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PILLAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & RESEARCH(Autonomous)
CHEMBUR
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'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'



HORIZON

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



DR. RENI FRANCIS

August has always been a month to offer a tribute to our freedom fighters, and as citizens to remember our duties and responsibilities.

With freedom and independence, as teachers we play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our nation. You are the torchbearers of knowledge and values, guiding the young minds that will build tomorrow's India. In the classroom, you are not just imparting academic knowledge, but also instilling a sense of patriotism, ethics, and the courage to stand up for what is right. By encouraging critical thinking, you empower students to analyze the world around them, fostering innovation and problem-solving skills essential for our nation's progress. Through lessons in empathy and compassion, you help to create a society that values inclusivity and social harmony.

It is through your dedication and passion that we nurture responsible citizens who will lead India into a brighter, more prosperous future.

As we celebrate our freedom, let us all pledge to contribute to our nation's progress. Let us instill in our students the values of integrity, respect, and love for the country, so that they grow up to be not only successful individuals but also proud and responsible Indians.

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August is a month of a path towards personal and professional growth, inspired by the values of freedom and unity. The month of August at PCER, Chembur, brings new beginnings and traditions, blending educational advancements with patriotic celebrations. It is a time for engaging our students in enriching activities and celebrating Independence Day with pride and gratitude.

Independence Day celebrations are an opportunity for the entire college community to come together in a spirit of unity and patriotism. Moreover, this month also saw the continuation of extracurricular activities, workshops, and seminars. These events provide platforms for students to explore their interests, develop new skills, and engage with experts from various fields.

The month of August began with Value-Added Courses. These courses are designed to complement the core curriculum, equipping our students with essential skills to enhance their teaching practice as well as personal development. The NEP Orientation and Sensitization Programme was organized in educating and preparing educators for the effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

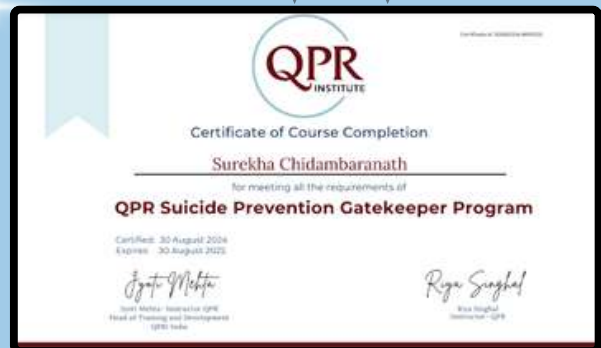
At PCER, Chembur we encourage all our students to make the most of the opportunities available this month. Engage wholeheartedly in the Value-Added Courses, participate actively in the activities, and reflect on the significance of Independence Day.

In this month a variety of activities were planned to enrich our student's academic as well as personal lives. Among these, the highlight was the celebration of Independence Day. The activities of this month were not limited to academic enhancement alone. Various workshops, conferences, and interactive sessions were organized to support the personal growth and development of our students. In August, PCER, Chembur, showed its dedication to creating a holistic learning experience for both students and teachers.

Faculty Achievements



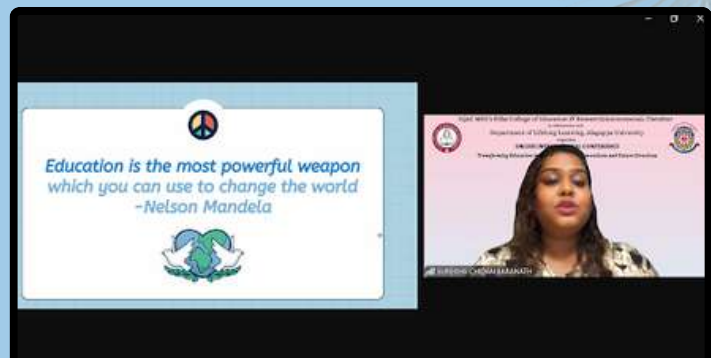
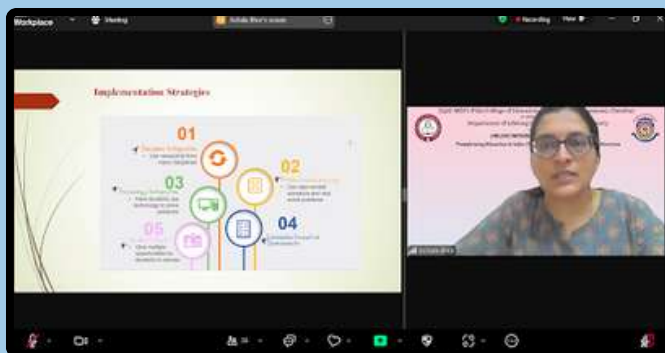
- **All faculty members** of PCER successfully completed the UGC Short Term Course on NEP Orientation and Sensitization Program, held from August 10th to 18th, 2024.
- **Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath** has become a Certified QPR Gatekeeper after completing the QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training, showcasing her dedication to contributing positively to suicide prevention efforts.



