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PILLAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & RESEARCH(Autonomous)
CHEMBUR
NAAC Accredited 2023 'A' Grade - 4th Cycle CGPA: 3.13

'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'



HORIZON

Principal's Message



DR. RENI FRANCIS

New Year, New Possibilities!

As we step into this fresh chapter, remember that each day is a blank page, and you hold the pen. Write your story with courage, hope, and determination.

Dream Big: Let your aspirations be as vast as the sky.

Work Hard: Transform your dreams into reality, one step at a time.

Stay Positive: Challenges are opportunities in disguise—embrace them with a smile.

Be Kind: A small act of kindness can create ripples of positivity around you.

Let the word SHINE inspire your journey as educators:

S – Strive for excellence in everything you do.

H – Harness your creativity to inspire young minds.

I – Ignite a passion for learning in yourself and others.

N – Nurture your students with care and empathy.

E – Empower the future through education.

As you step into this New Year, remember that you hold the power to illuminate lives through knowledge and compassion. This year is yours to shine, grow, and make a difference. Believe in yourself, for you have everything it takes to achieve greatness. Here's to a year filled with success, joy, and endless opportunities! Let 2025 be the year where you truly SHINE as future educators! Wishing you a bright and successful year ahead!

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Dr. Vithoba Sawant

Ms. Athira S. R.

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Ms. Anushia Selwyndurai

Ms. Revathi Murugan



EDITORIAL



Merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year

Ms. Achala Bhor
Assistant Professor

As we approach the end of another year, the month of December brings with it the Christmas season, a time for reflection and gratitude. Christmas is a special occasion to celebrate hope, love, and joy—the values represented in the birth of Jesus Christ. Beyond the festivities, Christmas encourages us to share these gifts with others, spreading light in the lives of those around us.

A smile, a kind word, or a helping hand can bring warmth and hope to many lives. This holiday season, let us consciously strive to do something meaningful for someone else. Even the smallest act of kindness can make a big difference.

Let us also remember to care for our environment. Simple actions like reducing waste, opting for sustainable gifts, or planting a tree in celebration of the season can contribute to preserving the beauty of our planet.

As we look forward to 2025, let us strengthen our sense of community and continue supporting one another. By sharing ideas, exchanging knowledge, and celebrating our successes together, we can create an environment where everyone feels valued and motivated to grow. It is essential to pause and think about what we have accomplished this year and how we can improve in the future. Reflection allows us to appreciate our journey, learn from our experiences, and set meaningful goals for the year ahead.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with peace, love, and happiness.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



- Mahalaxmi Samuthiram, Dipshi Sasi Kumar, Nadar Revathi Murugan, Revathi Ramakrishnan and Shiny Christina Dominic Savio won the 1st prize in puppetry in Pratyush competition at K J Somaiya.



- Karishma Asware was awarded 8th place and Immanuel Daniel the 10th place as merit awards from a total of 21 participants in the Anti-Dowry Movement Bombay Elocution competition held on 8th December, 2024.



- Jinal Patel, Shivani Gamre, Mahalaxmi Samuthiram, Priti Sharma, Vaishali Singh, Ahalya Yadav, Karishma Asware and Nisha Yadav and received the Consolation prize in Rainbow- Intercollegiate event at Sarada Kurup College, Ghansoli held on 21st December, 2024.



- Sharin Selvan, Shiny Christina, Anusha Murugan, Revathi Ramakrishnan and Sherell Koli participated in Adeste Fideles, an intercollegiate Christmas Carol Singing Competition conducted by St. Xavier's Institute of Education(Autonomous), Mumbai on 9th December 2024.



- Ms. Naela Quereshi and Ms. Priya Tiwari participated in the National Seminar on, 'Brain Health and Stimulation for Maximum Learning', on 18th December, 2024 held at Hansraj Jivandas College of Education.



