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'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'

HORIZON

Principal's Message



Dr.Reni Francis

PCER, Chembur (Autonomous) started its new academic year stepping into a new milestone of Autonomy, PCER, Chembur lays the foundation of tomorrow's educators with passion, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

At PCER, Chembur we focus on Education in not just imparting knowledge; it is about inspiring and guiding the next generation. As future educators, you carry the noble responsibility of shaping young minds and nurturing their potential. This journey, while immensely rewarding, demands perseverance and an unyielding commitment to your goals.

Perseverance is the cornerstone of success in the field of education. As you embark on this journey, you will encounter challenges and obstacles that will test your resolve. Embrace each challenge as an opportunity to grow, to learn, and to become stronger. Your persistence will not only lead to personal achievements but will also set a powerful example for your future students.

At PCER, Chembur, we are committed to providing you with the resources, knowledge, and support needed to scale greater heights through dedicated faculty and staff. We believe in your potential and are here to help you every step of the way.

Stay focused, stay dedicated, and never lose sight of your dreams. The path to becoming an exceptional educator is paved with hard work, determination, and a steadfast belief in your abilities.

Together, let us strive for excellence and make a lasting impact on the world of education.

July 2024 Horizon

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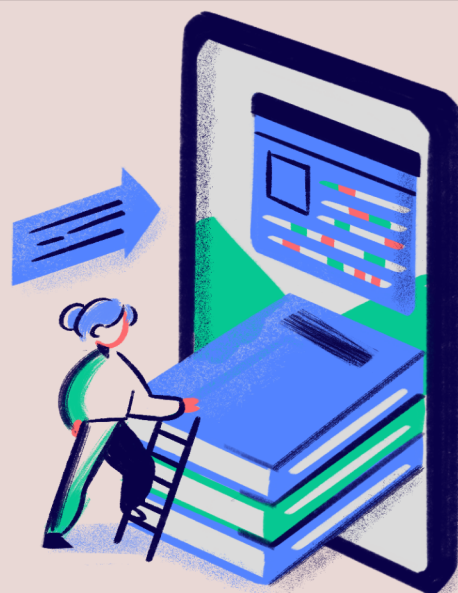
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Editorial



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"The digital world is a canvas, and digital literacy is the brush that paints opportunity, connection, and progress. Without it, we're left in the dark, unable to create our masterpiece."

In today's interconnected world, digital literacy has become a fundamental skill, essential for personal, educational, and professional success. Digital literacy goes beyond basic computer skills; it encompasses the ability to effectively and critically navigate, evaluate, and create information using a range of digital technologies.

Digital literacy empowers individuals to access vast information and resources, enabling them to stay informed and make educated decisions. Digital literacy is crucial in the workplace as most jobs require proficiency in digital tools and platforms. It enhances productivity, fosters innovation, and is often a key factor in career advancement.

In education, digital literacy equips students with the skills needed for research, collaboration, and problem-solving in a digital environment. It prepares them for the future job market and fosters lifelong learning. Moreover, it helps in bridging the digital divide, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their background, can participate fully in the digital economy.

On a societal level, digital literacy promotes civic engagement and social inclusion. It enables individuals to engage in digital citizenship, from understanding and debating online content to participating in digital platforms for social change.

Let's see the story of Vijay Kumar, a 35-year-old farmer from the village of Raichur in Karnataka, India. In 2018, Vijay participated in a digital literacy program initiated by the Indian government, which taught him how to use a smartphone and access online resources. With his new skills, Vijay started using online platforms to sell his produce directly to consumers, eliminating middlemen and increasing his profits. He also began using digital tools to monitor weather patterns, soil health, and market prices, which helped him make informed decisions about his farm. Vijay's income increased by 30% after he started using digital technologies, and he was able to support his family better. His story was featured in a report by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on the impact of digital technologies on smallholder farmers

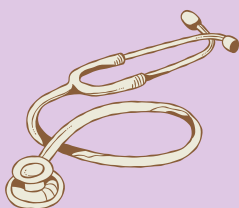
When farmers like Vijay Kumar cultivate digital skills, they harvest more than just crops - they reap a brighter future for themselves, their families, and their communities.

As the world becomes increasingly digital, the ability to navigate and harness technology is not just a skill, but a superpower - one that unlocks doors, bridges gaps, and empowers individuals to shape their own future.



