



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

As we look back to the year 2023, promises fulfilled, milestones achieved, up scaling of new initiatives and plans for a bright future ahead.

We started this year with NAAC accreditation and successfully completed the same with an A grade. Events and activities were full on and it kept us on our mark always. As an Institution we always aim in achieving greater opportunities for the well-being of students and community.

We had several events for December, the annual day showcased this year highlighted on women emotions and coping with adversities, today in the midst of challenges and dilemmas of ethics and accountability, we are forced to take drastic steps, it is the responsibility of teachers to address these issues through case studies and guide the young generation to take informed decisions. PCER Chembur focuses on these aspects to make a difference in the society through these steps in unveiling the dark side of prevailing in our society.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, we believe the words of Ralph Martson, Excellence is not a skill, it's an attitude. With a positive mindset, PCER Chembur has taken several steps towards excellence, it is a journey and we will surely embark on several milestones to achieve greater and noteworthy goals in the future.

Wishing each one of you Happy New Year.

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Editorial



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The importance across various cultural, religious and social contexts makes it a time for celebration, reflection and transition. In many parts of the world, December marks the end of the calendar year, symbolizing closure and the anticipation of new beginnings.

December often brings a sense of festivity and holidays. This break offers a valuable opportunity for students to recharge and rejuvenate, promoting their overall well-being. Educators can also use this time to engage in professional development, refining their teaching methodologies, exploring new educational technologies, or attending workshops to stay updated on the latest trends in education.

One of the most widely celebrated events during December is Christmas. It's the day that brings families together, fostering a sense of love, generosity and joy. The festive season is marked by vibrant decorations, gift-giving and various traditions that vary from region to region.

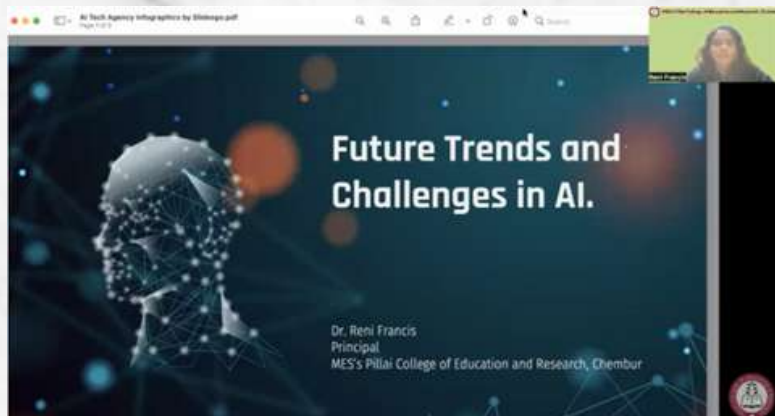
In many cultures, December is synonymous with winter and the month often brings with it a sense of coziness and warmth. The winter solstice, usually occurring around December 21st, is the shortest day and longest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, symbolizing the gradual return of longer days and the promise of spring.

Moreover, December often serves as a time for reflection and introspection as individuals look back on the year that is coming to a close. Many people use this period to set goals and resolutions for the upcoming year, turning December into a bridge between the past and the future.

December's significance is multifaceted, encompassing religious celebrations, cultural traditions, seasonal changes and a collective sense of closure and renewal.

It serves as a time when people from various backgrounds come together to celebrate, reflect and prepare for the challenges and opportunities that the new year may bring in.

Faculty Achievements



- The faculty members from PCER Chembur served as resource persons for an online AI in Education course, held in collaboration with Alagappa University, Tamil Nadu, and Kannur Salafi B.Ed College, Kerala.

- Dr. Vithoba Sawant served as a resource person for a two-day state-level workshop on research methodology in education, hosted by Guru Kripa College of Education and Research, Kalyan, in partnership with Chembur Sarvankash Shikshanshastra Mahavidyalaya, Chembur.



- Ms. Surekha Chidambarnath and Ms. Laxmi Nair served as resource persons for a self-paced short-term course (MOOC) on mental health and wellbeing, conducted jointly by the Inter University Centre for Disability Studies, MG University, Kottayam, Kannur Salafi B. Ed. College, Villagemukku, MahaJubilee Training College, Thrissur, and Stella Matutina College of Education, Chennai.



