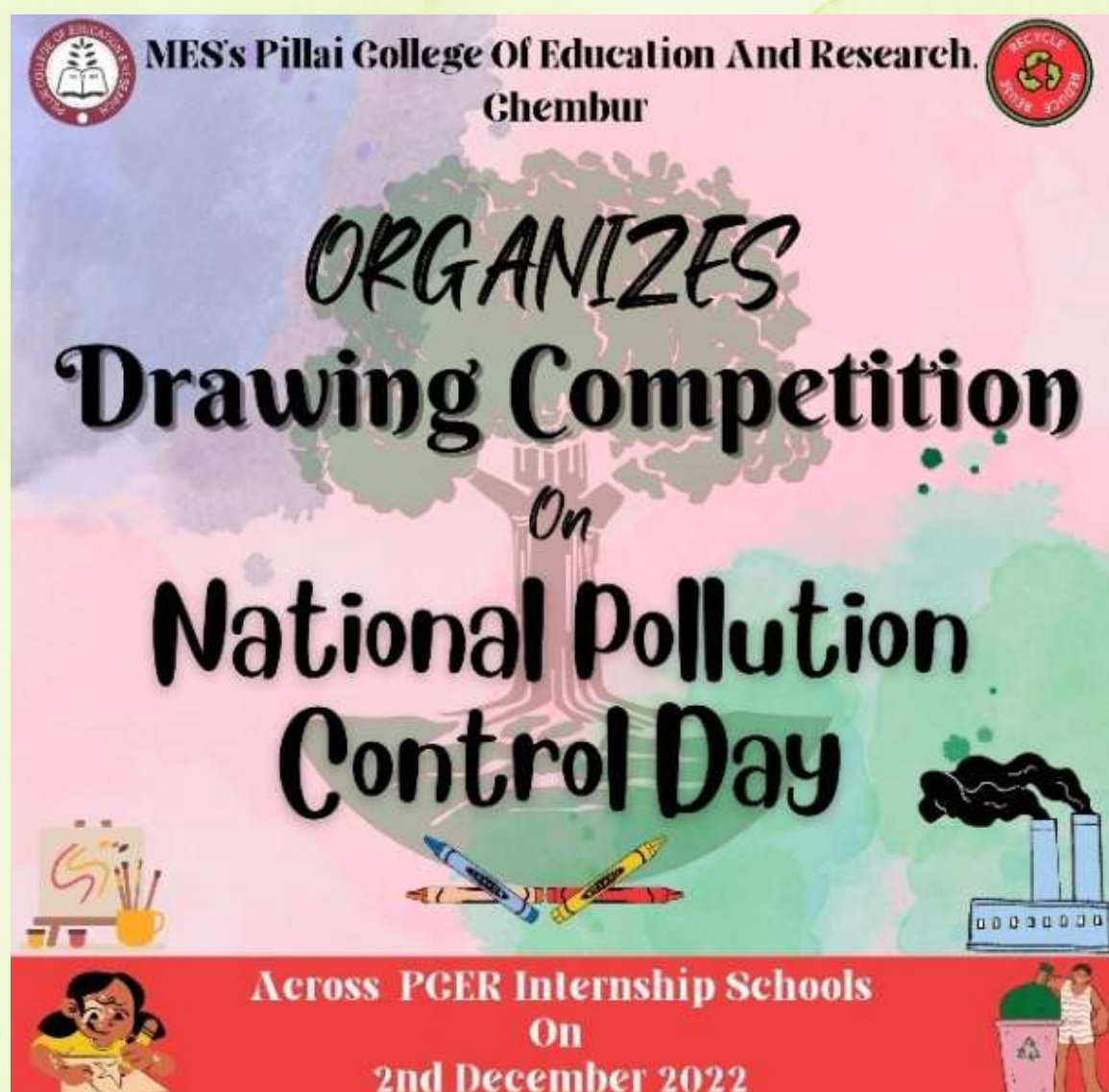
C: FACING AN INTERVIEW

MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organized a session to provide guidance to the S. Y. B. Ed students as they geared up for the placements. Ms. Sneha Shah, an alumni of PCER conducted this session. The highlight of the session was the approaches one can use to tackle the questions asked in an interview. Ms. Shah helped the students understand the manner in which one must frame their responses to the interviewer's questions. She spoke in depth about the job opportunities available at present and the requirements for the same. Ms. Sneha answered students' doubts and queries. The session proved fruitful for the students as it helped them gain perspective and knowledge on facing an interview, answering questions, and putting forward their best self in front of the interviewer.