Faculty Achievements

- Dr. Reni Francis participated and published a paper in Online International Conference, paper titled 'Fostering Inclusivity: Examining the Evolution of Teaching Practices in Higher Education' organized by B.L. Amlani College of Commerce & Economics and International Institute of Cambridge, United Kingdom, on dated 31st July 2024
- Dr. Jaya Cherian completed the UGC sponsored online Refresher Course in Environmental Studies (Education) conducted from 1st July to 14th July 2024 by UGC MMTTC, Gujarat University.
- Dr. Vithoba Sawant participated in the First Term Training Program for Extension Teacher conducted by University of Mumbai, Department of Lifelong learning and Extension on 27th July 2024.
- Dr. Vithoba Sawant participated and published a paper in Online International Conference, paper titled 'Changes in Pedagogical Approaches in Higher Education' organized by B.L. Amlani College of Commerce & Economics and International Institute of Cambridge, United Kingdom, on 31st July 2024.

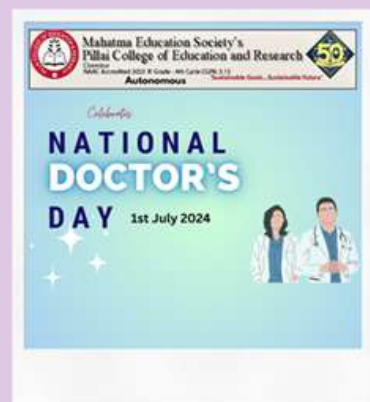


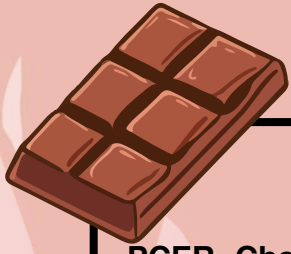
National Doctor's Day



On the 1st of July, 2024, the students of Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur (PCER Chembur) participated with great enthusiasm in the National Doctors Day celebration. On the day of the event, the students visited their family doctors to present self made thank you cards. In addition to this gesture, they took photos with the doctors to capture the memorable moments of appreciation and celebration.

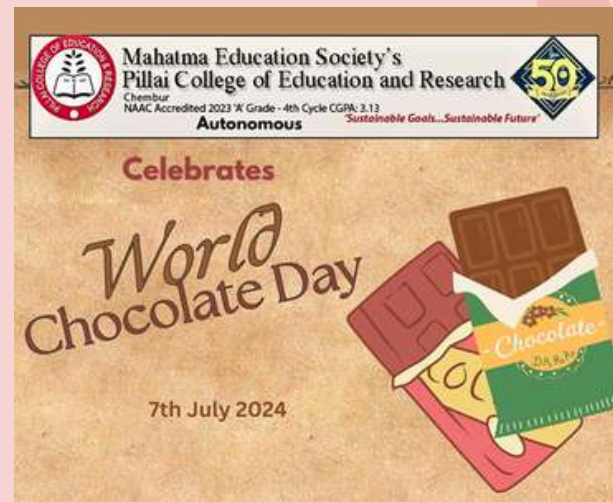
The students also took the opportunity to interview their doctors. These interviews delved into various aspects of the doctors' professional journeys, including: reasons for choosing the medical profession, favorite aspects of their profession, opinions on the current NEET crisis, qualifications and years of experience. Their efforts not only honored the doctors but also provided a valuable learning experience, bridging the gap between the future educators and the medical community.



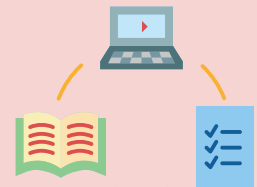


World Chocolate Day

PCER, Chembur, F.Y.B.Ed. students celebrated World Chocolate Day on 7th July, 2024 with an activity to promote gratitude and respect. Students were encouraged to present a chocolate to their most admired person or role model and then take a selfie together. The event saw enthusiastic participation, with students reflecting on the importance of their role models and expressing their gratitude in a sweet and memorable way. They showcased creativity in their collages and shared heartfelt stories, making the celebration both meaningful and enjoyable.



KHAS Centre Sessions



Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur held its first KHAS Centre sessions this month. This academic year the KHAS Centre will conduct monthly sessions in the various aspects.

