



HORIZON

Principal's Message



December arrives as a month of joy, celebration, and reflection. With Christmas and the dawn of a new year, it brings with it the spirit of hope, sharing, and new beginnings. It is a time to pause, look back with gratitude, and look forward with optimism.

Christmas reminds us of the values of love, peace, and goodwill, qualities that are at the heart of true education. As educators, we are called not just to impart knowledge, but to kindle these values in every learner, creating classrooms filled with compassion, inclusivity, and joy.

The New Year, on the other hand, is a call for renewal. It is an opportunity to set new goals, embrace change, and reimagine possibilities. At Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, we look ahead with commitment to empowering our future educators to be resilient, value-driven, and forward-looking, so they can illuminate the lives they touch.

To capture this festive and reflective spirit, let us remember the mnemonic H.O.P.E.:

H – Harness the power of positivity
O – Open doors to new opportunities
P – Promote peace and goodwill
E – Embrace change with courage

May this season of light and love inspire us to live with H.O.P.E., guiding our learners and communities toward brighter horizons. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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EDITORIAL



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'December is a month where education goes beyond books celebrating talents, building values, reflecting on learning, and preparing young minds for a brighter future.'

December holds special significance in the educational calendar as it makes learning joyful and meaningful beyond textbooks and classrooms. It blends academics with creativity, celebrations, and reflection, contributing to the holistic development of students and teachers. Activities during this month help students discover their talents, strengthen social skills, and build emotional confidence.

The Annual Day provides a vibrant platform for students to showcase their abilities through dance, music, drama, and cultural performances, boosting confidence, creativity, leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. The pleasant winter climate makes December ideal for the Annual Sports Day, which promotes physical fitness, discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and the spirit of healthy competition, while teaching values like cooperation and resilience.

The celebration of Christmas adds warmth and joy to the campus, spreading messages of love, peace, sharing, and unity and encouraging respect for cultural diversity. Along with these celebrations, December also allows time for academic review and reflection, helping teachers and students assess progress and set goals for the future. Overall, December emerges as a month of joy, reflection, and growth, nurturing academic excellence along with emotional, social, physical, and moral development. Wishing you a Happy New Year!

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Reni Francis received the award for 'Best Promotion of Cultural Activities Maharashtra - Chembur' at India's Best and Only Expo on Education Supply and Franchises on 12th December 2025.



Dr. Vithoba Sawant participated in the DLLE - Second Term Training Programme, organized by the University of Mumbai, on 3rd December 2025, at R.A. Podar College of Commerce, Matunga.



Dr. Vithoba Sawant was invited as a judge for the 2025 Science Exhibition organized by Bruhan Mumbai (BMC) 'S' Ward at Cosmos School, Bhandup on 10th December 2025.

CAMPUS PLACEMENTS

Campus placement interviews were organised for S.Y. B.Ed students at MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, from 15th to 19th December 2025 in collaboration with Udyachal High School, Shishuvan High School, and Indian Education Society's Schools. Representatives from these three schools conducted structured interviews. Several students were shortlisted and selected for further rounds of interviews by these schools. The campus placement interviews supported the professional development of S.Y. B.Ed students, ensuring that the students are well-prepared for their careers as educators.



ANNUAL DAY

MES's Pillai College of Education and Research celebrated its Annual Day on 8th December 2025 at the Fine Arts Society, Chembur, with the theme "Badshah of Bollywood", honouring Shah Rukh Khan's inspiring journey and National Award win. The programme featured vibrant dance performances showcasing iconic songs and dialogues from his career, keeping the audience engaged throughout. The event reached a memorable high with a grand finale that brought students, teachers, and the Principal together on stage. The celebration concluded on a note of unity, enthusiasm, and pride with the National Anthem.





SPORTS DAY



PCER Chembur, Annual Sports Day was held at RCF grounds Chembur on Monday 22nd December. All Chembur campus institutes participated in the opening ceremony with an impressive march past. The BBA and B.Ed students participated enthusiastically in events like marble and spoon race, hurdle race, running race and shot put. Preet Kaur and Ashish Kumar secured the girls and boys championship respectively.



