



**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**

*We unfurl the flag and take pride in our Independence, the theme of this year's Independence Day is 'Nation First Always First' a very meaningful and heart touching theme. We all believe that our country is our home and we are safeguarded in this country through the set of guidelines on living and the facilities that our Nation provides us with every day in our life.*

*When we sleep in our homes with so much security, how much do we contribute to the peace and happiness in our society? Have we been at any point of time the instruments of lack of peace, violence, wrong acts? Have we refrained from contributing to our duties and responsibilities? Have we been agents to create unrest in our country?*

*These questions should make you ponder on all your actions and words, it is your small acts or words that you say or do affects the peace in our mind and our country.*

*The feeling of oneness to the Nation will come when you start believing and taking pride in it as your Home. It is not that because you reside in one State of India, the other State has no binding on your life, we are all one and stay interconnected. The acts happening in any part of the country affects the peace of the other person too.*

*Our life should be an example of our selfless contribution to our Nation, being Patriotic is not a one day celebration, it is a celebration of life with the society and for the society.*

*As teachers we shoulder this responsibility the maximum, our daily transactions in the class are an example to all the things that evolve in society. As we sow, so shall we reap. We sow the feeling of oneness and love for the Nation, our students emulate this and reap the fruits in their community and society.*

*Let us be prudent in understanding the crisis that exists in the country, avoid being biased in the opinion we share, and avoid politicising any situation. Being Humane in our dealings and accepting diversity will surely make us walk the path of Nation First and Always First.*

*Happy Independence Day and many more celebrations for the month.*

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# Editorial

**“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”**



**~ Desmond Tutu**

Each act, no matter how modest, contributes to a greater, overwhelming force for good in the world. This philosophy promotes a sense of responsibility and it serves as a reminder that positive change often starts with the accumulation of many small, intentional actions.

The concept of peace is very subjective. For a busy housewife, being home alone & having an hour of rest from all her chores is what peace, for a teacher, peace is when her teaching has a positive impact on her students. But when it comes to society, peace is not merely the absence of conflict but a state of harmonious coexistence that fosters understanding, empathy, and collaboration. It can be difficult but not impossible.

In a world marked by diverse cultures, ideologies, and interests, the need for peace is paramount. In a global landscape where geopolitical tensions, social inequalities, and environmental challenges persist, the imperative for peace becomes even more apparent. Peace education plays a crucial role in shaping the future by imparting values of tolerance, cooperation, and conflict resolution to individuals from an early age. By equipping children with the skills to navigate differences peacefully and encouraging a mindset of dialogue over discord, peace education lays the foundation for a more compassionate and interconnected world. It goes beyond traditional academic subjects, addressing the root causes of conflict and promoting a culture of inclusivity. In investing in peace education, we invest in the potential to break the cycle of violence, cultivate global citizenship, and build a sustainable future founded on mutual respect and cooperation.

As teachers, we play a big role in propagating peace among our students. And how do we do that? By modelling respectful behaviour, teaching conflict resolution skills, fostering inclusivity, promoting emotional intelligence, and encouraging open dialogue. Through global citizenship education and crisis management, we can create an environment where students learn to appreciate diversity, engage in positive interactions, and develop the skills needed for a harmonious community.

In the symphony of education, teachers are the conductors, orchestrating harmony, teaching peace, and inspiring a melody of understanding in every classroom.



**Ms. Surekha  
Chidambaranath**



# Faculty Achievements



MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur is proud to announce that Dr. Rajendra Deshmukh has successfully defended his Ph.D thesis on 'A Study of Cross-National Curriculum Coherence of Primary Science Curriculum' under the guidance of Dr. Mary George Varghese from the University of Mumbai in the Faculty of Education.



On 8th August, 2023, Dr. Reni Francis conducted a session on "Knowing Yourself" addressing SWOT, Self Esteem, Self Knowledge for the students of the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University- State University, Tamilnadu.



Dr. Reni Francis took an interactive session at the Archdiocese of Nagpur, on the universal commitments of Global Compact on Education on 16th August, 2023. It was attended by more than 100 school leaders from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

Ms. Surekha Chidambarnath successfully completed one week 'Peace Education Workshop' organised by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia hosted by Scottish Church College, Kolkata from 7th to 11th August, 2023.

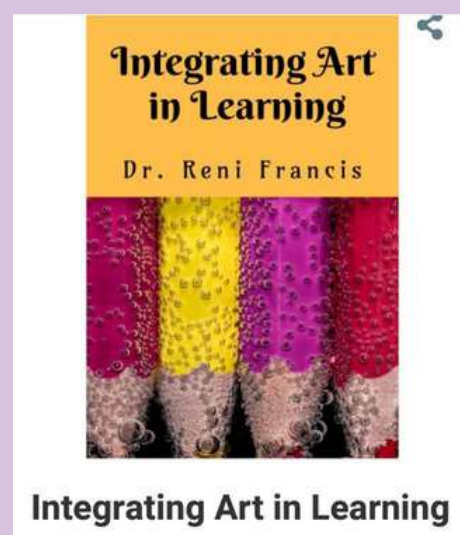




Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath was a resource person for 'Cloud Based Teaching & Learning Tools' in MOOC (self-paced) Online Short-Term Course on Critical Understanding of ICT organised by Kannur Salafi B.Ed. College, Kannur & Institute of Educational Technology & Vocational Education, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Farook Training College, Kozhikode & Navajyothi College of Teacher Education, Thrissur.