- **Dr. Reni Francis** published the following:

1. Optimizing Classroom Environments: The Impact of Design on Student Learning Outcomes published in UGC -CARE Journal South India Journal of Social Sciences, ISSN 0972-8945, Volume 2, No.3, 2024.
2. Paradigm Shift in Education Using Learning Analytics, Paradigm Shift: Multidisciplinary Research for A Changing World, Volume 2, ISBN: 978-93-5809-078-9, July, 2024.
3. Parental Engagement and Academic Outcome: Exploring Socioeconomic, Cultural, and Technological Influences, UGC -CARE Journal Anvesak, ISSN- 0378-4568, Vol. 54, No. 1, Jan- Apr, 2024.
4. The Impact of Storyboards on Learning English in Grade 8, "Aarhat Multidisciplinary International Education Research Journal (AMIERJ), ISSN-2278-5655 (Impact Factor 8.169) May – June, 2024 VOL XIII Issues III.

- **Ms. Achala Bhor** presented her paper "Improving Education with STEAM: Implementation, Benefits, and Challenges", **Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath** presented her paper "Building a Culture of Peace: A Model for Peace Education in the B.Ed. Curriculum" and **Dr. Vithoba Sawant** presented paper titled "Role of ICT in 21st - Century Skills and Enhancing Learning" on 23rd and 24th August 2024 at the Online International Conference on "Transforming Education in India: Challenges, Innovations, and Future Directions" organized by IQAC Of MES's Pillai College of Education & Research, Chembur, in collaboration with the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University on 23rd and 24th August 2024.





Red Dot Round Table Discussion on “Democratic Futures-Youth for Change”

The Red Dot Foundation and U.S. Consulate General Mumbai jointly organized a Round Table Discussion “Democratic Futures - Youth for Change” on August 9th, 2024, at Dosti House, BKC, Mumbai. Faculty members Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath and Ms. Athira S. R., along with students Ms. Naela Qureshi and Ms. Pravalika Rapolu from F.Y.B.Ed., actively participated in the discussion. The conference explored the dimensions of youth participation, identifying both obstacles and opportunities. By convening students and faculty from diverse institutions, the event sought to cultivate a deeper understanding of the vital role youth can play in democratic governance and social justice. The experience was highly rewarding for both faculty and students.



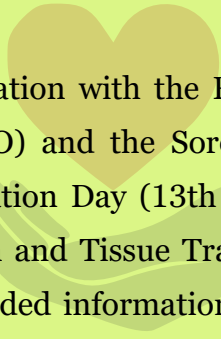
World Elephant Day

In observance of World Elephant Day on 12th August 2024, Pillai College of Education and Research Chembur organized a special event encouraging students to watch an inspiring documentary about elephants available on YouTube, focused on the lives of elephants, their natural habitats, and the urgent need for conservation efforts. Students were instructed to upload their reviews and a screenshot of their favorite scene from the documentary to a Padlet link. This platform allowed students to share their insights and engage with each other's perspectives on the documentary. The event successfully raised awareness about elephant conservation among students.

