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'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'



HORIZON

Principal's Message



DR. RENI FRANCIS

April has arrived, marking a time of reflection, celebration, and transition. As we bid farewell to another batch of exceptional students, we are reminded of the incredible journeys we've witnessed and the bright futures that await.

To our graduating class, we dedicate this month's edition of Horizon with F.A.R.E.W.E.L.L., capturing the essence of your journey with us:

F – Focus and move ahead with confidence, for your path is paved with purpose.

A – Aspire to greater heights, embracing challenges as opportunities.

R – Reflect on the lessons learned, and carry them forward with pride.

E – Embrace new beginnings, for every ending sparks a fresh start.

W – Wisdom that you've gained and the courage to explore.

E – Engage with the world, as you leave a lasting impact on those you meet.

L – Lead with integrity, inspiring others through your actions.

L – Live fully, cherishing each moment as a chance to learn and grow.

Hope this journey at PCER, Chembur will hold profound memories for all your future endeavours.

Stay connected, stay curious, and always stay true to yourself.

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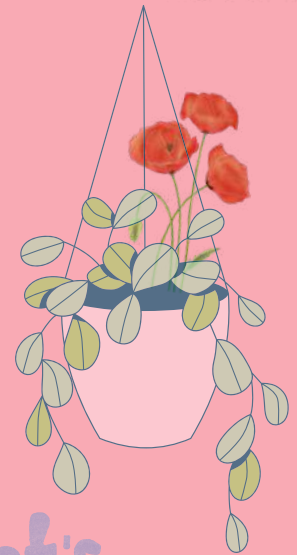
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EDITORIAL



Let's
Grow
Together



Ms. Achala Bhor
Assistant Professor

Teaching is not just a profession, it is a responsibility, a relationship, and, most importantly, a reflection of who you are.

For the First-Year students, as you prepare for your first internship, you are about to step into real classrooms. Remember every teacher begins with a first step. Be sincere, stay open to learning, and above all, be kind. Observe your mentor teachers, understand your learners, and keep asking questions. This is your time to grow through experience.

To the Second-Year students, now in your final semester and on the threshold of a new chapter, you have come a long way, from your first microteaching sessions to confidently planning and delivering full lessons. Take pride in this journey. Teaching is not about simply giving answers, it is about inspiring curiosity and compassion. As you prepare to step into the teaching profession, carry with you the values, ethics, and skills you have nurtured during your B.Ed.

To all of you, both First-Year and Second-Year students, never stop being learners. A good teacher keeps growing by learning new things and accepting new perspectives. Be thoughtful, be respectful, teaching is more than just explaining lessons, it is about helping students become good human beings and build a better future.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms. Mahalaxmi Nadar and Ms.Vebriena D'Souza received the outstanding Student Award for overall excellence from the Batch 2023-2025.



Congratulations!

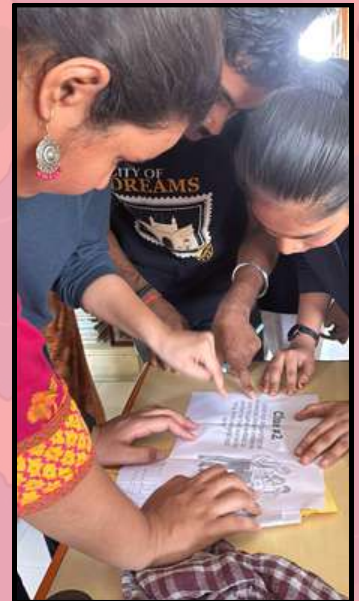
FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Dr. Vithoba Sawant, Invited as External Examiner for VIVA-VOCE of DSM (P10) on 18th April, on behalf of DEGT's Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) study Centre, Thane.**
- **Dr. Reni Francis was honoured to be part of the Panel Discussion at the ICSSR-sponsored International Seminar on "Strategies for Transforming India through Internationalization of Education" organized by SNDT – PVDT College of Education, Mumbai.**
- **Dr. Reni Francis has been selected as a Mentor for the National Mentoring Mission initiated by National Council for Teacher Education.**



