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*'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'*



## HORIZON Principal's Message



November is a month of gratitude, reflection, and renewal. It brings with it Children's Day, Constitution Day, and the gentle transition into the close of the year. These occasions remind us of the responsibility we carry as educators—to nurture young minds, uphold democratic values, and prepare learners for a future rooted in knowledge, ethics, and empathy.

Children's Day calls us to celebrate the spirit of curiosity, play, and imagination in every learner. Constitution Day reminds us that education is not merely about acquiring information but about shaping responsible citizens who respect rights, embrace duties, and value diversity. Together, these observances highlight that education must go beyond classrooms and contribute to building a just and compassionate society.

At PCER, Chembur, we remain committed to cultivating educators who balance knowledge with wisdom, and innovation with integrity. As the year nears its close, let us dedicate ourselves to strengthening our role as lifelong learners and torchbearers of change.

To capture this spirit, let us remember the mnemonic G.R.O.W.

- G – Gratitude for what we learn and share
- R – Respect for values and diversity
- O – Opportunity to nurture every child's potential
- W – Wisdom to guide with care and courage

May this November inspire us to G.R.O.W. together as learners, educators, and compassionate human beings.

# NOVEMBER 2025

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# EDITORIAL

## A KINDER WORLD BEGINS WITH US



**Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath**  
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Every day when we read the newspaper, we come across upsetting news. Children bullying others, young people losing hope, crimes done out of anger, and different kinds of abuse. I often stop and think: if this hurts me so much to read, how are others feeling? Or have we all become so used to such stories that we just turn the page and move on?

With so many fights, conflicts, and wars around us, one question keeps coming back — what will it take for the world to be kinder?

We celebrate World Kindness Day on November 13th each year. It's a nice reminder. But kindness can't be limited to one day. It has to be something we practice daily. Do we try to cheer someone up when they're sad? Do we make an effort to be gentle with people, even when we're hurt? Most of the time, the answer is no.

We call ourselves the most intelligent beings on the planet, but we struggle with simple kindness. Even street animals, who only want to survive and be friendly, face our impatience and cruelty. If we cannot be kind to them, how will we ever learn to be kind to each other?

Maybe what we need is a little more empathy. A small pause before reacting. A moment to think: why did this person behave this way? How will my response affect them and me? These small thoughts can change how we treat people.

Kindness doesn't need to be big or dramatic. Sometimes it's as small as a smile, a gentle word, or choosing patience over anger. Happiness grows when it's shared, and kindness spreads quietly but powerfully.

If each of us tries, even in small ways, we really can make the world softer and warmer — one person, one act, one smile at a time.

As Aesop said, No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.





## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



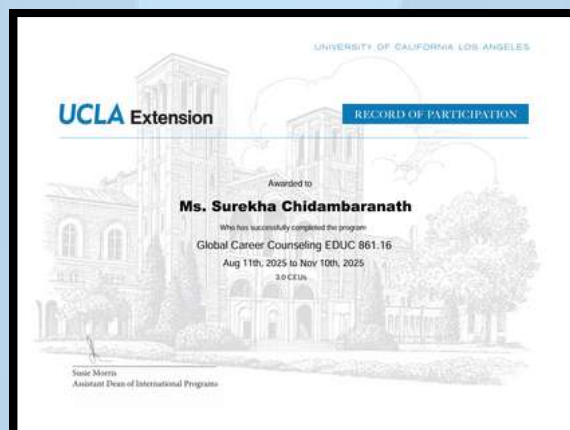
Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath was invited as a judge for the Teaching Aid Competition organised by Maharashtra State Council of Educational Research and Training held on 8th November 2025 at AFAC English High School and Junior College, Chembur, Mumbai.



Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath participated in the three-day International Seminar organised in connection with National Education Day 2025, held in hybrid mode from 11 to 13 November. She presented her research paper titled Teachers' Perspectives on the Use of Self-Regulated Learning Strategies at the Secondary Level, where she shared key insights drawn from her study. Her presentation earned her the Best Presentation Award at the seminar.



Ms. Surekha completed her Global Career Counselling Programme by University of California Los Angeles Extension.



