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CHEMBUR

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'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'



HORIZON PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



DR. RENI FRANCIS

February has been a month of reflection, engagement, and renewed commitment to our shared vision of excellence in education at PCER, Chembur. As we continue our academic journey, it is heartening to witness the enthusiasm of our students, the dedication of our faculty, and the collaborative spirit that defines our institution.

This month has provided several opportunities for intellectual growth and community engagement. Through seminars, workshops, and co-curricular initiatives, our students and educators have actively explored new ideas, strengthened professional competencies, and contributed meaningfully to academic discourse. Such experiences are essential in nurturing reflective practitioners and responsible citizens. At PCER, we believe that education extends beyond the classroom. It involves cultivating values, encouraging critical thinking, and fostering innovation. Our continued efforts to integrate these principles into teaching-learning practices align with our commitment to holistic development and academic excellence. The mnemonic REACH elevates our vision to reality

R – Reflection

Learning from experiences and improving practices.

E – Engagement

Active participation of students and faculty in academic and co-curricular activities.

A – Academic Excellence

Striving for high standards in teaching, learning, and research.

C – Collaboration

Working together as a community to create meaningful learning experiences.

H – Holistic Development

Fostering intellectual growth, values, and responsible citizenship.

As we move forward, let us continue to learn, innovate, and inspire each other to achieve greater heights.

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EDITORIAL



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Every year on 21st February, the world observes International Mother Language Day, a day that reminds us of the value of our native languages. Language is not just a tool for communication; it carries culture, traditions, and identity. When people speak and learn in their mother tongue, they feel a stronger connection to their roots and community. In many parts of the world, smaller languages are slowly disappearing because people shift to more dominant languages. This day, promoted by UNESCO, encourages societies to respect and preserve linguistic diversity so that cultural heritage is not lost.

International Mother Language Day is also very important for education. Studies show that children understand concepts better when they begin learning in their mother language. It builds confidence, improves comprehension, and helps students develop stronger thinking skills. When students are comfortable with their language, they participate more actively in class and express their ideas clearly. Teachers also find it easier to connect learning with the students' daily lives when the mother tongue is respected in the classroom. This is especially important in multilingual countries where many languages are spoken.

At the same time, promoting mother languages does not mean ignoring other languages. In fact, it supports multilingualism, where people can learn and use several languages while still respecting their own. In today's globalized world, learning international languages helps in higher education, careers, and communication across cultures. However, this should not come at the cost of forgetting our native languages.

In addition, the celebration of this day creates awareness among young people about the importance of protecting endangered languages. Communities are encouraged to document their languages, teach them to children, and use them in literature, media, and daily life. When people value their mother tongue, they also show respect for the languages of others. This promotes harmony and mutual understanding in society.

In today's globalized world, respecting different languages is a step toward inclusion and equality. When institutions, schools, and communities recognize the importance of mother tongues, they create a more inclusive society where everyone feels valued. Therefore, International Mother Language Day is not only a celebration of languages but also a reminder that linguistic diversity is a strength that should be protected and promoted for future generations.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath presented at the MES Research Forum on the topic “Building Minds That Question: Teachers as Architects of Building Scientific Temper in the Classroom”. Her presentation emphasised how classroom practices can actively promote scientific temper and encourage learners to question, explore, and think independently.



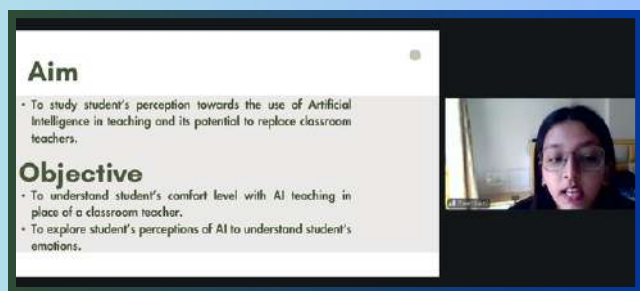
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Students of S. Y. B.Ed. presented research papers at the ICSSR-WRC sponsored Online National Conference on 10th February 2026 titled ‘Human–AI Collaboration: Redefining Skills and Competencies.’



