

*MES' PILLAI'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, SECTOR-8,  
KHANDA COLONY, NEW PANVEL (W)*

***Brief Appraisal of the overall performance of the institution during the  
Academic session...2010-2011***

**Selection of Students Council:** The Students Council was selected and a formal announcement was made by the Principal, Dr. Sally Enos, on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010. The students were assigned different responsibilities – Jayashree Rao as the General Secretary, Kuldeep Singh Parcha as Sports in-charge, Prasad Pagi as Cultural in-charge, Shilpa Kohli as Competitions and networking in-charge, Kavita Phanse as discipline in-charge and Anjali Sardeshpande as academic in-charge. The students incharge for the annual magazine, 'Spark' announced – were Reena Pandey (English Section), Namrata Rastogi (Hindi Section) and Jyoti Patole (Marathi Section). Also the student managers for extension activities were selected and announced – Mrs. Poonam Sista, Ms. Nandita Shah, Ms. Gangotri Rajpurohit and Ms. Neeta Sharma.

It was a moment of pride for all, as they were thought to be worthy of such responsibilities and vowed to put in their best efforts.

**Workshop on Objectives and Specifications:** Planning is the most important task of a teacher. Analyzing teaching content into its elements, defining and formulating the learning objectives in behavioural terms creatively is an important task that every teacher has to perform. A workshop on writing the criteria of objectives and specifications of classroom teaching was organized by Prof. Geeta R. Thakur on August 7th, 2010, which helped the students in writing their lesson plans with ease.

**Teaching Aids Workshop:** A Chinese proverb says, one visual is equal to thousand words. Therefore, teaching aids are effective tools used by a teacher for a multisensory approach to teaching. On 21st August, 2010 a workshop was organized to train the students in making a variety of aids and enable them to handle the aids effectively in their class. Our teacher educator, Mrs. Geeta R. Thakur showed a number of techniques to make best out of waste. She showed how models, developmental pictures, folding charts, cartoons and magnet could be appropriately used as aids in the teaching-learning process. Overall it was an attempt to stimulate the creativity of the students, to make them think, act innovatively and raise efficient teachers.

**Practice Teaching:** As mentioned in the great Dravidian literature, Thirukkural, "Whatever is thought to be done will be achieved as planned, if the planners possess firmness in execution." The teachers had a very beautiful and effective way of making the students learn the very minute nuances of the art of teaching. They helped the students climb the hill putting forth small steps with ease. An orientation of micro-skills like Set Induction, Questioning skills, Black board work and Illustration with examples was given in the month of August, 2011 and thereby the students were prepared for practice teaching. The practice teaching involved: Four micro skills, one integrated lesson, four simulated lessons, two power point presentations and twenty macro lessons.

**Simulated Lessons:** The Orientation of Simulated Teaching was done by Asst. Prof. Bhavna Dave on 2nd September, 2010 with the technique of Information Transfer. The Creative lessons in all the subjects were introduced on October 22, 2010, in a workshop by all the teachers. The use of computer technology in teaching by the use of PowerPoint presentation was given on November 12th, 2010 by Asst. Prof. Bijoy Thomas. Another technique, Concept Attainment Model was oriented on 24th November, 2010 and finally, Inquiry Training Model on January 22, 2011. The simulated lessons added a new dimension in the traditional methods of teaching.

**Extension Training Workshops:** The Extension Work projects encompass social issues & are offered by the Department of Life-long learning & Extension, University of Mumbai. The student is awarded ten additional marks at the final exam for a project on completion of 120 hours of work and submission of a project report. It was introduced to the class by the Student Managers and Asst. Prof. Bhavna Dave and Anoja Suvarna on 10th August, 2010. The students were given the option to select any one project from-Survey of Women's Status (SWS) & Information Technology Project (ITP) according to their interest.

**Talk on Information and Communication Technology:** On 21st August, 2010, CampusOne, an organization providing computer based solutions for educational institutions was invited at P.C.E.R., New Panvel to conduct a session for its B.Ed. students. Mr. Milind Kulkarni and Mr. Kanan from CampusOne in their talk stressed on the importance and need of Information and Communication Technology in Education. They made the students aware of how a flash book presentation can be made using the information available from the internet. It was an interactive session through which the students developed an understanding of terms like e-teacher, e-learning and e-education.

