



MAHATMA EDUCATION SOCIETY'S  
**PILLAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & RESEARCH(Autonomous)**  
CHEMBUR  
NAAC Accredited 2023 'A' Grade - 4th Cycle CGPA: 3.13

*'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'*



## HORIZON

### Principal's Message



**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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## EDITORIAL



**DR, VITHOBA SAWANT**

**Asst. Professor**

The learning skills are just as important as learning their subject knowledge. Skills include communication, leadership, empathy, adaptability, problem-solving, and teamwork. These qualities make teachers more effective and successful in their profession.

Good communication helps teachers explain lessons in a simple way and also build trust with students, parents, and colleagues. Leadership and classroom management skills allow teachers to maintain discipline and create a positive environment where students feel safe and encouraged to learn. Empathy and emotional understanding are very important because they help teachers connect with students, understand their problems, and motivate them to do better.

In today's fast-changing world, adaptability and creativity are essential. They allow teachers to use new teaching methods, technology, and ideas to make learning more fun and interesting. Teamwork and collaboration are also important since teachers often work with other teachers and parents for the overall growth of children.

By developing strong skills, future teachers can face challenges confidently, inspire students, and become true role models who help build responsible citizens.







# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



- **Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath** completed her **Google Certified Educator Level 1** certification.
- **Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath** completed an online course on **Positive Psychology** on **Coursera**.



## DLLE – First Term Training , Invited as Resource Person on 2nd August 2025



- **Dr. Vithoba Sawant** was invited as a resource person for the **Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE) First Term Training Programme** at **Bhavana Trust College** on **2nd August 2025**.
- **Dr. Vithoba Sawant** was invited as a resource person for a one-day workshop on **‘Research Methodology,’** organized by **Government College of Education, Panvel**, in collaboration with **Chembur Sarvankash Shikshanshastra Mahavidyalaya, Chembur**, on **10th August 2025**.

- **Ms. Diandra Pinto** attended the **MES Research Forum Seminar Series** held at **Panvel Campus** on **23rd August, 2025**. This is the first **MES Research Forum Seminar** after a five year hiatus on account of covid.



## SEMESTER III ORIENTATION



The Semester III Orientation was conducted on 2nd August, 2025 to introduce students to the new academic session. Dr. Jaya Cherian explained the theory courses of Semester III and guided students on the distribution of internal marks through assignments, class tests, and essay tests, as well as the pattern of final examination. She also briefed them about the internship program and the importance of co-curricular activities. The orientation helped students understand their responsibilities and motivated them to begin the semester with confidence and consistency.

## INTERNSHIP ORIENTATION - SEMESTER III



Orientation to the Semester III Internship was held on 2nd August, 2025. Students were given a detailed insight into what to expect during the 11 weeks of Semester III Internship. Details of teaching of ten macro lessons, two theme based lessons and three coteaching with school teachers were given. Overview of administration of unit test and analysis of results, a crucial component of semester III internship was provided.





# VIKAS SERIES

## V – VALUE DRIVEN

### FRIENDSHIP DAY



Punya tied a friendship band to traffic police officer. He assures our safety while travelling



Saloni tied a friendship band to chai wala uncle, his chai refreshes our mind



which we have for one another. Our college Caretaker; the ONE who takes care of us.



I tied a friendship band to the aunty at the stationery shop. She also makes delicious lassi that refreshes our mind and gives us energy.

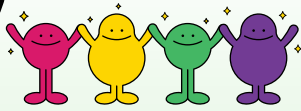


HAPPY  
Friendship  
DAY



To commemorate Friendship Day, celebrated on the first Sunday of August, 3rd August 2025, the students of PCER Chembur celebrated the occasion by extending their appreciation to individuals who are often overlooked yet play a vital role in their daily lives. They tied friendship bands to the watchman, housekeeping staff, house helps, chai wala, and snacks seller, expressing gratitude for their constant support and presence. The initiative not only spread love and warmth but also highlighted the importance of recognizing and valuing the contributions of these unsung heroes in the community.





## WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

On 20th and 22nd August 2025, PCER, Chembur celebrated World Humanitarian Day in practice teaching schools. The day began with an introduction by the teacher, highlighting the significance of the occasion. Students watched a short video on the importance of humanity, followed by a PowerPoint presentation where student-teachers spoke on themes such as compassion, kindness, and simple ways to practice humanity in daily life. To make the session more reflective, students participated in a writing activity, listing 5-10 daily actions to spread positivity in their homes, schools, and communities. Additionally, student-teachers conducted creative activities such as art with slogans, games, and sharing personal experiences of helping others. The celebration inspired students to embrace humanitarian values and contribute to building a more caring and inclusive environment.



## WORLD ORGAN DONATION DAY



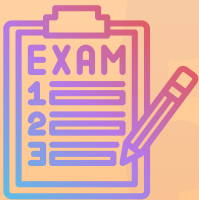
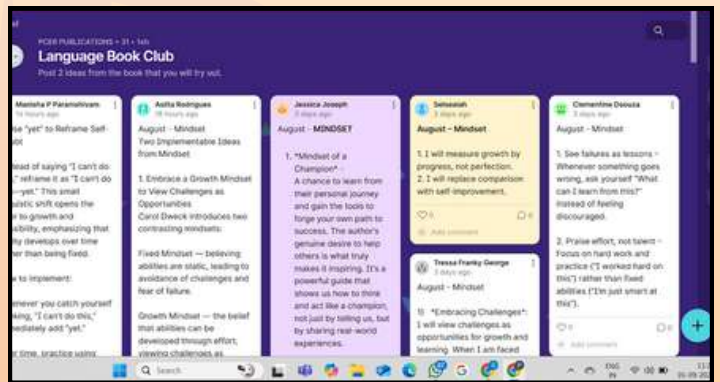
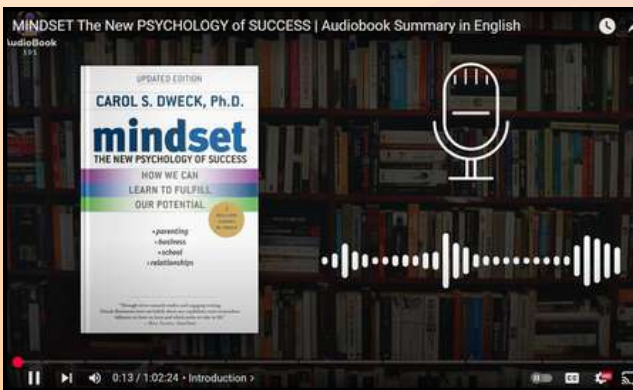
On 23rd August 2025, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, in collaboration with the Regional cum State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTTTO-SOTTO) and the Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC), organized a session to commemorate World Organ Donation Day with the aim of raising awareness about the life-saving significance of organ donation. Ms. Sujata Ashtekar, Consultant, IEC, ROTTTO-SOTTO, West and Maharashtra, was the guest speaker for the session, who delivered an insightful and inspiring presentation based on her extensive experience in the field of organ donation and transplantation. Overall, the session proved to be a meaningful and enriching experience, successfully highlighting the importance of organ donation as a true gift of life.



# I – INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY LANGUAGE CLUB



During the month of August students of PCER listened to the audiobook summary of **Mindset: The New Psychology of Success** by Carol S. Dweck. The book highlights how individuals with a growth mindset believe that their characteristics and abilities can be changed with effort, and over time, these people are more likely to adopt learning goals, choose challenging tasks, and employ adaptive strategies to improve their abilities. This is a crucial mindset for teachers so that they can help their future students fulfill their potential. Students posted their key takeaways from this book on the language club padlet.



