



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

Amidst the wave of heat in summer, PCER, Chembur was not ready to slow down or stay low, activities and celebrations kept happening in the college. We strongly believe that experience is the biggest learning and providing students the platform is the best opportunity. Every month marks the beginning of organising events of special importance during the month.

We had our great reunion of the Valedictory programme that was filled with fun and frolic. The message that I gave during the event was "Sharpening your axe". It is a short story of a wood cutter who did extremely well in his job but his productivity was not as per the time and hard work put in the job. The reason for the same was the tool used for cutting the trees - the axe had become blunt with regular use and hence to increase the productivity along with hard work you need to sharpen your axe for better performance. This holds true for our professional arena, with dynamic growth in our educational setup, we need to keep abreast with new trends in education. Every teacher should take the responsibility of moulding themselves to the emerging trends in education.

Let's take efforts in learning, unlearning and relearning the new realms of education.

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Editorial



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Every year on April 22, the world observes Earth Day. Earth Day is marked to raise awareness about protecting the environment and preventing pollution, deforestation, population increase, war, etc., from harming the planet. It is a day to explore real-world challenges, encouraging critical thinking and problem-solving skills. As educators, it is our responsibility not only to impart knowledge but also to instil in our students a sense of responsibility towards our planet. Earth Day serves as a reminder of this duty—a day to reflect on our impact on the environment and to take action towards a sustainable future.

Teachers have the ability to inspire and shape young minds to take care of our planet. In the classrooms, we should engage students in meaningful discussions about environmental issues and inspire them. One of the most important lessons we can impart to our students is the interconnectedness of life on Earth. From the air we breathe to the water we drink, every aspect of our existence is linked to the health of our planet. By fostering an understanding of this interconnectedness, students can recognize their role as global citizens and the impact of their choices on the world around them.

Earth Day also serves as a reminder of the importance of conservation and sustainable practices. From reducing waste to promoting renewable energy, there are countless ways in which we can make a positive impact on the environment. By incorporating hands-on activities and projects into our curriculum, we can empower students to promote sustainability.

On this Earth day, we must not only reflect upon the beauty of our planet but also think about the challenges it faces. As educators we must inspire students to become responsible individuals towards the environment, equipped with the knowledge and skills to tackle these challenges. Celebrating Earth Day in schools and educational institutions will help nurture a generation that will strive to protect and preserve our planet.



Faculty Achievements

- Dr. Reni Francis was a resource person for a workshop focused on fostering a research-oriented culture at Bombay Teachers Training College.



- Dr. Reni Francis received the Vocational Excellence Award - Education by the Rotary Club at Thane Horizon.

- Dr. Reni Francis was a resource person for a refresher course on the topic information and communication technology on 12/4/2024 organised by Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme.

- Dr. Reni Francis was a panellist at Aditya Birla Education Academy in B.Ed College Principals' Symposium.



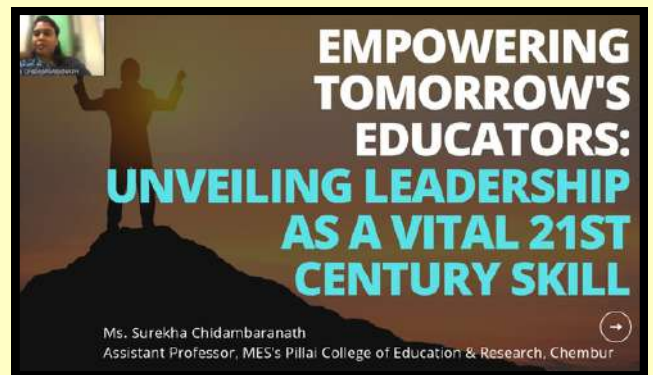
- Dr. Jaya Cherian published an article 'Women Empowerment- Envisioning a Sustainable Future' in the Scholarly Research Journal for Humanity Science & English Language.

- Dr. Vithoba Sawant was participated in ICSSR Sponsored two days National Seminar on

- "Autonomy in Higher Education: Transformation towards Quality Improvement and Global Brand Image" Organised by MES's Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science (Autonomous) New Panvel.

- Ms. Achala Bhor published an article titled, "Steam Education - A New Teaching Strategy in Peer Reviewed, Scholarly Research Journal for Humanity Science & English Language.

- Ms. Diandra Pinto published a paper titled "Fostering a Growth Mindset in Teachers for Effective Continuous Professional Development and Enhanced Student Learning", in the International Peer Reviewed Scholarly Research Journal For Humanities & English Language.



- Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath presented a paper titled, ' Empowering Tomorrow's Educators: Unveiling Leadership as a vital 21st Century Skill' at Thakur Shyamnarayan College of Education and Research in collaboration with the council for Teachers Professional Development.



World Health Day

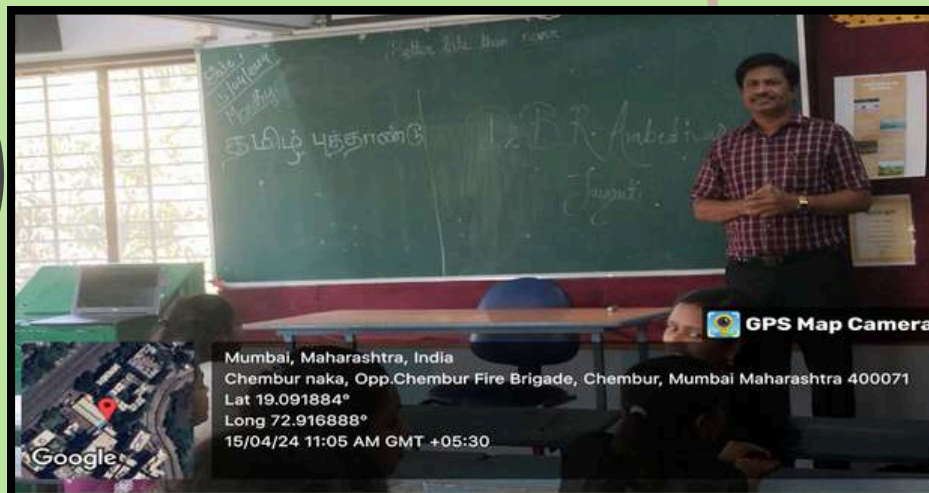


On 18th April, 2024, PCER organised a virtual Zoom meeting to mark World Health Day, featuring an expert talk by Dr. Prathiba.A Gaikwad from Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College. Dr. Gaikwad stressed the importance of a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins while limiting processed foods. She highlighted the necessity of regular exercise, managing stress through mindfulness and hobbies, and prioritising sufficient sleep for optimal health. Additionally, she addressed mental well-being and urged participants to seek support when needed, while providing insights on diabetes and hypertension management. The initiative to organise such informative sessions reflects its commitment to promoting health awareness and fostering a healthier community.



BR Ambedkar Remembrance Day

On 15th April 2024, the F.Y.B.Ed. students organised an assembly which was followed by a moving tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Dr. Rajendra Deshmukh, Asst. Prof. at PCER Chembur underscored Dr. Ambedkar's global influence on human rights and his advocacy for marginalised communities. His speech emphasised Dr. Ambedkar's vision for an inclusive society, resonating with attendees. Student testimonials praised articulate portrayal of Dr. Ambedkar's contributions, highlighting their renewed commitment to social justice and equality. The event not only celebrated Dr. Ambedkar's legacy but also inspired attendees to uphold his principles in building a more equitable society.



World Art Day

On April 18th, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research organised a workshop on Lippan Art. The session was led by Ms. Milan Anil Karanjavkar, an expert Art and Craft teacher at Pidilite, which left a lasting impression on the first-year B.Ed students. Throughout the workshop, students delved into the history, techniques, and cultural significance of Lippan Art. Ms. Milan's expertise motivated students to unleash their creativity and gain a deeper understanding of this traditional art form, making it a special celebration of World Art Day at the college.



Valedictory Ceremony

PCER, Chembur held the Valedictory ceremony for the Batch on 2022-2024 on the 20th of April 2024. A graceful welcome prayer dance was performed by Anwita Nair. Mr. Ochani shared some inspiring insights for the new teachers and how to approach their new careers. Dr. Reni Francis stressed the importance of continuous professional development. The chief guest, Alumni Shivranjani Nagarajan shared her experiences from transitioning into the school system and the realities of the teaching profession today. She highlighted how the B.Ed course at PCER, Chembur was instrumental in laying strong foundations for her career. Students from the batch of 2022-2024 were awarded for their outstanding contributions during their course.



Earth Day

On the occasion of World Earth Day, Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organised a donation and waste collection drive in collaboration with Jay Foundation on the 27th of April, 2024. This event was a step towards raising awareness about the importance of sustainable practices and contributing towards environmental conservation for a cleaner and greener planet. All the collected waste was disposed of and recycled through eco-friendly practices supported by the Jay Foundation.



