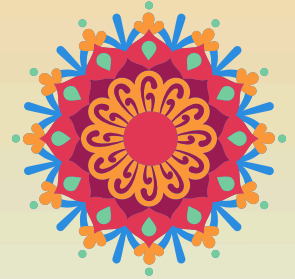




HORIZON

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



DR. RENI FRANCIS



"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today."

August is a month that reminds us of the values of freedom, responsibility, and collective progress. As we celebrate our nation's independence, let us also reflect on the role of education in building a society that is inclusive, responsible, and forward-looking.

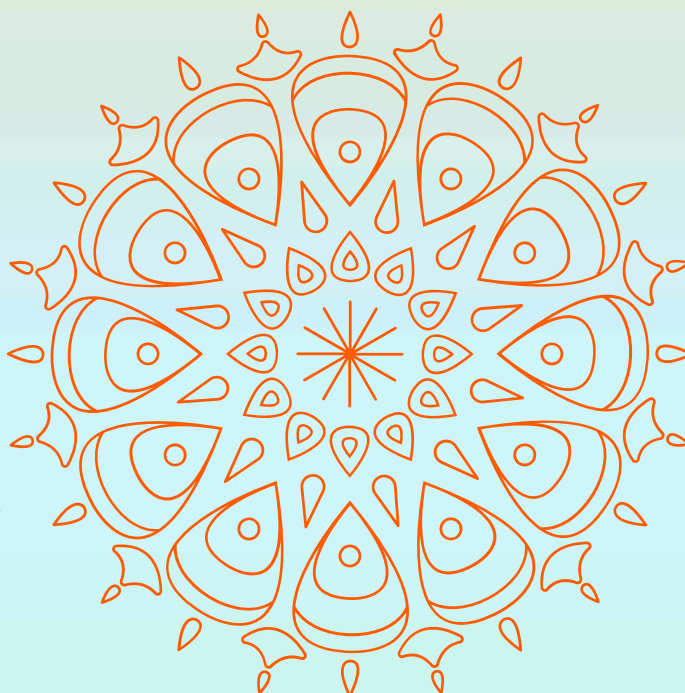
At PCER, Chembur, we believe that every learning experience is an opportunity to grow not only in knowledge and skills but also in character and compassion. Our commitment to excellence continues through meaningful classroom experiences, research, value based approach, emotional wellbeing and community engagement.

We encourage students to embrace every opportunity to learn, question, collaborate, and contribute. Let us nurture the courage to think differently, the discipline to pursue our goals, and the empathy to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

As we step forward, let the achievements and initiatives of our students and faculty inspire you to dream bigger and work with greater purpose.

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Learning Beyond the Classroom

August is a month that celebrates freedom, hope and new possibilities. It reminds us that learning is not only about gaining knowledge but also about applying it with confidence, responsibility and purpose.

This month, our students are stepping beyond the classroom and embracing learning through real-life experiences. They are participating in internships, gaining practical exposure and developing professional skills.

They are engaging with young learners in schools, conducting classroom activities and turning lesson plans into meaningful learning experiences. Alongside these, they are also pursuing SWAYAM courses, expanding their knowledge and strengthening their skills through self-paced learning.

These experiences reflect the true essence of education , learning by doing. Every new challenge, every interaction, and every opportunity is helping them grow into confident, responsible and lifelong learners.

As we celebrate the spirit of August, let us continue to value learning that goes beyond textbooks and inspires us to make a positive difference wherever we go.

"The best learning happens when knowledge meets experience."