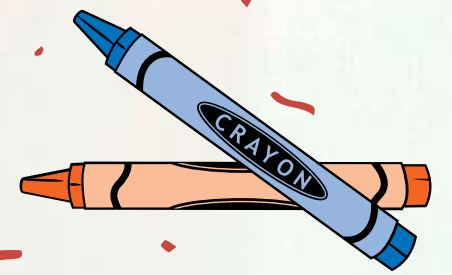
NATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL DAY

A special assembly for National Pollution Control Day was conducted on the 3rd of December 2022. This day is observed to commemorate the anniversary of the Bhopal Gas tragedy. A speech was written and delivered by the students. The assembly also displayed the work of the drawing competition held on the practice teaching schools on the 2nd of December.

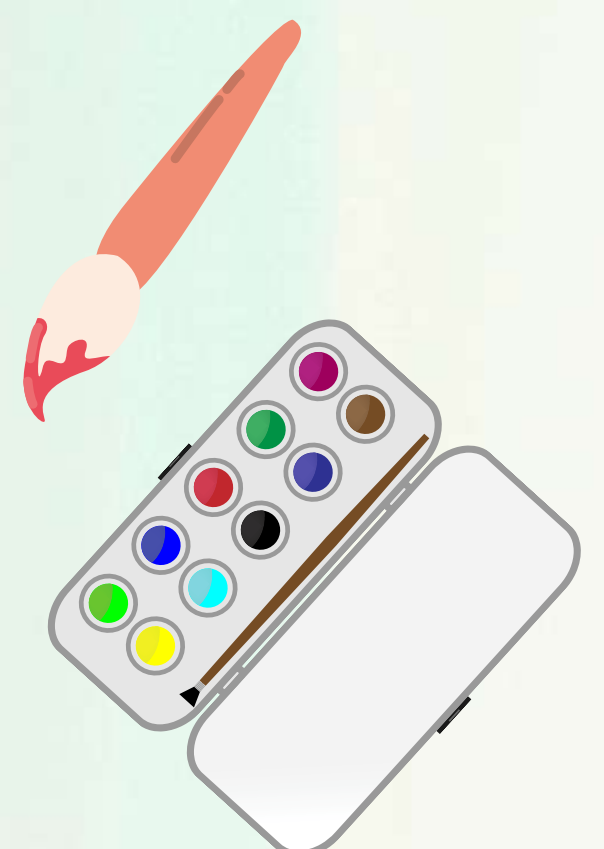
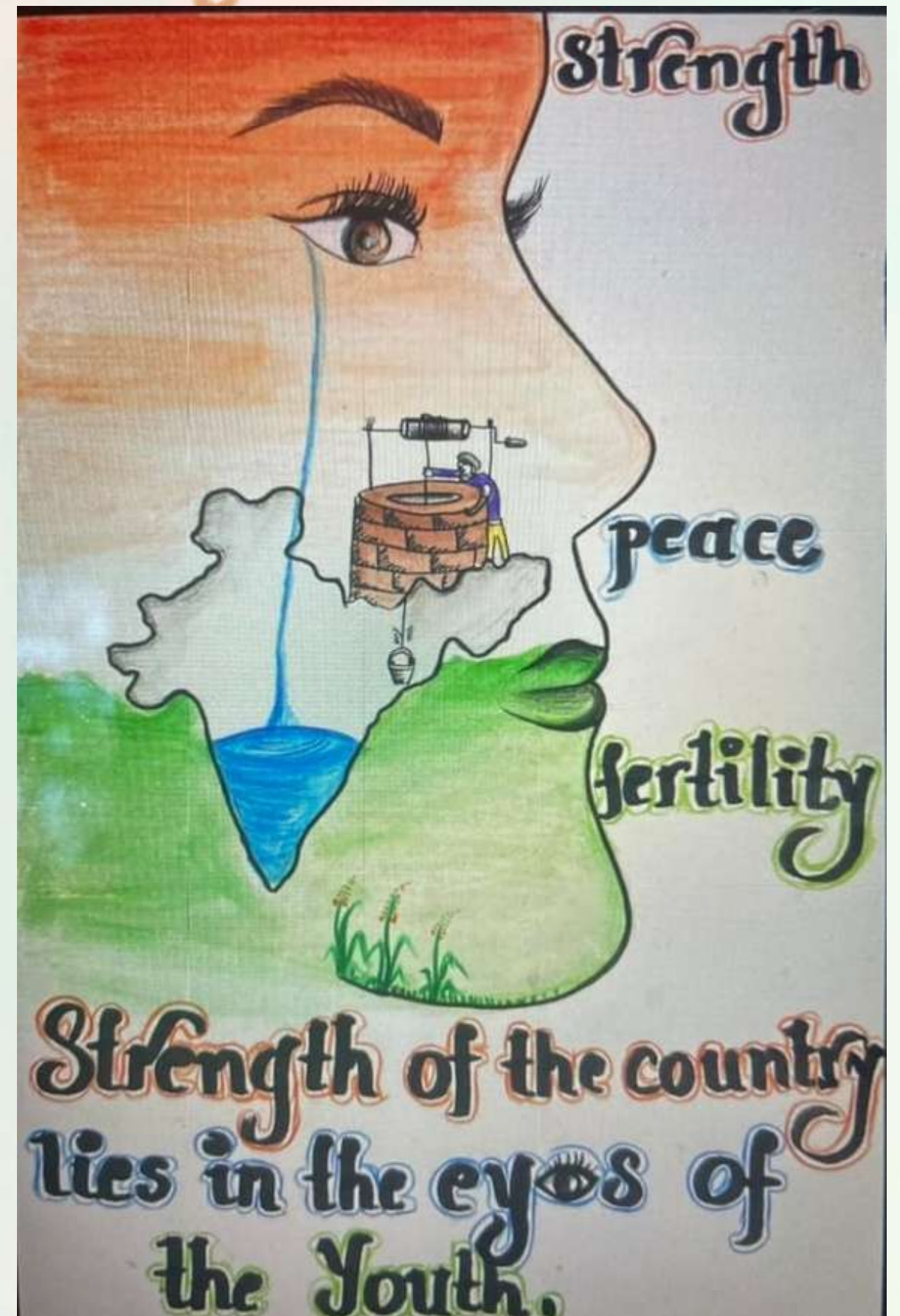
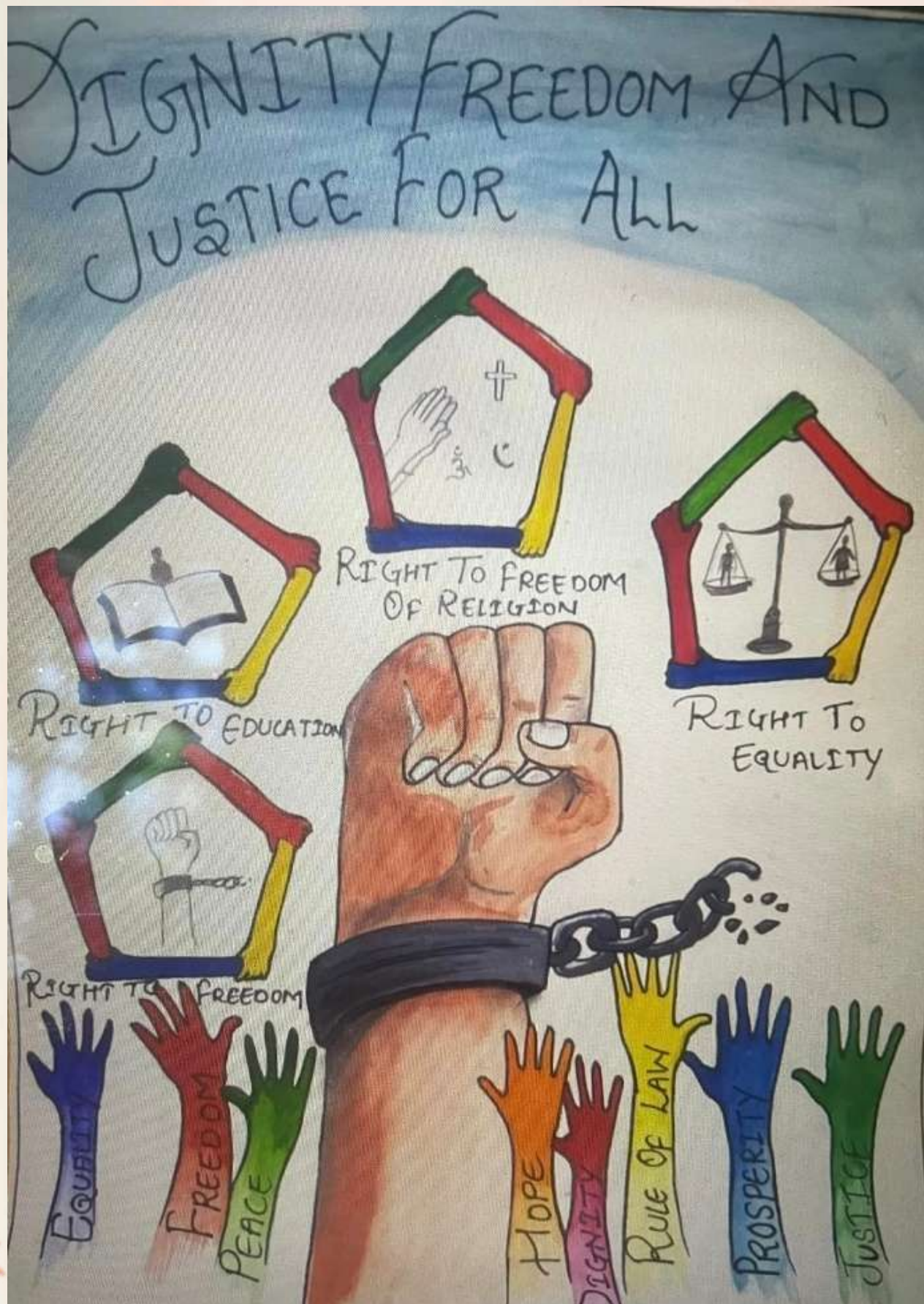