Rise Above... Trash

We Collect & Recycle

DRY WASTE	E- WASTE
Metal	Cameras
Plastic	Cell Phones
Newspaper	Audio/Video Equipment
Used Notebooks	Televisions
Cardboard Box	Scanners & Copiers
	Computers Accessories
	Monitors & Laptops

DONATION

All type of Clothes
Books (story & novel)
Shoes

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Chembur, Mumbai - 400071.

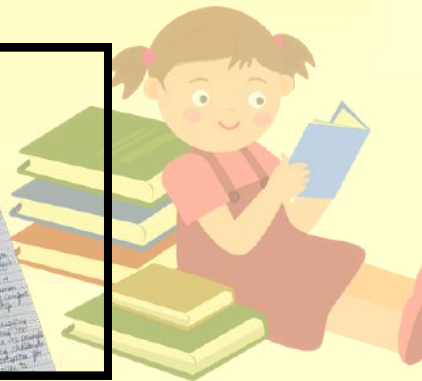
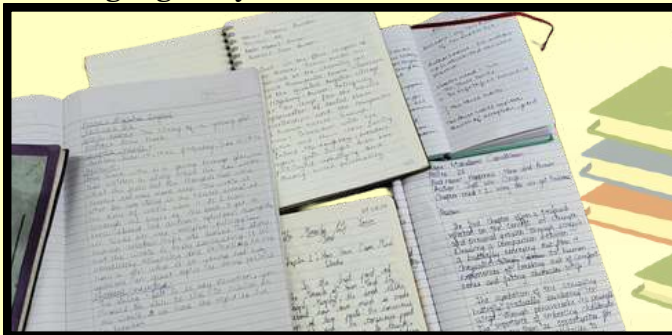
TIMING - Saturday | 27th April | 01:00 PM onwards

For more details please Contact:



World Book Day and English Language Day - Language Lab

Language Lab activities with F.Y. and S.Y.B.Ed were conducted throughout April in observance of World Book day and English Language Day commemorated on the 23rd of April. A range of language lab activities were conducted with the students of PCER, Chembur to encourage the skill of reading as well as build on their English Language proficiency. Students were encouraged to go to the library and pick a book of their choice, read it and write a book review on the same. Games like Taboo(Guessing) and Scrabble were introduced to the students. Students played these games in small groups along with the facilitator. Students also shared reviews of their favourite books in the assembly for World Book Day and English Language Day.



Alumni Learning Quest Series

A session on professional development among teachers was conducted as part of the Alumni Learning Q-EST series on 27th April 2024. The resource persons for the session were PCER Alumni Mr. Sunil Sharma, Vice President and Dr. Anuradha Sridhar, Head- Curriculum Development and Training, Aditya Birla Education Academy. The session focused on orienting student teachers regarding the changing trends and demands of the education sector today. The teaching learning experiences need to cater to the requirements of today's learners and the teachers therefore need to build relevant skills and competencies to meet the needs of the present day learner.