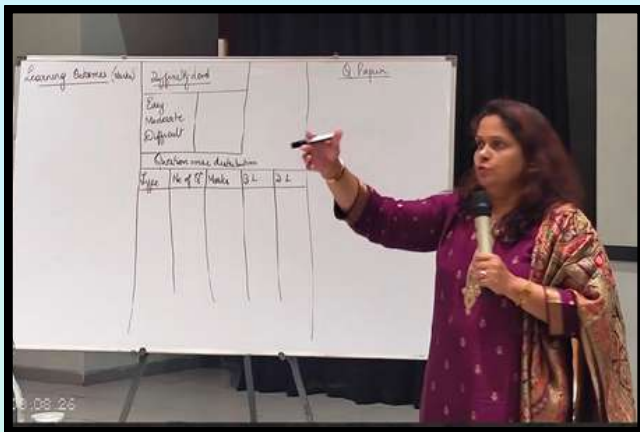
Faculty Achievements



- **Dr. Reni Francis** has been elected as Assistant Programme Director for Poverty Relief at the Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI). Founded in 1921, Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement with over 62,400 members across 106 countries. It advocates for human rights, gender equality, and the empowerment of women and girls through grassroots projects and global advocacy, including representation across seven United Nations Centres.



- **Dr Reni Francis** conducted professional development sessions for teachers of Lodha World School, Lakeshore Greens Palava on Blooms Taxonomy.



- **Ms. Achala Bhor** submitted her PhD Thesis titled, "Effectiveness of STEAM-Based Teaching on Academic Performance and Higher Order Thinking Skills Among Secondary School Students" at the University of Mumbai.
- **Dr. Vithoba Sawant** participated in the One-Day Training Programme on "Pre-Program the Mind and Reprint the Life," held on Sunday, 2nd August 2026.

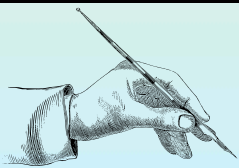




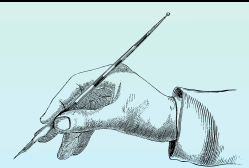
Guru Purnima Celebration



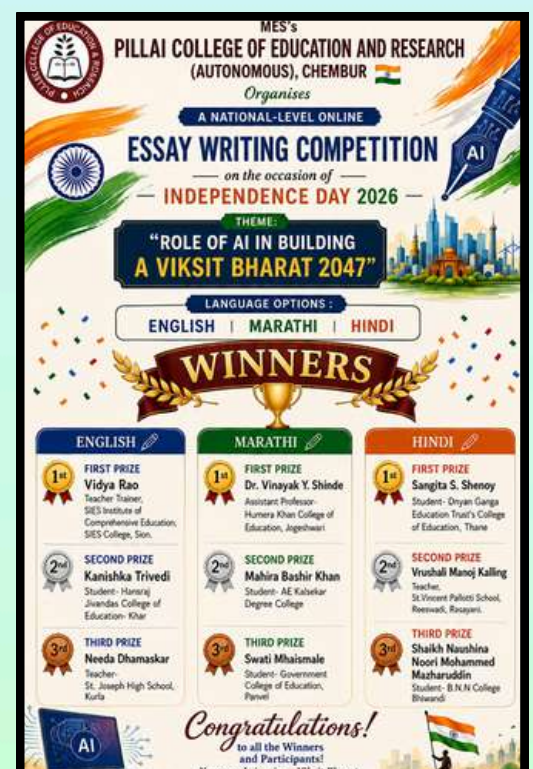
A special assembly was organised by the B.Ed. students of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, to celebrate Guru Purnima on 1st August, 2026. The teachers were then invited to share their personal journeys and what inspired them to become educators. Their experiences encouraged and inspired the B.Ed. students. Principal Dr. Reni Francis addressed the students and motivated student teachers to give their best during their upcoming teaching internships. They also expressed their gratitude by presenting handmade greeting cards and flowers to the faculty members. The Guru Purnima celebration encouraged the future teachers to become dedicated, caring, and responsible educators.



National Essay Writing Competition



PCER (Autonomous), Chembur, organised an Online Essay Writing Competition for students and teachers on the theme “Role of AI in Building a Viksit Bharat 2047” on the occasion of Independence Day 2026. The competition received more than 50 entries in English, Marathi, and Hindi. The essays were evaluated by a panel of judges, and three prizes were awarded in each language. The competition provided participants with an opportunity to express their views on the role of AI in shaping a developed India by 2047.