THE
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IS **LESS**
POLLUTION

NATIONAL LEVEL INTERCOLLEGE ONLINE POSTER MAKING COMPETITION



IQAC, PCER, Chembur in collaboration with Oriental College of Education, Sanpada celebrated World Human Rights Day by organizing an Online National-level Poster-Making Competition to commemorate universal love and respect for humans across the world. The theme was “Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All”. College Students from all streams participated in the competition.



Field Visit

Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sanghralaya

S. Y. B. Ed students of PCER, Chembur went on a field trip to Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sanghralaya, formerly known as Prince of Wales Museum, on the 8th of December, 2022. The students were provided with the task of writing a report on the visit to truly make the field trip an effective learning experience. Students were also introduced to the teachers role during a field visit and provided with an experience so that they learn the various things to keep in mind when they take their students in the future. The students enjoyed viewing a wide variety of exhibits. There was a taxidermy session by a senior taxidermist at the museum. He gave a talk on the process and shared how newer techniques are being developed. He had great insight and gave a wonderful presentation on the same. He touched upon ornithology as he explained the difference in the taxidermy process for birds, animals and fish. He also amused the students with the various bird calls he made during his presentation. It truly was a memorable experience for both the students and the teachers.



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2022

The annual sports meet of PCER Chembur was held on 15th December 2022. One of the important events of the academic year 2022-2023. Both individual and team games were organised for the students. All the students participated enthusiastically in the various sports.. The relay team of PCER chembur won the second prize in the inter institution competition and Ms. Sushmita Solanki bagged the championship trophy. The winners were awarded with certificates and medals. The students realised the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork, event planning and management through the event. The Principal Dr. Reni Francis and all the faculty members encouraged the students to do their best.