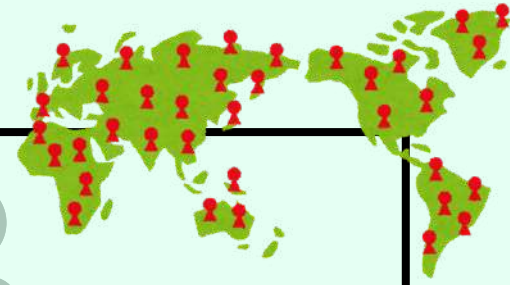
Knowledge Centre: Rich repository of online and offline resources, lesson plans, recorded lessons, teaching aid ideas, worksheets, Ask your Expert.

Humanistic Centre: Value based sessions, Value oriented interactions, Well-being, Social Emotional Learning, Counselling.

Application Centre: Hands on training, Experiential Learning, Experimentation, Observation, Artificial Intelligence.

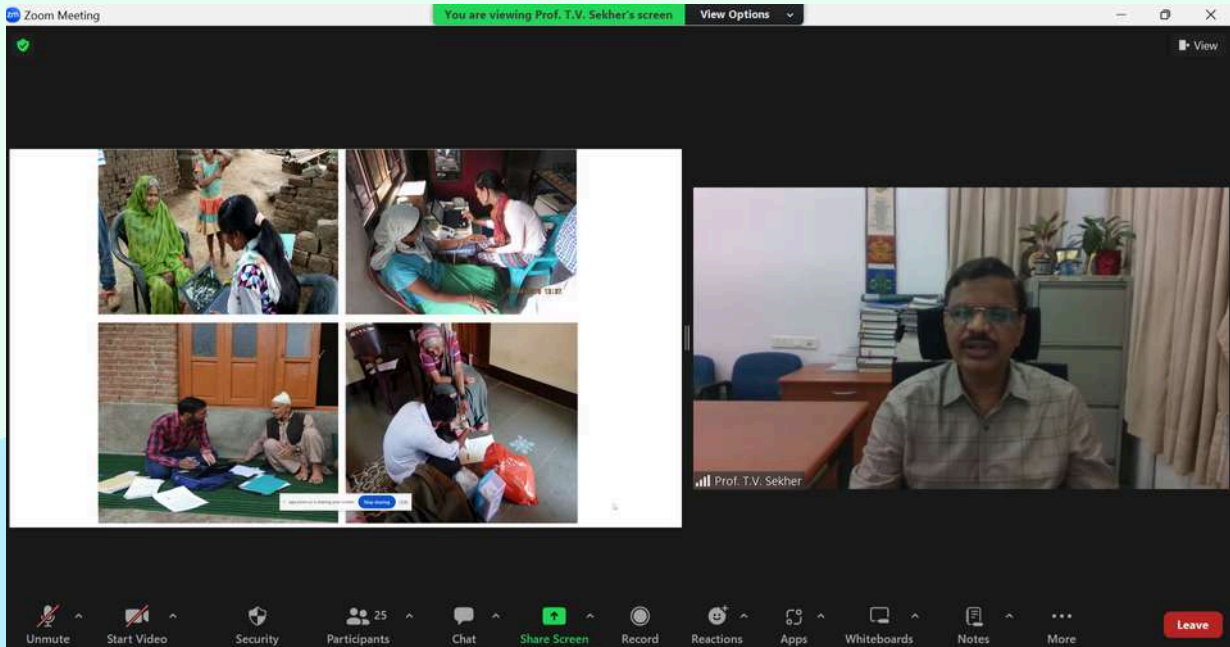
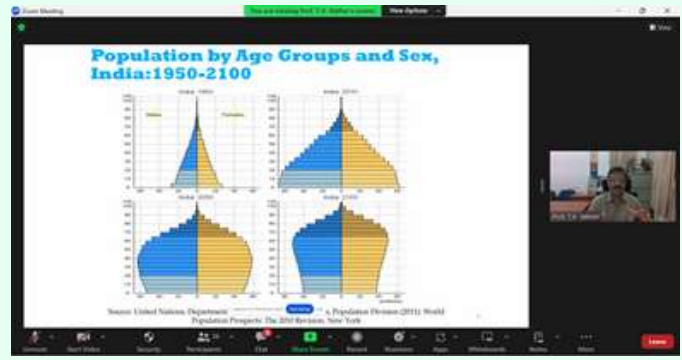
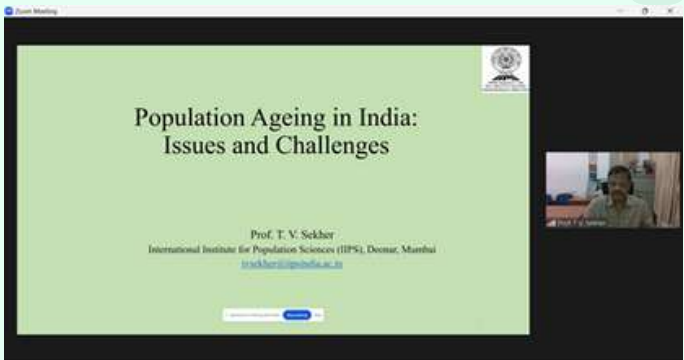
Skill Centre: Incubation and innovation in education, Digital skills, Thinking Hubs, Research.





