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'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'



HORIZON

Principal's Message

BRIGHT
BEGINNINGS



DR. RENI FRANCIS

As we enter the thoughtful month of August, we find ourselves at a pivotal point in the academic year—a time for deeper engagement, greater focus, and renewed commitment to the ideals that define us as educators. This is the month to move beyond routine and reconnect with our larger purpose in education: to become changemakers, value-builders, and visionaries who nurture society through the classroom.

Teaching is no longer confined to textbooks and chalkboards. In today's dynamic world, educators are facilitators, mentors, innovators, and most importantly, leaders of transformation. The choices we make inside and outside the classroom ripple outwards—shaping attitudes, influencing behaviour, and modelling the kind of society we hope to live in.

At Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, we take pride in preparing educators who not only master the science of teaching but also embody the art of leading with integrity, empathy, and vision. Whether it is inclusive lesson planning, community outreach, digital pedagogy, or field engagement—every experience you are currently part of is shaping your leadership potential.

August, with its sense of transition and intensity, is the perfect time to evaluate your own values as a future teacher. What do you stand for? How do you resolve conflict with compassion? How do you include every voice in your classroom? These are questions that extend far beyond the syllabus. They are at the core of ethical teaching practice.

As we continue our journey together, remember: it's not only what you teach that matters, but how you lead, how you relate, and how you serve. The impact you make may not always be visible immediately, but its effect is lasting—etched in the minds and lives of learners.

I look forward to seeing each of you grow into educators who are not only professionally equipped but ethically rooted and socially aware.

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Guru Purnima — A Day Rooted in Gratitude and Growth

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India celebrated Guru Purnima on 10th July this year. In Indian tradition, the guru, a teacher, guide, or mentor, is revered not merely as an instructor but as a divine force who lights the path toward knowledge, wisdom, and transformation.

The meaning and observance of Guru Purnima vary across religions, reflecting the richness of India's spiritual landscape. In Hinduism, it commemorates Sage Vyasa, the legendary compiler of the Vedas and the author of the Mahabharata. In the yogic tradition, the day marks the moment Lord Shiva, as Adi Yogi, became the first guru, imparting yogic wisdom to the Saptarishis. For Buddhists, it is the sacred day on which Gautama Buddha delivered his first sermon at Sarnath, setting the Wheel of Dharma in motion. In Jainism, it honours the day Lord Mahavira accepted his first disciple, Indrabhuti Gautama. Throughout different regions, saints such as Sant Dnyaneshwar, Kabir, and Ravidas are remembered for their teachings and their role in shaping collective consciousness.

But beyond these diverse and enriching traditions lies a deeper truth: Guru Purnima is not confined to any single religion or belief—it is a day rooted in reality.

So whom do we truly dedicate this day to? Every year, messages pour in for teachers who've made a difference. But this day is also for anyone who has stirred something within us, who arrived, perhaps unexpectedly, and shifted our direction. It could be a parent, a friend, a mentor, or even a stranger whose words or actions left a lasting mark. Guru Purnima is not merely about expressing gratitude through messages or rituals; it is about honouring the change they initiated in us by continuing to work on ourselves. It is about saying, "Because of you, I am better. I continue to strive. I will continue to grow."

It asks us to slow down, look within, and acknowledge the hands that lifted us, the voices that guided us, and the presence that believed in us when we needed it most. This day is a celebration of transformation, of self-improvement, of humility, and above all, of heartfelt gratitude. In recognising and living the lessons we've received, we don't just thank our gurus, we honour them in the most meaningful way possible.



Faculty Achievements



- Dr. Vithoba Sawant published a paper titled “Empowering Women in Education: Overcoming Challenges and Building the Future” in Vidyawarta, a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary, multilingual, refereed international journal with an impact factor of 9.45 (IIJIF) ISSN 23199318.
- Dr. Vithoba Sawant completed his MBA in Human Resource Management with 70.27% from YCMOU.
- Ms. Achala Bhor, Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath and Ms. Athira S R represented the college at the Launch and Inaugural Event of the SIES One India One People (OIOP) Foundation held on Friday, 25th July 2025 at Sri Shanmukhananda Fine Arts and Sangeetha Sabha's – Lion Dr. Ashok Mehta Auditorium.



