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'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'



HORIZON

Principal's Message



As we step into the vibrant month of September, marked by Teacher's Day celebrations, it is fitting to reflect on the evolving role of teachers in today's AI-driven world. Technology has transformed classrooms into dynamic learning spaces, yet the heart of education remains unchanged—the teacher who inspires, guides, and nurtures.

In the age of Artificial Intelligence, teachers are not replaced but redefined. Their role extends beyond delivering knowledge to becoming facilitators of critical thinking, mentors of values, and architects of creativity. While AI can provide information at lightning speed, it is the teacher who cultivates empathy, resilience, and wisdom in learners—qualities no machine can replicate.

At PCER, Chembur, we continue to strengthen our commitment to preparing future educators who can balance intelligence with integrity and technology with touch. Together, let us embrace AI not as a challenge, but as an ally, to enrich the horizons of our learners.

To remember the essential teacher's role in an AI world, let's hold on to the mnemonic G.U.I.D.E.

G – Generate curiosity in learners

U – Uphold human values

I – Inspire innovation and imagination

D – Direct learning with wisdom

E – Empower through empathy

This highlights teachers as the guiding force who balance technology with the human touch.

May every teacher continue to shine as a guiding light in this ever-changing landscape of learning.

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EDITORIAL

**LEARNING
NEVER
ENDS**



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Learning is a continuous journey where we discover new things, let go of what no longer works, and then learn again in new ways. When we think of learning, we often imagine it as something exciting and joyful. However, un-learning is just as important as learning. It means leaving behind old practices and beliefs so that we can make space for growth. Re-learning then helps us build fresh perspectives to match the needs of a changing world.

For teachers, this process of learning, un-learning, and re-learning becomes truly meaningful when it is supported by reflection. Reflection allows us to turn simple classroom experiences into valuable lessons for life.

Along with reflection, working together is also an important part of learning. We learn better when we share ideas and interact with others instead of studying alone. In the B.Ed course, activities like group projects, peer teaching, and discussions help student-teachers practice teamwork, see different viewpoints, and improve their communication skills.

B.Ed journey, therefore, is much more than just completing assignments and practice lessons. It is about developing professional values, communication skills, and a deeper sense of responsibility. Seminars, workshops, and community engagement activities play a big role in shaping teacher identities. Each experience becomes a stepping stone that helps student-teachers discover their strengths and refine their teaching style.

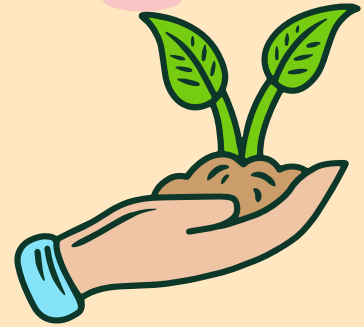
Moreover, practice teaching, classroom learning, seminars, and community work are not just academic requirements but powerful experiences that prepare future educators for the real world. What truly matters is how wisely students use these opportunities to grow into responsible, compassionate professionals.

In addition, the values and attitudes developed during this journey become lifelong companions. Qualities such as patience, empathy, and resilience are not learned from textbooks but through experiences during training. Equally important is the awareness of social responsibility. Through community outreach, extension activities, and interaction with diverse groups, student-teachers learn the importance of inclusivity, equality, and service. These experiences prepare them to guide future generations with both knowledge and values.

Thus, whether it comes through reflection, collaboration, or the call to social responsibility, teacher training becomes a journey of growth and transformation. The cycle of learning, unlearning, and relearning is therefore not limited to classrooms but represents an essential process of life.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Vithoba Sawant participated in the Online Two-Day International Conference on 'Environmental Management for Leveraging SDGs and Sustainable Development', conducted by H.J. College of Education on 11th and 12th September 2025.



TEACHING AIDS WORKSHOP

On 3rd September 2025, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research organized a creative Teaching Aids Workshop, facilitated by Pradeep Sir under the Agastya Volunteer Program. He emphasized the importance of interactive and student-centered teaching through simple and effective aids. The activities included arranging skeleton cut-outs with different body parts and preparing subject-based teaching aids related to Science, Language, History, and Geography. Students also created a pyramid and a paper cap, which enhanced creativity, subject knowledge, and collaboration. The workshop highlighted how teaching aids simplify complex concepts and sustain interest. Students expressed gratitude to Pradeep Sir for the enriching and practical session.