## K- KNOWLEDGE EMPOWERMENT EVALUATION WORKSHOP



The faculty of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, organized an evaluation workshop for S.Y. B.Ed students from 12th to 14th September 2025. The workshop aimed to provide students with practical knowledge and skills in academic planning and evaluation. Ms. Achala Bhor guided the students on preparing a comprehensive year plan, while Ms. Surekha Chidambarnath highlighted the importance of aligning unit plans with learning objectives. Ms. Diandra Pinto conducted a session on creating Blueprints, focusing on cognitive levels and learning outcomes. Dr. Vithoba Sawant explained the preparation of unit test question papers and marking schemes, showing how to allocate marks based on difficulty level and weightage. The workshop gave students a clear understanding of year planning, unit planning, blueprint designing, and question paper setting, thereby equipping them with the necessary tools to become more systematic and effective teachers.





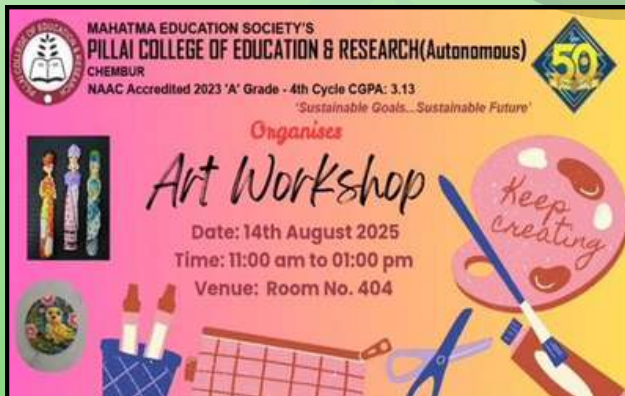


## A - ACTIVE LEARNING

### PIDILITE WORKSHOP



On 14th August 2025, PCER, Chembur organized an art workshop conducted by Mrs. Meenakshi Ambekar from Pidilite . The session focused on enhancing students' creativity and imagination through hands-on training. Mrs. Ambekar demonstrated dye and color techniques on handkerchief using three folding methods. Participants enthusiastically followed, tying handkerchiefs in different shapes with rubber bands and painting them in colors of their choice. The activity promoted confidence, teamwork, and creative expression, with the resource person providing constant support and guidance. In the end, students displayed their art pieces, explained their creative process, and appreciated each other's work. The workshop concluded with the student-teachers with valuable skills and a memorable learning experience.





# S- STUDENT CENTRIC APPROACH

## CELEBRATING FREEDOM AND FAITH THROUGH STUDENT EXPRESSIONS

The Independence Day and Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations held on 14th August 2025 at MES's Pillai College of Education and Research beautifully showcased student creativity, leadership and cultural pride. The traditional Lazim dance captured devotion and joy in honour of Lord Ganesha, while powerful role portrayals of Bhagat Singh, Rani Lakshmibai and Subhas Chandra Bose brought alive the courage and sacrifice of India's freedom struggle. These vibrant performances not only highlighted student talent but also deepened their understanding of heritage, responsibility, and unity. By weaving together culture and history, the celebration stood as a strong reminder that true learning is experienced when students actively engage with values that shape society.



## WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

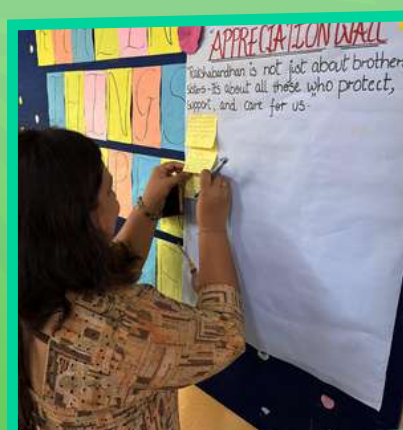
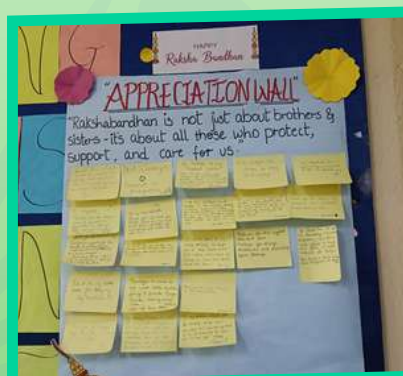