# Children's Day

## Intercollegiate Presentation Competition

**Speak Up – Intercollegiate Presentation Competition** was held on 7 November 2025 at MES's Pillai College of Education & Research (Autonomous), Chembur. Organized as a Children's Day initiative, the event aimed to give young learners a platform to come forward and share their thoughts with confidence. Students from various colleges presented on contemporary themes ranging from self-improvement and AI to peace education and youth leadership. A panel of esteemed alumni judged the competition and appreciated the clarity, confidence, and originality displayed by the participants. The event concluded with the announcement of winners and left students inspired to communicate boldly and meaningfully.





# CELESTIA

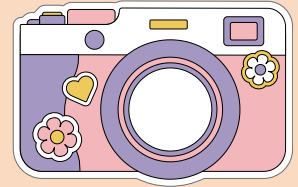
Celestia, a vibrant intercollegiate event celebrating talent, creativity, and collaboration, was held with great enthusiasm. On 22nd November, Celestia was jointly organised by PCER Chembur and RR College of Education, Mulund. The event began with registration, followed by a formal opening by Ms. Athira S. R., Assistant Professor and an overview of the program by Ms. Surekha Chidambarnath, Assistant Professor. The inaugural speech was delivered by Dr. Reni Francis, Principal, PCER, and Dr. Falguni Shah, Principal, RR College, setting a positive and inspiring tone for the day. Participants then proceeded to their respective classrooms where competitions ran smoothly as per schedule. Teachers submitted the judging sheets promptly, and certificates were efficiently prepared. Lively food and game stalls managed by the BBA and S.Y. students added energy to the venue. After the competitions, judges were felicitated, certificates were distributed, and the event concluded with participant feedback and a warm vote of thanks by Ms. Surekha Chidambarnath.





Our  
moment

# CELESTIA







# STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND INVESTITURE CEREMONY



Orientation to the student council was held on 19th November. The various portfolios and the role expectations were explained. Student Council members of Batch 2024-2026 addressed the FY students, shared their experience as council members and encouraged them to participate in the elections. The Student Council of Batch 2024-2026 shared their experiences and encouraged the FYs to nominate themselves for the student council. The candidates canvassed enthusiastically on the 24th of November followed by voting through a google form. The principal and teachers along with the votes of the class were considered in the final selection of the student council. The investiture ceremony was held on 28th November and the council for the new batch of FYs was sworn in.

## Student Council of Batch 2025-2027

**General Secretary - Stefina Arokiaraj**

**Deputy General Secretary - Angeline Danny and Harnain Kaur**

**Assembly In-Charge - Lavanya Velangkanni and Mangai Valentina**

**Academic In-Charge - Sarona D'souza and Unika Pardeshi**

**Cultural & Sports In-Charge - Janet Simon and Hemanshi Hingu**

**Report Writing In-Charge - Ritu Yadav**

**Photography In-Charge - Rahul Kodurupaka and Yoovinsha Vimalan**





## VIKAS SERIES



**V-Value driven**



### World Kindness Day

13th November, World Kindness Day was celebrated across the Internship schools through a series of meaningful activities conducted by the S.Y B.Ed student teachers. The common theme across all sessions was that “Kindness Unites Us,” highlighting how small actions can create harmony in classrooms and communities. Across classes, students shared real-life examples—helping friends, sharing materials, speaking politely, and showing care to others. Stories, motivational talks, and symbol-based discussions helped them understand the deeper impact of kindness. Creative activities such as unity mosaic drawings, interactive quizzes, situational questions, and short reflective essays allowed learners to express their thoughts meaningfully. The celebrations across all three schools created a warm, positive atmosphere and reinforced one powerful message: kindness is a daily habit that strengthens relationships and builds happier, more compassionate learning communities.



### Constitution Day



On 26th November, 2025 FY and SY B.Ed students of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur conducted a special assembly to celebrate Constitution Day of India. The programme included a prayer, thought of the day, and a short explanation on the significance of Constitution Day. Students also connected the principles of constitution with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 4 - Quality Education, SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities, and SDG 16 - Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. Students explained how the Constitution supports equality, justice, and peaceful living, which are key elements of these SDGs. An engaging Quiz was also organised, which saw enthusiastic participation from students. The assembly helped promote constitutional values and encouraged students to become responsible and informed citizens.