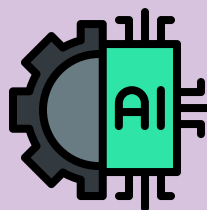


Dr. Reni Francis published a new book on 'Integrating Art in learning'. Integrating Art in Learning is an attempt to provide lesson plans and activities that encompass art in the teaching learning process.



Session was conducted by Dr. Ashok Pandey on 'NEP 2020: Teacher Education Perspective' on 24th August, 2023. Sir shared his expertise on the case study on Teacher Development adopted at IIM- Ahmedabad.

Ms. Surekha C. took a session on 'Tech Enhanced Creativity' as a part of Continuous Professional Development-Elevating Excellence Together for the Faculty of PCER, Chembur on 26th August, 2023.





# Psychological Experiments Workshop

Pillai College of Education and Research in Chembur hosted a workshop on psychological experiments on August 2, 2023. The session was led by Assistant Professor Dr. Rajendra Deshmukh and aimed to shed light on empirical studies. The core focus of the workshop was to equip participants with the tools and insights needed to comprehend the nuances of human behavior and capacities through empirical research and apply the understanding in day-to-day classroom interactions. Throughout the session, attendees actively participated in discussions, posed questions, and shared their perspectives on the subject matter.



## Documentary Screening



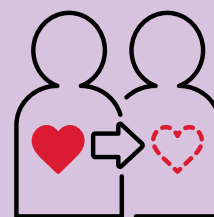
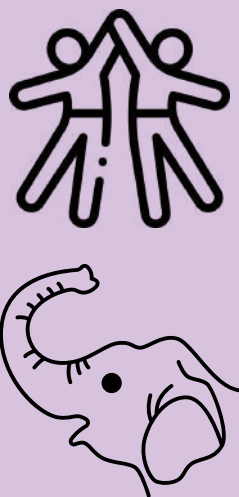
PCER, Chembur held a screening of the documentary film *The Elephant Whisperer* as the film beautifully wove together the awareness of the themes for World Elephant Day and World Nature Conservation Day. The students conducted a special assembly on World Nature Conservation Day and World Tiger Day which was followed by the screening of the film. The students were then asked to write down their insights on the film to build their ability for reflection. They were given an option to reflect on what they liked and disliked or to identify similarities and differences between their lives and those of the characters in the documentary.

# International Youth Day, World Elephant Day and Organ Donation Day Special Assembly



A special assembly was conducted on the 12th of August, 2023 in observance of International Youth Day, World Elephant Day and Anti Ragging Day. The assembly also shed light on the importance of organ donation as World Donation Day was on 13th August. The students led the class in prayer for the youth, victims of ragging and those in need of organs for their survival.

The SDG 3 - Good Health and Wellbeing was linked to the themes of the assembly and the students shed light on the same. There was a heartwarming speech on the importance of organ donation.





# Session on Anti Ragging

Dr. Reni Francis led an orientation session on Anti-Ragging Day, which took place on August 12, 2023, as a part of UGC India's initiative. Following the session, there was a Logo Designing Competition related to Anti-Ragging Day. The aim of the orientation was to raise awareness, and it was suggested that B.Ed. students could disseminate this knowledge during their internship in schools to promote the message of stopping ragging.



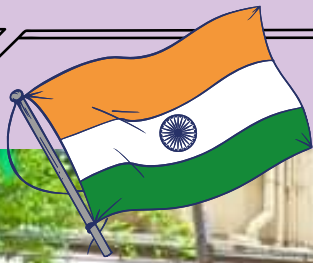
# World Organ Donation Day



The main objective of this event was to create awareness among the B.Ed students about the need and importance of organ donation.

On the occasion of International Organ Donation Day, on August 14, 2023, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research Chembur, in collaboration with Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC) organized a session on Organ Donation conducted by Regional and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation, ROTTO-SOTTO. The Speakers were Ms. Sujata Ashtekar, Senior transplant coordinator, Regional Cum State Organ and Tissue transplant organization, West zone, Government of India project, chairperson of awareness activities of ZTCC and Mr. Kalpesh Mhatre, transplant coordinator and an experienced individual in the field of organ donation.