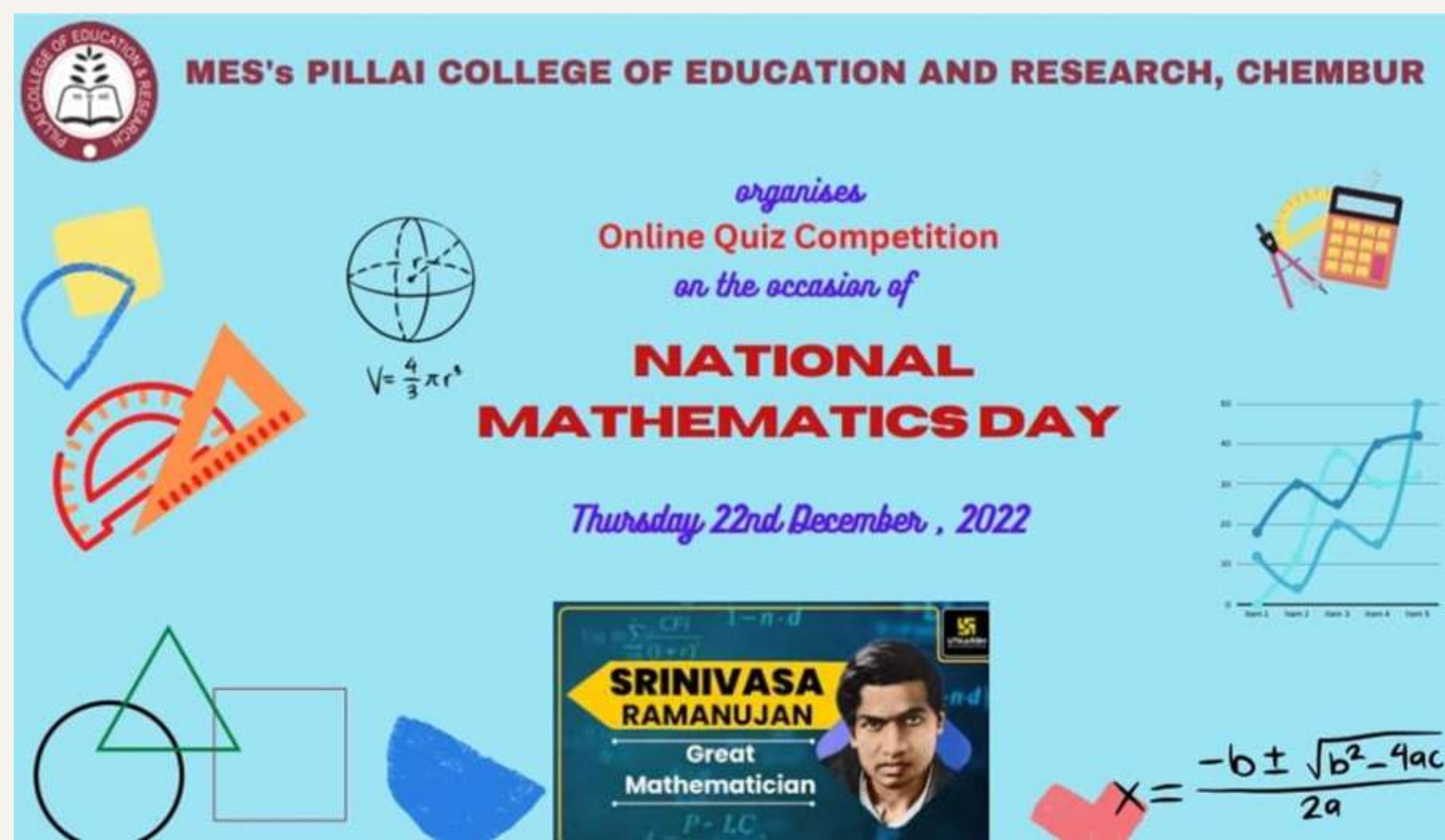


National Mathematics Day



“ Mathematics is the biggest motivation because it starts from zero and goes up to infinity.”

National Mathematics Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Indian Mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan. To celebrate this day MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organised an online quiz competition with the aim to awaken the interest and temperament towards the subject and proving that learning mathematics is good for one's brain and it helps everyone in dealing with various aspects in life. The quiz was conducted through google form. There were 10 questions which were based on different Mathematical concepts as well as general knowledge based questions. Google form link was shared through whatsapp groups and the participants received an e-certificate



Placement Drive

PCER organised placement interviews during December 2022 with schools coming to interact with the student teachers. The schools that coordinated for placements with PCER included Shishuvan School, Avalon Heights International School, Friends Academy, SSS Global school, JBCN International, Apnishala. During the campus interview process the schools had a brief orientation session with the students wherein they provided information regarding their school and expectations from a teacher. The students also asked their doubts and queries which were answered by the visiting school representatives. They conducted interviews and interacted with the students and selected candidates were called to the schools for further process of the interviews.