VIKAS SERIES

V – VALUE DRIVEN



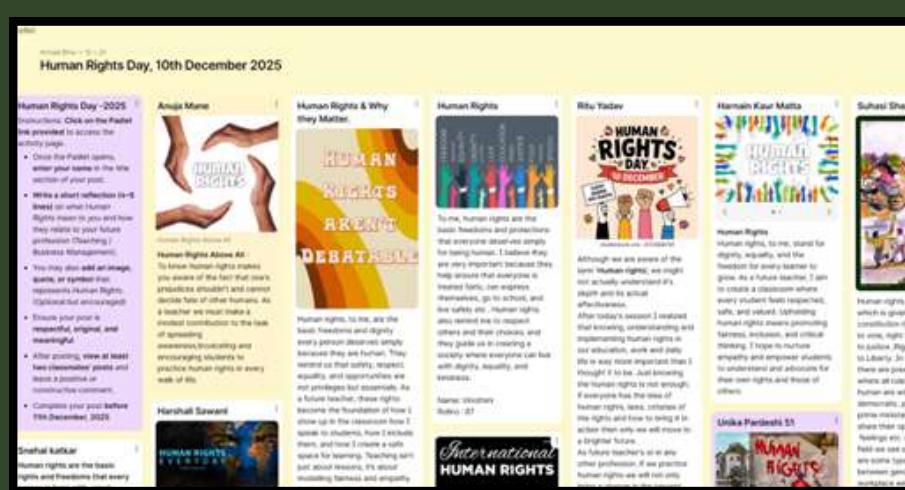
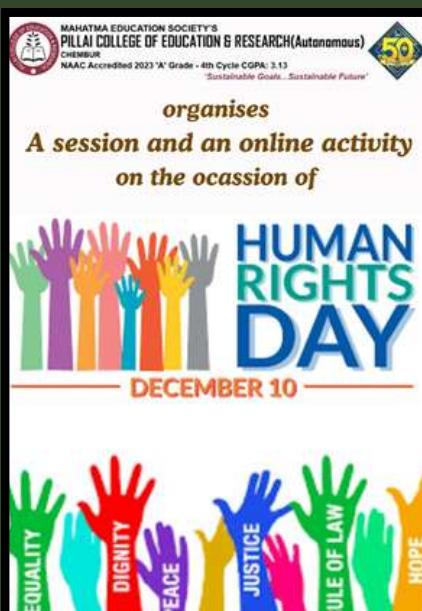
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

MES Pillai College of Education and Research celebrated Christmas and the forthcoming New Year through a special assembly on 20th December 2025 in Room No. 404. Student presented an enlightening assembly highlighting the significance of Christmas by emphasizing values of love, kindness, hope, and togetherness. Students enacted the story of the birth of Jesus Christ, accompanied by melodious Christmas carols. Interactive games, a surprise Santa appearance, and the Secret Santa activity added joy to the celebration. The Principal's address highlighted forgiveness, renewal, and the true spirit of Christmas, concluding the assembly on a joyful and reflective note.



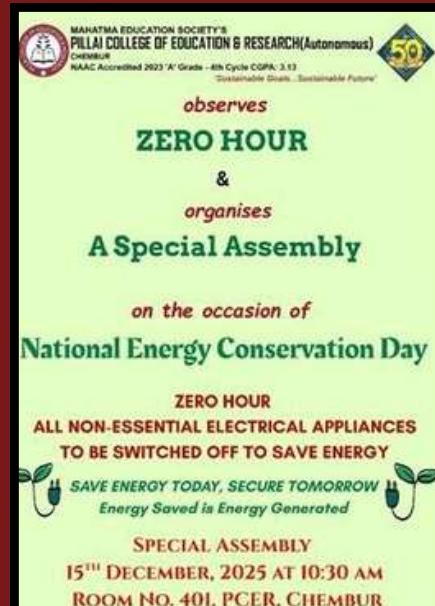
HUMANS RIGHTS DAY

An online session and Padlet activity were organised on 10th December to celebrate Human Rights Day for the B.Ed and BBA students of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur. The session was conducted by Ms. Achala Bhor, faculty, PCER Chembur, who explained key human rights principles, their background, and current issues. Students actively participated in the Padlet activity by sharing reflections, quotes, case studies, and creative ideas. The activities helped develop critical thinking, social responsibility, and respect for human dignity.



NATIONAL CONSERVATION DAY

A special assembly and the observance of Zero Hour were organised on 15th December 2025 at MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, to commemorate Energy Conservation Day. After the assembly, Zero Hour was observed, during which lights, fans, and electrical appliances were switched off for one hour. Both these activities helped students understand how the values of energy conservation can be included in their teaching practices to create awareness among school students.