Self Defence Training for Girls

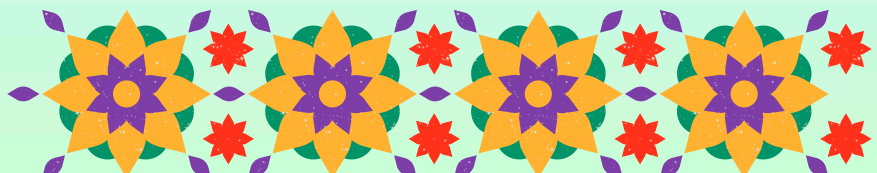


MES's Pillai College of Education and Research (Autonomous), Chembur, in collaboration with Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur and Chembur English High School, organized a Self-Defence Training Programme for girls of Standards 8, 9, and 10 on Wednesday, 19th August 2026, at the Multipurpose Hall. The session was conducted by Mr. Radheraman V. Singh, Founder of Fighters With No Style Academy, 2nd Dan Black Belt in Kickboxing, and International Kickboxing Bronze Medalist. The students learned practical self-defence techniques such as the jab, cross, hook, and uppercut through hands-on training.



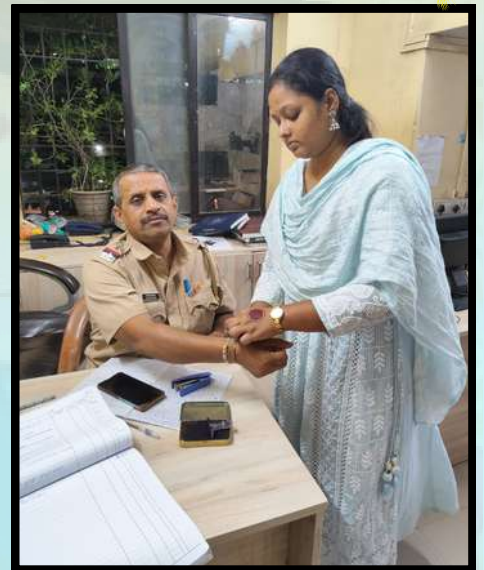
Onam

MES's PCER (Autonomous), Chembur, celebrated Onam on 29th August with great enthusiasm, bringing together the festive spirit of Onam. The venue was beautifully adorned with a Pookalam and colourful backdrop, creating a vibrant traditional ambience. The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp and a special assembly, followed by an inspiring address by Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai Sir on the values of unity, cultural richness, lifelong learning and exploration in teaching. Students also presented the significance of Onam, followed by a graceful traditional Kaikotti Kali dance performance that beautifully captured the spirit of the celebrations.



Raksha Bandhan

MES's PCER (Autonomous), Chembur, continually strives to nurture a culture of gratitude and appreciation among its students. As part of this initiative, students celebrated Raksha Bandhan(28th August) by tying rakhis to people who contribute to our safety, well-being and everyday lives in their own ways. Police officers, doctors, vegetable vendors, security guards, delivery personnel and other unsung heroes were honoured with rakhis and heartfelt words of appreciation. The initiative beautifully conveyed the message that protection comes in many forms, and every person who cares for and supports us deserves to be valued and thanked.





EHSAAS E- Emotional Wellbeing World Humanitarian Day



The student teachers conducted an awareness activity on World Humanitarian Day on 20th August 2026 for students of Classes V to VIII and Junior college in their practice teaching schools. The session highlighted kindness, compassion, empathy, equality, and helping people in need. Students participated in interactive activities and discussed real-life situations, learning how small acts of kindness can make a difference. The programme encouraged humanitarian values, social responsibility, cooperation, and concern for others.