**Awareness programme on 'Adolescent health Challenges for youth:** On 8th Sept. 2010, P.C.E.R., New Panvel organized an awareness programme on 'Adolescent health – challenges for youth today and tomorrow'. The speaker, Dr. Janaki Patil, who is a practicing gynaecologist and a representative from the Federation of Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), Navi Mumbai, explained to the students about adolescence, health implications of sexual development, emotional changes, healthy food habits, anemia, thalassaemia, aids, exercise, spirituality and some safety tips. The stress was on how the to-be teachers would be able to start a dialogue with their futuristic students.

**Talk on 'Independence – The Art of Survival':** On 11 Jan '2011, Dr. Sudhakar Upadhyay and his team gave a talk on the crime against women in our society and the causes of stress in the lives of women. He emphasized that women should be aware of their rights. He guided us on how to fight against the crimes with various self-defense techniques. He accentuated on the independence of thoughts and confiscating stress by regular exercises, yoga, aerobics, providing first aid in case of medical emergencies.

**Talk on Yoga & Meditation:** On 16<sup>th</sup> Nov '2010 a yoga & meditation talk was delivered by Mr. Kishore Tawadia & group, of Samarpan Dhyani Shivir. They explained how stress deteriorates our health, lives and overall personality of an individual. He laid stress on the balancing of the Chakras in our body. These chakras would work in harmony only if we follow a healthy diet & meditate regularly. Meditation not only helps to lead a peaceful life but also helps us to control our emotions, concentrate on our goals of life and makes the earth a 'heaven' to live.

**Community work:** We believe that community work extends to personal dedication and selflessness that leads to building stronger communities and a more workable and responsive world. This year our college focused on HIV-AIDS awareness programme as the major community work. On 22nd November 2010, a group of people from Jyothi's charitable trust oriented students about HIV-AIDS. Through this, the students were motivated to get involved in the HIV-AIDS awareness programme.

On 30th November 2010, the B.Ed students put up more than 250 posters at different locations in & around Panvel area. Four groups of students performed a street play on the World AIDS Day -1st Dec and 2nd Dec. at various locations in Old Panvel, Khanda Colony, New Panvel and Kalamboli. The Old Panvel group interviewed the president of Panvel Taluka Patrakar Sangh, Mr. Sudhir Kolge and the youth leader Mr. Paresh Thakur at the Congress (I) Party Office in Panvel. The skit performance of this group was covered by the news reporter of 'Ram Prahar' and the Navi Mumbai news channel. The New Panvel group attended HIV-AIDS programme at Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital and thereafter performed the streetplay. Their performance was appreciated by the dignitaries. Students also got an opportunity to listen to the experience of the 'People living with HIV' (PLH). This activity enabled the students to build up team spirit, leadership qualities, we-feeling, belongingness and empathy & compassion towards the cause.

**Research Based Project:** As a part of the B.Ed. curriculum, the students took up research based projects individually under the guidance of their respective teacher educators. This enabled the student teachers to understand the need of action research; they learnt the steps followed in carrying it out and also acquired knowledge of interpreting results. All students successfully completed this research based project and were self-assured that this knowledge would help them in the future.

### **Celebrations:**

**Teacher's day:** To realize the value and importance of being in the teaching profession and also as a mark of respect to all the teachers, the students arranged a wonderful programme on the occasion of teacher's day on 4th September, 2010. The various events scheduled for the evening like welcoming the teachers with 'haldi kum-kum' and greeting cards, a Kathak dance performed on Sanskrit shlokas, a Rajasthani folk-song, a group dance based on

classic & retro genre - everything had the flavor of our culture and tradition. The programme wound up with exciting games.

**Navaratri:** On 9th Oct. 2010, P.C.E.R., New Panvel organized the 'Garba-Dandiya' programme for Navaratri celebrations. The entire ambience decked with 'bandhani dupattas', 'flower rangolis' and 'diyas' truly exemplified the festive theme of the event. Dressed in ethnic Indian attires students enthusiastically swirled across the floor to the thumping beats of Gujarati folksongs. Prizes were declared for the best traditionally dressed males and females and also for the best dancers. The other highlights of the programme were 'Ghatt-puja', the singing of 'aarti' and distribution of the Prasad. The best part of this programme was that most of the students were debutants in 'Garba and Dandiya'. This programme definitely helped in building the confidence and self esteem of these students. The elevated smiles on every single face depicted that this event would be etched in their memories for long.