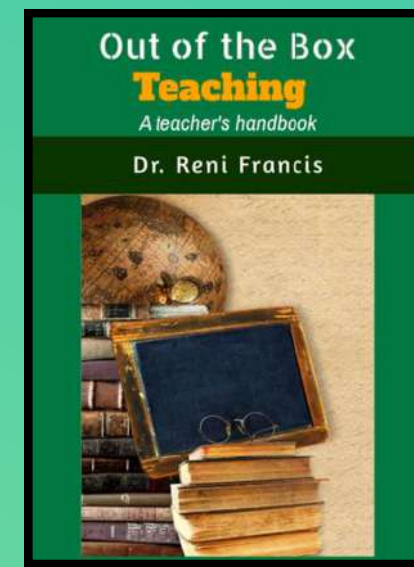
- Ms. Punya Phull participated as a student manager in the DLLE - Second Term Training Programme, organized by the University of Mumbai, on 24th December, 2024, at Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil College, Vashi.



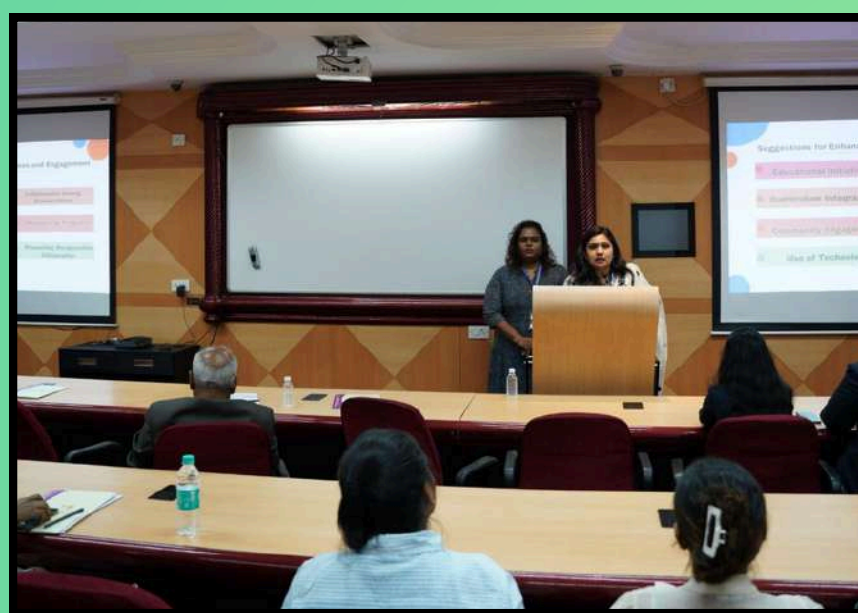
FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



- Dr. Reni Francis published her 31st book titled **Out of the Box Teaching: Teachers Handbook**. "Out of the Box Teaching" is a comprehensive guide designed for educators seeking to enrich their teaching practices and engage students in meaningful, transformative learning experiences.



- On 7th December 2024, during the 9th Global Conference on Sustainable Management Practices: Bridging Disciplines, Fostering Innovation, organized by MES's Pillai Institute of Management Studies and Research, New Panvel, Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath and Ms. Athira S R presented a paper titled "Fostering Community Engagement and Awareness: Exploring Educational Initiatives and Knowledge-Sharing Platforms for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals."



- Dr. Vithoba Sawant was invited as a judge for the 2024 Science Exhibition organized by Bruhanmumbai 'S' Ward at Milind Vidyalaya, Powai, on 11th December 2024.



- Ms. Diandra Pinto participated in the National Seminar on, 'Brain Health and Stimulation for Maximum Learning', on 18th December, 2024 held at Hansraj Jivandas College of Education.

- Dr. Vithoba Sawant participated as an extension teacher in the DLLE - Second Term Training Programme, organized by the University of Mumbai, on 24th December, 2024, at Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil College, Vashi.



NCTE PAR INSPECTION



Mahatma Education Society's Pillai College of Education and Research(Autonomous), Chembur successfully completed its NCTE PAR Inspection on the 17th of December, 2024.