Expert Talk on World Aids Day



PCER, Chembur, in Collaboration with the Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC) organized an expert talk on AIDS Day on 1st December, 2023. The resource person for the day was Ms. Dipti Vichare, Consultant of the Mumbai District AIDS Control Society. The session enlightened the students about the actual difference between HIV and AIDS. Furthermore, Ms. Dipti explained how the HIV virus works after it gets transmitted in the body along with its symptoms, its treatment, and most importantly how it can be prevented.



Aids Awareness Session, Skit & Quiz

On 1st December, S.Y.B.Ed students with an aim to spread awareness on AIDS especially keeping the young ones in mind, as a part of their internship oriented school students on World Aids Day 2023 through a skit and a quiz.

The AIDS awareness session emerged as a successful initiative in educating school students about HIV/AIDS. The event contributed to breaking down barriers by promoting empathy and cultivating a community that is well-informed and supportive in the fight against HIV/AIDS by combining creative expression with factual information.



Beach Cleanliness Drive

Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur on 2nd December 2023, in collaboration with Stree Mukti Sanghatana organized a Beach Cleanliness Drive at Mahim Beach in Mumbai. This event was part of ongoing commitment to environmental conservation and fostering community engagement. Students of both F. Y. B. Ed. and S.Y. B. Ed. participated in the event. The event started with a brief introduction and orientation regarding the importance of preserving our beaches and the impact of litter on marine ecosystems. They diligently scoured the beach area, collecting litter, plastic waste, and other debris that had accumulated along the shoreline.



National Pollution Control Day- Slogan Writing



A Slogan Writing Competition on National Pollution Control Day was organized on 4th December, 2023 at MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur for B.Ed students with the aim of raising awareness about environmental issues and promoting the importance of pollution control.

Canvas Painting



PCER Chembur organized a captivating Canvas Painting session led by the talented artist, Mr. Shankar Kathara, on January 7th at 11 am. Students immersed themselves in artistic exploration, discovering new techniques guided by Mr. Kathara's expertise. The event culminated in a vibrant showcase of diverse artworks, leaving participants inspired and more confident in their creative expression.



Meet and Greet with Dr. Reni Francis

The leadership management program associated with the Micro-Credential in Education progressed to the subsequent Meet & Greet session featuring Dr. Reni Francis, the Principal of PCER, Chembur, on 8th December 2023. Dr. Reni Francis is a highly esteemed and respected figure in the field of education. Her tenure at the forefront of this prestigious institution has been marked by innovative approaches, unwavering dedication, and a profound passion for advancing education. Throughout her session, Dr. Reni motivated the students, imparting valuable insights drawn from her own life experiences, inspiring them to aspire to become better teachers and effective leaders.



Expert Talk on Human Rights



MES's Pillai College of Education and Research in collaboration with Stree Mukti Sanghatana and Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur organized Expert Talk on Human Rights. Advocate Nilesh Khanvilkar, a distinguished legal professional on the occasion shared insights and extensive knowledge in the field. The event took place on December 9th, 2023, at 11:30 AM within the premises of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research.

During the session, Advocate Khanvilkar shed light on various facets of human rights, emphasizing the importance of upholding and protecting these fundamental rights for every individual in society.

Value Added Course- Being Job Perfect

The value-added course Being Job Perfect was organised by PCER Chembur with the objective of preparing students and teachers to enter the professional world. The sessions conducted as part of the course included the following:



Session on SWOC Analysis

A session on SWOC Analysis as a part of the Value Added Course: Being Job Perfect was conducted for the S. Y. B.Ed students on 5th December, 2023. The objective of the session was to equip future educators with a strategic tool for personal and professional growth. The SWOC analysis workshop proved instrumental in preparing S.Y.B.Ed students for their future endeavors.



By fostering self-awareness, strategic thinking, and proactive planning, the session aimed to equip future educators with the tools necessary for success in their evolving roles. Regular revisits to the SWOC analysis were advocated as a means to adapt to changing circumstances and continually align personal and professional goals.

Session on Resume Writing



As part of Job Perfect sessions, a resume writing session was conducted on 14th December 2023 by Ms. Achala Bhor, Assistant Professor at PCER, Chembur. This session was organized for S. Y. B. Ed students at PCER, Chembur. The session commenced with an introduction to the importance of an elaborate resume, highlighting the role of resumes in securing job interviews and the need for preparing a CV based on the specific requirements of the education sector.