World Population Day

PCER, Chembur organized an expert lecture to observe World Population Day on 11th July, 2024. Dr. T. V Sekhar is the Professor and Head of the Department of Family and Generations & Centre for Ageing Studies at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. He gave a very interesting and thought provoking lecture on Population Ageing in India. He spoke about the population distribution in India across the various states, age demographics, marital status, earning capacity across ages and genders. He also highlighted the issue of elder abuse and also shared about the various surveys and longitudinal studies being conducted. The session was very informative and provided an in-depth understanding of the issues and challenges with respect to the Population Ageing in India. (KHAS Series - Knowledge Centre)



Paper Bag Day

On 12th July 2024, PCER, Chembur students conducted paper bag activities at various practice teaching schools. This initiative was designed to raise awareness about crucial environmental issues such as climate change and promote a more sustainable lifestyle by encouraging the use of paper bags as alternatives to plastic bags. Through this hands-on experience, the students created paper bags in celebration of World Paper Bag Day, taking a small yet significant step towards a plastic-free society. (KHAS Series Skills Centre)



International Friendship Day

On 20th July 2024, F.Y.B.Ed. students at PCER, Chembur, celebrated Friendship Day with great enthusiasm. They exchanged friendship bands and heartfelt messages, shared speeches and anecdotes, and exchanged small tokens of appreciation. The event fostered a strong sense of camaraderie and mutual appreciation among the students.



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World Day of International Justice

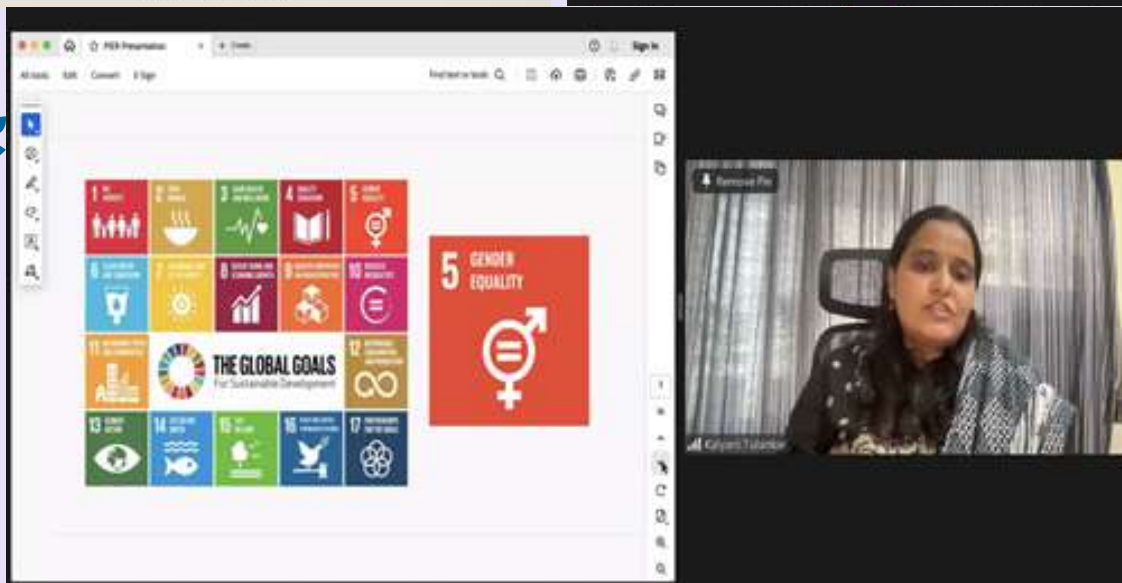
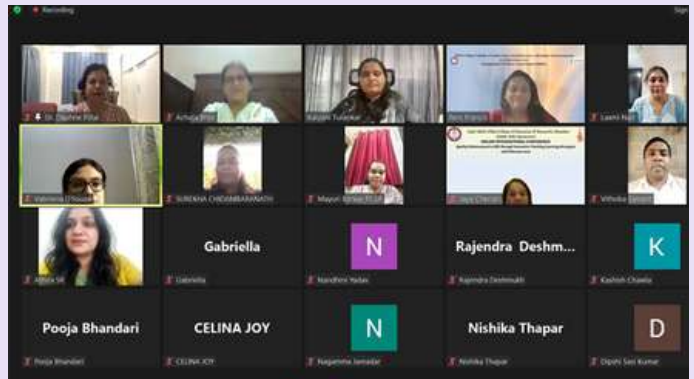
On the 17th of July the Women Development Cell of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, in association with Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC), organized an event on the occasion of World Day of International Justice. The theme for this event was "Advancing Women's Rights and Social Justice in India: Progressing towards Gender Equality." The session was in line with SDG #5: Gender Equality. The keynote speaker for the event was Ms. Kalyani Tulankar, a lawyer and a trained mediator, Bombay High Court and NCLT. Ms. Kalyani Tulankar, in her talk, emphasized the importance of gender equality as a fundamental aspect of social justice. She highlighted several critical points such as social, economic, and cultural barriers that hinder the progress towards gender equality. Ms. Kalyani also discussed the laws, policies, and constitutional provisions that aim to protect and promote women's rights in India. The various judgements highlighted during the session were an eye opener in understanding social justice. (KHAS Series - Humanistic Centre)



MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur (Autonomous) in collaboration with Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC) organizes an Online Session to observe 'World Day of International Justice' Theme: Advancing Women's Rights and Social Justice in India Progressing towards Gender Equality

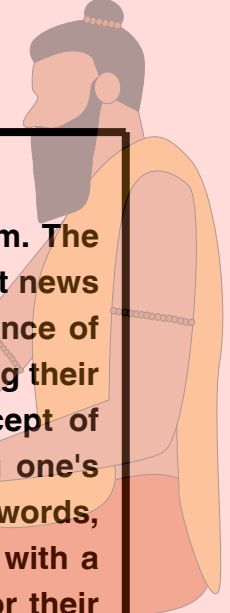
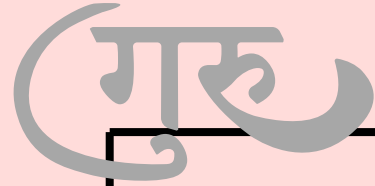
Advocate Kalyani Tulankar
Practising Lawyer and Trained Mediator
Bombay High Court and NCLT

Date: 19th July, 2024. Time: 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
ONLINE - ZOOM



A screenshot of a presentation slide. On the left, there is a grid of 17 icons representing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). On the right, there is a large red square with the number '5' and the text 'GENDER EQUALITY' and a female symbol with an equals sign. Below the grid, it says 'THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development'.





Special Assembly - Guru Purnima

PCER Chembur celebrated Guru Purnima on 20th July 2024 with great enthusiasm. The event commenced with a prayer, followed by the thoughts of the day and the latest news updates and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) highlighted the importance of education in achieving global goals. Students delivered heartfelt speeches honoring their teachers. Rajendra Deshmukh sir spoke about Vyasa and delved into the concept of "Guru Ninda Vyasanam," emphasizing the importance of respecting and valuing one's guru. Dr. Reni Francis ma'am further enlightened the students with her inspiring words, reinforcing the significance of teachers in shaping futures. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving everyone with a deep sense of gratitude and reverence for their mentors.