WORLD AIDS DAY- EXPERT TALK



On 5th December, 2024, PCER, Chembur, organized an expert talk on World AIDS Day with the theme "Take the Right Path: My Health, My Right." Ms. Savita Kurade, Senior Program Manager at Prince Aly Khan Hospital, led the session. She discussed HIV/AIDS transmission, prevention, stigma, and treatment, highlighting that most cases in India occur in people aged 15 - 49 due to limited awareness. Ms. Kurade explained the stages of infection, the importance of early diagnosis, and the availability of free testing and treatment through government programs. The session ended with a Q&A, leaving participants informed and empowered to spread awareness.



Mahatma Education Society's
Pillai College of Education and Research
(Autonomous), Chembur
in collaboration with
Department of Life long Learning & Extension (DLLE)

On the occasion of
WORLD AIDS DAY- 2024
Organises
Expert Talk

THURSDAY
05 December 2024

TIME
11.00 am-12.00 pm

VENUE : 401 ROOM

SPEAKER
Ms. Savita Kurade
Senior Program Manager
Prince aly Khan Hospital

Theme:
" Take the Right Path: My Health, My Right"



INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The student council of the batch 2024-2026 were sworn in on the 5th of December, 2024. Elections for the academic batch 2024-2026 took place on 23rd November 2024. Candidates campaigned and presented their vision to the student body. The student council for the batch of 2024-2026 are as follows:

- General Secretary - Preet Kaur Saini
- Deputy General Secretary - Sharin Nadar
- Assembly In-Charge - Sadaf Rai and Jessica Joseph
- Discipline In-Charge - Anushia Selwyndurai
- Cultural & Sports In-Charge - Punya Phull and Shiny Christina
- Reports In-Charge - Saloni Prajapati
- Photography In-Charge - Immanuel Danie



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Student Council Member 2024-2026

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Congratulations!

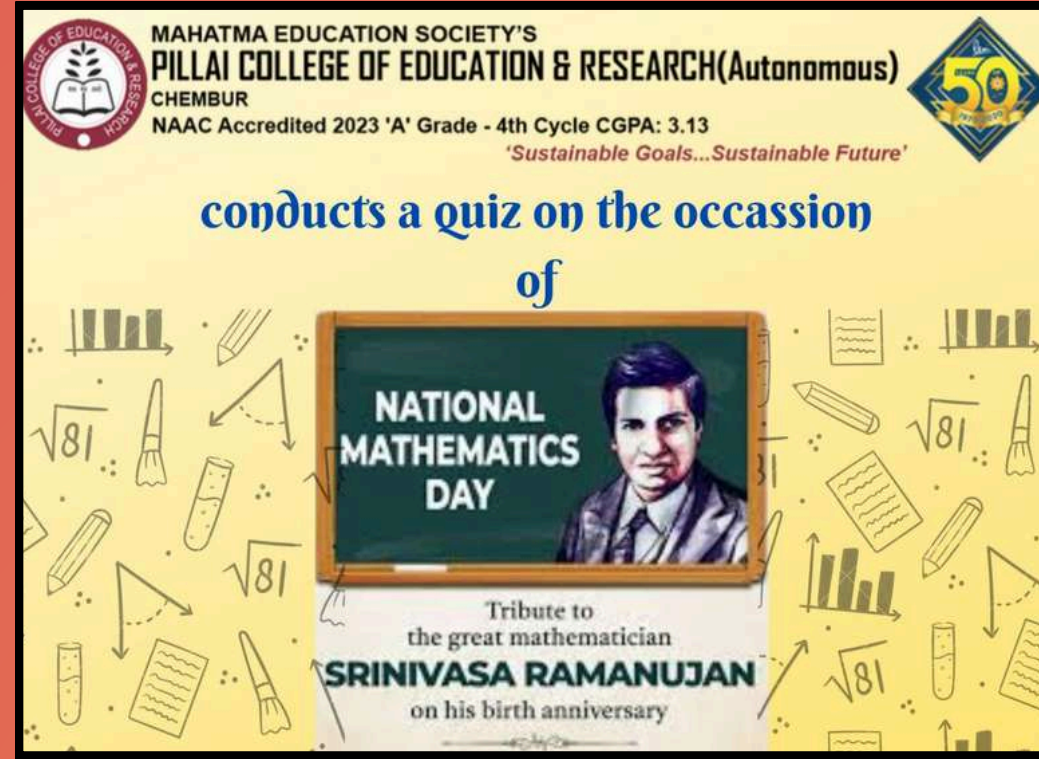
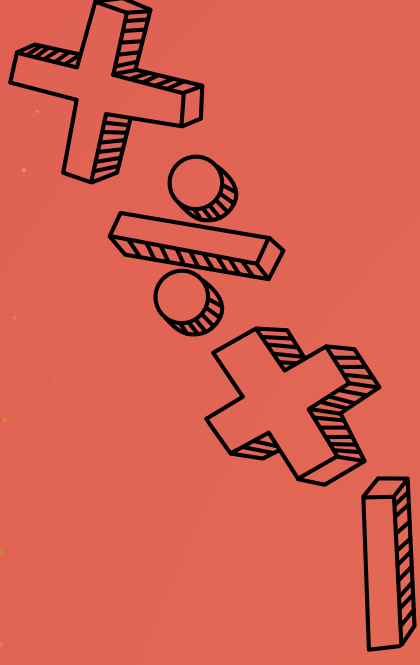




NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY



To commemorate National Mathematics Day, an online quiz was organized for B.Ed students on 22nd December 2024, honoring the birth anniversary of the great mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. The quiz was conducted online through Google Forms consisting of multiple choice questions. The questions covered diverse topics, including arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and the history of mathematics. Special emphasis was placed on Ramanujan's work, such as his contributions to number theory and infinite series.



JOB PERFECT SERIES

The value-added course Being Job Perfect was organised by PCER Chembur with the objective of preparing students and teachers to enter the professional world. The sessions conducted as part of the course included the following:

SESSION ON SWOC ANALYSIS



The Value-added course 'Being Job Perfect' started with a session on SWOC Analysis on 3rd December 2024 by Ms. Surekha Chidambaranath. The main focus of the session was to enable the student teachers to understand their own strengths and weaknesses and identify opportunities that will come their way to overcome their challenges. The session included an icebreaker session where students worked in pairs and later shared their understanding about each other. This session was very important as they need to know about their strengths and weaknesses before they start making their resumes.

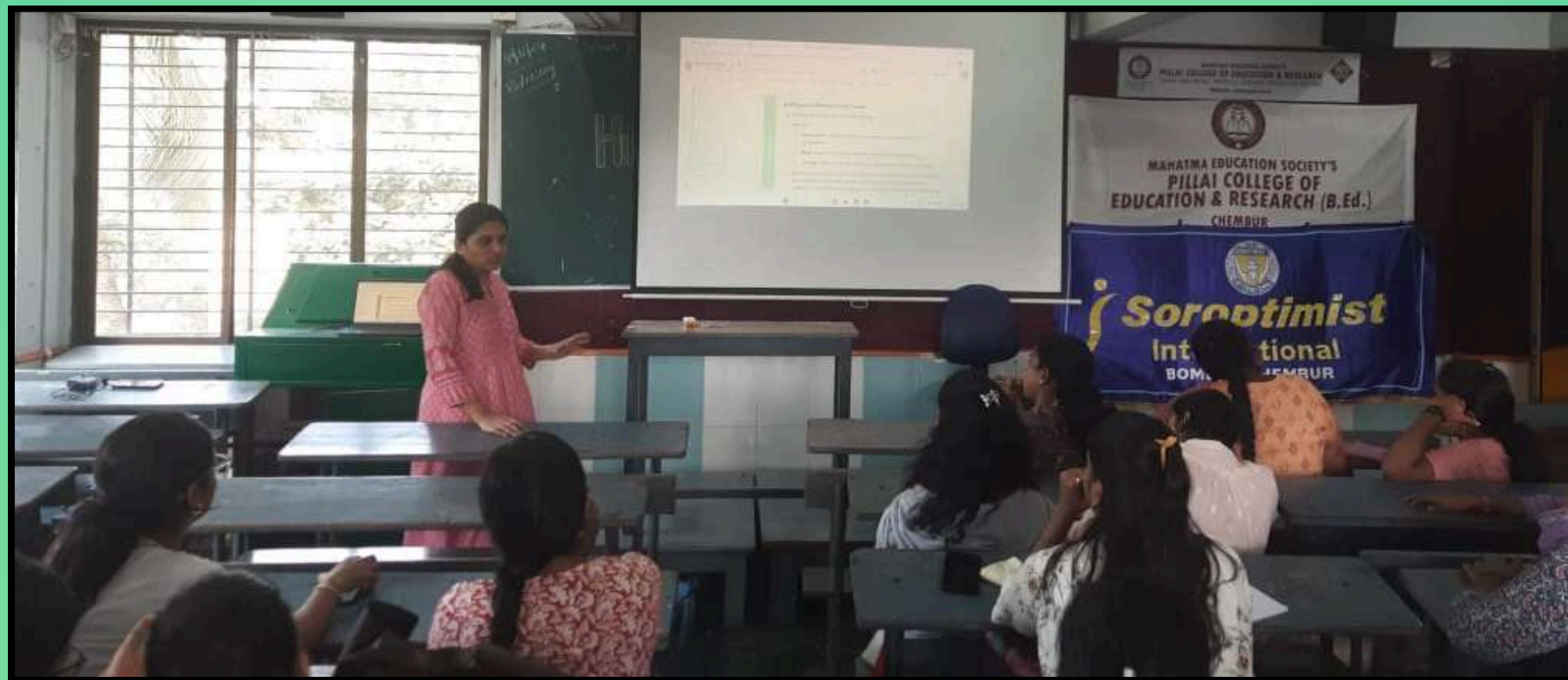




SESSION ON RESUME WRITING

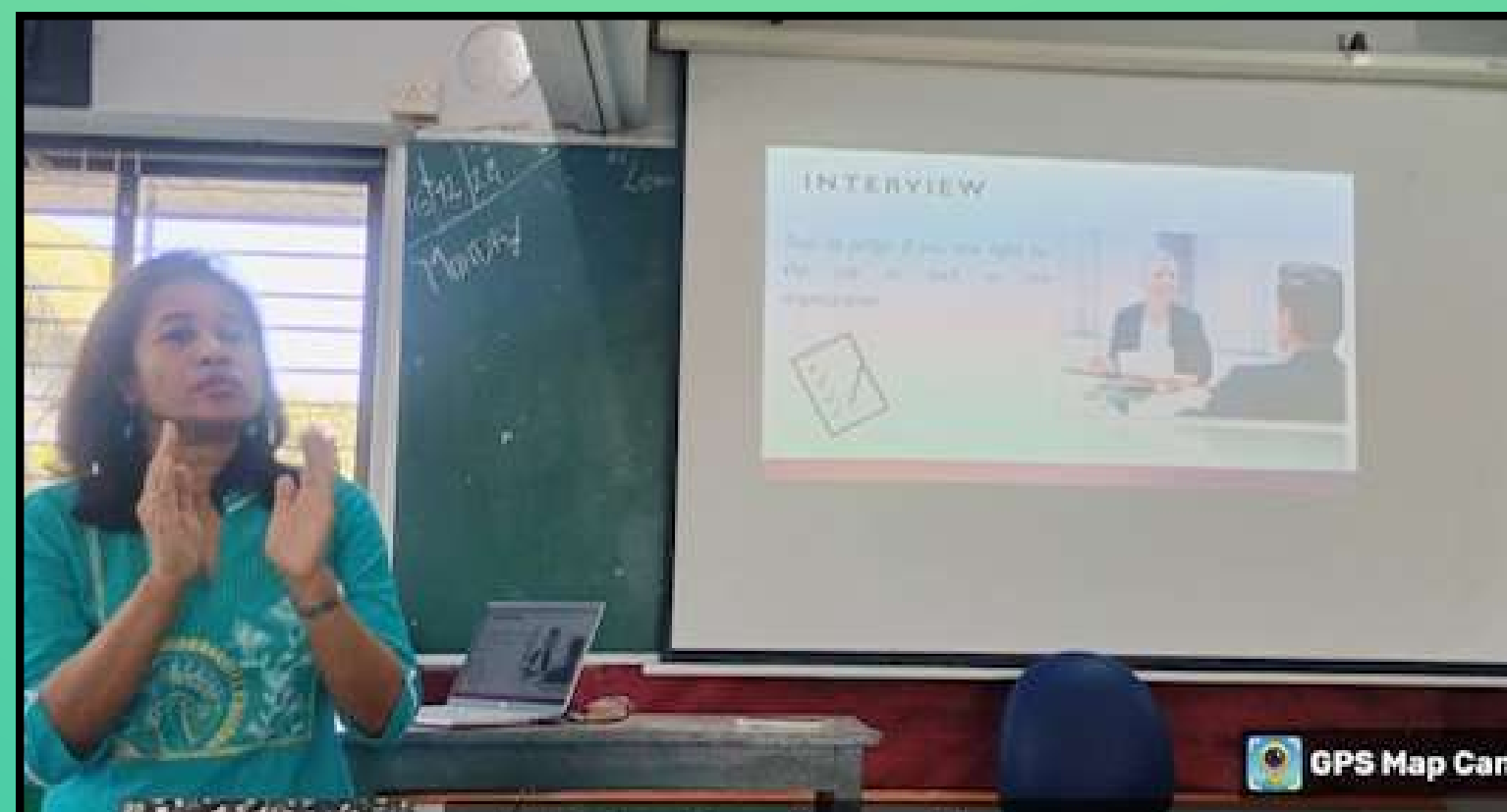


As part of the Job Perfect series, a Resume Writing session was conducted on 4th December 2024 by Ms. Achala Bhor, Assistant Professor PCER, Chembur. This session was organized for S.Y. B.Ed students to help them learn how to create effective resumes that highlight their qualifications, skills, and experiences. Ms. Achala guided the students to customize resumes to match the needs of the education field with sample resumes.



SESSION ON FACING AN INTERVIEW

The session on How to Face An Interview was conducted on 16th December 2024 by Dr. Jaya Cherian with the objective of helping the student teachers to prepare themselves to enter into the placement process. The importance of preparing for an interview to the best of their abilities was emphasized during the session as this is a crucial opportunity for them to present themselves as most suitable for the job as well as the organization. The student-teachers were oriented regarding few likely questions that are usually asked during interviews and how to answer these questions.



SESSION ON DIFFERENT ASSESSMENTS



A session on Enhancing Educational Effectiveness: A Comprehensive Exploration of Assessment Tools was conducted to discuss some of the innovative strategies the B.Ed students could use in designing meaningful assessments that encourage critical thinking and creativity. The session was held on 7th November 2024 by Dr. Farah Shaikh, an alumna of PCER Chembur and IB Physics teacher of Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Gorai. The activity had both formative and summative assessment aspects and was nicely integrated with a variety of activities for different subjects.



MOCK INTERVIEW SESSION



On December 17, a session on mock interviews was conducted by Ms. Athira S R to enhance students job readiness. The session involved a simulated interview scenario where student-teachers practiced communication skills, body language and critical thinking. Personalized feedback was provided on presentation, responses and resume corrections. Participants also gained insights into professional etiquette and confidence-building techniques. The session successfully highlighted strengths and areas for improvement, preparing students for real-world job interviews.