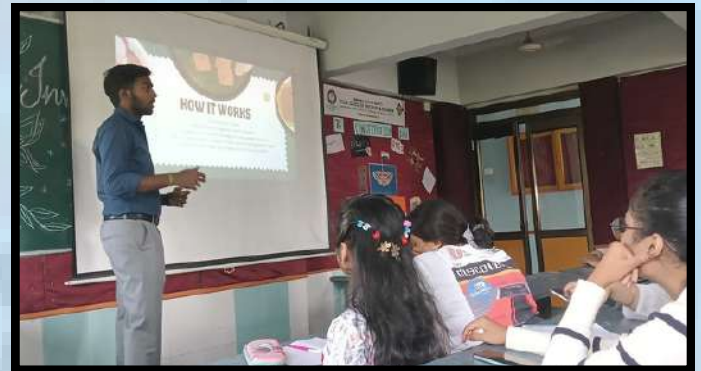


## -Innovative Pedagogy



# National Entrepreneurs Day

To celebrate National Entrepreneurs Day, Pitch Your Idea competition was organised for the F.Y. and S.Y. BBA students. It was held on 28 November 2025 and it brought out the creativity and confidence of the BBA students as they presented fresh, problem-solving business ideas. The audience were B.Ed students, who added energy by asking sharp questions and voting through a QR-based system. Concepts like VoltX, Auraglow, SaveHer, Laughtrack Therapy, and Mood Meals stood out for their clarity and relevance. The winner of the competition was Mr. Tanmay Nayakwadi, student of S.Y.B.B.A. who proposed VoltX, a solar powered Power Bank. The event closed on an inspiring note, celebrating entrepreneurial thinking and student innovation.



## K-Knowledge Empowerment

### Workshop on Catalyzes: Citizenship Skills

On 15th November 2025, PCER (Autonomous), Chembur organized an expert talk in collaboration with CMCA under the Catalyst Workshop on Citizenship Skills. Mrs. Binda Ganesh from the Geo Organization conducted an interactive session on the rights, roles, and responsibilities of today's youth.

Students took part in group activities, including a survey, newspaper analysis of good and bad news, identifying causes of social issues, and suggesting actions. They also reflected on important values, skills, and attitudes through sticky-note tasks and a story-based activity.

The workshop promoted teamwork and deepened students' understanding of their responsibilities toward society and the nation.







## National Education Day



National Education Day was celebrated at MES's PCER, Chembur with a special assembly, and an essay competition on Education and Human Values in a Digital World. Students reflected on the theme 'AI and Education: Preserving Human Agency in a World of Automation'. An online quiz on the history and significance of National Education Day added excitement. The event encouraged students to think deeply about the balance between technology and human values.



## -Active Learning



## World Television Day



A special assembly was held on 21st November 2025 to celebrate World Television Day. The programme began with a prayer and the Thought of the Day, followed by a brief explanation of the significance of World Television Day. A short video on the inventor of television was also shown, adding to the students' understanding. Students enjoyed a fun hand-puppet mindfulness activity and an exciting Bollywood-themed quiz that brought great energy to the event. A creative "Wall of Television Tales" display showcased nostalgic childhood TV memories and engaged students in lively conversations. The assembly concluded with a warm Vote of Thanks. Overall, it was an enjoyable and meaningful celebration that highlighted television's impact as a medium of information, entertainment, and connection.





## International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

PCER (Autonomous), Chembur, observed the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 14th November 2025 with an expert talk by the Stree Mukti Sanghatna, Chembur Committee. The session was led by Mrs. Shobha Kokithkar (Coordinator) and Mrs. Rohini Jadhav (Counsellor).

Mrs. Shobha Madam spoke about International Women's Day, the United Nations' efforts toward gender equality, and the NGO's work in promoting women's rights, including the Vishaka Guidelines and Section 498-A. She also highlighted the organisation's support services for women, children, and senior citizens, along with initiatives such as counselling, biogas production training, and creative works like plays and books based on real-life social issues.