FRESHERS DAY

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- o Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, celebrated Freshers' Day for the Batch of 2025 B.Ed and BBA students on September 30, 2025, with great zeal. The programme began with a prayer, thought for the day, and a college video, followed by a warm welcome address by Dr. Reni Francis. The event was graced by the inspiring words of Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai, Chairman & CEO, MES and Mr. G. T. Ochani, Deputy CEO, Chembur Campus. A special SDG presentation and a talk on the significance of Navratri enriched the programme. Students showcased their talents through dance performances and fun games, filling the atmosphere with joy. The celebration concluded with a vibrant Dandiya, leaving freshers with cherished memories and a warm welcome into the PCER family.





WORLD FOOD DAY AND ERADICATION OF POVERTY FISTFUL OF GRAINS



On 25th October 2025, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research (Autonomous), Chembur, in collaboration with Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur (SIBC), organized the community initiative 'Fistful of Grains' to mark World Food Day and the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Students, faculty, and well-wishers donated rice, sugar, and dals, collecting nearly 100 kilograms of grains. These were distributed to over 100 underprivileged families around Chembur. The initiative fostered empathy, teamwork, and social responsibility, highlighting the power of sharing for a hunger-free society.

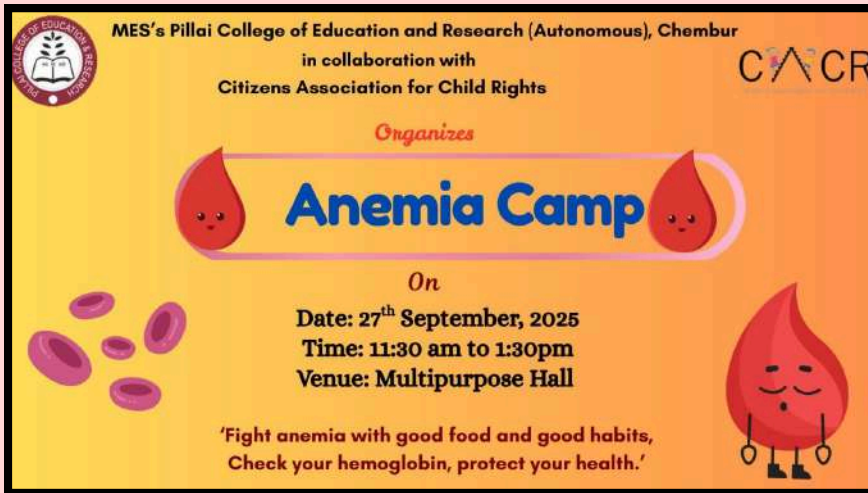
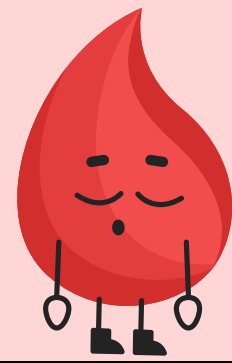


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ANEMIA CAMP



On 27th September 2025, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research (Autonomous), Chembur, in collaboration with the Citizens Association for Child Rights (CACR), organized an Anemia Camp at the college Multipurpose Hall. Conducted from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, the camp aimed to spread awareness about anemia, check hemoglobin levels, and guide participants toward healthier lifestyles under the slogan, "Fight anemia with good food and good habits, check your hemoglobin, protect your health." Two doctors conducted blood tests, provided medical advice, and distributed iron supplements and remedies. Students, staff, and parents actively 132 participated, making the event informative, preventive, and community-focused. The camp successfully combined health awareness, diagnosis, and guidance, reinforcing PCER's commitment to holistic development and societal well-being.



VIKAS SERIES

V – Value Driven

TEACHERS DAY



- The Pillai HOCL Campus, Rasayani, hosted a grand Teachers' Day and Onam celebration on September 5, 2025, bringing together faculty and heads from all MES institutions. The event was graced by Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai, Dr. Daphne Pillai, and Dr. Priam Pillai, who addressed the gathering, appreciating the dedication of teachers. Awards were presented to Ph.D. holders, recognizing their academic achievements. The cultural segment featured dance performances by all MES institutions, with PCER Chembur Campus presenting a vibrant tribute to R. D. Burman. The celebrations concluded with a grand Onam Sadhya, enjoyed by all, symbolizing unity, festivity, and camaraderie. The event was a memorable blend of honor, culture, and joyous celebration.