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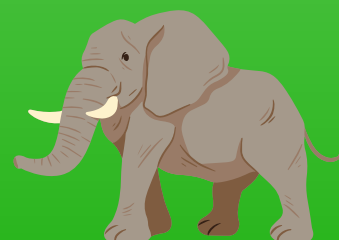




# JANMASHTMI, RAKSHA BANDHAN AND WORLD ELEPHANT DAY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



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# INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Independence Day celebration at MES Chembur Campus on 15th August 2025 was conducted with great enthusiasm under the theme “Honouring Freedom, Inspiring the Future.” The programme began with the flag hoisting by the Chief Guest, Mrs. Snehal Jadhav, followed by the National Anthem and an impressive NCC parade by Mahatma Night Degree College. Students from across the campus presented patriotic songs, dances and a musical skit that highlighted the spirit of sacrifice and unity. The event was smoothly anchored by Ritika Ochani and Ashish Kumar from S.Y. B.Ed, whose energy kept the audience engaged throughout. The vibrant celebration concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, leaving everyone inspired to uphold the values of freedom and responsibility



# NATIONAL SPORTS DAY

On the occasion of National Sports Day, PCER, Chembur organized a refreshing Indoor Games Event on 23rd August 2025. Students and teachers actively participated in games like badminton, carrom, chess, ludo, and an exciting chocolate-grabbing game, which added fun and enthusiasm to the celebration. The winners were Tanmay and Revathi (Badminton), Immanuel and Shabnam (Carrom), Immanuel and Preet (Chess), and Shabnam (Ludo). The event was not about certificates or prizes but about relaxation, bonding, and enjoyment, leaving everyone energized and creating lasting memories.





# VALUE ADDED COURSE ON LIFE SKILLS



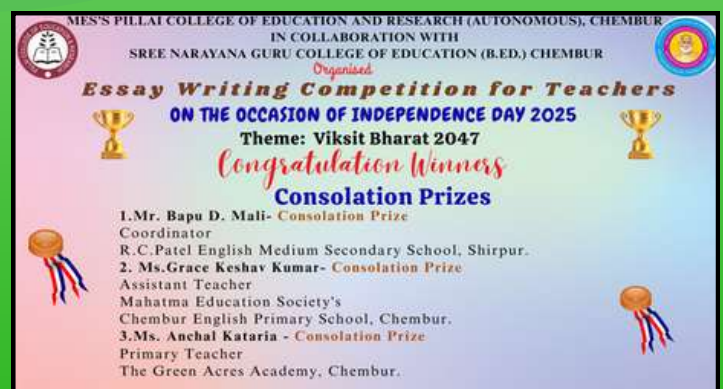
MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, organised a Value-Added Course on Life Skills for B.Ed students in August to help student-teachers understand the importance of life skills in both personal and professional life. A wide range of important topics such as Self-Awareness and Empathy, Leadership Skills, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Stress Management, Conflict Resolution and Negotiations, Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving, Decision-Making Skills, and Creative Thinking Skills were covered in this course. This course was conducted in online mode, with recorded video lectures uploaded in the Google classroom. The flexibility of accessing the sessions at their convenience made it easier for students to engage with the content. This course helped students to develop confidence, enhance teaching skills, and develop their professional growth and well-being.

## ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION FOR TEACHERS



On 15th August 2025, Pillai College of Education and Research (Autonomous), Chembur, in collaboration with Sree Narayana Guru College of Education (B.Ed.), Chembur, organized an online Essay Writing Competition for teachers on the theme "Viksit Bharat 2047."

A total of 65 participants, including principals, professors, teachers, and coordinators, enthusiastically shared their perspectives on India's vision for 2047. Essays were invited in English, Marathi, and Hindi, ensuring inclusivity and diverse viewpoints. Winners in each language category were awarded First, Second, Third, and Consolation prizes along with cash rewards. The event meaningfully celebrated Independence Day by inspiring educators to articulate their vision for a progressive and developed India.