## Orange the World Awareness Program on Violence Against Women



On 29th November, PCER (Chembur), in collaboration with the International Inner Wheel Club Chembur, Tiara, organized the Orange the World awareness programme on violence against women. The session featured Police Inspector Ms. Seema Babar as the keynote speaker. She explained various forms of violence including cybercrime, domestic abuse, and emotional and physical harm and emphasized the need for early reporting and strong community support. Students participated actively, shared their concerns, and received practical safety guidelines along with important helpline information. The programme was impactful, spreading awareness and motivating participants to speak out against violence while promoting women's safety and dignity.



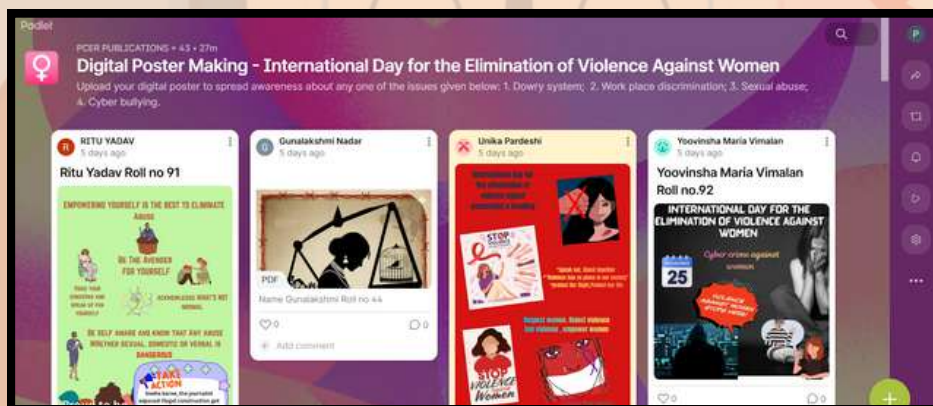




## Digital Poster Making



The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed every year on 25th November to raise awareness about the widespread and deeply rooted problem of violence faced by women and girls across the world. This observance highlights all forms of violence—physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, digital, and economic—and recognizes that such violence is a violation of human rights. Students created digital posters to create awareness about issues like the dowry system, work place discrimination, sexual abuse and cyber bullying. The digital posters were displayed on a padlet.



## S-Student Centric Approach



## Language Club Activity



In the month of November students of PCER Chembur began with the audiobook of the first of the Harry Potter series, “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone”. As the book is rather long, this will be continued into the following month as well. The narration in this book exposes learners to clear pronunciation, natural pacing, and expressive intonation, which supports better listening comprehension. Rich vocabulary and imaginative descriptions enhance word learning in context. Repeated exposure to dialogues improves understanding of everyday conversational English. Since the story is engaging, students can stay motivated and focused for longer periods.