Onam & Eid Celebration

On September 9, 2025, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, celebrated Onam, Eid, and Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm in the multi-purpose hall. The event began with a prayer, thought for the day, and an SDG presentation on equality and education. Students showcased the significance of each festival through songs, speeches, and performances, including a Naath for Eid and an Onam dance featuring King Mahabali. Fun games like guessing Bollywood songs and tug of war added excitement and laughter. Principal Dr. Reni Francis addressed the gathering, inspiring students to uphold cultural and educational values, making the celebration a memorable blend of devotion, joy, and learning.



I – Innovative Pedagogy

Alumni Expert Session



The Alumni Enrichment Session was held on 23rd September 2025 at MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, with Ms. Suman Ananthanarayan, Assistant Professor at Sree Narayana Guru College of Education, as the resource person. Speaking on the theme "Correlation of School Subjects," she emphasized the importance of integrating knowledge across disciplines for holistic learning, quoting educational thinkers to highlight the value of an interdisciplinary approach. Through interactive discussions and practical examples from science, mathematics, language, and social sciences, the session enriched alumni and teacher trainees with strategies to foster critical thinking and make teaching more meaningful, thereby promoting sustainable educational practices.



World Ozone Day



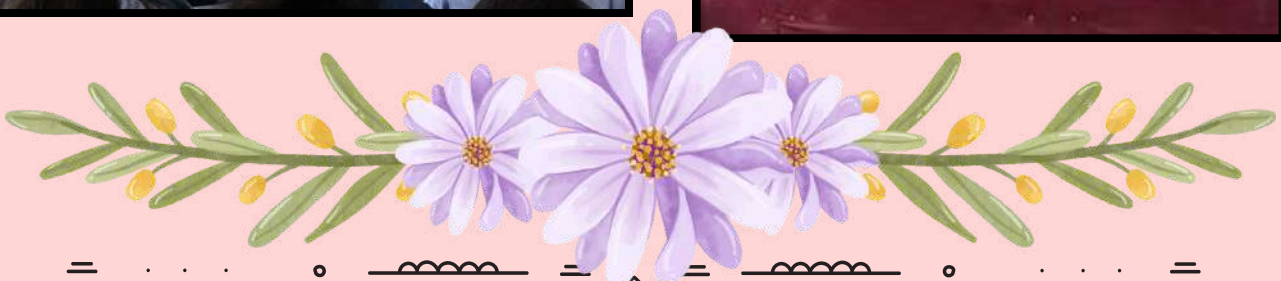
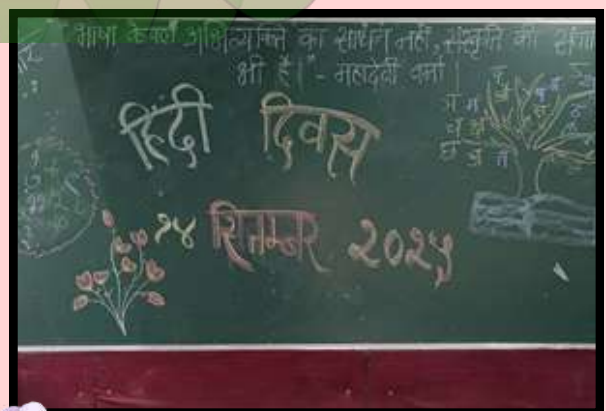
On the occasion of World Ozone Day, observed on September 16th, students conducted a series of engaging activities to spread awareness about the importance of the ozone layer and the need to protect it at their internship schools. These sessions conducted during the second week of September included interactive explanations on ozone depletion, its causes, and preventive measures, supported by creative tools such as powerpoint presentations, videos, quizzes, and classroom discussions. Students actively participated by answering questions, sharing ideas, taking pledges, and even decorating boards with slogans and drawings, making the learning process both fun and meaningful. All these activities helped promote awareness and encourage students to follow eco-friendly habits and safeguard the environment.