TREASURE HUNT

On April 5, 2025, the First-Year BBA students of PCER, Chembur Campus, organized an exciting Treasure Hunt competition for students of FY B.Ed, SY B.Ed and Junior College. Five mixed teams participated in the event, racing across the campus to solve cleverly crafted clues and challenges. The activity encouraged teamwork, critical thinking and communication as students collaborated to unlock each clue leading to the final treasure. The event was well-coordinated by the BBA students, who ensured smooth execution and enthusiastic participation. It proved to be a fun-filled and intellectually stimulating experience, fostering camaraderie among students from different streams

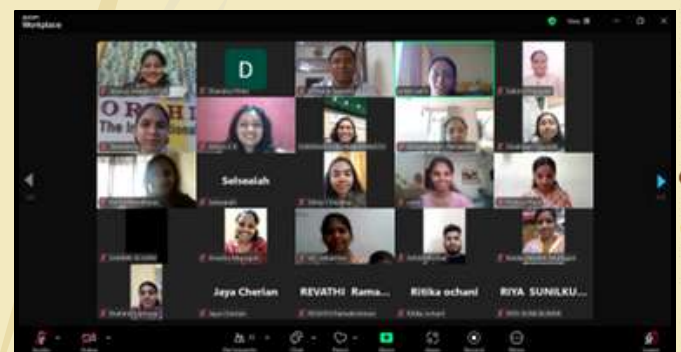




SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



On 15th April 2025, PCER, Chembur held a special assembly to celebrate the cultural festivals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti, Tamil New Year, Solar New Year, Vishu, and Baisakhi. Students spoke about the importance of each festival, highlighting the message of unity, respect, and togetherness. A special tribute was given to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, honoring his role as the creator of the Indian Constitution and his work for social equality. The assembly ended with a warm vote of thanks, leaving everyone with a better understanding and appreciation of India's rich and diverse culture.



INTERNSHIP PREPARATION



As students gear up for their Semester 2 school internship, PCER provided an opportunity for them to practice their classroom and teaching skills in a controlled environment with their peers as their students. The student teachers wrote lesson plans and were guided on them. They then presented these lessons to their classmates. The lessons were supervised by various method and guidance teachers who provided constructive, actionable feedback to prepare them for their school internship.





PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPERIMENTS



On 12th April 2025, the First Year B.Ed. students of PCER, Chembur attended an interactive session on Learning for Transfer. The session began with a brief explanation of the concept, sparking interest and active participation among the students. The highlight was a mirror-tracing star activity conducted in pairs, using a mirror and wooden stand. Students traced stars using both hands while looking into the mirror, and their performance was timed. This hands-on experiment demonstrated how practice enhances performance and highlighted the individuality of each learner's pace. The session was educational, engaging and insightful.



FDP ON EMPOWERING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



The Seven-Day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Empowering Research Excellence in Education," held from 26th to 28th April 2025, was organized by Balurghat B.Ed College, West Bengal, in collaboration with the School of Education, Nepal, Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, Mumbai, and Council for Educational Administration and Management (CEAM). The FDP aimed to enhance research skills, share best practices, and promote educational research excellence. Sessions covered research methodology, data collection and analysis, academic writing and publishing, innovative teaching strategies, and technology integration. It concluded with a panel discussion and valedictory session. The programme encouraged collaboration and inspired participants to pursue impactful research.





VALEDICTORY OF 2023-2025 & DEGREE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY OF BATCH 2022-2024



On 26th April 2025, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur hosted the Valedictory Function for the Batch 2023–2025 and the Degree Distribution Ceremony for the Batch 2022–2024. The event began with a motivational address by Mr. G.T. Ochani, Deputy CEO of MES Chembur Campus. Dr. Dipti Thashnath, an alumnus from the 2010–2011 batch, was felicitated for completing her Ph.D. in Education and encouraged students to never stop learning. Principal Dr. Reni Francis inspired the outgoing batch to give their best in life. The General Secretary presented a heartfelt batch report, followed by a touching memory video. Awards were distributed to outstanding students, and a joyful lunch followed. The day concluded with the Degree Distribution Ceremony for students of Batch 2022-2024, where students received their certificates and captured the moment with class photos — a memorable end to a significant chapter





ALUMINI SESSION



On 26th April 2025, PCER alumna Ms. Farah Shaikh, IB Physics teacher of Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Gorai conducted a session on Cambridge- Professional Development for B.Ed students. During this session students were oriented towards the different school boards and various aspects relevant to the boards. Students were guided about the Cambridge course and its key features. The session highlighted the importance of professional development and the need to enhance teaching competencies and skills. They were introduced to various courses that help the students to reach the international level of teaching such as in IB schools. The session explored the significance and the benefits of advancing one's skills to grow in the educational field.