## Job Perfect Series

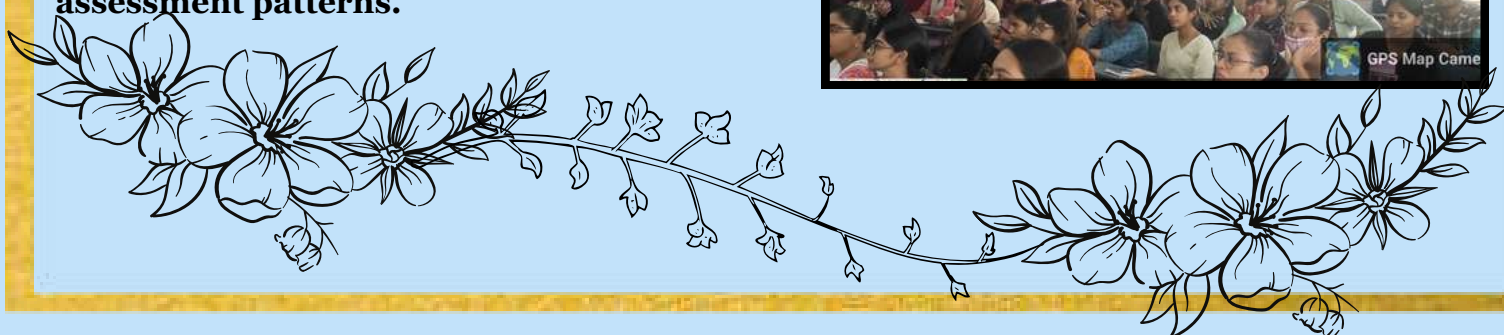


PCER conducted a value added course Being Job Perfect for the S.Y.B.Ed students in preparation for the placement process. The sessions for the course were initiated in November 2025. The course is designed to update their knowledge and build various skills essential for effective participation in the recruitment process. The sessions focused on aspects that will enable the student teachers to enter into the job world with confidence and optimism. The sessions conducted as part of the course included- 21st Century Skills, Effective Communication, Different School Boards, Resume Writing, Facing an Interview, Teamwork and Collaboration, SEL-Social Emotional Learning, Professional Étiquettes, Digital Learning etc.



## Alumni Session

A session to enhance student teachers' awareness of the different school boards was conducted on 19th November 2025. The resource person for the session was Dr. Farah Shaikh, PCER Chembur alumna and IB Physics teacher, Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Gorai. The session aimed to develop understanding of the variety of school boards functioning in India and globally, along with their curriculum design, pedagogical approaches, and learning outcomes. Dr Farah provided a detailed explanation of different boards such as SSC, ICSE, CBSE, IB, and IGCSE and a comparative understanding of their curriculum structure, content depth and assessment patterns.

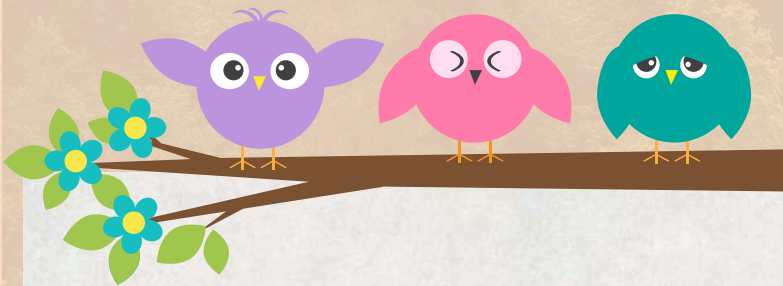





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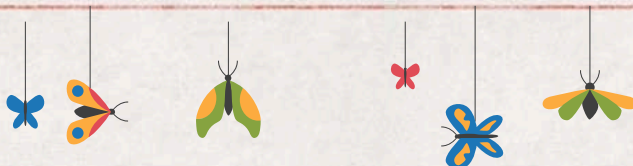


**Ms. Christy J**  
**Alumni ,Batch 2022-2024**  
**Teacher**  
**Cardinal Gracias High School**  
**Bandra(E)**



### Right infront of the eyes

Expectations overwhelm,  
Reality surpasses expectations.  
Hiding from reality,  
Tired of hiding.  
Ending the hope tired,   
Running away from ending.  
Fountain of tears resulting from pain,  
Inside the heart running.....  
'When dream collapses right infront of the eyes'





## \* Students Corner \*



**Ms. Sarona Lavina D'Souza**  
**F.Y.B.Ed**  
**Batch: 2025-2027**

### *Solitude*



*You are often hailed lonely, too bound up in your  
shell.*

*But what do they know, what it's like to be by  
your sweet self?*

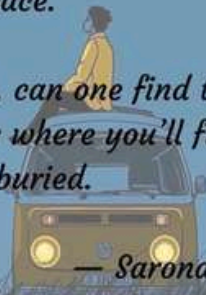
*Like twins in a cradle, gazing at thee,  
Acceptance and understanding are calling for ye.  
"Come now," says your soul, "accept me from  
within, and I will make you whole."*

*Seek comfort in chaos, and search for beauty in  
the wilderness.  
Bring out the love from within and face challenges  
with a grin.*

*Let's learn from life with poise and ease,  
From our cocoon of calm and peace.*

*Belief, fervour, and strength in oneself are all one  
will need  
To reach the finish line with kindness, patience,  
and peace.*

*And where, do you ask, can one find these?  
In solitude, my darling, is where you'll find your  
true self buried.*



— Sarona D'Souza  
F.Y.B.Ed.

