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Principal's Message



DR. RENI FRANCIS

Dear students and faculty,

As we usher in the new year, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the journey ahead. January symbolizes fresh beginnings—a time to set ambitious goals and chart the course for our collective and individual aspirations.

At the heart PCER's mission lies in a steadfast commitment to excellence. All our endeavours are geared towards achieving excellence in every facet of our life and it is not a destination but a journey that needs to be taken with commitment, perseverance and courage. We need to welcome the new year, new aspirations and new tasks with STRIVE:

- S: Set clear objectives—Define your academic and personal goals with precision.
- T: Take initiative—Proactively seek opportunities for growth and learning.
- R: Reflect regularly—Assess your progress and adapt to challenges thoughtfully.
- I: Innovate continuously—Embrace creativity and explore new methodologies.
- V: Value collaboration—Recognize the strength in teamwork and shared insights.
- E: Engage wholeheartedly—Immerse yourself fully in all educational endeavours.

By internalizing these principles, we not only enhance our own potential but also contribute to the enrichment of our academic environment. Let us support one another in this pursuit, fostering a culture where excellence is both the journey and the destination.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

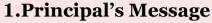




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As we welcome 2025, let's embrace this new beginning with a commitment to balance, growth, and well-being—not just as future educators, but as individuals shaping lives.

The start of the year also brings International Mind-Body Wellness Day celebrated on 3rd of January, it is a reminder that teaching is not just about imparting knowledge but also about the well-being we cultivate in ourselves and others. A strong mind and a healthy body are the foundation for inspiring and supporting students effectively.

Let us remember to

- Nurture our well-being: It takes a healthy, well balanced teacher to create a thriving classroom.
- Develop mindfulness: It strengthens patience, resilience, and helps build deeper connections as a result of being truly attentive to our students.
- Embrace feedback: It ensures that we always keep an open mind and are more likely to learn from our mistakes.

As we step into 2025, may we find clarity, strength, and purpose in our journeys as educators. Let's make it a fruitful year for learning, both for us and our future students.

Happy New Year!









STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



• The students won the 1st Consolation Prize along with a trophy in the Street Play Competition at DLLE - UDAAN: The Flight of Extension 2024-2025.





 Ms. Abhinandita Gupta secured the 1st prize and a gold medal in the Elocution Competition at DLLE -UDAAN: The Flight of Extension 2024-2025.











FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS





• Dr. Vithoba Sawant was invited as a resource person for a one-day State Level Workshop on 'Understanding Recent Approaches in Academic Research,' organized by Shri D. D. Bapusaheb Vispute College of Education, New Panvel, and Chembur Sarvankash Shikshanshastra Mahavidyalaya, Chembur, on 19th January 2025







HARVEST FESTIVALS CELEBRATION

PCER Chembur celebrated Harvest Festivals of India on January 11, 2025, showcasing India's vibrant cultural diversity. The event featured captivating performances highlighting major harvest festivals from across India. Magh Bihu, Lohri, Uttrayan, Makar Sankranti and Pongal, each festival's significance was beautifully presented with a traditional dance. A special dance performance concluded the celebration, symbolizing India's unity in diversity. It was a memorable day filled with joy, music, and cultural richness.





REPUBLIC DAY – 26TH JAN, 2025

The 76th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by PCER along with all the institutions in MES's Chembur Campus on 26th January. Dr. K.M. Vasudevan Pillai, Chairman and CEO, Mahatma Education Society addressed the gathering. PCER conducted a special assembly programme on 24th of January in observance of Republic Day. Through a variety of events such as speech, role play, songs, poster competition the students highlighted the contributions of our national leaders and the significance of the freedom that we enjoy as a nation.





DLLE-TERM ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

On 22nd January, 2025, PCER, Chembur, hosted the DLLE - Training Programme led by Dr. Chandrashekhar Chakradeo, Principal & Field Coordinator of Chembur Sarvankash Shikshanshastra Mahavidyalaya. Dr. Chakradeo provided insights on implementing Population Education Club (PEC) activities to promote application-based learning and societal awareness. He also announced the Annual Festival "Udaan: The Flight of Extension," scheduled for 29th January, 2025, at Guru Nanak College, encouraging active student participation. The session ended with an engaging discussion, inspiring students to make a meaningful impact through their involvement.





COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY AND UBER RANG

Mahatma Education Society celebrated its annual Community Service Day on 25th January 2025 at the Dr. K.M. Vasudevan Pillai Campus, New Panvel. PCER, Chembur, hosted 24 students from Mermier Bal Ashram, Koparkhairne. The day began with a warm welcome and engaging activities like a Republic Day-themed drawing competition, Glass Pyramid Game, Musical Chairs, and a Jumping game. Winners were felicitated, and all participants received snacks and gifts. The students expressed gratitude, making it a joyful and memorable event. The celebrations concluded in the evening with "Uber Rang," a vibrant dance talent show featuring performances from various MES institutes, adding to the excitement and spirit of the day.









