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HORIZON

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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TEACH – Because Every Teacher Leaves a Footprint

September holds a special place in every educator's heart. As we celebrate Teachers' Day, we celebrate not merely a profession, but a calling—a journey of touching lives, nurturing dreams, and quietly shaping the future.

TEACH is more than a word. It is a reminder of what it truly means to be an educator:

T – Touch hearts with kindness and compassion.

E – Encourage dreams and give every learner the courage to believe.

A – Accept every learner for who they are and help them discover who they can become.

C – Create a safe space where questions, mistakes, and curiosity are welcomed.

H – Hold a light for others, especially when they cannot yet see their own path.

A teacher may not always know which lesson will be remembered, but somewhere, sometime, a learner will remember how a teacher made them feel—seen, valued, believed in, and capable.

To all our teachers, and to our student-teachers preparing to embrace this beautiful responsibility: may we never forget that behind every lesson is a life waiting to be inspired.

Let us teach not only with our minds, but with our hearts.

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A Human Touch in AI Classroom

AI in Indian education is often discussed as a shortcut: a student asks a question, a chat-bot gives an answer, and the homework is done. But its quieter influence may matter more. AI can translate a lesson into a student's home language, read text aloud, or explain the same idea in several ways. For a student who is too shy to ask a question in class, a patient digital tutor can offer a first place to begin.

There is another possibility that receives less attention: AI may change what teachers spend their time doing. It can help prepare practice questions, organise feedback and spot topics that a class is struggling with. Used thoughtfully, this could free teachers to spend more time listening, encouraging and helping students think through difficult ideas.

But a tool that marks an answer is not the same as a teacher who understands why a child is confused. If schools use AI mainly to save money or reduce teacher contact, the technology could make education more efficient while making learning feel lonelier.

Teachers bring understanding and care that AI cannot fully provide. They can notice when a student feels confused, encourage them through difficulties and adapt their teaching to the child's needs. Teachers also help students build confidence, curiosity and social skills making learning a human connection, not just the exchange of information.

Teachers do more than explain lessons: they guide students as they grow. They recognise each child's strengths, encourage them when they struggle and create a classroom where students feel safe to ask questions. Through discussion and example, teachers also help young people develop kindness, discipline, curiosity and respect for others. AI can provide information, but a teacher's experience and personal care make learning meaningful

India should welcome AI as a support for teachers and students, while ensuring it works across languages, protects children's data and reaches those with limited access. A machine can explain a lesson, but a caring teacher can notice when a child needs encouragement. That human connection should remain at the heart of education.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



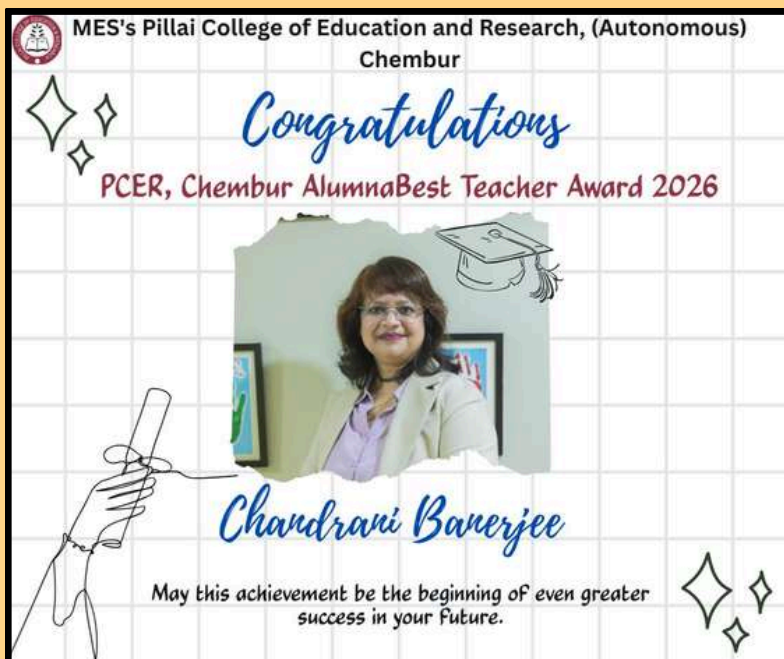
Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath conducted a Faculty Development Session for the Junior College teachers of Ramanand Arya D.A.V. College, Bhandup, on Integrating Technology in the New Generation Classrooms on 22nd September 2026.