Special Assembly: Human Rights Day & Energy Conservation Day



“There is a true joy in using our rights to create a world for living in harmony with one another and with nature.’ On this thoughtful note the S.Y B.Ed students of MES’s Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organized a special assembly to celebrate two important days; Human Rights Day and Energy Conservation Day. The Principal of PCER along with the teaching and non-teaching faculty attended the assembly. The assembly began with a prayer followed by the Thought for the Day. Miss Edna wonderfully depicted various aspects of each day through a speech after which Miss Sara highlighted the Sustainable Development Goals. A model representation was given by Miss Shruti Hajare about the reasons for energy depletion and the approaches one can take to conserve energy, to create better-living conditions for the present generation as well as the future. Each student then displayed a placard with Human Right and spoke a few words on it; Right to Freedom, Right to Equality, Right to Dignity, and so on. Principal Dr. Reni Francis addressed the students. The assembly came to an end with a vote of thanks delivered by Miss Priya Joshi.





Christmas Celebrations



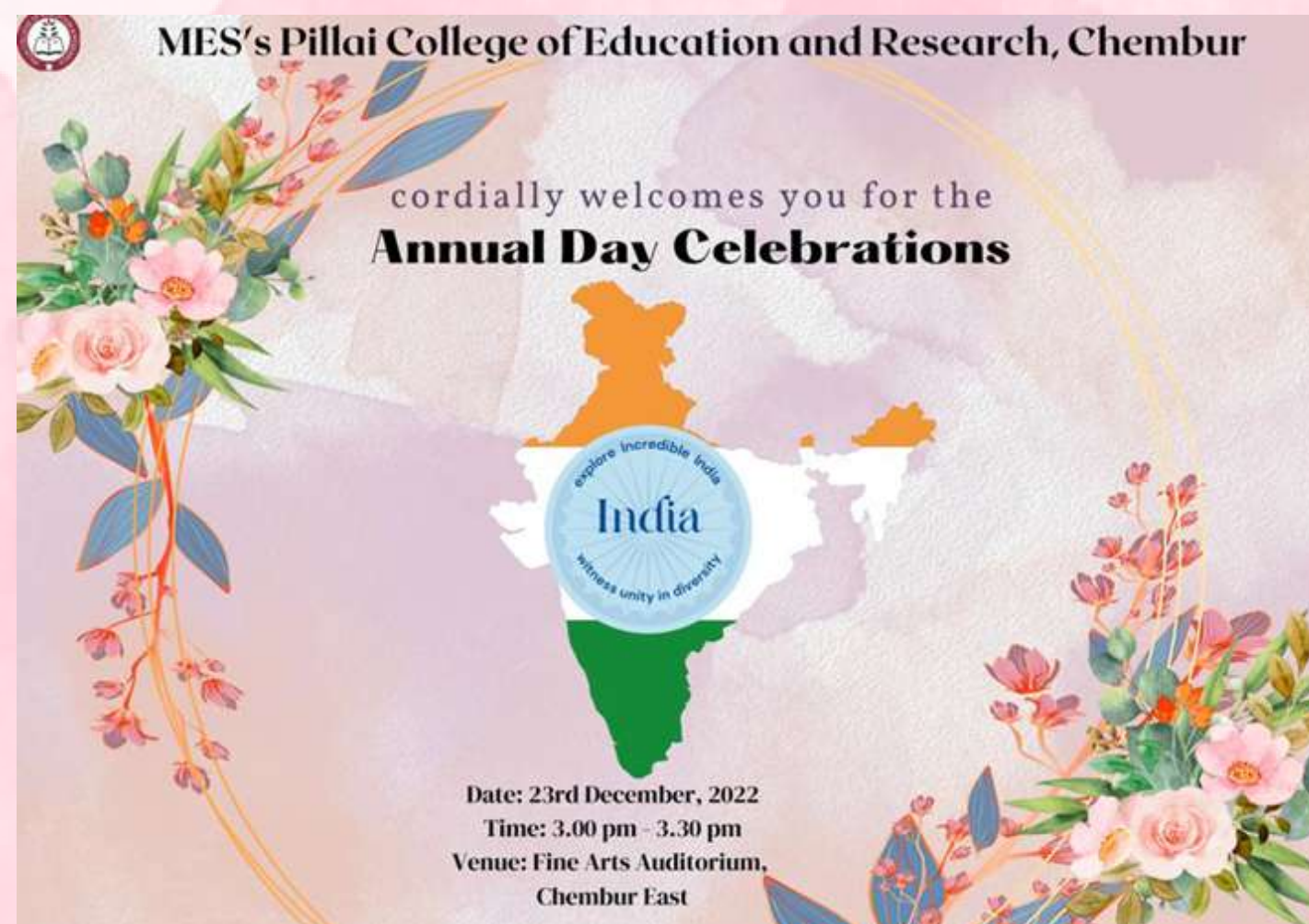
MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur encountered a joyous end to the year 2022 as the S. Y. B. Ed students organized a Special Assembly to celebrate Christmas and New Year on campus. The entire classroom was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations, lights, posters, and models. This event was graced by respected Principal of PCER Chembur, Dr. Reni Francis along with the teaching and non-teaching staff. The assembly started with a prayer followed by an interesting skit on the 'The birth of Jesus Christ.' The sounds of carols filled the air with the festive atmosphere. PCER's talent and confidence was shining brightly as the students took the stage with their dance performance. The spirit of giving and sharing was inculcated among the students through secret santa where students exchanged the gifts with one another. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed playing games and sharing their respective new year's resolutions. Dr. Reni Francis, Principal PCER Chembur addressed the students with a message to spread the essence of Christmas with love and joy of giving. The children carried home the message of sharing and caring as well as the pleasure and pride of spreading peace, true to the spirit of the celebration.