This session emphasized the key components of an effective resume, including personal details, career objectives, teaching experience, skills, and certifications. Examples of resumes were shown to students to illustrate how to highlight achievements and responsibilities in the CV. Overall, the resume writing session for B. Ed students provided an opportunity to enhance their understanding of writing an effective resume.

Session on Communication Skills

On the 5th of December, 2023 Ms. Kripa Talekar PCER Alumni conducted a session on communication skills and personality development for a teacher in the modern classroom for the students of PCER Chembur. Ms. Kripa was leading by example and gave many shared experiences that enhanced the thinking capacities of the student teachers. Ms. Talekar ensured that there was active participation from all student teachers by asking continuous questions and conducting an activity. While she also spoke about the necessity of having a good personality while going for a job interview, she ensured to cater to all points that cover the same aspect. Overall it was an incredible session by Dr Kripa that helped the student teachers to achieve a new sense of understanding for their future.



Session on Leadership Skills

On the 7th of December, Dr Reni Francis, Principal of Pillai College of Education and Research Chembur, conducted a wonderful Leadership Management session for students of SY B.Ed. An exceptionally talented leader. Dr Reni shared her valuable insights in brightening the minds of the future teachers.



She displayed a wonderful presentation with real life experiences that showcased how to be a dynamic leader as a teacher in this modern world of education. Dr Reni Francis proved to be a leader that guides the followers by leading with example.

Session on Different Educational Boards



On the 9th of December 2023, Dr Sharda Sharma conducted a session for the students of PCER on the topic of 'IGCSE Board of Education.' Through the session Dr. Sharda provided insights regarding the different boards of education. She highlighted the various aspects of the IGCSE board and how vastly different it is from the other Indian Boards of education. Dr Sharda stated that the curriculum is more rigorous than the Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) curriculum. Students who study IGCSE are well-prepared for further study at university or college.

The IGCSE curriculum offers a wider range of subjects: 70 subjects, and 30 languages. Through the session the student teachers were able to gain an understanding of the different school boards and the learning experiences provided to the learners.

Session on Models of Teaching- Concept Attainment Model



A session on Concept Attainment Model(CAM) was conducted by Dr. Vithoba Sawant, on 09/12/2023. The session highlighted the significance of teaching models in today's educational landscape, presenting various types of teaching models. The primary focus was on CAM and its relevance in promoting critical thinking and problem-solving skills among learners. The three phases of CAM were explained: Presentation of data and phases 1. Identification of concepts 2. Testing attainment of the concept 3. Analysis of thinking strategies. To illustrate the practical application of CAM, a demonstration lesson was also provided.

Session on Different Forms of Assessment

PCER Chembur organized a session on Enhancing Educational Effectiveness: A comprehensive exploration of Assessment Tools for the S.Y.BEd students on 11-12-23, which aimed to instill an innovative outlook towards evaluation methods, focusing on how assessments can effectively enhance students' critical thinking skills. The session was conducted by Dr. Farah Shaikh, an alumnus of PCER Chembur and an IB Physics teacher of Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Gorai. The event comprehensively covered both formative and summative assessment aspects, seamlessly integrating them with various activities tailored to different subjects. A highlight of the session was the engaging Black out newspaper activity, designed to foster creative thinking and analytical skills. The session culminated with a crucial insight into the significance of employing the right command words in lesson planning.



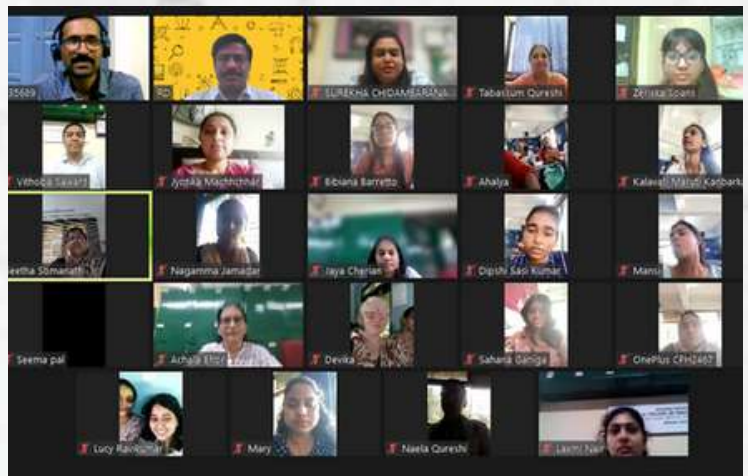
Webinar on Eco-Friendly Practices in Education



MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, in collaboration with the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, organized an insightful webinar on the topic "Eco Friendly Practices in Education: Sustainable Goals and Practices." on 11th December 2023, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

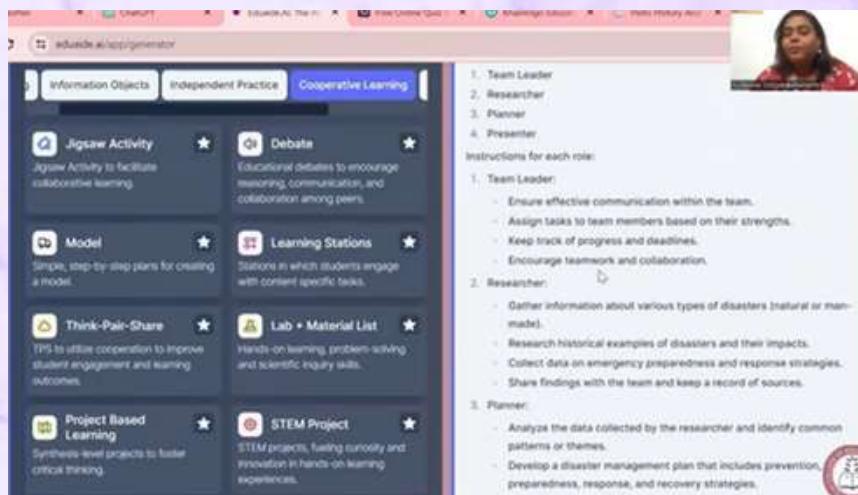
Dr. N. Johnson, Head of the Department of Lifelong Learning at Alagappa University, and Dr. M. S. Geetha, Former Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Kerala and Working President of CEAM, graced the webinar as esteemed resource persons. Dr. Geetha, drawing from her extensive experience, discussed practical approaches

and case studies that demonstrated successful implementation of eco-friendly initiatives in educational settings. Dr. Johnson eloquently highlighted the importance of embedding eco-friendly practices in educational systems, shedding light on the role educational institutions play in nurturing environmentally conscious citizens.



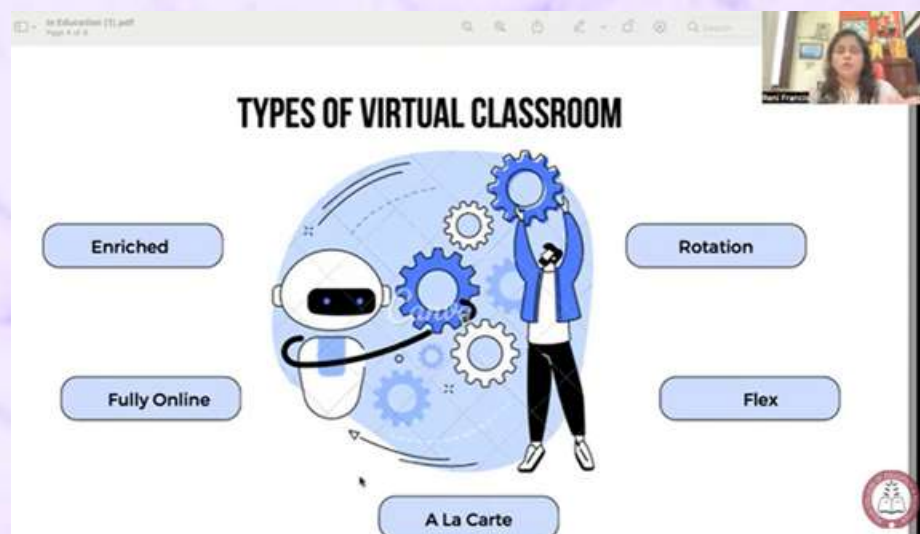
Short-Term Course on AI

An online short-term course on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education was organized by MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur in collaboration with the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu. And Kannur Salafi B.Ed College, Villagemukku, Kannur, Kerala from 5th December 2023 to 31st December 2023. The aim of this course was to provide a comprehensive understanding of how AI technologies are transforming the education landscape, explore various applications of AI in educational settings, understand the benefits and challenges of integrating AI, and gain insights into implementing AI-driven solutions to enhance teaching and learning experiences. Sessions for several topics which were discussed during the course, were conducted by faculty of PCER, Chembur.