Semester II Internship

F.Y.B.Ed students completed their Semester II internships from 23rd June to 11th July at SIES, Chembur Karnataka, Chembur English High School, Chembur English Junior College, St. Anthony's and OLPS. The students reported that all schools supported them well and they had memorable and vital learning experiences as it is their first exposure to being teachers in the school system.



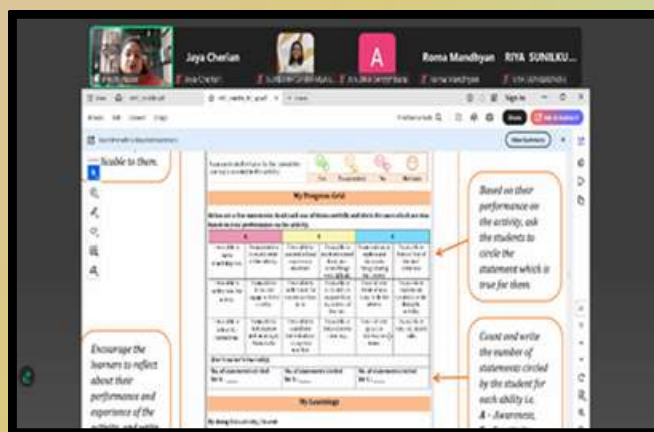


VIKAS Capacity Building Sessions

V - Alumni Enrichment Session

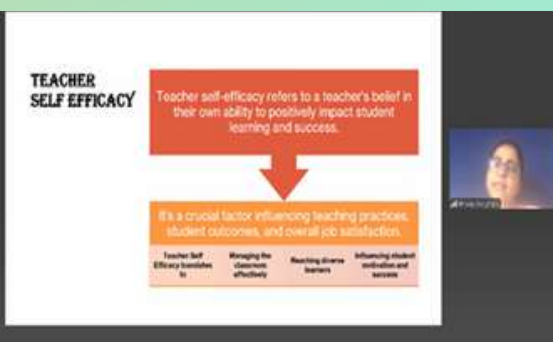


On 16th July 2025, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research organized an insightful session under the Alumni Learning QEST series on the Holistic Progress Card (HPC). The session was conducted by PCER Alumna, Ms. Preeti Pawar, Head Mistress, Chembur English High School and Junior College. It aimed to provide a clear understanding of the concept, structure, and implementation of the HPC as per the guidelines of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Ms. Pawar highlighted the key features of the Holistic Progress Card and elaborated on the changing role of teachers in the new educational framework. The session aimed to familiarize future educators with the holistic method of assessing students, which includes cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development.



Expert Talk

PCER Chembur organised a session 17th July 2025 under the VIKAS series. The resource person was Dr. Resmy Varghese, Principal, Mahatma Junior College of Education. The topic for the session was on Values and Development of Teacher Self Efficacy in the Background of the Indian Knowledge System. Dr. Resmy oriented the participants regarding the concept of self-efficacy and the importance of building self-efficacy as teachers. She emphasized the impact of teacher self-efficacy on students and how values build self-efficacy. The resource person highlighted the link between self-efficacy, values and connected them with the Indian Knowledge system. She elaborated on how these values within IKS context builds the self-efficacy of a person and provided the sources for developing these values in a teacher and strategies for the education system. The session was very informative and interactive and enriched the student's perspectives on value based educational transactions.



I- World Population Day



On 7th July 2025, PCER student-teachers celebrated World Population Day in their practice teaching schools through a letter writing activity to raise awareness about global population issues. Students wrote formal letters to local authorities on themes like Family Planning, Gender Equality, and Poverty, with a focus on promoting civic responsibility. The day was marked with PowerPoint presentations and a quiz competition on population-related topics. These activities enhanced students' research, presentation, and critical thinking skills while encouraging awareness about sustainable development and responsible citizenship.