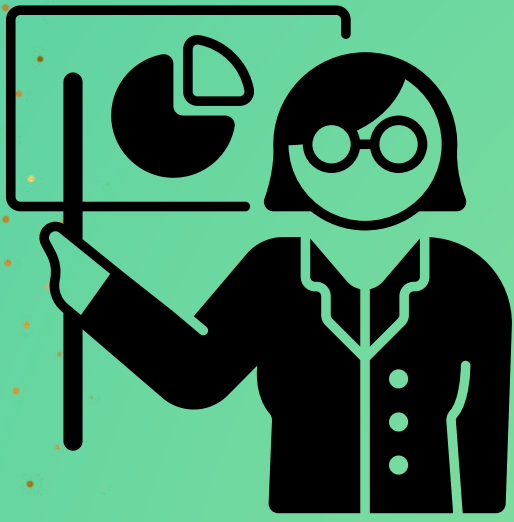




KHAS SERIES

K - EXPERT SESSION

On 7th November 2024, Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, organized a session on "Enhancing Educational Effectiveness: A Comprehensive Exploration of Assessment Tools" by Dr. Farah Shaikh, an IB Physics teacher and alumna of PCER. The session introduced innovative strategies for designing meaningful assessments that promote critical thinking and creativity. The workshop also emphasized using command words aligned with Bloom's taxonomy to design assessments targeting various cognitive levels.

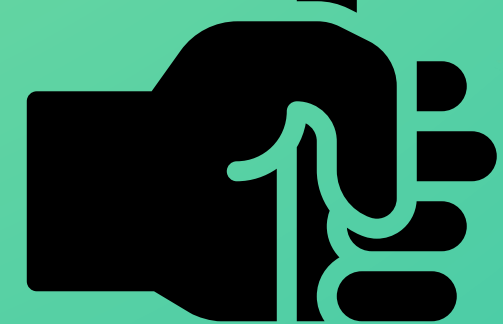


H - HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

PCER Chembur, in collaboration with Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur, observed Human Rights Day on 4th December 2024 by hosting a workshop on the "Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace." The interactive session aimed to raise awareness, promote sensitivity, and empower individuals to foster a safe and respectful work environment. Ms. Gia Alvares, Programme and Outreach Officer at Red Dot Foundation SafeCity, served as the resource person for the workshop.



HUMAN RIGHTS



A - ANNUAL DAY

MES's PCER celebrated its Annual Day on December 19, 2024 at The Fine Arts Society auditorium in Chembur with the theme "Umeed Ki Raah: The Journey of Dreams and Determination." The event featured vibrant performances by students emphasizing sportsmanship, teamwork, and perseverance. The program paid heartfelt tributes to legendary Indian sports icons acknowledging their contributions to Indian sports and their ability to inspire dreams and determination.



SPORTS DAY



The Annual Sports Day of MES Chembur Campus was held on 20th December, 2024, at the RCF Ground in Chembur. B.Ed. and F.Y.BBA students participated enthusiastically in various events such as shot put, sack race, 100-meter race, marble and spoon race and hurdles. Ms. Mayuri Borkar emerged as the overall champion of the 2024 Annual Sports Day.





S - STREET PLAY FOR AIDS AWARENESS



On 2nd December, 2024, PCER, Chembur in collaboration with Soroptimist International Bombay, Chembur, organized a street play campaign to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS. First- and second-year B.Ed. students performed street plays at key locations like Chembur Station (East), the BMC Office, and near the college. The plays focused on HIV/AIDS prevention, its societal impact, and reducing stigma, using creative scripts and engaging dialogues. The public responded enthusiastically, praising the students' efforts. This campaign highlighted PCER's dedication to community welfare and education, spreading awareness and promoting understanding of this important health issue.





CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Mahatma Education Society's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, celebrated Christmas with great enthusiasm on 21st December 2024 in the Multipurpose Hall. The event commenced with a prayer and a special assembly, followed by a captivating musical theatre narrating the nativity story, accompanied by melodious carols and a dance performance. The Principal addressed the gathering, highlighting the essence of Christmas and extending warm wishes for the season. Interactive activities, including Christmas-themed riddles and a lively secret Santa gift exchange, added an element of fun and engagement. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks and a group photograph, leaving participants with lasting memories of a truly delightful event.