**Children's Day:** On 13th Nov. '2010, the Children's Day was celebrated under the direction of Prof. Harshani Patre. The students' group 'Kaleidoscope' organized various competitions like quiz, elocution, jhatpat snacks, rangoli & mehndi making, best out of waste and greeting card making, etc. The event proved to be a podium for displaying the hidden abilities of all the student teachers, proving the worth of the name 'Kaleidoscope'.

**Sports:** On 15th Jan.2011, the Annual Sports day was organized by the students of PCER headed by Prof. Bijoy Thomas. The outdoor events held were 100 m running race, relay race 400 m, book balancing, potato race, sack race, marble & spoon race, long jump, shot put, javelin throw, kabaddi, kho-kho, and finally, a tug-of war. Everyone displayed sportsman spirit and enthusiasm. Indoor games like carrom, chess, badminton and table tennis were also organized. Certificates were awarded to the winners of all the various events. Our students Rajani Mookparambil and Vikas Patil won the Sports-Championship trophies in the female and male section respectively. .

**Alumni Meet:** Prof. Geeta R. Thakur and her group of students 'Vibgyor' took the task of organizing the 'Alumni Meet' on 18<sup>th</sup> December '2010, for which all the ex-students were invited. The toppers of the previous year were felicitated and potted plants were gifted as mementos. An exclusive blog designed by Asst. Prof. Bijoy Thomas for the PCER Panvel alumni was inaugurated. This blog would help the alumni to share their experiences, views and suggestions on education and also be informed of the forthcoming events in the college. Members for the various posts were appointed through election in the alumni meet.

**PCER-Panvel Alumni Association:** The first meeting of the elected members of the alumni association was held on 15th January 2011, in the college. The members discussed the possible activities to be carried out by the association. The alumni members decided to initiate their work at Balgram, an orphanage at Khanda Colony. They visited Balgram on 5th February 2011 and on 17th February 2011. Each alumni volunteer helped the children of Balgram with the concepts in Math, Science, English, Grammar, Social studies and cleared their doubts. Some children were also engaged in doing some creative drawing. The alumni volunteers were touched by the interest and eagerness of these children to learn. What would be more rewarding than to see the change one can make to the children living in such institutions! Just the way they smile at you, you are motivated to visit them week after week. In addition to the government and social service organizations, another great force in every country that can also play a very important role in social upliftment is the Teacher Community! 'PCER-Panvel Alumni Association' is one such small sincere beginning!

#### **One day community level action research workshop for school teachers...**

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2010, P.C.E.R., New Panvel organized a workshop on "Action Research-A pathway to critical reflection" especially for school teachers of Panvel and Navi Mumbai. The education department has made it mandatory for school teachers in government schools to undertake action research. The main objective of this workshop was to acquaint the teachers on action research. Invited resource person for the workshop, Dr. Karuna Sinha, who is a lecturer at Hansraj Jivandas College of Education, Khar, Mumbai, emphasized the meaning, significance and process of action research. She then took up two participatory sessions wherein the participants were divided into groups to prepare and present action plans on the problems given. This activity-oriented learning of action research kept the participants engrossed in both the pre-lunch and post-lunch sessions. The enthused participants commented and constructively criticized every presentation and in the bargain took home an enriched experience.

**Evaluation Workshop:** For effective teaching to take place, the teacher has to plan her teaching strategy properly. Making the Year plan & Unit plan keeping in mind all the three domains- the cognitive, Psychomotor and the affective, is an important activity for a teacher. A teacher also needs to learn how to prepare a Question paper to evaluate the students based on weightage tables with reference to content, forms of questions & difficulty level. All this was explained by the teacher educators in planned sessions and students were given personal guidance according to their special methods. This evaluation workshop which went on for a week helped the student-teachers to give perfection and accuracy to their work.

**Internship Programme:** Internship programme is supervised professional training which allows the B.Ed. students to apply their previously acquired skills & knowledge to practical situations. Students were allotted to different schools in Panvel and New Panvel to gain hands on experience of working just as a regular teacher for specified hours. The one week training from 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. to 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2011 involved conducting the morning assembly, decorating the bulletin boards, taking lessons, organizing and supervising tests, training the students for Republic day celebrations, learning about the attendance register, general register and so on. The internship programme was indeed exciting and informative for all students.