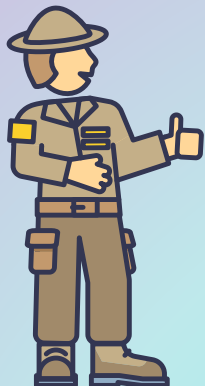


World Nature Conservation Day and International Tiger Day



To mark World Nature Conservation Day and International Tiger Day, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organized an E-Poster Making Competition on 28th and 29th July 2025. The event aimed to raise awareness about biodiversity conservation and the importance of protecting endangered species like tigers. Participants creatively expressed environmental concerns through digital posters carrying powerful messages and visuals. The competition encouraged students to think critically about ecological issues and sustainable practices. It served as a platform to nurture environmental responsibility and artistic expression among future educators.





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WINNERS OF E-POSTER MAKING COMPETITION ORGANISED ON THE OCCASION OF

WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY AND INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY 28TH AND 29TH JULY, 2025



Preet kaur Saini - First place



Tressa George - Second place



Falak Naaz Ansari - Third place



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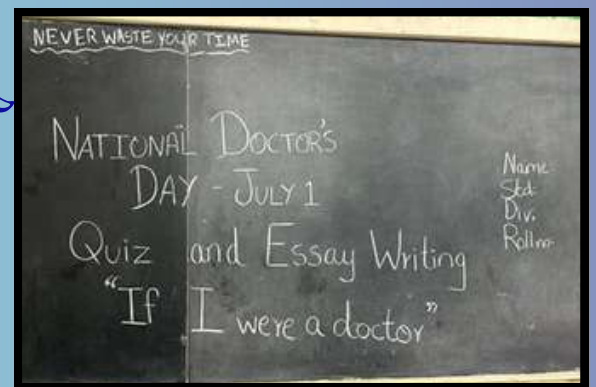
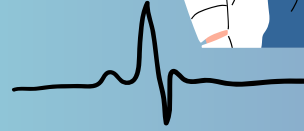
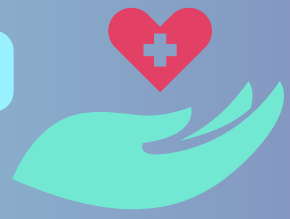


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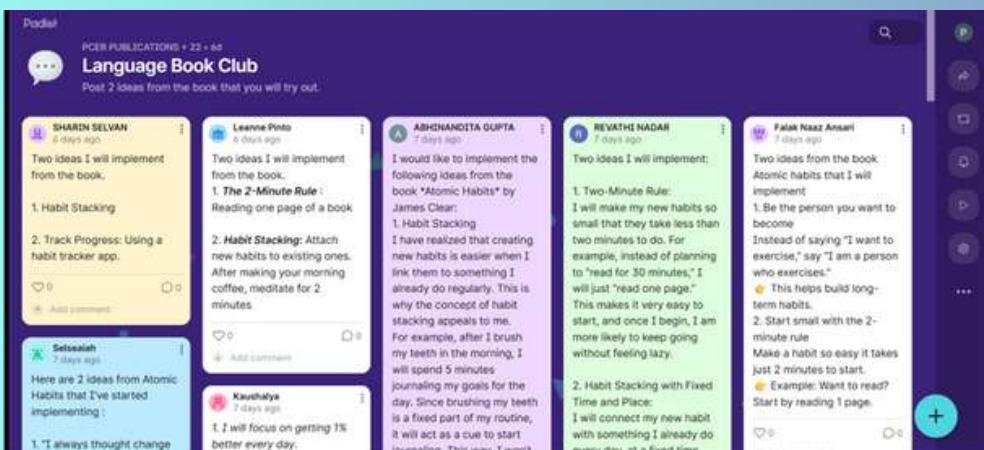
K-National Doctor's Day

PCER, Chembur, student-teachers organized a special session in their practice teaching schools to celebrate National Doctors' Day observed on 1st July. Activities included an essay writing competition and a general awareness quiz. Students reflected on the vital role of doctors, expressed gratitude, and explored values like empathy and dedication. The quiz covered topics such as the history of Doctors' Day, famous Indian doctors, and health facts. The session was engaging and informative, enhancing students' awareness, critical thinking, and writing skills.