Dr. Vithoba C. Sawant, appointed Field Coordinator, University of Mumbai-DLLE, he conducted the First Term Training Programme for Model Degree College and Guardians Degree College, Dombivli, students and teachers, focused on activities on 28th September 2026.



TEACHERS' DAY AWARD 2026



PCER, Chembur celebrated Teachers' Day with their alumni by organizing the Teachers' Day Award 2026 to recognize and appreciate their career achievements. The PCER, Chembur Alumna Best Teacher Award was presented to Ms. Chandrani Banerjee, IB PYP Coordinator at Mount Litera School International, Mumbai.



EHSAAS

E- Emotional Wellbeing Teachers' Day



Teachers' Day Celebration at Practice Teaching Schools

As part of the Teachers' Day celebrations, B.Ed. student teachers conducted meaningful activities across their practice teaching schools from 4th to 8th September 2026.

- Chembur Junior English College, students expressed their gratitude through felicitation, handmade cards and creative decorations.
- Chembur Karnataka High School, the celebration included games, performances and interactive activities for teachers and students.
- Chembur English High School, students participated enthusiastically in "Guess the Teacher" and "Be a Teacher" activities.

S.I.E.S. High School, students took part in a presentation and the interactive activity "One Word for Teachers."

The celebrations created joyful and meaningful opportunities to express respect, gratitude and appreciation for teachers.



Teachers' Day Celebration at PCER

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at MES's Pillai College of Education & Research to honour and appreciate the dedicated faculty members. The celebration featured a melodious tribute by the B.Ed. choir group, who performed heartfelt songs dedicated to the faculty. Adding to the fun and excitement, the students organized an engaging and lively introduction session for all the teachers. As a gesture of appreciation, faculty members were presented with unique badges and gift hampers as tokens of love and respect. The celebration created a warm, joyful and memorable atmosphere, reflecting the students' gratitude towards their teachers.





H- Holistic Development National Nutrition Week



The student-teachers celebrated National Nutrition Week on 1st September 2026 in their practice teaching schools. Awareness sessions were conducted for school students of different classes on healthy food, balanced nutrition and healthy eating habits. Interactive activities such as “Healthy or Unhealthy?” quizzes, debates, and food-choice activities were conducted to make the sessions engaging. Students actively participated and learned about the importance of nutritious food, hydration and healthy lifestyle choices for growth, immunity and overall well-being. The programme successfully promoted awareness about making healthy food choices in daily life.



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S- Skill building International Translation Day



To observe International Translation which is celebrated on the 30th of September worldwide, the students of PCER, Chembur engaged in a translation activity and uploaded their work on a padlet. Students were to translate stories from other languages into English. They could select stories they heard growing up, or one they came across in any language other than English. The students could pick any language of their choice - a foreign language, Indian language they are familiar with or their mother tongue. The submissions showcase a range of Indian regional storytelling traditions, alongside a story from the Arab tradition. Languages represented include Punjabi, Sindhi, Tamil, Marathi, Malayalam and Telugu, with entries presenting the original language alongside English translation.

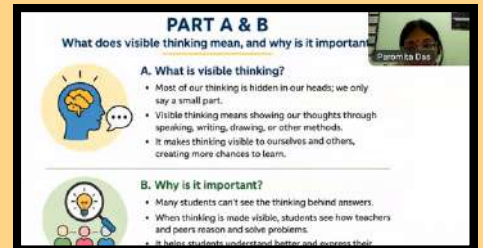
Translate a Story from Your Mother tongue
Select a story from your childhood which you have heard in your mother tongue or home/first language and rewrite it in English.