H- Holistic Development International Youth Day



PCER,(Autonomous) , Chembur, Student-teachers celebrated International Youth Day on 12th August 2026 in their respective Practice Teaching Schools and Junior Colleges through various awareness activities. Students learnt about the important role of youth as future leaders, innovators, and agents of positive change. Interactive activities such as Group Discussions, “If I Were a School Leader,” and “Guess the Message – Emojis” encouraged creativity, leadership, teamwork, communication, and confidence. The activities motivated students to recognise their potential and inspired them to contribute positively to their school, community, and society.

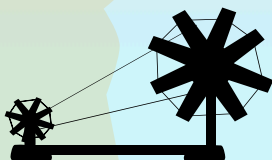




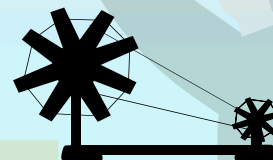
S- Skill building Indian Akshay Urja Day



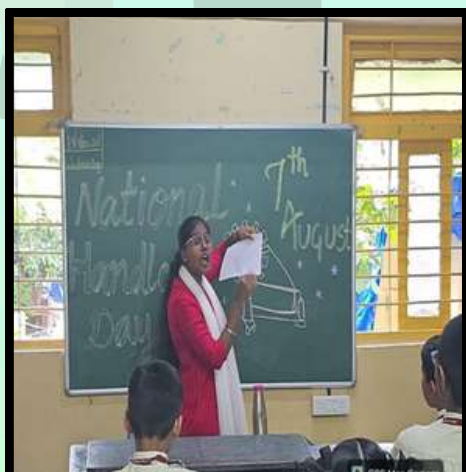
The student-teachers observed Indian Akshay Urja Day (Renewable Energy Day) on 24th August 2026 in their Practice Teaching Schools and Junior Colleges for students of Classes VI and VII. The session highlighted renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, hydropower and biomass and their role in protecting the environment. Interactive activities including a quiz, True or False, and Renewable and Non-Renewable Resources classification were conducted. Students also took an Energy Saving Promise, promoting energy conservation, environmental responsibility and sustainable development.



A- Academic Excellence National Handloom Day



Student-teachers of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research (Autonomous), Chembur, conducted awareness activities to celebrate National Handloom Day on 7th August 2026 in their respective Practice Teaching Schools and Junior Colleges. Students learnt about the significance of handlooms, traditional weaving techniques, Indian textiles, and the valuable contribution of weavers and local artisans. Interactive activities such as "Guess the Fabric," quizzes, discussions, videos, and bookmark-making encouraged active participation, creativity, and learning. The programme promoted the message of "Vocal for Local" and developed appreciation among students for India's rich handloom heritage, traditional craftsmanship, and indigenous textiles.



A- Active Citizenship

Independence Day

Chembur campus celebrated Independence Day starting with the Flag Hoisting followed by a cultural program by all the institutions of Chembur Campus on 15th August 2026. The chief guest was Dr. Meera Ranjith, faculty of Mahatma Junior College of Education, Chembur. Ma'am gave an inspiring speech that urged us to be good citizens. Additionally, students of PCER held an Independence Day Assembly on Saturday 8th August. They recited inspirational poems in various languages and sang a medley of patriotic songs. The assembly was well conducted and instilled a feeling of pride for our nation.





National Sports Day



Student-teachers of PCER(Autonomous), Chembur, celebrated National Sports Day on 27th August 2026 with great enthusiasm in their respective Practice Teaching Schools and Junior Colleges. Students learnt about the significance of National Sports Day, the contribution of legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand, inspiring Indian sportspersons, and major sports awards. Interactive activities such as Sports Quiz, Rapid Fire, Guess the Sports Equipment, Guess the Sports Personality, and Sports Charades were conducted.



S- Social Responsibility



World Elephant Day

The student-teachers conducted awareness activities on World Elephant Day in their Practice Teaching Schools and Junior Colleges on 12th August 2026. Students learned about elephants, their habitats, ecological importance, threats, and conservation through videos, discussions, quizzes and creative story-writing. The activities encouraged students to develop compassion and responsibility towards wildlife. The programme created awareness about protecting elephants and their natural habitats and highlighted the importance of wildlife conservation, ecological balance and biodiversity for future generations.