**Our bonding with Hariyali:** We at PCER-Panvel are always eager to work productively towards the environment and it did materialize when we came across Hariyali, an NGO working selflessly towards saving the environment in collaboration with the Thane Municipal Corporation. Mrs. Aditi Date, an active member of Hariyali briefed us about their working towards the afforestation process.

In phase one, on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2010, a few students headed by Asst. Prof. Geeta Syamantak, participated in the sapling-making process at the Hariyali site located at Kasarwadavali at Ghodbandar, Thane. They planted seeds of gulmohar, ashoka, saptaparni, kanchan, karanj, bahava, mango, sitafal subabul, chinch, herada, beheda and others. The students prepared more than 250 saplings, arranged them in the nursery and even watered them.

In the second phase, we contacted Mr. Punam Singhavi, the founder of Hariyali who handles the post-plantation process. On 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2011, our students with Asst. Prof. Geeta Syamantak and Asst. Prof. Bhavna Dave went to the Bhavale site a few kilometers away from Kalyan. Under the guidance of the elderly people of the Hariyali team, water was fetched in cans from a nearby industry, filled in bisleri bottles and then carried up on the hillocks to water the plants.

Overall it was a great learning experience for the students and each one promised that this wouldn't be their first and the last contribution but they would always be ready to serve nature at any time in future.

**The Valedictory Function and the Release of the Annual Magazine 'SPARK':** On 25th March 2011, we organized a valedictory function for the students of B.Ed. & M.Ed. The chief guest DR. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai, CEO and Secretary of Mahatma Education Society, released the fourth issue of the annual magazine 'SPARK' which is a compilation of the contributions made the students and staff of B.Ed., M.Ed. and the alumni. In his address to the audience he enlightened everyone on the role of teachers in today's educational system. He said that teachers are 'knowledge workers' and therefore they should work with commitment and conviction. This was followed by reading of the college report, the cultural programme and the prize distribution function.

### **Two days national seminar on Environmental Re-engineering for Enhanced Living:**

The two day seminar on 'Environmental Reengineering for Enhanced Living' was organized on 1st & 2nd Oct.2010 for rethinking and redesigning of the process or actions leading to better performance and quality environment. The papers invited were strictly based on practical demonstrations, case study or personal actions contributing to enhanced living.

The youngest trustee of Mahatma Education Society, Mr. Franav Pillai in his inaugural speech expressed his concern about the deteriorating environment and emphasized on the importance of environmental reengineering at the individual level, at the national level and at the global level. He congratulated P.C.E.R., New Panvel for the selection of the theme and also for catering to the intellectual, emotional and skill development of the individuals.

The key note address was given by Dr. Kulwant Singh Pathania, Professor in Commerce and Director at UGC Academic Staff College, H. P. University, Shimla. He stressed on creating awareness among the people towards environmental issues. He urged the participants to implement eco-friendly and economically feasible practices in their daily life and emphasized that the management and teachers need to play role model for the students to get inspired.

Professor Sudhakar Solomonraj from Wilson College, Mumbai, was the resource person for the sub-theme 'Conservation of Natural Resources', Mrs. Seema Redkar, officer on special duty- Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation was the resource person for the sub-theme 'Solid Waste Management', and Dr.Chitra Natarajan from Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, TIFR, Mumbai was the resource person for the sub-theme Energy Management. Dr. Neelima Kulkarni, a representative of the Haryali group, an NGO shared the activities of the Haryali group and encouraged the students to take up eco-friendly practices that can be taken up at the individual level. The sessions were followed by various paper presentations and demonstrations .

At the Valedictory function, the Chief Guest, Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai addressed the audience articulating his anxiety over the current scenario about environmental issues. He said, it is only quality education that will help us alleviate social problems. The interesting delivery of the Valedictory address by Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Professor and Dean, Yashada, YCMOU, Pune held the audience in their places.

This seminar had definitely charged every mind to bring changes in our lifestyle, changes in the way we think for our environment and to act responsibly, holding ourselves accountable for our actions, thus enhancing our living.

### **Two Day National Level Seminar on Empowering Learners in the Contemporary Society ...**

To help the teachers to understand their role in meeting the demands of contemporary education, a two day National Level Seminar on 'Empowering Learners in the Contemporary Society' was organized at PCER-Panvel on 1st and 2nd April, 2011.