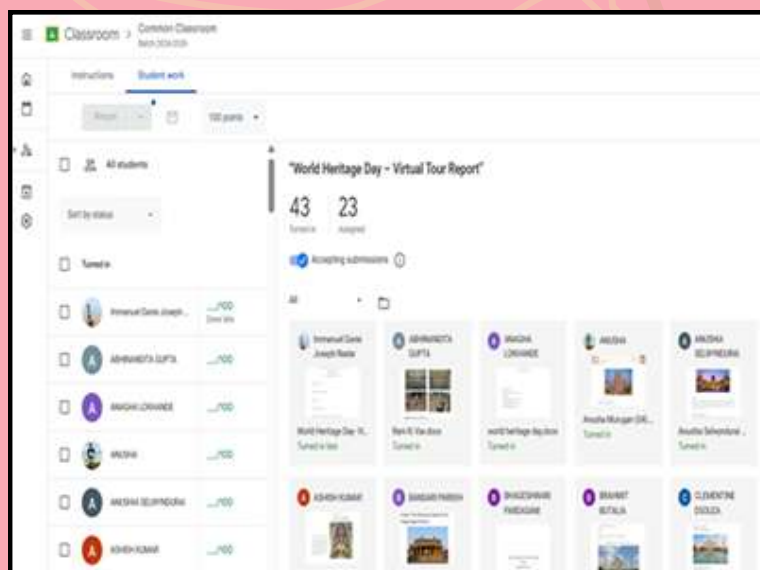
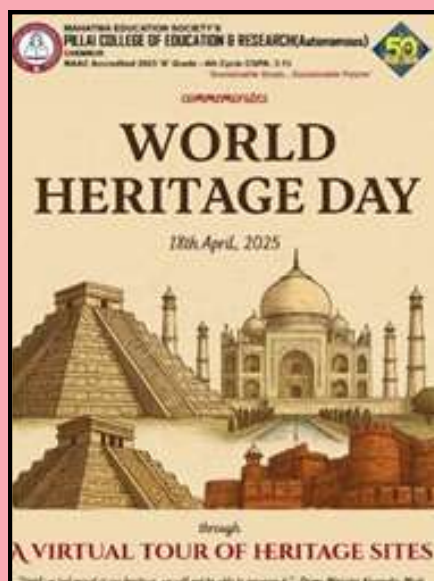


KHAS

K - World Heritage Day



On the occasion of World Heritage Day 2025, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, organized a Virtual Heritage Tour for F.Y.B.Ed students to celebrate global cultural and historical heritage. Students explored various heritage sites from India and around the world using platforms like Google Arts & Culture, UNESCO World Heritage Centre, and AirPano. Each student selected one site and submitted a report including its image, location, origin, significance, and a personal reflection on their experience.





H - World Earth Day



As part of Earth Day celebrations, Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, organized the Eco-Art: Trash to Treasure Challenge, encouraging students to creatively repurpose waste materials into useful or decorative items. Participants crafted innovative products using recyclable materials such as plastic bottles, newspapers, cardboard, and cloth scraps. The activity aimed to promote sustainability and environmental awareness through hands-on creativity. Students shared photos of their final creations, and some even submitted engaging time-lapse videos showcasing their process. The event successfully highlighted how art and environmental consciousness can go hand in hand in building a greener future. Let's continue to cherish and protect our one and only Earth - not just on Earth Day, but every day.