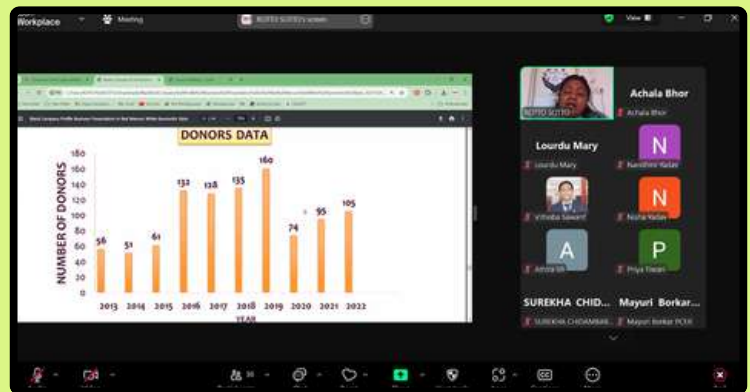




World Organ Donation Day



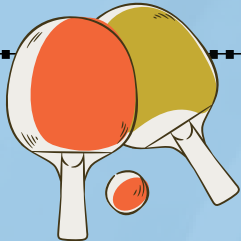
MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, in collaboration with the Regional cum State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTTO-SOTTO) and the Soroptmist Welfare Association (SIBC), organized a session on World Organ Donation Day (13th August, 2024). Ms. Sujata Ashtekar, Consultant, IEC, Regional and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation, was the resource person for the session. Ms. Sujata provided information on the medical, legal, and ethical aspects of organ donation and also explained the Legal and Ethical Framework for organ donation in India. This event raised awareness about the significance of organ donation.



Independence Day

On 15th August, 2024, Mahatma Education Society's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, commemorated India's 78th Independence Day through a series of events. The national flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest, Dr. Rajendra Deshmukh. The celebration included remarkable performances, by all Chembur Campus institutions.

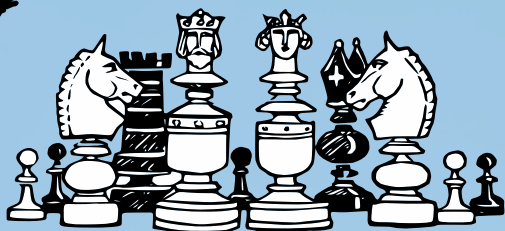
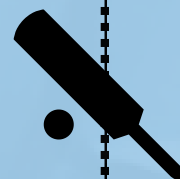
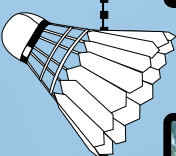
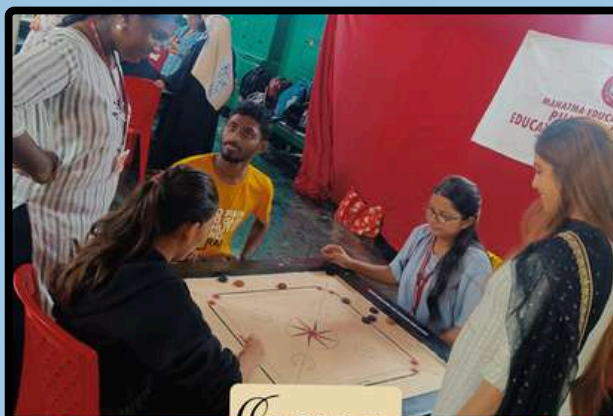




National Sports Day



PCER, Chembur celebrated National Sports Day on 29th August, 2024 with a fun filled day of indoor sports. The students also put up a special assembly for National Sports Day. Students participated in a variety of indoor games including badminton, chess, carrom and table tennis. Students registered in advance for the games they were interested in. Faculty in charge and students referred for the various games. Faculty also joined in the celebrations with the students.





KHAS Series

K - Teaching Aids Workshop



On August 31, 2024, Pillai College of Education and Research (Autonomous), Chembur, in collaboration with Agastya International Foundation, conducted a teaching aids workshop in Room 401. The session was led by Mr. Rajesh J. Lokhande, who served as the resource person for the event. He engaged the participants in a hands-on session, demonstrating how to create and use low-cost teaching aids to teach various concepts in a creative way. He demonstrated how to use simple teaching aids effectively in various subjects for a range of different concepts and topics. The session was highly appreciated for its practical insights and innovative teaching methods.