The Key note address was delivered by DR. Ramesh G. Kothari, Prof. of Education, Dept. of Education (CASE), faculty of Education and Psychology, M.S.University, Vadodara. The resource person for session -1 on Global Awareness was Prof. Bino Paul, Associate Prof. School of Management & Labour Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. Prof. Dr. Avinash Kohli, Faculty for Political Science at Ruparel College, Mumbai, was the resource person for session-2 on the sub-theme 'Civic Literacy'. Session-3 was based on Entrepreneurial Literacy and the expert invited was Prof. Ganapathy, Faculty for Organizational Behaviour, Human Resource Management, Learning and Development in various prestigious Management institutes like TISS.

After the expert talk in every session there were paper presentations by the participants from various colleges. Overall 19 papers were accepted for presentation. The valedictory session included the participant reactions and the reading of the overview of all the sessions. All participants were awarded certificates after the valedictory session. Dr. Karuna Gupta, HOD- M.Ed, expressed her gratitude to everyone for making the seminar a grand success.

This seminar had enabled every participant to become aware of the 21st century skills to understand and address global issues, to explore entrepreneurial skills required to enhance workplace productivity and also to develop an attitude of participating effectively in civic life.

### **Our Honoured moments...**

- The Annual All India Essay-writing Event 2010 commemorating the International Youth Day was organized by Shri Ram Chandra Mission in Collaboration with the United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan. Our student Ms. Nandita Shah bagged the third prize in the post graduate regional level.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011, our student Ms. Nandita Shah won the second prize in the Solo dance competition at Jallos - 2010, a cultural festival organized by H.B. B.Ed. College, Vashi.
- On 30<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at the 'Kala, Krida Sanskrutik Mohatsav, organised by Karnala Sports Academy, Panvel, our students headed by Mrs. Agy Shaju participated in a competition on 'Mahila Kalavishkar' at the Taluka level and secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. This group of our B.Ed. students had presented a skit which helped spread awareness on HIV-Aids. Another group headed by Ms. Nandita Shah also participated in a group dance competition wherein they presented the energetic 'Bhangra' dance.
- On 18th Sep.2010, students Ms. Nandita Shah and Ms. Namrita Rastogi participated in the Principal Mathews Chacko Memorial intercollegiate Extempore competition organized by Pillai's College of Education and Research, Chembur. The theme of the competition was 'Save our mother Earth'.
- On 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 2010, our students Ms. Reena Sharma, Ms. Namrita Rastogi, Ms. Neelima Powar and Ms. Komal Ghone participated in the intercollegiate debate competition on the theme 'Gandhiji ke vichar vartaman kaal

mein prasangik hain’ organized by Lion’s Club of New Panvel at I.T.M. College Campus, Kharghar on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

- The annual extension festival ‘Udaan - The Flight Of Extension, 2011 was held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, at Rayat Shikshan Sanstha’s Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil College, Vashi. Fifteen of our students participated in a street play competition on the theme, ‘Information Technology’ and won the Second Prize among eight other participating colleges. The street play titled ‘ek kadam tarakki ki aur’ depicted the significance of IT in various spheres. The play was greatly appreciated by the Chief Guests and the Director of the Department of Life Long Learning and extension. The audience was in platitudes of praises for the excellent dialogue delivery and acting skills of our students. There was one more moment of pride when our student Vaishali Waghmare won the consolation prize in the Poster competition which was based on the theme – ‘Status of Women.’

#### **Staff Development and extension:**

##### **Prin. Dr. Sally Enos**

1. Presented a paper on Health Education at the UGC sponsored National Seminar on “Recent trends in Physical Education, Sports, Health Education, Yoga and Stress Management” from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, organized by the Department of Physical Education Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta, Kerala.
2. Presented a paper cum demonstration titled ‘Environmentally productive actions with solid wastes’ at the National Seminar on ‘Environmental Re-engineering for Enhanced Living’ organized by Pillai’s College of Education and Research, New Panvel on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2010.
3. Invited as a Chief Guest at the annual day celebration of Powai English High School, Mumbai, in December 2010.
4. Shared her expertise as a resource person for the theme “Being together winning together” at the inaugural function of the 21<sup>st</sup> regional meet of Forum of Women in Public Sector(WIPS), Western Region, HOCL on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct.2010 organized by MES’ Pillai’s International School, Rasayani.
5. Course writer for Research Methodology in M.A. (Edu.) Part II, University of Mumbai.
6. Guest lecturer for Environmental Education in M.A. (Edu.) Part II at the University of Mumbai.