HARNAJIN KOUR MATTA 4 days ago Translation Day (Punjabi-English) ਦੁੱਲਾ ਭੱਟੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦਾ ਇੱਕ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਲੋਕ ਨਹਿਕ ਸੀ। ਉਹ ਗ਼ਰੀਬ ਅਤੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਮਦਦ ਕਰਦਾ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਅਨਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਆਵਾਜ਼ ਉਠਾਉਂਦਾ ਸੀ। ਲੋਕ-ਕਥਾਵਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ, ਉਸ ਨੇ ਕਈ ਕੁਝੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਕੀਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਿਆਹ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਦਦ ਕੀਤੀ। ਇਸੇ ਕਰਕੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਲੋਕ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਪਿਆਰ ਅਤੇ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਆਦਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਤਿਉਹਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਦੁੱਲਾ ਭੱਟੀ ਦੀ ਕਹਾਣੀ ਜੁੜੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ।	Ruksana Khan 7 days ago ARABIC FOLKTALE FROM ARAB THE MULLA FAKHRUDDIN AND HIS DONKEY Once upon a time in the city of Arab, Mulla Fakhruddin was riding his donkey on his way to the market and his son Nasruddin was walking beside. On the way, some people began laughing when they saw them. Someone said, "Mulla! You are riding the donkey while your son is walking. How heartless you are, How can you do this to your son?" He is just 12 years old. Mulla Fakhruddin made his son Nasruddin sit on the donkey and began walking himself.	Kavya Mathrani SYBE 7 days ago Kavya Mathrani SYBE.d Roll no. 38. सससी और पुन्हुन — Sindhi Folk Tale. English Translation In the Sindhi city of Bhambore lived a kind and beautiful girl named Sassi. She fell in love with Punhun, the prince of Kech. Punhun's brothers were against their love and secretly took him away. Sassi crossed the desert searching for him. Exhausted, she prayed for help, and according to the legend, the earth opened and she disappeared into it. Punhun returned and mourned her deeply. Moral True love teaches us loyalty.	ABINESHAN BALAGANE... 7 days ago ABINESHAN Roll No:1 The story of the formation of the Kulasai Mutharamman Temple The Mutharamman Temple is a 300-year-old temple located in Kulasekarapattinam in the Thoothukudi district. It is located 14 km from Tiruchendur. This place was ruled by Kulasekarapandiyan. Due to the appearance of Goddess Mutharamman and her blessings, this place got the...	Afreen 7 days ago SHAIKH ABDUL AND THE DUCK Shaikh Abdul and the Golden Duck Shaikh Abdul had a duck that laid one golden egg every day. He became greedy and wanted all the eggs at once. So, he killed the duck, but found nothing inside.	Shalini Radhakrishnan 8 days ago Tamil folk tale - The Clever Farmer and the King Once, there lived a poor farmer in a small village in Tamil Nadu. Although he had very little money, he was hardworking and honest. He owned a small piece of land where he grew rice and vegetables. One year, there was very little rain. The crops began to dry, and the villagers were worried about their families. The farmer did not lose hope. He dug a...
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iTeach Skill Building Workshops

A two-day online workshop was conducted for students of PCER, Chembur by the teachers of iTeach Schools, Navi Mumbai. The first session, conducted on 3rd September, focused on active learning, where students watched videos, discussed their observations in groups, and shared their ideas with the whole group. The second session, held on 4th September 2026, focused on execution strategies such as Cold calling, Think-Pair-Share, Visible Thinking, and See-Think-Wonder. Through videos, questions, and a visual game, students learned how these strategies can make classroom learning more active and engaging. The workshop was interactive, practical, and useful for preparing student-teachers for modern classroom teaching.



A- Academic Excellence International Literacy Day



The student-teachers of PCER, Chembur, celebrated International Literacy Day on 8th September 2026 in their practice teaching schools. Awareness activities were conducted for students to highlight the importance of literacy, education, reading, writing and communication skills. Interactive activities such as Word Builder, Word Challenge, Unlock the Word, sentence formation and Literacy Quiz were conducted. School students participated enthusiastically and enhanced their vocabulary, creativity and communication skills. The programme successfully created awareness about the importance of literacy in developing confident, educated and responsible individuals.