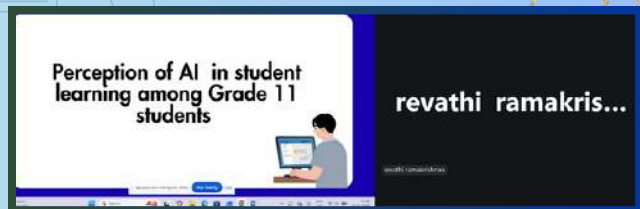
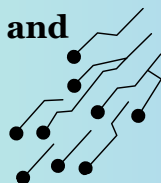
Ms. Roma Rupchandani presented her paper titled “A study of AI in teaching of English among Grade 7 students”



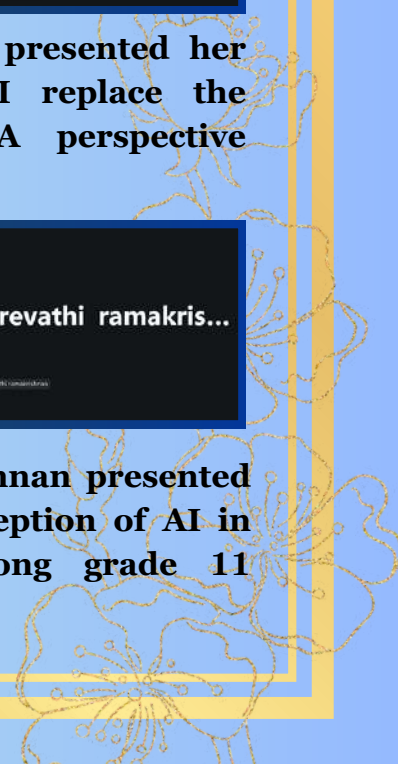
Ms. Preet Kaur Saini presented her paper titled “Will AI replace the classroom teacher? A perspective study.”



Mr. Immanuel Daniel presented his paper titled “Awareness and Perceptions of Artificial Intelligence among School Students.”

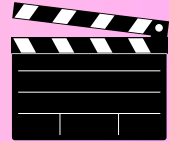


Ms. Revathi Ramakrishnan presented her paper titled “Perception of AI in student learning among grade 11 students.”

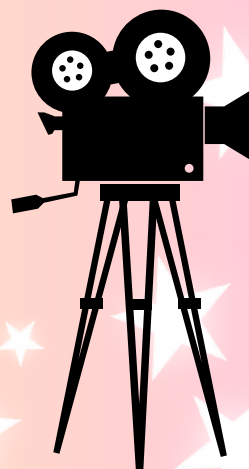
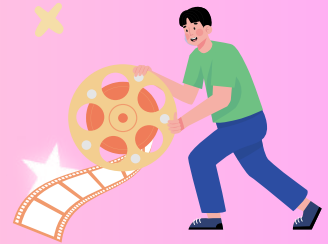
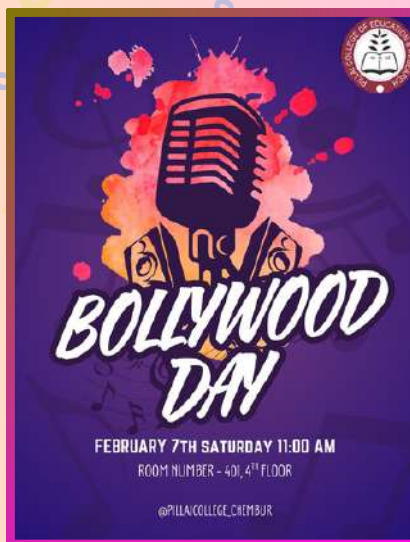