##### **Mr. Bijoy K. Thomas**

1. Presented a paper on “Technology: Boon for Life skills Education” at the national level seminar organized by MES’ Pillai’s College of Education and Research, Chembur on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.
2. Presented a paper with Mrs. Geeta R. Thakur on “A study of the effectiveness of pictorial concept mapping in the teaching of Science” at the international conference, ‘Episteme-4’, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 organized by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education.
3. Their paper on “A study of the effectiveness of pictorial concept mapping in the teaching of Science” was published in Conference proceedings by Mac Millan publications, India.

##### **Mrs. Geeta R. Thakur**

1. Serviced as a resource person to guide the students of Manjra Charitable Trust’s College of Education and Research, Navi Mumbai, from the examination point of view for the subject Information and Communication Technology on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.
2. Presented a paper with Mr. Bijoy K. Thomas on “A study of the effectiveness of pictorial concept mapping in the teaching of Science” at the international conference, ‘Episteme-4’, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011 organized by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education.
3. Their paper on “A study of the effectiveness of pictorial concept mapping in the teaching of Science” was published in Conference proceedings by Mac Millan publications, India

##### **Mrs. Harshani Patre**

1. Presented a paper titled 'p`aqaimak iSaxaNa – BaivaYyaatIla gauMtvaNaUk' under the sub theme 'Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009' at the UGC Sponsored National seminar at Chembur Comprehensive College of Education on 14th and 15th October, 2010.
4. Her paper on 'shikshak prashikshanacha kana' was published in the journal-Bhartiya Shikshan, March 2010. Another paper titled 'इयत्ता ८वी अभ्यासक्रम आणि मानवधिकारः शिक्षकांच्या भूमिकेतून' was published in the journal 'Shikshan samiksha', July 2010.
5. Was invited as a guest lecturer for Hindi method by the PCP centre of YCMOU, Government B.Ed. College, Panvel.

#### **Simran Kasu**

1. Presented a paper with Mrs. Bhavna S. Dave on "Curriculum and its Transaction: The Human Rights Perspective" at the UGC Sponsored National seminar on 'Upholding Human Dignity: Exploring New Paradigms' organized by Bombay Teacher's Training College, Colaba, on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.
2. Attended the national level seminar on: Terrorism – a global phenomenon at Royal College of Arts and Commerce, Mira Road, on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2010.

#### **Mrs. Bhavna Dave**

1. Presented a paper on "A study of the effect of the revised English textbook as perceived by the teachers and students of standard X" at the Seminar series organized by the Research Forum of Mahatma Education Society on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.
2. Attended the national level seminar on: Terrorism – a global phenomenon at Royal College of Arts and Commerce, Mira Road, on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2010.
3. Presented a paper with Mrs. Simran Kasu on "Curriculum and its Transaction: The Human Rights Perspective" at the UGC Sponsored National seminar on 'Upholding Human Dignity: Exploring New Paradigms' organized by Bombay Teacher's Training College, Colaba, on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.
4. Presented a paper on "Water Conservation using Coco soil mix" at the National Seminar on 'Environmental Re-engineering for Enhanced Living' organized by Pillai's College of Education and Research, New Panvel on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2010.
5. Cleared the UGC-SET (Maharashtra) in Education – August, 2010 Examination.

#### **Mrs. Geeta S. Thakur**

1. Presented a paper titled "A Case Study on the Bio-Filter Plant at Naval Civilian Housing Colony, Kanjurmarg" at the National Seminar on 'Environmental Re-engineering for Enhanced Living' organized by Pillai's College of Education and Research, New Panvel on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2010.
2. Attended a seminar-cum-workshop on "Learning Disabilities" conducted by Guru Nanak College of Education and Research, Bhandup, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, 2011.
3. Cleared the UGC-SET (Maharashtra) in Education – August, 2010 Examination.

#### **Mrs. Anoja M. Suvarna**

1. Attended a seminar-cum-workshop on "Learning Disabilities" conducted by Guru Nanak College of Education and Research, Bhandup, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, 2011.

#### **Ms. Bhagyashri J. Mhatre**

1. Presented a paper on "Collection Development challenges and services catering strategies in Electronic era" at the UGC Sponsored National Conference on "Collection Development of Resources in Electronic Environment" organized by Gokhale Education Society's College of Education and Research, Parel, Mumbai in collaboration with Dr. MSG Foundation Mumbai on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.