Pre Recorded videos for each topic were uploaded on the EdumooC platform and participants were supposed to watch these sessions and answer the quiz provided in form a google form based on each session.

At the end of this course, participants were equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to leverage AI in educational contexts.



Meet and Greet with Dr. Celina Joy & Dr. Betty Sibil



On 12th December, 2023, the subsequent Meet & Greet seamlessly incorporated a visit to Pillai's Institute of Management Studies & Research in Panvel. The students enjoyed a comprehensive campus tour guided by the institute's students. Following the tour, Dr. Betty Sibil and Dr. Celina Joy conducted a dynamic session on Future Trends in Leadership. The session proved highly engaging, featuring a wealth of examples that resonated well with the students.

Debate - National Energy Conservation Day

PCER Chembur organised a Debate competition on 15th December 2023 on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day to increase awareness regarding conserving and efficient usage of energy. The event was in alignment with the objective of SDG # 7 Affordable and Clean Energy. The topic for the debate was – 'Alternative energy can effectively replace fossil fuels.' The judge for the debate competition was Dr. Resmy Varghese, Principal, Mahatma Junior College of Education. The participants from S.Y.B.Ed included Ms. Sonam Gupta, Ms. Payal Patel, Ms. Lucy, Ms. Vibha Mishra and from F.Y.B.Ed Ms. Mahalaxmi Samuthiram, Ms. Ayesha Sayed, Ms. Jinal Patel, Ms. Naela Qureshi. The event was hosted by Ms. Geneshiya and Ms. Ahalya. The S.Y.B.Ed students were the winning team and Ms. Payal Patel was declared the best speaker of the debate.



Christmas Celebration



Christmas celebration was held on Saturday the 16th December. The students set up an elaborate event with a musical skit of the story of Christ's birth. There was a unique act consisting of a poem narration accompanied by melodious singing of Christmas carols. The students shared the joy of giving as each batch had the Secret Santa gift exchange. Students decorated the multipurpose hall for the celebration. Principal, Dr. Reni Francis, shared an enlightening Christmas message that made us reflect on the closing of the old year 2023 and look to the new year with hope and a new vision.



DLLE- Second Term Training

On 19th December 2023, the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE) of the University of Mumbai organized the Second Term Training Programme at C.K.T College Panvel, by gathering DLLE committee members, extension teachers, and students Manager. Dr. Vithoba Sawant, the DLLE extension coordinator of PCER Chembur, and student leaders Ms. Anupa Mukhopadhaya and Mr. Premprakash Gupta who represented our institution.



The session focused on the Education Literacy Program and introduced the participants to the new E-portal for DLLE document submissions and gave details about the upcoming UDAAN Festival which will be held in the month of January and February 2024.

The meeting served as an informative platform by providing valuable insights into DLLE initiatives and encouraging collaboration for educational and community development within the University of Mumbai.



Annual Day

On the 22nd of December, 2023, Mahatma Education Society's Chembur Campus celebrated its Annual Day. This year's highlight was the presentation by PCER, Chembur, showcasing a captivating Dance Drama titled "Saksham hai Hum." The performance shed light on the various challenges encountered by women across different stages of their lives. The students delivered an outstanding show that captivated the audience, providing a delightful conclusion to the events of the year 2023.



Alumni Corner



**Ms. CHRISTY J
PCER ALUMNI
BATCH 2020-2022
TEACHER
CARDINAL GRACIAS
HIGH SCHOOL,
BANDRA (E)**

Restore our earth.

The eye soothing greenery,
The withering leaf a sign of relief,
The fathomless ocean,
The bracing harmony in the fields were the
comforting lap to recline.
A distracting stringent fume drove my
attention and made me feeble.
I ran to get relief from the woodland, it was
gone into ruin long ago.
Despairingly, I sat at the bank of a river to
quench my thirst it was already pumping
critically to breath.
The creatures I mesmerized at were going
into extinction.
The pleasurable shade said goodbye to me
due to the greed of people.
The foggy and gloomy clouds were crying
out for aid.
Trailing around the destituent air, I finally
woke up from the nightmare.
Lest the nightmare becomes tangible---
"Restore our earth"

_Christy J ❤️

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Students' Corner



MS. MAMATA
MAHESH KOKAJE
S.Y.B.ED
(2022-2024)

निसर्गाकडून काय शिकावे...
प्रभातसमयी रवी उगवतो
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तव गगनी पक्ष्यांचा थवा उडतसे
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