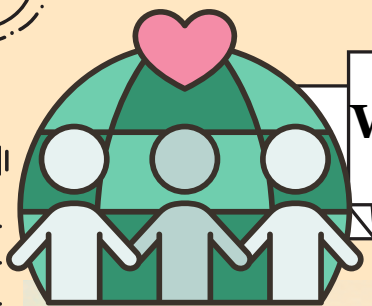


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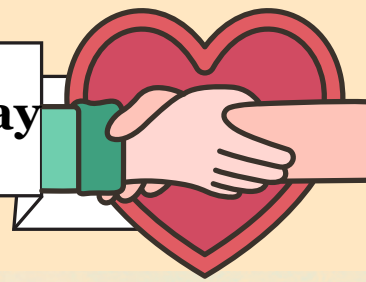
Hindi Diwas

On 16th September 2025, MES's Pillai College of Education and Research celebrated Hindi Divas with enthusiasm. In practice teaching schools, students marked the day with a Hindi poem recitation competition, spreading awareness about the beauty of the language. At the college, the program highlighted the importance of Hindi Divas and shared valuable information about renowned Hindi authors and poets, enriching students' knowledge and appreciation for literature. To add liveliness, a fun-filled Hindi tongue twister game was organized, which brought smiles and laughter to all. Students actively participated in both activities and enjoyed the celebration wholeheartedly. The events successfully inspired pride in the national language and emphasized its cultural and literary significance.

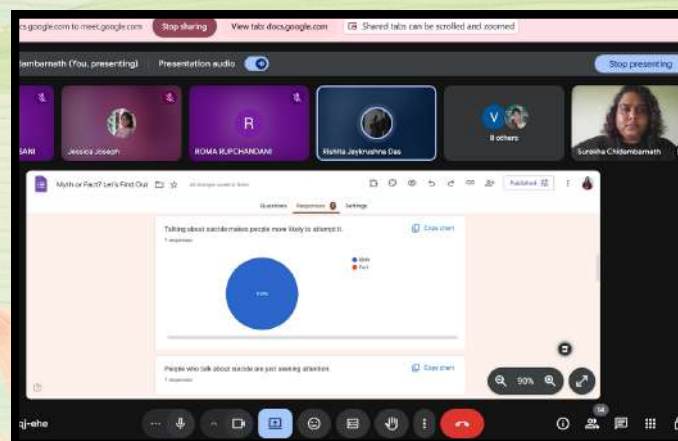
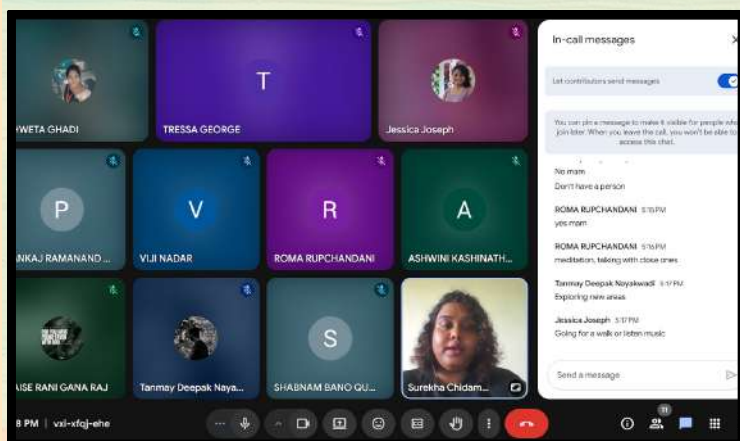
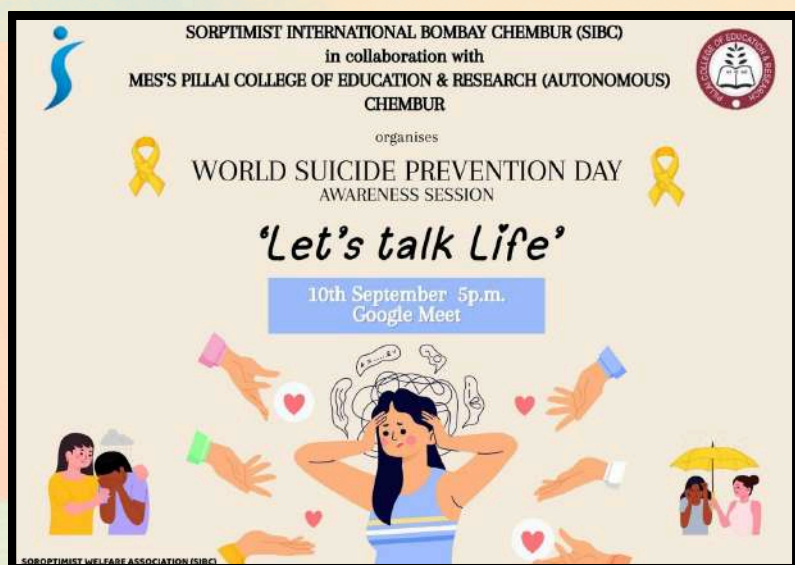