Language Club Activity – Audiobook 'Atomic Habits' & Padlet Reflection

As part of the July Language Club Activity, students listened to the audio book, 'Atomic Habits' by James Clear. Based on their current level of proficiency students were provided with two options, the book summary in an Indian English accent for the beginner level and the full audiobook for the more advanced group. Students listened to the audiobook and posted two ideas they will implement from the book on the padlet link.





A- Paper Bag Making

To mark Paper Bag Day, workshops were conducted at SIES High School (Grades 6–8) and Chembur English High School (Grade 7) on July 11–12, 2025. Students created reusable paper bags using recycled newspapers and materials, promoting sustainability and reducing plastic use. Each session began with a discussion on the harmful effects of single-use plastic and the importance of eco-friendly alternatives. Learners decorated their bags with slogans and artwork, reinforcing the values of “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.” The hands-on activity fostered environmental responsibility, creativity, and awareness of sustainable living.



SDG 2 – Zero Hunger Initiative

"One Meal, Many Smiles: Feed a Need, Seed a Change"

As part of the commitment towards Sustainable Development Goal 2 – Zero Hunger, students took the initiative to provide nutritious home-cooked meals to the underprivileged. Packets of breakfast, lunch or dinner were thoughtfully prepared and distributed within their local communities. This act of kindness not only helped address hunger but also spread awareness on food equity and compassion. Through this initiative, students experienced the joy of giving and realized how even small efforts can make a meaningful difference.



S- Cine Outing – Movie: Sitaare Zameen Par

On 15th July 2025, First-Year BBA students of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur attended a special screening of Sitaare Zameen Par at K Star Mall, Chembur. The film highlighted themes of neurodiversity, empathy, inclusion, and personal growth through the story of a coach mentoring neurodivergent youth. This cine-outing aimed to enhance emotional intelligence, promote reflection on inclusive practices, and provide meaningful learning beyond the classroom. Students were deeply moved and shared reflections on embracing diversity and understanding learning challenges. The experience fostered empathy and reinforced the importance of recognizing and supporting every individual's unique potential.



Sitaare Zameen Par Review

Anushia Selwyndural
4 hours ago

Sitaare Zameen Par was a deeply moving film that opened my eyes to the silent struggles many children face when they feel unseen or misunderstood. What touched me most was the way the teacher finally connected with the child not through correction, but through compassion. The film reminded me that every child is unique, and their worth can't be measured only by marks. I felt emotional, inspired, and determined to be the kind of educator who nurtures potential with patience and understanding. This movie isn't just a story, it's a call to truly see the stars on Earth.

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ANUSHA
4 hours ago

"Sitaare Zameen Par" really touched my heart. When the children played basketball, I saw it was not just a game but a way to show their courage. I felt happy seeing how they helped each other and never gave up. Aamir Khan's change from thinking they were 'different' to seeing them as real champions made me think about how we should treat people. The movie taught me that real strength is not about being perfect—it is about trying your best and shining in your own way. 🌟

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Immanuel Danie Joseph Nadar
4 days ago

'Sitaare Zameen Par' Takeaways

Understanding children is one of the most important thing for parents, teachers and society. This movie watching experience showed me that the society needs to learn on how to treat children? It introduced me with the concept of 'down syndrome' and the ways to cater to the needs of theirs. The audience in the theatre room were showing their grief when the characters from the movie who were specially-abled failed. They were happy when the characters were happy. This gives me a hope that the Indian society is being open to all.

Everyone deserves a happy life. So do children with any special care needs.