Alumni Expert Session

On July 13, 2024, Ms. Dharti Latke from the alumni batch of 2020-22 conducted an insightful session on conflict resolution for F.Y. B.Ed students. The session began with identifying skills essential for overcoming conflicts, followed by a puzzle activity emphasizing the importance of calmness and the potential harm of instant decisions. A discussion activity focused on NEET provided a platform for collaborative problem-solving. Finally, students were presented with classroom scenarios to apply conflict resolution measures, reinforcing practical application of the skills learned. The session was highly interactive and provided practical insights into managing conflicts effectively. (KHAS Series - Application Centre)

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Organizes
ALUMNI ENRICHMENT SESSION
ON
CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Date: 13/07/2024
Time: 11 am

Ms Dharti Latke
Alumna





World Nature Conservation Day

On the occasion of World Nature Conservation Day(28th July), F.Y. B. Ed students visited Maharashtra Nature Park. They saw many types of plants and animals, a wide variety of flowers and butterflies, showcasing the rich biodiversity. This visit helped them understand the importance of green spaces and biodiversity for nature conservation in densely populated cities like Mumbai and highlighted the need for sustainable practices to protect the environment.



Nature Conservation Day



Mangroves @ Maharashtra Nature Park

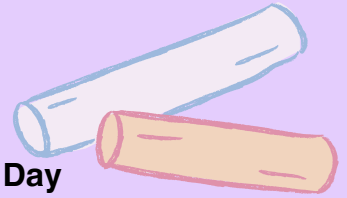


Practice Teaching

The three-week Practice Teaching program for Semester II commenced on July 1st and concluded on July 20th, 2024. Students were sorted into seven groups and assigned to various schools, including SIES Matunga, Chembur Karnatak High School, and Chembur English Junior College. During their placement, students engaged in diverse activities, such as:

- Observing and shadowing school teachers
- Delivering lesson presentations
- Organizing and conducting co-curricular activities
- Organizing special programs for Paper Bag Day and Population Day
- Assisting with school examinations and baseline assessments

The students demonstrated remarkable dedication and efficiency throughout their first internship, successfully completing their practicum experience





Alumni Corner

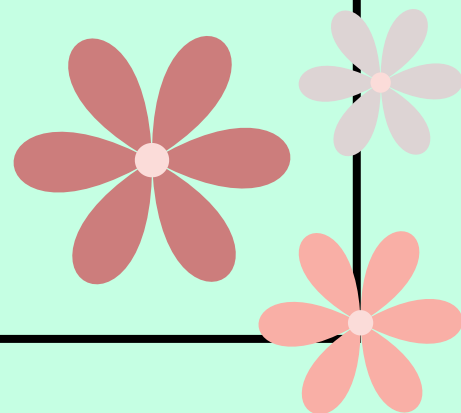
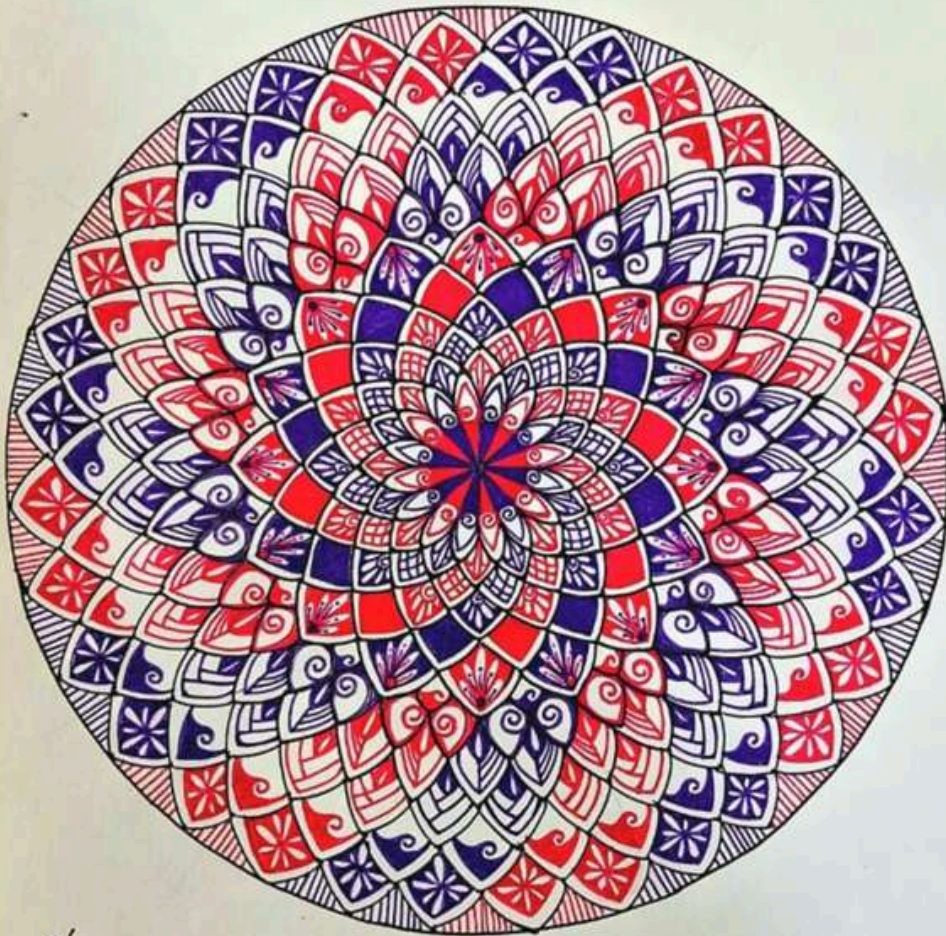