PCER, Chembur, students showcased their talents at UDAAN: The Flight of Extension 2024 - 2025, organized by DLLE, University of Mumbai, on 29th January, 2025 at Guru Nanak College, GTB Nagar. They participated in various competitions like street play, poster making, creative writing, and elocution. Ms. Abhinandita Gupta won 1st prize with gold medal in Elocution and a Consolation Prize with trophy in Street Play, making the college proud. Their achievements reflect the dedication of both students and faculty. This success has boosted their confidence and strengthened PCER's reputation for excellence in education and extracurricular activities.





ALUMNI SESSION ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION

In observance of the International Day of Education, PCER organized a session on 'Digital Learning: Transforming Education' on 22nd January 2025 at 11.00 am by PCER Alumna Ms. Bhakti Sawant, Batch 2020-22. The session was part of the Alumni Learning Q-EST series. Ms. Bhakti Sawant oriented the student teachers about the various aspects and types of digital learning such as elearning, blended learning, mobile learning, virtual and augmented reality. The session also highlighted certain key aspects of digitalization of education through use of Learning Management System such as Google classroom, using collaboration tools wherein individuals or teams work together to share information and communicate in a group.









KHAS SERIES

K-NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

PCER Chembur, in collaboration with Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and Mahatma Junior College of Education (D.EL.Ed.), celebrated National Youth Day on 13th Jaunary, with an expert talk by Ms. Advaita Varadaraj Bapat, Ph.D. Scholar IIM, on the vital role of youth in nation-building. Ms. Advaita explained the importance of young people in shaping the future of the nation, emphasizing that they are the driving force behind progress. She highlighted the power of youth to bring positive change and encouraged students to strive for excellence and take responsibility for their actions.





H - MIND BODY WELLNESS DAY

PCER Chembur celebrated International Mind-Body Wellness Day on January 3, 2025 with an interactive workshop. This day is celebrated to promote the importance of mental and physical health, and to encourage people to adopt healthy lifestyles. The workshop focused on the connection between the mind and body, and the importance of holistic wellness. Need for physical routine, mindfulness, and healthy eating for mind body balance were discussed. The students were led through various different types of basic breathwork techniques and guided meditation for stress management.







A - NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY

The Women Development Cell of Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, organized a special assembly on 24th January 2025 to celebrate National Girl Child Day with the objectives of raising awareness about the significance of National Girl Child Day. The students also presented songs celebrating the girl child that reflected themes of strength, resilience, and empowerment. A poetry recitation competition was also held, during which students recited poems about the struggles, dreams, and triumphs of girls which the students had composed.





S -FRIDGE MAGNET ART WORKSHOP

On 22nd January 2025, PCER, Chembur, organized a creative workshop on 'Fridge Magnet Art' for F.Y.B.Ed. students, conducted by Mrs. Archana Jadhav. Using Fevicryl (Mould It), she guided students through crafting colorful fridge magnets, teaching techniques for molding and shaping designs. The hands-on session boosted artistic skills, fine motor coordination, and creativity, leaving participants delighted with their handmade creations. Students expressed gratitude for the inspiring workshop, which reflected PCER, Chembur's commitment to fostering creativity and skill development.













CAMPUS PLACEMENTS

Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, organized campus placement interviews for S.Y. B. Ed students on 11th January and 18th January 2025. The interviews were conducted in collaboration with esteemed educational institutions, including Green Acres Academy, Avalon Heights International School, Kalpavruksha School, Shishuvan High School and Udaan NGO. This placement drive provided students of PCER, Chembur an opportunity to secure teaching positions and gain practical experience in the field of education.







SCHOOL CONNECT

On 24th January, 2025, Pillai College of Education and Research (PCER), in collaboration with Mahatma Night Degree College (MNDC), organized the School Connect (NEP Connect) 2.0 Orientation Programme on campus. The event was attended by 80 F.Y.J.C. Commerce and Arts students, who actively engaged in the session. The resource person, Ms. Muskaan Kursija, Assistant Professor at SIWS College, Wadala, explained the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and its student-focused benefits. She discussed the flexibility it offers in subject selection, earning credits through internships, and accessing loan and scholarship schemes. The session emphasized education freedom and inclusivity, helping students understand how the NEP can shape their academic and professional future. The interactive program was well-received, providing valuable insights into the transformative impact of NEP 2020.











ALUMNI CORNER





Pramod Pandey Batch 2021-2023 NMMC CBSE School

माटी का अभिमान

माटी का बना शरीरा, माटी पर चल हुआ मग़रूरा। अहम मूल वृत्त से, एक भूल, करे मेरा तेरा।।

This couplet reflects the essence of humility. It reminds us that our physical existence originates from dust (earth) and will ultimately return to it. Yet, humans become arrogant about their material achievements. The illusion of ownership 'mine' and 'yours' - stems from ego, leading us away from our true essence.







STUDENTS CORNER





Immanuel Daniel Roll No. 32 Batch 2024-2026

BEAST

Oh! Angelic creation, Who is willing to rise up; Rise up as a novel beast A beast of my kingdom. Cities might ask your identity! Lucky they are witnessing you. With a trumpet call, Call the Kings and subjects. Kind enough people will save you And keep you safe and lock you. You will be surrounded by gold, A cage of gold. Gold will be shattered, Shattered from your emitting light. Like a firefly you are! You are my Angelic creation. Says your creator; Rise up as a novel beast. Witnessing you, With popcorn around my waist.