Faculty Development Session

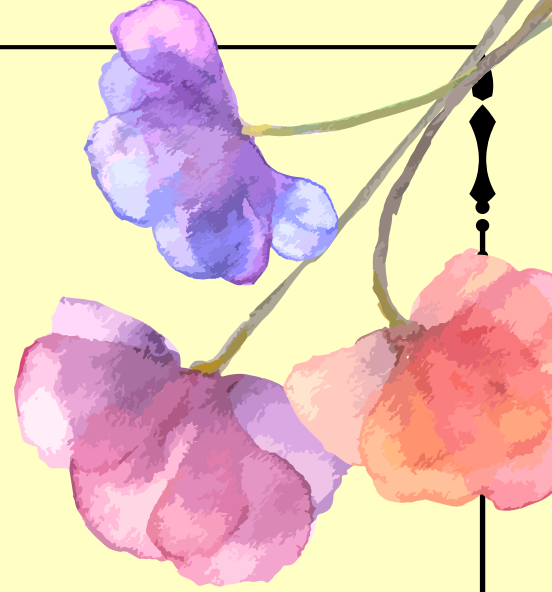
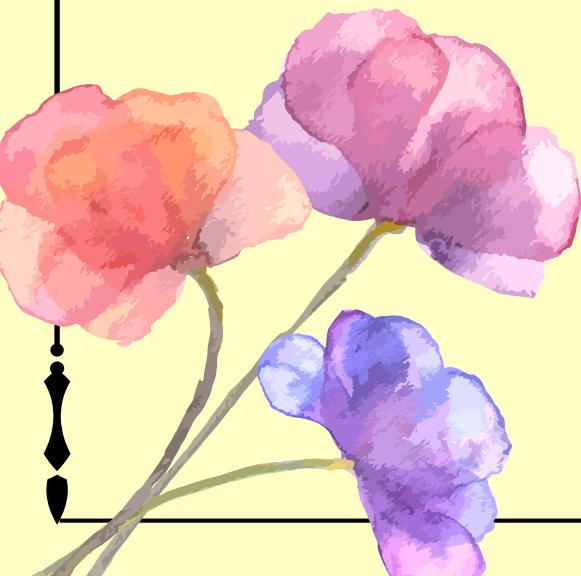
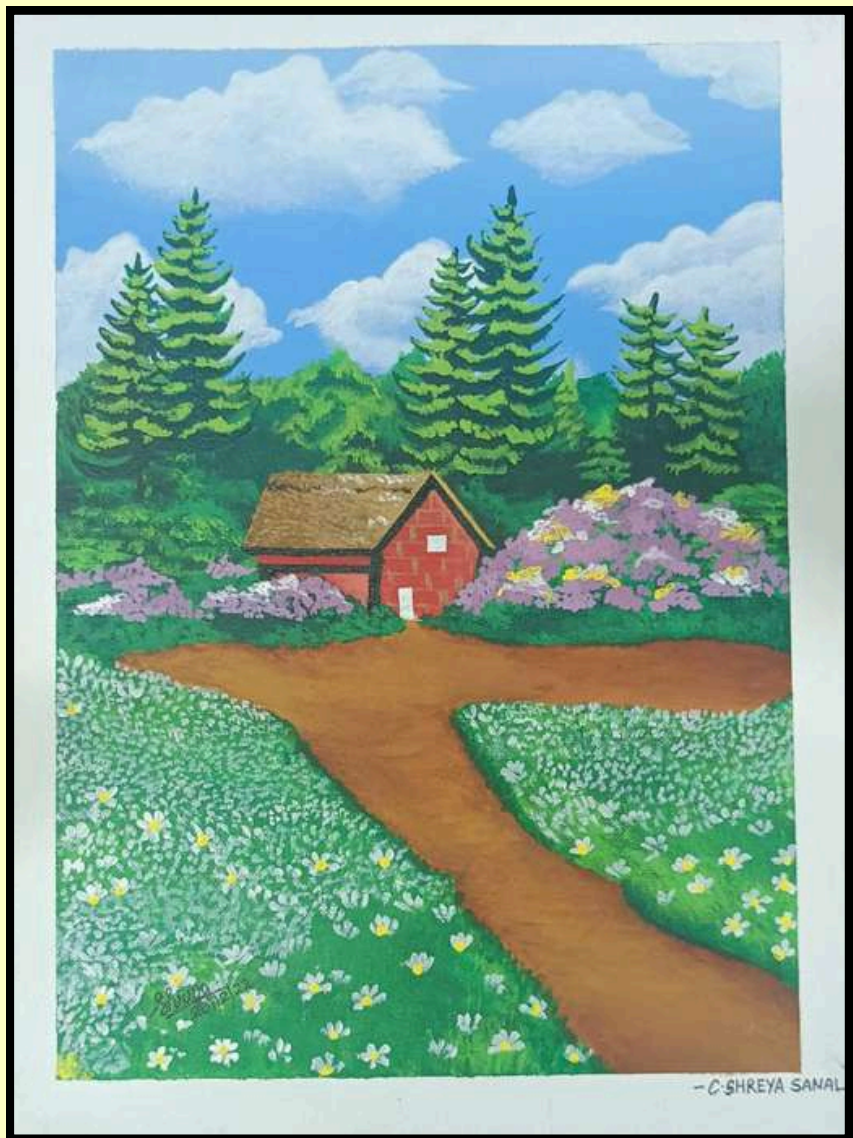
On 30th April, 2024 MES conducted a session on Workplace Behaviour and Teacher-Student Boundaries facilitated by Ms. Yvette Lee at the Chembur campus for all the teaching and non-teaching staff. A comprehensive code of conduct outlining expected workplace behaviour and teacher-student boundaries was discussed in detail. The session also aimed to equip teaching and non-teaching staff with the necessary knowledge and understanding of the POSH and POCSO Acts to ensure a safe and respectful environment for everyone in the educational institution. By raising awareness and promoting compliance with these legislations we contribute to the well-being and protection of all individuals within the organisation.



Alumni Corner



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Students Corner



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*“Step into a world of reflection where every glance unveils a new perspective,
a new possibility.”*