World Suicide Prevention Day



An online awareness session titled “Let’s Talk Life” was organized on 10th September 2025 by MES’s Pillai College of Education & Research, Chembur, and Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur (SIBC), to mark World Suicide Prevention Day. The session encouraged open conversations on mental health and suicide prevention through empathy, active listening, and hope. Students learned about the QPR approach—Question, Persuade, Refer—and the importance of breaking stigma through dialogue. The interactive session inspired participants to be compassionate “gatekeepers of hope” in their communities.





International Day of Peace



International Peace Day was observed on 21st September 2025 in all practice teaching schools to spread the message of harmony and kindness. Through stories, drawings, poems, and interactive sessions, student teachers promoted the value of peace in daily life. Creative visuals and discussions inspired empathy, respect, and cooperation. Each activity encouraged students to become messengers of peace in their communities. The celebrations beautifully reflected that peace begins with small acts of understanding and compassion.

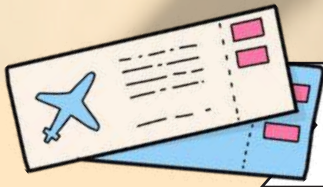


A – Active Learning



International Translation Day

To observe International Translation Day celebrated on 30th September, the student of PCER took a stab at some translation. They translated folk tales from different languages including their mother tongue as well as any foreign language they found interesting enough to explore. Leveraging technology as well as their own language skills students translated popular folk tales from around the world and posted the same on padlet.



World Tourism Day

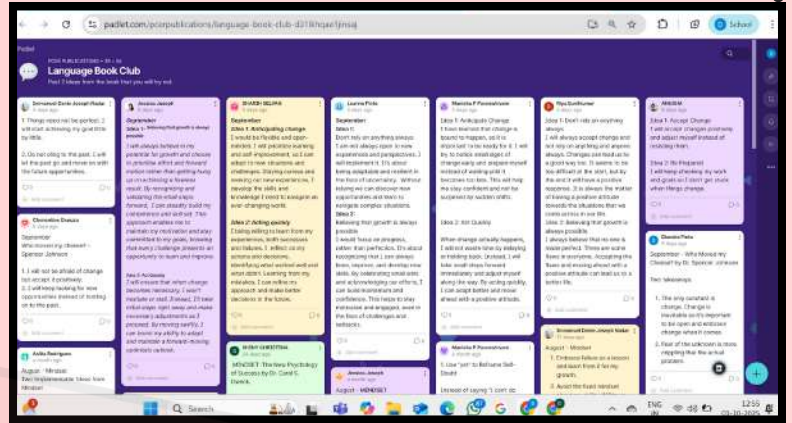
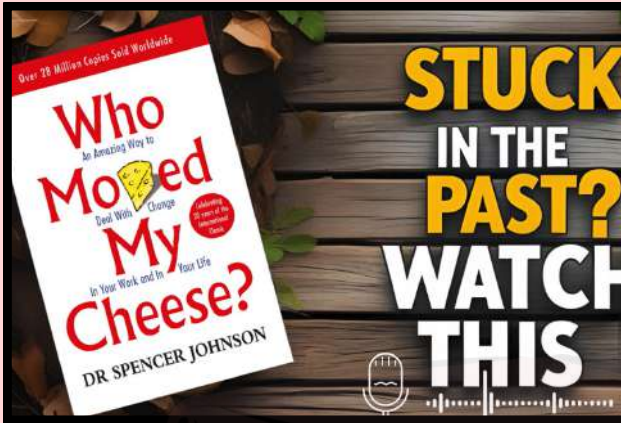
On 26th September 2025, PCER (Autonomous), Chembur students celebrated World Tourism Day with enthusiasm during their practice teaching sessions. The event aimed to raise awareness about tourism's role in connecting cultures and promoting global unity. The celebration included a lively song performance showcasing diverse countries, an informative PowerPoint presentation on tourism's significance, and an engaging quiz competition. Students participated actively, making the event both educational and enjoyable. The celebration successfully highlighted the importance of tourism in fostering cultural understanding and unity in diversity.