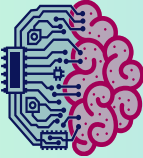


BOLLYWOOD DAY

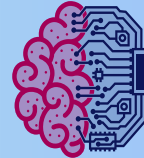


The students of BBA organised a lively Bollywood Day for all the students of PCER Chembur on 7th February 2026. The event was filled with energy and excitement, featuring activities such as a Bollywood dance-off, dialogue battle, Bollywood dress-up contest, and several interactive games. Students and teachers were divided into groups and participated in fun challenges where they had to identify songs and movie names through different hints. The highlight of the day was seeing students dressed as iconic Bollywood characters, which added colour and enthusiasm to the celebration. Overall, the event created a joyful atmosphere and brought everyone together for a memorable day of fun and entertainment.

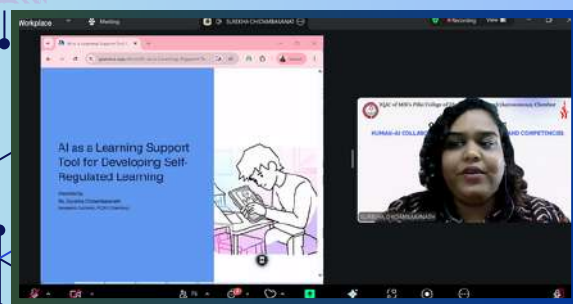




NATIONAL CONFERENCE



An ICSSR–WRC sponsored Online National Conference on the theme **Human–AI Collaboration: Redefining Skills and Competencies** was organised by Mahatma Education Society’s Pillai College of Education and Research (Autonomous), Chembur on 10th February 2026. The conference brought together educators, researchers, and professionals to discuss the evolving relationship between human intelligence and artificial intelligence in education and society. The keynote session by Mr. Reuben John highlighted the importance of cultivating human judgment, creativity, and ethical thinking while working alongside AI. Dr. Reni Francis also delivered an insightful session on **Is the Orange Economy Facing a Threat from AI**, exploring the impact of AI on creative industries. The conference further included research paper presentations by faculty members, students, and scholars on various dimensions of AI in education. The event served as a meaningful platform for academic exchange and reflection on preparing learners for an AI-driven future.



350TH MARTYRDOM ANNIVERSARY OF GURU TEGH BAHADUR JI

PCER (Autonomous), Chembur organized a programme on 23rd February 2026 to commemorate the 350th Shaheedi Diwas of Guru Tegh Bahadur, revered as Hind Di Chadar. The B.Ed. students of Pillai College of Education and Research actively participated by presenting the devotional song Hind Di Chadar by Satinder Sartaaj and delivering a speech on the Guru's life, teachings, and supreme sacrifice. The programme paid tribute to his martyrdom in 1675 in Delhi, where he sacrificed his life to protect the Kashmiri Pandits and uphold religious freedom. His legacy continues to inspire values of courage, unity, and humanity.



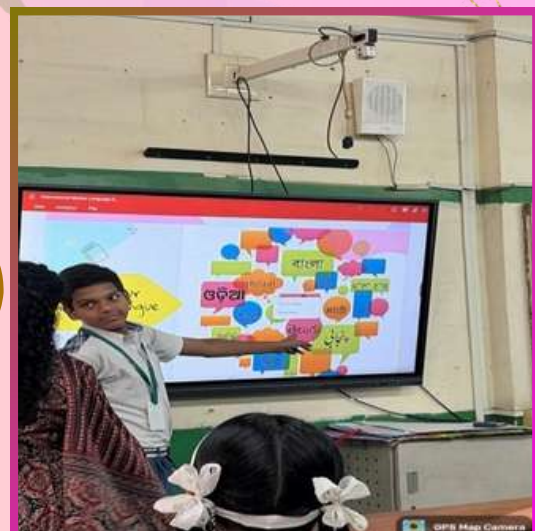
VIKAS SERIES

V – VALUE DRIVEN

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY



International Mother Language day is observed on the 21st of February. It was formally established by UNESCO in 2002 in an attempt to preserve and protect the various languages across the world by encouraging the proliferation of education in mother languages. The students conducted various activities in their internship schools to create awareness about the importance of mother languages and create spaces to celebrate them. Language based games and activities, quizzes, extempore speeches etc were some of the activities conducted. The students who were not very comfortable in the medium of instruction got an opportunity to display their strengths in terms of language ability on this day.



I – INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY MARATHI BHASHA DIWAS

The F.Y. and S.Y. B.Ed. students of PCER (Autonomous), Chembur celebrated Marathi Bhasha Diwas on 27th February 2026 in their respective practice teaching schools to create awareness about the importance of the Marathi language and to encourage its proud usage. The significance of the day and the richness of Marathi culture were shared with students. Various engaging activities such as finding Marathi proverbs, a rapid-fire word game, and translating English words into Marathi were conducted. The celebration was lively and educational, helping students enhance their vocabulary and develop greater love and respect for the Marathi language.



K – KNOWLEDGE EMPOWERMENT

SESSION ON E-WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE ENVIRONMENT

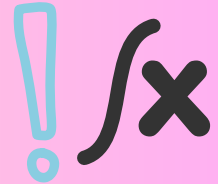
PCER, (Autonomous), Chembur organized an online expert talk on 21st February 2026 on the topic “E-Waste Management in the Environment.” The resource person, Ms. Kalpana Andhare from Stree Mukti Sanghatana, highlighted the growing problem of e-waste and the urgent need for proper management. She pointed out that India is the third largest producer of e-waste and discussed its environmental and health hazards. She also explained the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and emphasized the importance of public awareness and collective responsibility.

The session, attended by B.Ed. and BBA students, concluded with a vote of thanks. It was highly informative and insightful.





A – ACTIVE LEARNING



SEMESTER II AND IV B.ED INTERNSHIPS

FY and SY B.Ed students spent time in schools across the month of February as part of their Semester II and Semester IV internships respectively. They had enriching learning experiences across the various Internship schools teaching lessons, conducting learning and awareness activities, getting a fully immersive experience of being school teachers.



PROGRESS is **PROGRESS**



LEARNING EVERYDAY



S – STUDENT CENTRIC APPROACH NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

On the occasion of National Science Day, celebrated on 28th February, the FY and SY students of MES's Pillai College of Education, Chembur visited the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), Mumbai. During the visit, they observed how complex scientific concepts were explained in simple and engaging ways through innovative teaching materials, low-cost experiments, and activity-based methods. The experts at HBCSE demonstrated how science teaching can be made more practical, inquiry-based, and student-centred.

In addition to the visit, National Science Day was also celebrated in their practice teaching schools, where the FY and SY B.Ed. student-teachers conducted interactive science-based activities to help students understand the importance of science in everyday life. These activities included Science Charades, the Secret Message Experiment, Dancing Paper, Rising Balloon, Lava Lamp, and Volcano experiments. Through both the school activities and the visit to HBCSE, the student-teachers gained valuable experience in organizing science programs and applying innovative teaching methods.



ALUMNI CORNER



Roslin Roy
Alumni, Batch 2020-2022
Assistant teacher,
Chembur English High School

Beyond Filters

**We take photos every day,
Add a filter right away.
Make it bright and make it nice,
Change it once or maybe twice.
But beyond filters, we are real,
With true smiles and how we feel.
Sometimes happy, sometimes sad,
Sometimes good and sometimes bad.
We don't need to shine like light,
We are beautiful as we are, right.
Beyond filters, clear and true,
The real me and the real you.**

STUDENTS CORNER



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समय



वक्त वक्त की बात है, वक्त है तो बाते है,
बाते है तो वक्त है..

किसी ने सही कहा है..

समय हमारे लिये रुकता नहीं है

हमें समय के साथ चलना पड़ता है..

बस चलते चलते खुदको कभी मत भुलना तू..

आज है कल किसने देखा है..

दो घड़ी समय उसे भी दिया कर जो तेरा है और तेरे साथ
है, क्यूकी

दुरिया युही नहीं बनती वो बनायी जाती है..