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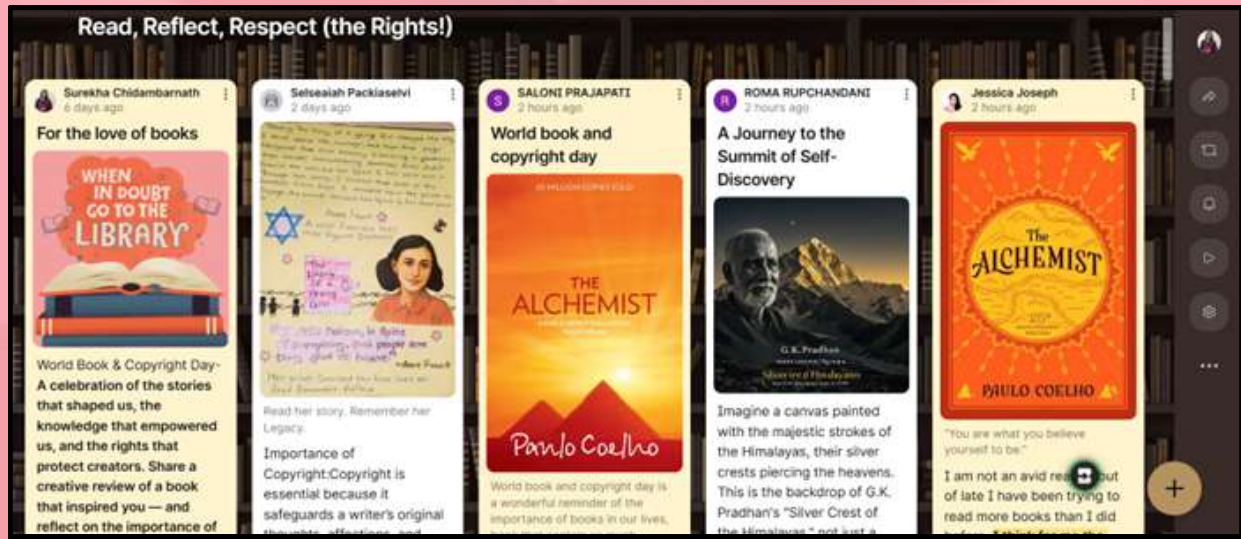




A - World Book and Copyright Day



MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, celebrated World Book and Copyright Day with an engaging Padlet activity titled "Read, Reflect, Respect (the Rights!)". B.Ed and BBA students participated by sharing creative book reviews in the form of text, videos, and posters. Each post reflected on how the chosen book impacted them personally, while also highlighting the importance of copyright in protecting authors' intellectual rights. The activity fostered a love for reading and awareness of literary ethics, making it a meaningful celebration of both creativity and responsibility.



S - English Language Day



English Language day was celebrated on 23rd April highlighting the topic 'Techniques of Teaching and Assessing Vocabulary'. The students played Vocabulary building games on the 22nd and 23rd of April where they engaged with vocabulary games like Taboo and Scrabble. Taboo is a guessing game where one uses words to get team members guess a word on the game cards. It builds speaking and comprehension skills. Scrabble involved word building. Most of the students were newly introduced to the games, but picked up quickly and enjoyed as they played in teams.



STUDENTS CORNER



Anusha Murugan
Batch 2024-2026
Roll no: 04

THE BLOOMING GIRL

May your smile bloom like jasmine fair,
Its fragrance spreading everywhere.
To grace the world with gentle cheer,
And fill each heart with love sincere.

Your dreams take flight like eagle's wing,
With lion's stride, you rise and sing.
Soft flowers bloom beneath your feet,
As hopes and wishes soar complete.

A girl so bold, yet kind and sweet,
The world stands still when you compete.
Your strength and grace, a guiding light,
A beacon shining through the night.

Your voice, a song so pure, so free,
A melody of destiny.
Your heart so strong, your soul so deep,
Like roots that make the mountains steep.

Your dreams bloom high like skies so wide,
With stars that shine and never hide.
Your steps take root and firmly stay,
Like growing trees along the way.

A girl so bright, with courage rare,
With love and strength beyond compare.
With every step, you shape your fate,
And prove the world – it's never too late.

- Anusha Murugan





ALUMNI CORNER



Ms. Shreya Sanal
Batch 2021-2023



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