ALUMNI CORNER



Melvin Varghese Chacko
Batch 2020-2022
Teacher
Chhabildas English High
School(CBSE)

**Born in Gah, a village serene and still,
Where rivers sang and time stood still,
A boy with dreams in his tender eyes,
Would one day rise to touch the skies.**

**Partition tore his homeland apart,
Yet hope and resolve burned in his
heart.
A refugee he came to India's embrace,
Determined to carve his own space.**

**From books to brilliance, his journey
began,
An economist's mind, a humble man.
From Cambridge halls to Oxford's
light,
He forged his path, his future bright.
A scholar turned leader, quiet yet
bold,
His intellect a treasure, his silence
gold.
As Finance Minister, he took a stand,
Liberalizing trade, reshaping the land.**

**In '91, when the economy swayed,
His vision led where none had
strayed. With reforms aplenty, the
nation grew,
His quiet resolve proved strong and
true.**

**As Prime Minister, twice he reigned,
Through storms and trials, his calm
remained.**

**A nuclear deal for energy's gain,
And rural schemes to ease the
strain.**

**Yet critics scoffed, mistook his
grace,
For weakness in the political race.
But history knows, as time does tell,
That deeds, not words, will always
compel.**

**From Gah to Delhi, a journey
profound,
A legacy of wisdom, forever
renowned.
Dr. Singh, your story will forever
inspire,
A torch of humility, a nation's fire.**

STUDENTS CORNER



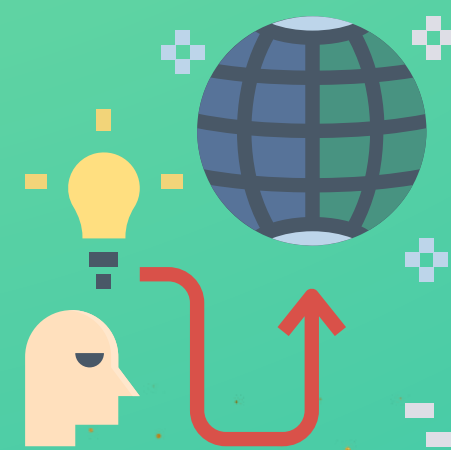
Ms. Sharin Selvan
Roll no. 34
Batch 2024-2026

SAM'S DESTINATION FOUND IN THE NATION

In a rural area where equality is still a big question mark, where hope is often not found, a little girl named Sam proved that where there is a will, there is a way. Being a girl she has been told not to do this and that but inside her mind she thinks of her as an intelligent inventor. Sam had an insatiable curiosity about everything around her, particularly science and its profound connection to the electricity that powered their lives.

While many children played in the dusty streets, Sam spent her afternoons tinkering with discarded gadgets. She transformed broken batteries into solar lamps, lighting up her small home with a glow that was both warm and proud. Every successful smart invention fueled her motivation, pushing her to explore the limitless possibilities of what she could create.

One afternoon, as the sun dipped down and the shadows grew longer, Sam decided she would become the first girl from her slum to invent something truly meaningful. With her family struggling to pay daily bills and facing frequent power outages, a thought ignited in her mind —what if she could harness the power of renewable energy to provide consistent electricity for her community?



Inspired, Sam poured herself into her work. She sketched ideas, collaborated with local teens who shared her dreams, and regularly visited the nearby library to learn more about energy solutions. Through endless trial and error, setbacks, and small victories, she crafted a prototype of the very first wind-powered light source specifically designed for her neighborhood.

The day she finally unveiled it, her community gathered in awe. They watched as her invention sprang to life, filling the air with laughter and joy. A small girls' club near the slum invited her to speak about her journey, where Sam stood proudly on stage, her invention illuminating the space around her. This was more than just a lamp; it was a symbol of what respect and recognition could do. At that moment, the little inventor had transformed from a mere girl into a beacon of hope for a proud nation.

Sam's smart invention inspired girls and boys alike to believe they could create change. News outlets began to cover her story, highlighting not just her brilliance, but also her commitment to her community. She became a role model, showcasing how one person, regardless of background or gender, could make a significant impact.

Sam knew that her story didn't just belong to her; it belonged to every dreamer in the slums who yearned for belief and opportunity. As Sam stood at the forefront of a change, the moral was clear: ingenuity knows no boundaries, and the desire to invent can light up even the darkest corners of the world.

In a nation where respect and recognition should be given equally, Sam had proven that even a little girl could change the world—one invention at a time.