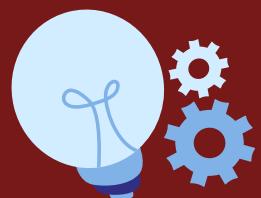
I – INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY



ALUMNI SESSION



A session on Digital Literacy was conducted on 1st December by Ms. Bhakti Sawant, PCER alumnus batch 2020-2022. The objective of the session was to create awareness among students about the role of digital skills in education and daily life. An interactive discussion was conducted with the students. They actively shared their experiences, opinions, and doubts related to digital usage in education. The session was informative, interactive, and helped students understand the responsible and effective use of digital technology.



K – KNOWLEDGE EMPOWERMENT



WORLD AIDS DAY EXPERT SESSION

PCER (Autonomous), Chembur organized an insightful expert talk on 2nd December in observance of World AIDS Day. The session was conducted by Ms. Dipti Kadam, Consultant from the Mumbai District AIDS Control Society, with the aim of creating awareness and dispelling myths, stigma, and discrimination related to HIV/AIDS. Ms. Kadam explained the causes of HIV, highlighted government initiatives, and emphasized the role of ART (Antiretroviral Therapy) in controlling the virus and preventing transmission. The session concluded with a strong message on prevention, responsible behaviour, and eliminating social stigma, making it informative and thought-provoking.

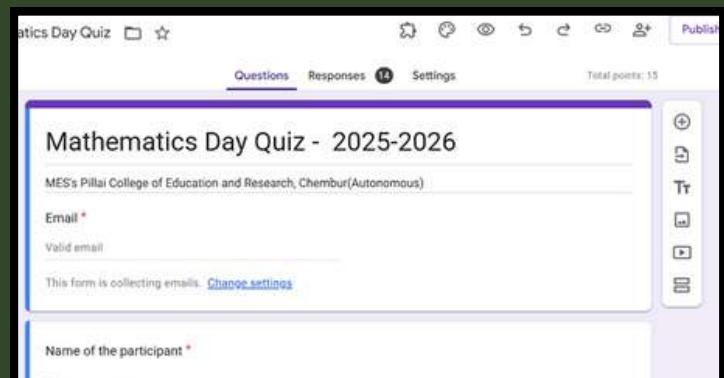
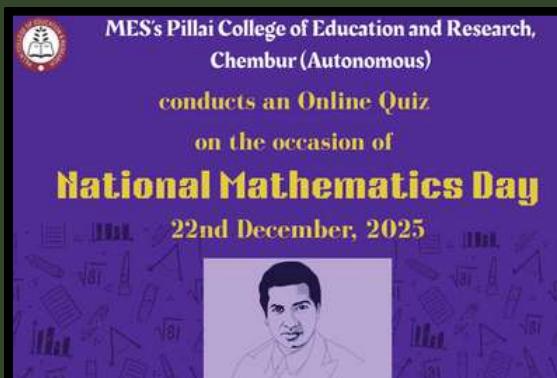


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NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY



An online quiz was organized for B.Ed students on 22nd December 2025 to commemorate National Mathematics Day, honoring the birth anniversary of the great mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. The questions covered diverse topics, including arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and the history of mathematics. Special emphasis was placed on Ramanujan's work, such as his contributions to number theory and infinite series. This activity inspired students to appreciate the importance of mathematics while honoring the remarkable contributions of Srinivasa Ramanujan, whose work continues to influence the field even today.





A – ACTIVE LEARNING



GROUP DISCUSSION

As part of the Job Perfect session, a Group Discussion (GD) was conducted on 13th December, to enhance students' communication, critical thinking, and interview readiness skills. Dr. Reni Francis provided an insightful overview on the GD process and explained how GD performance plays a crucial role in interview selection. Students were divided into five groups and were given diverse and relevant topics related to education, classroom management, technology, values and contemporary issues. Each group actively participated, sharing viewpoints and responding to guiding questions to spark meaningful discussion. The activity helped students develop confidence, teamwork and clarity of thought. Overall, the session proved to be highly interactive and beneficial for professional skill development.



MOCK INTERVIEWS



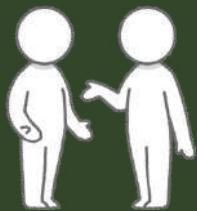
As part of the Job Perfect session, a Mock Interview was conducted for B.Ed Second Year students on the 13th of December to prepare them for campus interviews. The session aimed to familiarize students with interview patterns, commonly asked questions and professional etiquette. Students were given individual interview opportunities to assess their communication skills, subject knowledge and confidence. Constructive feedback was provided to help them identify areas for improvement. The session proved effective in enhancing students' interview readiness and self-confidence.