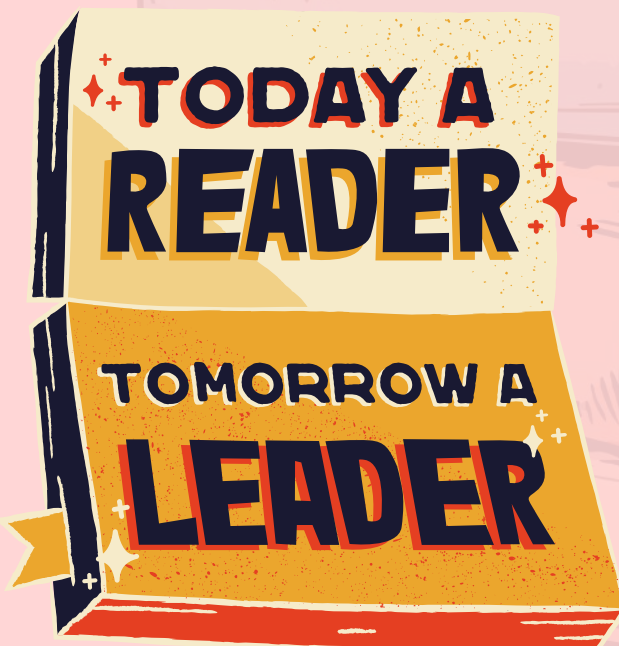
S – Student Centric Approach



Language Club Activity



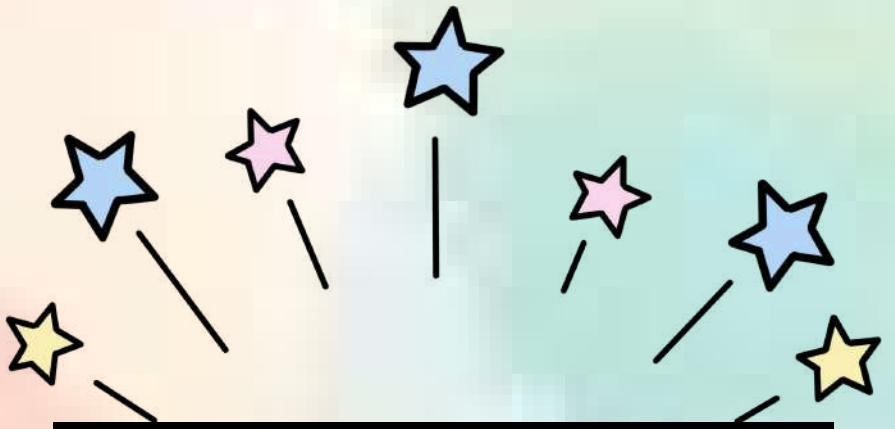
As part of September language club activity, students listened to the audiobook 'Who Moved my Cheese' by Dr. Spencer Johnson. This book is a motivational fable about four characters—two mice and two little people—who live in a maze and search for cheese, which represents success, happiness, or goals in life. When the cheese runs out, the mice quickly adapt and move on, while the little people struggle with fear and resistance to change. The story teaches that adapting positively to change leads to growth, while clinging to the past holds you back. PCER students posted their key takeaways from the audiobook on a padlet.



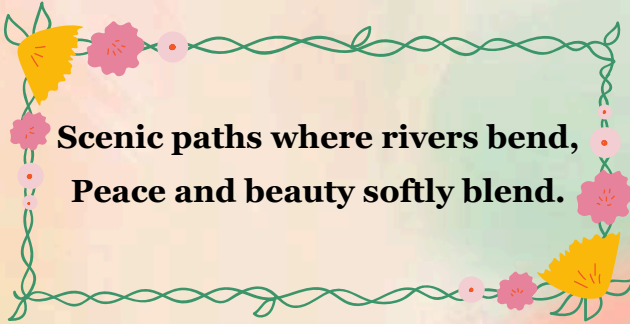
Alumni Corner



Ms. Riddhi Maru
Founder & Mandala Artist,
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Students Corner



Ms Anushia Selwyndurai

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