Ms. Shreya Sanal

Batch 2021-2023

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Podar International School, (CBSE) Hiranandani, Powai.



Students Corner



Ms. Mamata Kokaje
Roll no -25
Batch 2022-2024

माझी शाळा

जून महिना लागताच वेध लागतात ते शाळा सुरु होण्याचे. आंबे ,फणस ,काजू ,कोकम, करवंद यांनी भरलेला उन्हाळा संपूच नये असं वाटत असत पण तरीसुद्धा शाळेतील सवंगडी ,खेळाचे मैदान ,तासाची घंटा वाट पाहत असते.खरंच शाळा सुरु होतात जूनमध्ये म्हणजेच नुकतीच पावसाला सुरुवात झालेली असते झाडांना पाऊसरूपी संजीवनी मिळून त्यांचे आयुष्य बहरणार तसेच शिक्षणरूपी ज्ञानाच्या गंगेने विद्यार्थी जीवनाला खऱ्या अर्थाने बहरून येण्याची संधी मिळते .शाळा ,म्हटलं की माझ्या मनाच्या पटलावर गुणगुणल्या जातात त्या केशवकुमारांच्या ओळी ,

"ही आवडते मज मनापासून शाळा,
लाविते लळा हि जसा माउली बाळा "

अगदी बालपणापासून शाळा हा माझा आवडता विषय होता. माझी आईच माझी बालवर्गाची शिक्षिका होती ,पण आई म्हणून तिने मला कधीच फायदा घेऊ दिला नाही उलट इतर मुलांप्रमाणेच शिस्त लावली.याचा फायदा मला नक्कीच झाला. प्राथमिक शाळेत आम्हाला जोगळेकर मॅडम व खेडेकर मॅडम होत्या त्यांच्यामुळे शिस्त अंगवळणी पडली.आपला परिसर स्वच्छ ठेवणे ,नखे व केसांची निगा राखणे ,नेहमी खरे बोलणे या व यासारख्या असंख्य चांगल्या सवयी लागल्या. पुढे उच्च प्राथमिक शाळेत इयत्ता ५ ते ७ या वर्गांना शिकवणाऱ्या शिक्षकांमुळे अभ्यासाची गोडी लागली.चूक झाल्यावर त्यांचा पडणारा ओरडा व त्याचबरोबर प्रेम या साऱ्या गोष्टी आजही मला उपयोगी पडतात. पुढे माध्यमिक शाळेत मला उत्तम मार्गदर्शन देणारे शिक्षक लाभले. भविष्यात यशस्वी होण्यासाठी घ्यावे लागणारे कष्ट व मेहनतीचे महत्व याच शिक्षकांमुळे मला समजले.

आज मी स्वतः एक शिक्षिका आहे. माझ्या शाळांनी मला घडवले त्यातल्या थोड्या का होईना चांगल्या सवयी मी अंगिकारल्या आहेत. व एक शिक्षिका म्हणून त्या चांगल्या सवयींची रुजवणूक करणे हे माझे कर्तव्य आहे. माझे कर्तव्य पार पडण्याचा मी मनापासून प्रयत्न करेन.मी स्वतःला भाग्यवान समजते की मी परत एकदा शाळेचा एक भाग झाले.शाळेबद्दल बोलावे तितकेच कमी आहे. शेवटी जाता जाता एकच सांगेन

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