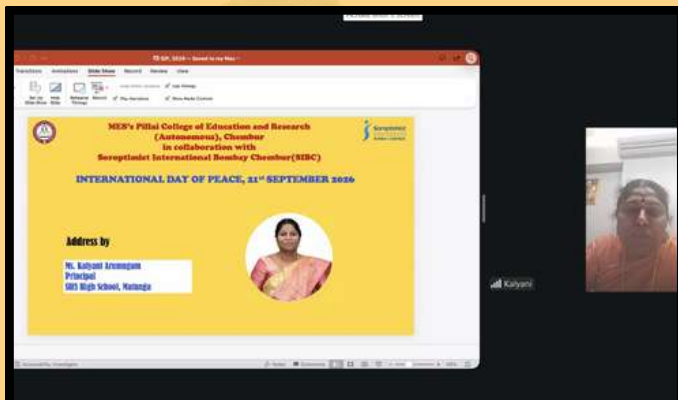
Hindi Diwas

14th September is celebrated every year on September 14 in India to mark the day when the Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi in the Devanagari script as the official language of the Union in 1949. The students of PCER, Chembur held a special assembly to celebrate Hindi Diwas on Saturday, 12th September. They highlighted the contributions of influential Hindi authors and poets. This was followed by a rhythmic segment where the students presented poem readings in Hindi. The students conducted engaging activities like correcting the incorrect sentences, translating the Hindi text into English, and exciting tongue twisters in Hindi that were enjoyable and nostalgic. Overall, the celebration was a success as it successfully highlighted the culture and beauty of the Hindi language.



A- Active Citizenship International Day of Peace

PCER, Chembur, in collaboration with SIBC, organised an online session on 21st September 2026 to observe the International Day of Peace. The theme was “Peace Begins at School – From Research to Reflection, From Reflection to Action.” The session focused on teaching students peace, respect, empathy, and ways to solve conflicts peacefully. Dr. Reni Francis explained the Peace Intervention Module, while Dr. Sunita Magre shared simple activities like storytelling and role play to help students learn about peace and empathy. Ms. Kalyani Arumugam and student-teachers also shared their experiences of using peace activities in schools, highlighting the important role of teachers in creating a peaceful and caring school environment.





S- Social Responsibility

World Ozone Day



The student-teachers of PCER, Chembur, celebrated International Ozone Day on 16th September 2026 in their respective practice teaching schools. Awareness activities were conducted for school students to highlight the importance of the ozone layer, harmful UV radiation, and environmental protection. Interactive activities such as Ozone Bingo, quizzes, True or False, Jumbled Words, and an Ozone Protection Pledge were conducted. Students participated enthusiastically and developed awareness about protecting the ozone layer and preserving the environment for a healthier future.



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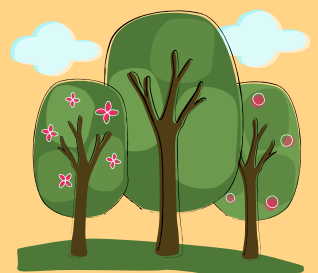
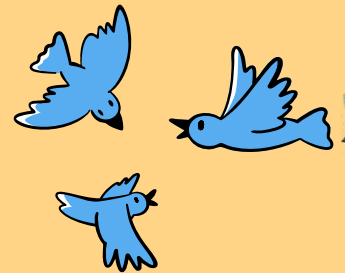


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पृथ्वी को आया बुखार, तापमान, सीमा के पार

क्या आप यह पढ़कर डर गए? पर यह वास्तविकता बनती जा रही है। जब से इंसान इस दुनिया में आया है कुछ न कुछ तलाश रहा है, अपनी इच्छाओं को पूरा करने के लिए सरपट दौड़ा जा रहा है, और इच्छाएं एक के बाद एक, खत्म होने का नाम ही नहीं ले रही है। और परिणाम क्या आ रहा है। पृथ्वी की बीमारियां, आग उगलती पृथ्वी।

दुनिया के सबसे गर्म शहरों में सबसे ज्यादा तो भारत के शहरों के नाम सूची में है। वैज्ञानिकों और पर्यावरणविदों के बार - बार चेतावनियों के बावजूद कार्बन उत्सर्जन कम नहीं हो रहा, बल्कि और बढ़ रहा है। अपनी-अपनी रेस में सब भाग रहे हैं लेकिन रुककर सोचना किसे है कि हम कहां जा रहे हैं? हम विकास के नाम पर विनाश की कगार पर आ गए हैं। आज - कल दो दिन बाहर क्या निकला पूरे शरीर में खुजली और घमौरी उभर पड़े। सुबह 10 बजे से शाम 4 बजे तक घर के अंदर रहने का फरमान जारी है। कुछ लोगों का कहना है कि अगर दो सालों तक हमने निर्णायक कदम नहीं उठाए तो स्थिति और गंभीर हो सकती है। जहां तक मुझे समझ आता है आदमी के अंदर का बुखार, पृथ्वी का बुखार बन गया है। यह कैसे? इसे बाद में व्यक्त करूंगा। धन्यवाद



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