H - World Photography Day and World Humanitarian Day

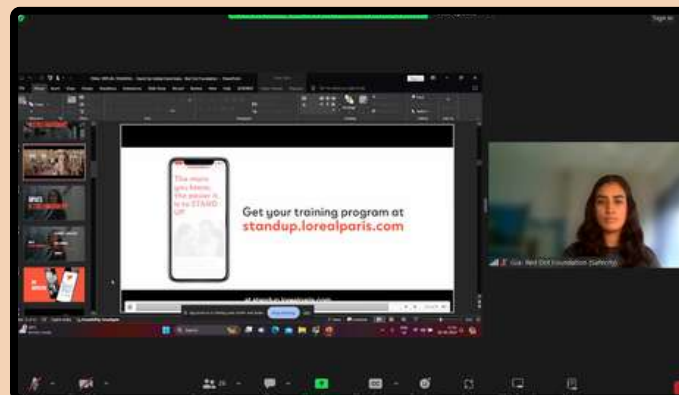


PCER Chembur hosted a photography contest exclusively for FYB.Ed to commemorate World Humanitarian Day and World Photography Day students, encouraging them to capture the essence of humanitarianism through their lenses. The contest aimed to foster creativity, empathy, and social awareness among the students. After reviewing numerous captivating entries, Ms. Jeel Thakkar emerged as the winner, showcasing exceptional skill and perspective in her photographs.

This initiative by PCER Chembur celebrated the power of photography to inspire positive change.

H - Red Dot Session

PCER, Chembur, as a part of the KHAS series- Humanistic Centre, in collaboration with Red Dot Foundation conducted an online workshop on 8th August, 2024 on “Stand Up Against Street Harassment” for creating safer public spaces for the students of the F.Y.B.Ed. Ms. Gia Alvares, the program and outreach officer conducted the session to raise awareness about the prevalence and impact of street harassment to equip the students with knowledge and tools to identify, prevent, and respond to street harassment. She spoke about fostering a sense of collective responsibility and encourage bystander intervention to promote a culture of respect and gender equality. The session contributed to creating a safer and more respectful campus community by providing essential knowledge and skills.



A - Alumni Expert Session on Problem Solving

On 10th August 2024, a session on "Problem Solving" was conducted by Ms. Athira S. R, an alumni of PCER Chembur, for the First-Year B.Ed students of the 2023-2025 batch. This session was part of the ongoing KHAS series, aimed at equipping future educators with essential skills required in both their personal and professional lives. Through a variety of interactive and engaging group activities the students were provided with different problem solving techniques. Ms Athira encouraged the students to view every problem as an opportunity for growth and emphasized that the way they approach and handle challenges will significantly influence their success as future educators.



S - Psychology Experiments

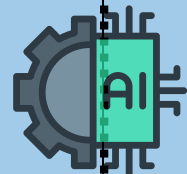
The Psychology experiments conducted by Dr. Vithoba Sawant and Dr. Rajendra Deshmukh, focused on the concept of transfer of learning on 3rd August 2024. This experiment, part of Unit 3 in the Learning and Teaching syllabus, involved F.Y B.Ed. students using an apparatus with a stand, mirror, and star pattern on paper. The goal was to observe how learning transfers from one context to another. Students reflected on their experiences, deepening their understanding of the concept and its importance in education. The experiment successfully demonstrated the practical applications of transfer of learning.





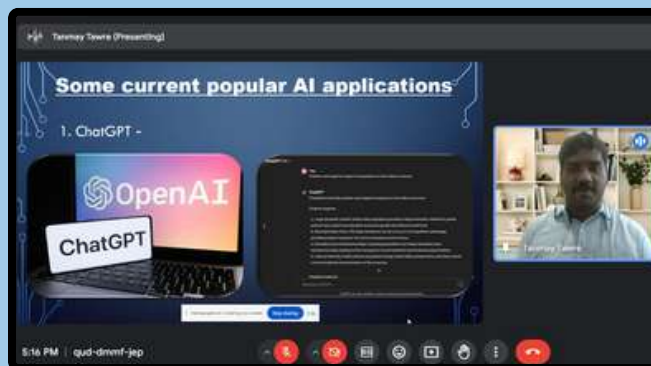
NEP Orientation and Sensitization Program

The UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Center at Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra, in collaboration with the University of Mumbai's Department of Education and MES's Pillai College of Education and Research (Autonomous), Chembur, conducted a NEP Orientation and Sensitization Programme from 10th to 18th August, 2024. The event, focused on NEP Sensitization, brought together 150 faculty members from various states across India, providing them with critical insights into the National Education Policy 2020. MES's Pillai College of Education and Research (Autonomous), Chembur, played a pivotal role in organizing and executing the program, ensuring its success.