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Selseelah ✨
5 days ago

"A movie that opened my heart"

📺 Sitaare Zameen Par – After watching the movie, one quote echoed in my mind: "Don't judge a book by its cover." This film is the perfect example of that—it doesn't just say it, it means it.

What moved me most was the innocence, honesty, and hidden brilliance of the children. I never saw them as "disabled" or they have down syndrome they felt more alive, pure, and emotionally intelligent than many of us. One dialogue that stayed with me was they don't know how to hurt others, and they don't keep anything in their hearts if someone hurts them. That level of forgiveness is something we all need to learn from. A scene that truly impacted me was during the football match. The coach said, "Looks like the opposing team is really weak... let's thrash them!" but Golu gently replied, "No, coach." When coach asked why,

National Podcast Screening – Celebrating Failures

On 22nd July 2025, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, organized a national podcast screening on the theme Celebrating Failures. The screening featured motivational stories of individuals who turned their setbacks into stepping stones for success. The event aimed to normalize failure as part of the learning journey and inspire resilience, perseverance and self-belief among students. Student-teachers reflected on their personal challenges and shared how failure has shaped their growth. The session encouraged a positive mindset and reinforced the value of learning through failure.



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YOURSELF**



World Day for International Justice and Guru Purnima Assembly

Students of PCER, Chembur conducted a special assembly on the 12th of July to observe World Day of International Justice which falls on the 17th July, and Guru Purnima which was celebrated on 10th July, 2025. The students conducted an engaging quiz on Kahoot based on Guru Purnima. All participants enjoyed the experience and it was a memorable morning.



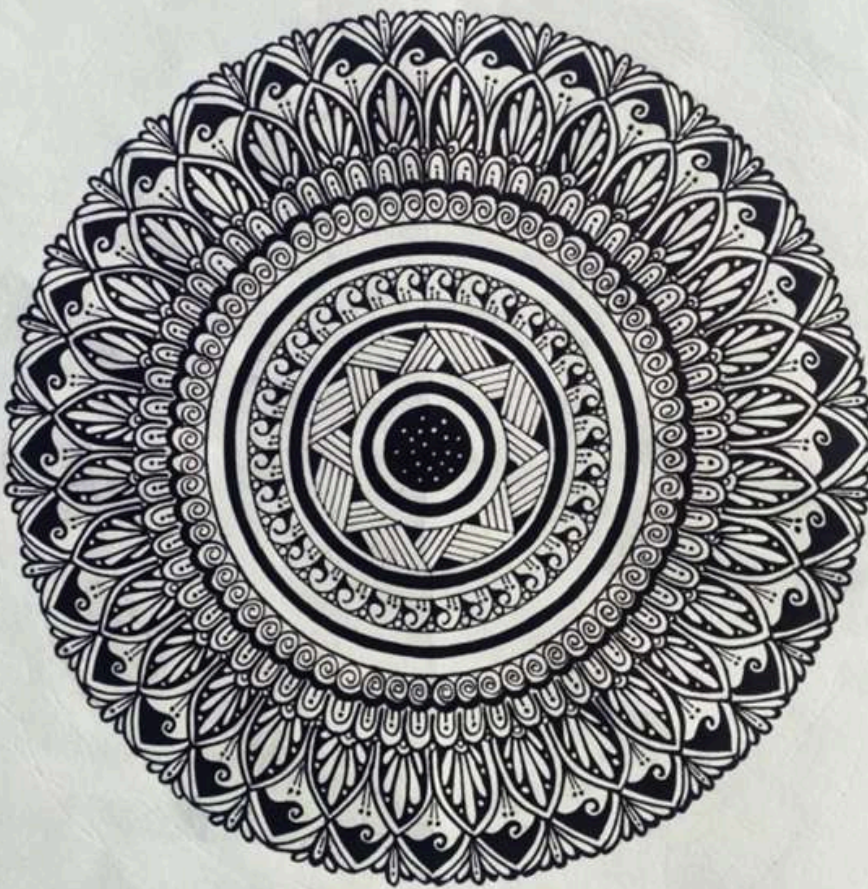
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