S – STUDENT CENTRIC APPROACH



LANGUAGE CLUB ACTIVITY



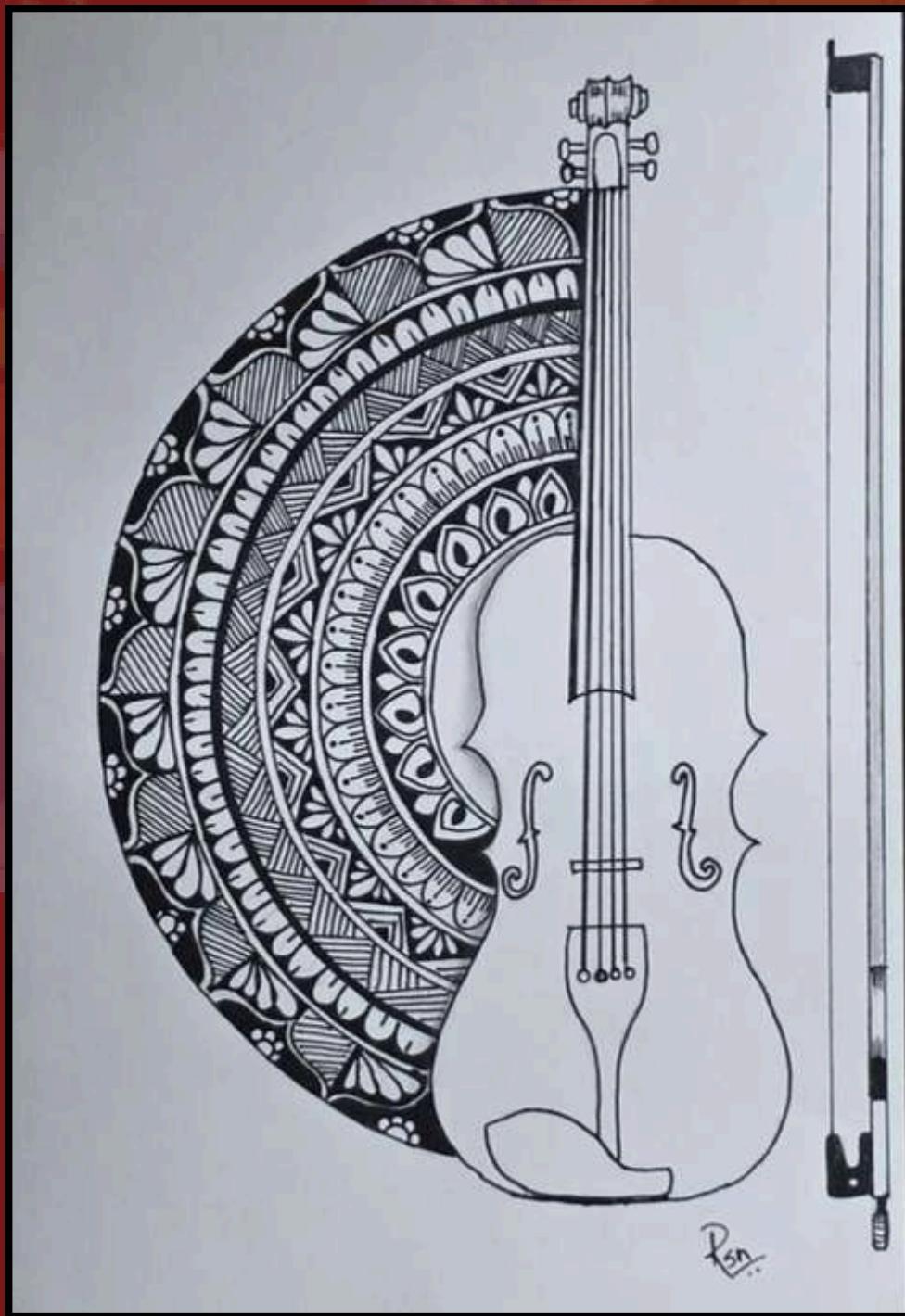
For the month of December, the language club activities comprised two parts. First, completion of the audio book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone. The second included games for language development conducted on 15th December. Students were introduced to games like scrabble, Taboo and Guess in 10- all three games that help develop various language skills. Scrabble and Taboo are engaging vocabulary games. Taboo and Guess in 10 are games that improve the skill of speaking in an enjoyable manner. Students were actively engaged in the games and practiced key language skills while enjoying themselves.



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