Understanding AI in Education

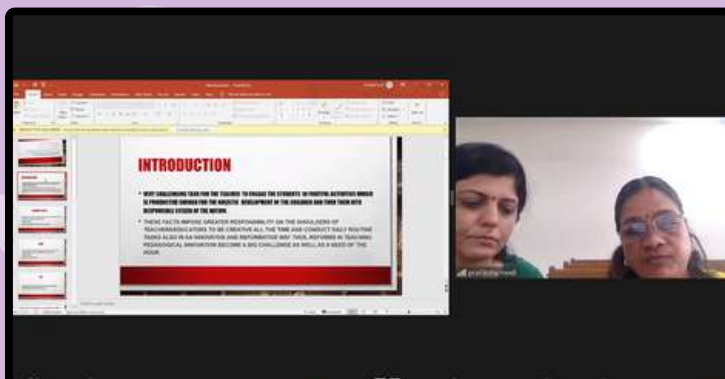
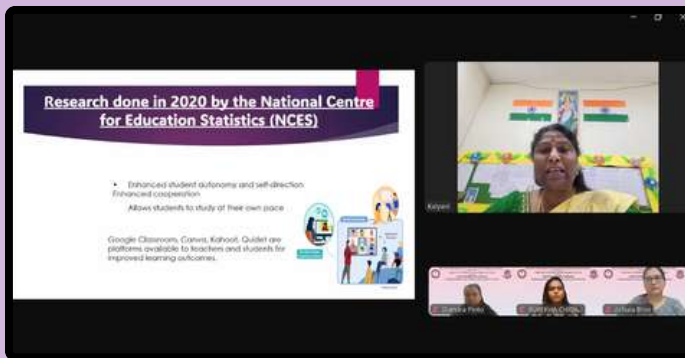
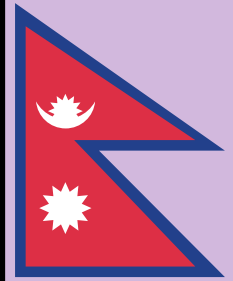
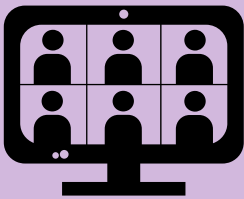
As part of the KHAS (Knowledge, Humanistic, Application, and Skill) series, on 24th August, 2024 MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, hosted a session on "Understanding Artificial Intelligence in Education," by Mr. Tanmay Mangesh Tawre. Mr. Tawre explained the concept of Artificial Intelligence, emphasizing how AI enables machines to replicate human intelligence. He highlighted the concept of Machine Learning (ML), the history and evolution of AI and elaborated on applications of AI that are transforming multiple sectors such as healthcare, Transportation, Retail, Entertainment, etc. Mr. Tawre also showcased some of the current popular AI applications, providing a hands-on demonstration of tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini by Google, PopAI, Slidesgo, Gencraft and ZeroGPT.



Online International Conference



The Online International Conference on Transforming Education in India: Challenges, Innovations, and Future Directions was organized by IQAC Of MES's Pillai College of Education & Research, Chembur, in collaboration with the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University was held on 23rd and 24th August, 2024. The conference convenors were Dr. Reni Francis, Principal of PCER, Chembur, and Dr. N. Johnson, Head of Department, DLLE, Alagappa University. The international guest speakers were Dr. Pramila Thappa, Former Registrar, Purbanchal University, Nepal and Mr. Niroj Dahal, a professor at Kathmandu University School of Education and Research in Nepal. The paper presentations on both days highlighted the theme of the conference and ensured a thought provoking and enlightening academic environment.



Alumni Corner



Ms. Asma Shaikh

Batch 2021-2023



*Silent whispers of the woods guide the path to
enlightenment*

Students Corner



Ms. Jeel Thakkar

Roll no. 37

Batch - 2023-2025

YOU MADE CASTLES OUT OF ALL THE BRICKS THROWN AT YOU

You learned to lose in grace.

You taught yourself the hardest lessons.

That pain is not a weakness of the soul.

It's just a temporary state before the fog of sadness lifts.

You dined alone. You wept in silence.

Wishing there was someone who could ask you how you truly felt.

But despite all that you made friends with your loneliness.

Learned things about yourself no classroom ever taught you.

Got burned yet kept on walking in the fire knowing that you'll make it through.

You made castles out of all the bricks thrown at you.

You took the names you were called and turned them into shiny compliments and that's how you know you changed in the death of your old spirit you finally came alive.