Merry Christmas

Annual Day 2022

Mahatma Education Society's Chembur Campus Institutions celebrated their Annual Day on 22nd and 23rd December, 2022. PCER, Chembur celebrated its Annual Day on 23rd December. The PCER event started at 3:30 p.m. The students of Batch 2021-2023 put up an excellent show portraying the different cultures in different regions of India. The theme of PCER's performance was 'Explore Incredible India, witness unity in diversity'. The audience was in awe of PCER's performance. The students represented PCER very well and made the institution proud.





Alumni Corner

Teachers as Communicators

Ms. Jyothi Malhotra
PCER Alumni
Batch 2012-13

All of us agree that human beings are essentially social beings. The recent pandemic took its toll on children, teenagers, young adults and mature adults in different ways but highlighted the common need, of all these age groups, to interact with other people. To draw someone's attention and engage them in conversation, especially a class, is definitely rewarding but requires an investment on our part. While certain traits and mannerisms are innate, they can be refined and honed by developing the right skills. Communication in addition to being both a delicate skill and an art, is most essential for those in the field of education. Some of the catch words in this field today are collaboration, leadership, problem solving and critical thinking, and not one of these are possible without effective communication. This topic can be approached in a scholarly manner wherein one could speak about its constituents, strategies, understanding listener's paradigms, body language, vocabulary and more, however at this juncture, it would be practical and beneficial to refrain from its theory and delve into its more applicatory aspects.