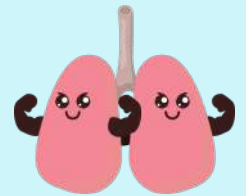
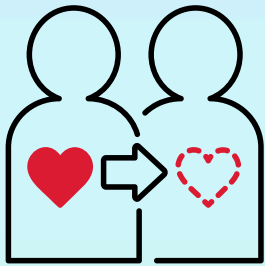




World Organ Donation Day



Student-teachers conducted awareness activities on World Organ Donation Day on 13th August 2026 in their respective Practice Teaching Schools and Junior Colleges. Students learnt about the importance of organ donation, transplantation, vital organs, and how organ donation can provide a second chance at life to those in need. Interactive activities such as “Mystery Organ Detective,” “One-Minute Advertisement,” Rapid Fire, and Quiz were conducted to encourage active participation and learning. The activities promoted awareness, creativity, confidence, empathy, generosity, and social responsibility, while conveying the message that organ donation can give hope and a new lease of life to others.



Alumni Corner

Leaving to Arrive

Reaching that place
might look impossible.
It might even feel impossible.

But what if reaching that place
means first leaving
the place you're in?

What if reaching that place
means leaving behind
the fear you carry,
the judgments you've heard,
and the ones that somehow
still find their way to your ears?

Sometimes,
it feels too early
to take a leap of faith.

Sometimes,
it feels as though
you will never be ready
to take that leap at all.

Stay with me, dear reader.
Everyone has been here.

You will find your people.
You will find your place.

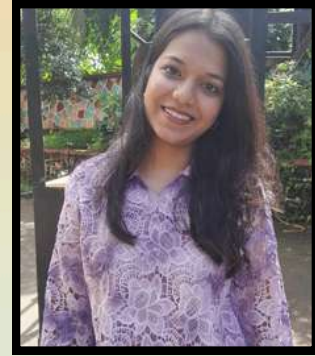
Unknown at first,
it may seem.
Too different at first,
it may feel.

And someone may ask,

“Why did you choose this?”
“You never seemed like the one
to do something like this.”

But someday,
with a smile
and the confidence
you thought you had lost,
you will look around
at the unfamiliar place
that once frightened you,
and quietly say,

“I'm happy here.”



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Students Corner



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School - A home away from home. School - a home away from home, A place where we learnt to grow and roam, Where “please”, “sorry” and “thank you” became our way, Words we learnt in pre-K, but carry every day.

A place where we learnt to share and care, Our food, our notes, our joys, our despair, From helping with homework to helping a friend, Little moments we wished would never end.

A place that shaped us as humans each day, And gave us memories that never fade away, From being curious to being nonchalant, Every stage of growing up, this place would grant.

From gossip and drama to laughter and tears, From silly little moments to unforgettable years, The school saw our secrets, our smiles and our fears, And stood beside us through all those years.

The benches felt our tears and heard every voice, The walls saw our doodles, our laughter and noise, The corridors witnessed our running around, And held all the memories we left on the ground.

And then came our teachers, who taught more than books, With lessons in kindness hidden in their looks, They taught us respect, compassion and grace, And helped shape the people we are today in this place. Some stayed in touch, while some drifted apart, Some became strangers, yet stayed in the heart, But wherever life takes us, wherever we roam, School will always be a place we call home.

And sometimes we wish, just once, if we could, Sit in the same classroom as we once would, Chatter and laugh, share our stories once more, But this time as adults, not children we were before. Because school is not just a place that we knew, It is the place that helped us become who we grew, And perhaps that is why, when it is time to go, We leave with tears - though we entered with them long ago. School - a home away from home, A place in our hearts, wherever we roam. A chapter that ends, but memories stay, A part of us that never fades away.