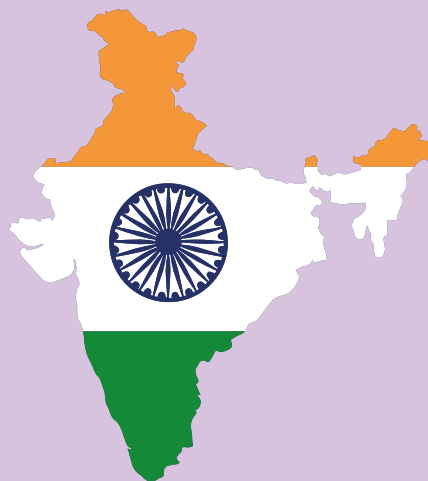




# Independence Day



On August 15th, Mahatma Education Society's Pillai College of Education and Research Chembur, commemorated India's 77th Independence Day through a series of events. The day began with a warm welcome and the raising of the national flag by the Chief Guest. The celebration included remarkable performances, such as an NCC Parade presented by Mahatma Night Degree College and an inspiring speech by Chief Guest Dr. Farah Shaikh. Chembur English Pre-Primary & Primary School, along with Chembur English High School, contributed with lively skits and dances. Additionally, Chembur Marathi Madhyamik Shala showcased a patriotic dance, Mahatma Junior College of Education performed patriotic songs, and Pillai College of Education and Research delivered a patriotic speech in Marathi. Mahatma Night Junior College of Arts and Commerce presented a patriotic song, and Mahatma Night Degree College of Arts and Commerce performed a captivating dance. The celebration culminated with a heartfelt vote of thanks, emphasizing the significance of unity and patriotism in honoring India's struggle for independence.





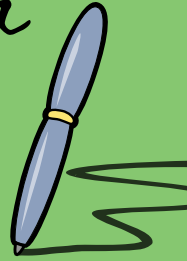
# Alumni Corner

## Mumbai Monsoon

Mumbai's monsoon, a sight to behold,  
A tale of beauty, in raindrops untold.  
Where the Arabian Sea meets the shore,  
The city awakens, its spirit to adore.

Along the coast, where lights softly gleam,  
The Queen's Necklace, a majestic dream.  
Marine Drive shines, like a string of pearls,  
Embracing the sea, where the heart unfurls.

As raindrops cascade, the city comes alive,  
A symphony of colors, where dreams survive.  
The rhythm of life, on crowded streets,  
Where diverse souls, in harmony, meet.



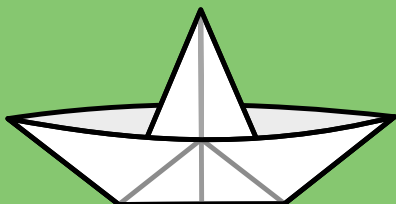
Melvin Chacko  
PCER Alumni- Batch-2020-22  
Teacher,  
Chabildas English High School (CBSE)

The local trains, a lifeline so true,  
Through winding tracks,  
they journey through.  
A melange of faces, each with a tale,  
Traveling together, through rain or hail.

In dabbawalas' hands, tiffins they hold,  
A network of love, through alleys untold.  
Rain or shine, they never miss a beat,  
Delivering sustenance, in rain's retreat.

And in Mumbai's monsoon, love takes flight,  
Couples stroll, with umbrellas held tight.  
Sharing tender moments, amidst the rain,  
In the city of dreams, where hearts remain.

So let Mumbai's monsoon cast its spell,  
A tapestry of stories, too vast to tell.  
A city that embraces rain's gentle touch,  
A symphony of dreams, it loves so much.



The stations buzz, with a vibrant crowd,  
Moving as one, with purpose endowed.  
From Churchgate to Virar, the lifeline runs,  
Connecting hearts, like intertwining suns.

The aroma of street food fills the air,  
Vada pav, bhajiyas, flavors to share.  
Rain-washed stalls, serving spicy delights,  
Mumbaikars savor,  
through monsoon nights.



Mumbai, the city of dreams and delight,  
In monsoon's embrace, you shine so bright.  
A tapestry woven, with raindrops and more,  
Forever in our hearts, you'll ever soar.



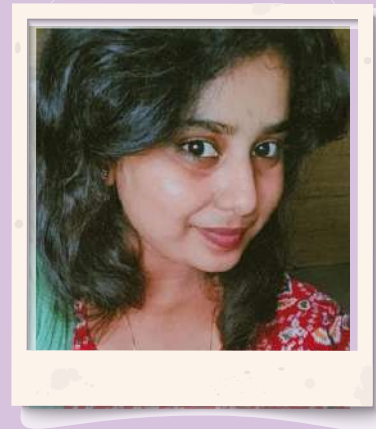
# Student Corner

## *Cry of Nature*

*Oh! I hear I cry,  
a cry that makes me worry.  
Is it a plant or an animal?  
Or is an entire earth in furry?*

*My heart is aching to see this world,  
killing and murdering nature,  
Poor animals are begging,  
and plant's unable to mature.*

*Humans should stop all this,  
Or nature will get back to them with a heart  
wrenching kiss,  
It's only one earth, we all got to live in,  
Let's live in peace, harmony and in pure bliss.*



**Lucy Ravikumar Nadunkeri**

**Roll No 43**

**Batch 2022- 2024**



*Protecting nature is important for all,  
let me give you a wake up call,  
Stop everything and listen to me,  
So that the glory of earth never fall.*

*Conserve your nature, save all the life in it,  
So that your future can witness the beauty of  
it,  
Help our nature for a better environment,  
So that everything that's dead can grow again  
in it.*

*Do not leave a crying earth behind,  
Keep all of this in your mind.*

*-Lucy*