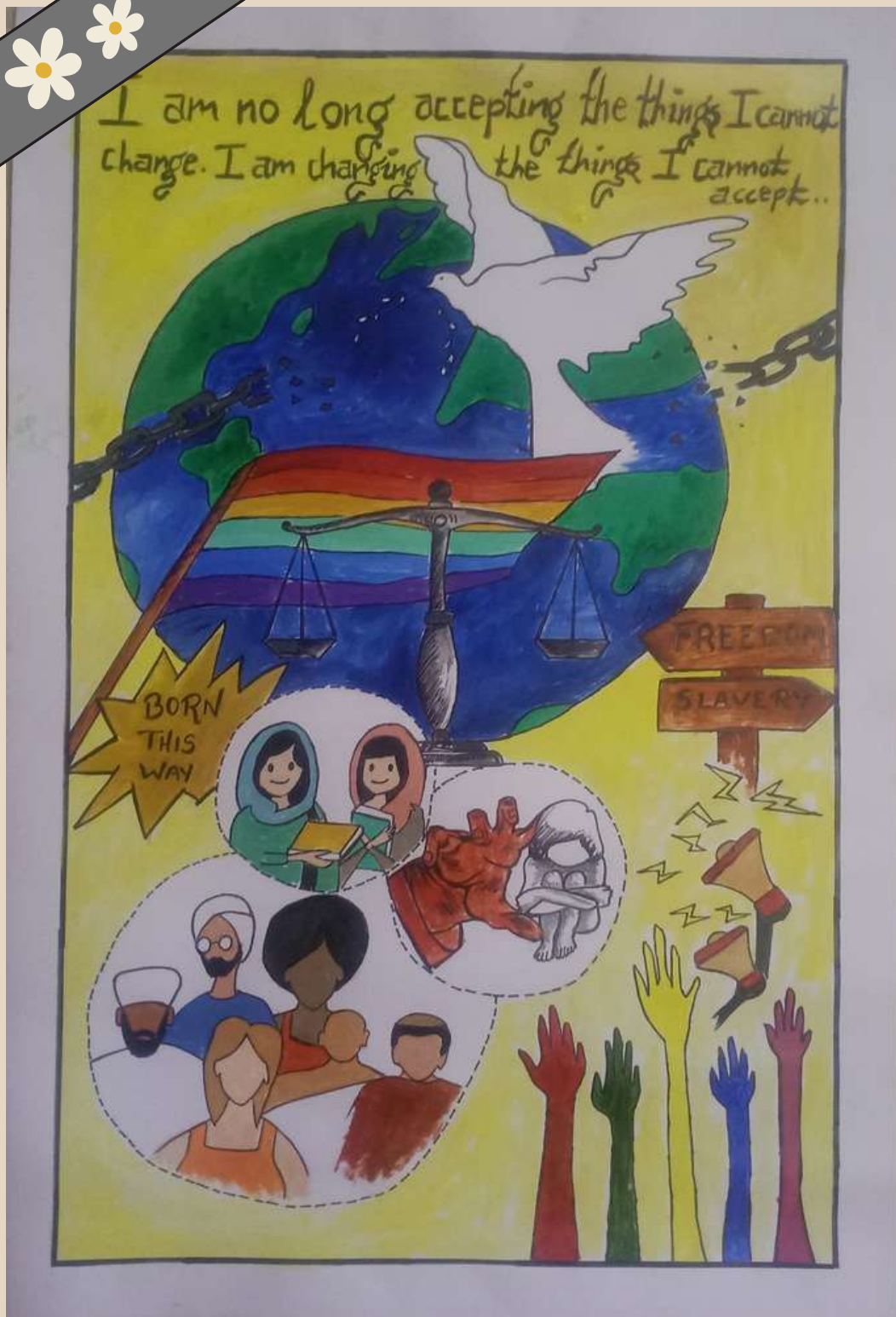
To be a teacher is one way to play 'God' and this is certainly not a game. Sensitive and fragile minds are at stake in both schools and colleges. Many children today have a noticeably tougher hide and this can be misleading to teachers, especially when that hide covers a young mind grappling with innumerable academic, social and physical stresses. It is important that teachers remain non-judgmental and objective while communicating with them. Listening is far more important than speaking. However, passive listening is the easy way out for a teacher lacking in commitment and drive. Active listening, rather, proactive listening would be far more effective in drawing a student out and into the realm of active learning. Most good curricula speak of empowering students, sometimes called student agency, where students drive their own learning. Students' thinking is an abstraction that mostly remains invisible except when they are expressing themselves or engaged in constructive activity of any sort. Active listening is possible where the teacher creates 'speaking situations' that are goal oriented and in stages structured, guided and free.

Students revel in the freedom to express themselves and soon begin to 'think about their thoughts'. This metacognition is then student driven and natural rather than another school-mandated-activity, becoming a true tool in the teaching learning process. An obvious aspect of communication is the speaker's tone, vocabulary, facial expression and body language. It requires practice and concentrated effort to correct inherent errors that we make. Grimacing, scowling, not acknowledging an answer, quick identification of mistakes, untimely laughter can all result in loss of a student's self-esteem. There are many instances of stereotyping and ganging up of the class (including the teacher at times) against a student. Such occurrences are more frequent than we imagine, especially when the teacher is unable to control and motivate the class positively.

A non-threatening atmosphere in a classroom is one where there is acceptance, sharing of real experiences and a willingness to learn, both in the pupils and in the teachers. As difficult as it is to consciously correct ourselves, that easy it is to open our hearts to our pupils, and in such cases, communication becomes naturally correct, whichever form it takes. Any word spoken in any tone is accepted and effective because it is driven by a wish to help and guide students in their journey. Teachers are merely stepping stones in the path of students, grow roses in the path to make it memorable; students will willingly face rocks, thorns and myriad challenges for just one positive word from their teacher. Aspire to be such a teacher. Be such a communicator.



Student corner



Student Name: Nikitha Anna John
S.Y.B.Ed



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S.Y.B.Ed