# ALUMNI SESSIONS



PCER, Chembur organised Alumni enrichment sessions for the Second Year B. Ed students on 12th and 23rd August, 2025 . These sessions aimed to enhance the student teachers' preparations for their semester 3 internship by providing them with lesson demonstrations in different pedagogies by PCER alumni. Ms. Bibiana Baretto, Teacher, Chembur English High School conducted a lesson in English pedagogy on 12th August 2025 and Mr. Santosh Sutar, Lecturer, Sinhgad College of Commerce, took a lesson in Commerce on 23rd August 2025. Through the interactive lesson experiences the student teachers gained a deeper understanding of the appropriate methodology, resources and teaching activities to conduct effective lessons.





# ALUMNI CORNER



Ms. Bibiana Barretto  
Alumni, Batch 2023–2025  
English Teacher,  
Chembur English High School

## The Idea of Perfection.

Perfection isn't about being the best but rather doing the best you can.  
It's about having the willingness to learn .  
It's about having the willingness to grow

Perfection is not in the price  
Perfection is not in the medals  
Perfection is in the hard work that helps one move from season to season.

The ability to try.  
The power to not fear.  
The minute transformation  
Helps you grow.

Even stars require the night sky to shine.  
The Trees, proper sunlight and Soil.  
And humans, the right people at the right season, for the right reason.

Therefore one's idea of Perfection should be progression, cause Perfection  
lies in progression  
alone.





# STUDENT CORNER



## When Motherhood Met My Dreams: The Journey of B.Ed

I never imagined that one day I would step into the path of B.Ed. Life took me in a completely different direction. Being a mother, I spent two years just at home, watching over everything within the four walls. In that time, I somehow forgot what was happening outside the world. I didn't realize what was happening with me either—I was simply moving forward with the flow of life.

When I got my first job, my baby was just 10 months old. At that point, I didn't fully understand the importance of being a mother or how much my presence meant to my child. I was proud of the job, yet unaware of the silent sacrifices happening at home.

Everything changed the day my baby was hospitalized. For three long days, I stayed by his side without leaving for even a moment. No proper food, no sleep, no rest—just a mother's presence. And it was then I realized something very powerful: a mother's love and presence can heal more than any medicine in the world.

Those three days drained me completely. I lost myself emotionally, became depressed, and felt as though I had reached my lowest point. But at the same time, those moments opened my eyes to the strength hidden inside me.

I knew then that I had to take care of my child while also pursuing my career. I made a promise to myself—my career should never affect my child. With the guidance of my parents and well-wishers, I decided to step into B.Ed. I was never a self-initiated person, but this decision began to change me in ways I never expected.

Until college, I never participated in competitions. I always loved cultural activities, singing, and dancing, but something inside me—low confidence, fear, or lack of sportsmanship—always stopped me. Yet within just one year of my B.Ed journey, I have witnessed a drastic change in myself. I can finally see the new version of "me" that I longed for 12 years ago.

The little girl inside me is now super happy—jumping, screaming, and clapping as she watches me dance, sing, and build the confidence I once thought I never had.

This transformation was possible only because of the constant support of my family, friends, well-wishers, and most importantly, my beautiful teachers. Their motivation—whether direct or indirect—has left a deep impact on me since the very first day of college.

I will always remain grateful for this journey and wherever it leads me. My B.Ed is not just an academic path—it is a personal journey of rediscovering myself, balancing motherhood, and stepping into a stronger, more confident version of who I am meant to be.

If there is one message I would love to leave behind, it is this: never stop believing in yourself. No matter where you start, how many struggles you face, or how long you pause in life—there is always a chance to begin again. Don't let fear or low confidence hold you back. Step forward, try, and trust yourself.

Your journey might surprise you, just like mine did.

– Anusha Murugan



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