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### Boosting achievement through academics...



Our B.Ed. and M.Ed. students once again came out with flying colours at the academic front. **Mrs. Vinita Desai** bagged the University gold medal at the Masters in Education Examination, (2010-2011) University of Mumbai. M.Ed.

department of PCER, Panvel, brought overall three distinctions, and the rest passed the examination with first class. The result for the academic year 2010-2011 for the B. Ed. Section was 98 %. We are optimistic that our students shall continue to bring glory to the college, and we shall keep up the quality of education to secure superior results in future.

### B.Ed. now Semester-wise Credit based Grading System...

Principal Dr. Sally Enos was appointed as the convener of the revision of B.Ed. syllabus Committee, University of Mumbai. Dr. Sally Enos, along with her team members successfully enabled the University to convert existing B.Ed. syllabus to semester wise credit-based grading system. The B.Ed. curriculum was logically divided into two semesters doing away with the marking system. The new credit based grading system focuses on learners' input and provides credit points for the hours of learning put by the learner.

### Participation in Intercollegiate competitions...



**17th September, 2011:** We congratulate our student-teachers **Mrs. Laxmi Ganiger** (English medium) and **Ms. Richa Dubey** (Hindi medium) who won the 1st

and 2nd prize respectively 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: Celebrations with Environmental Consciousness.'



### Extended Activity...A team effort of PCER staff members...

Principal Dr. Sally Enos and Dr. Karuna Gupta, HOD, M. Ed. shared their expertise on the theme "Curriculum Development" and "21st Century classroom and the Leadership roles" respectively for the teacher educators and Principals of Special Education Colleges from all over Maharashtra, at the National Institute of Mentally Handicapped, Regional Centre, Navi Mumbai.

The teacher educators also conducted sessions on different Micro teaching skills during the in-service training for Special Education teachers from all over Maharashtra, organized at National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Regional Centre, Navi Mumbai, on the 15th and 16th November, 2011.

### Workshops:

- ♦ **3rd July, 2011:** Dr. Karuna Gupta, HOD, M.Ed. conducted an interactive session on "Work Culture" for B.Ed. and M. Ed. staff of PCER-Panvel.
- ♦ **4th August, 2011:** A workshop on 'Teaching Effectiveness' was conducted by Dr. Karuna Gupta, HOD, M.Ed., for the teacher-educators of PCER-Panvel.
- ♦ **16th August, 2011:** Dr. Karuna Gupta took an interactive session on general aims and objectives and explained the technique for writing instructional objectives with sufficient examples from various school subjects. The workshop enabled the students to understand the usage of instructional objectives in planning their lessons.





- ♦ **20th August, 2011:** A workshop on how to make and use teaching aids effectively was conducted by Mrs. Geeta R. Thakur. for the student-teachers to enable them to give successful lessons in schools.



- ♦ **14th September 2011:** Student-teachers, Mrs. Nisha Pande, Mrs. Sonia Vaid and Mrs. Shailaja Kinagi accompanied by Asst. Prof. Mrs. Bhavna Dave and Asst. Prof. Dr. Pratima Pradhan attended and participated in the one day International workshop on "Creative approaches for teaching English and History" organized by Gurunanak College of Education and Research, Bhandup.



- ♦ **24th September, 2011:** An opportunity to interact with other experts from the education field gives the students a chance to think in different dimensions. Therefore a workshop on Transactional Analysis was conducted by a specially invited experienced teacher-educator Mrs. Simran Kasu.



- ♦ **19th and 20th November, 2011:** Three student-teachers, Ms. Jyotsna Suchdev, Ms. Pooja Shinde and Ms. Minal Malaye accompanied by Mrs. Tina Roy attended and participated in a two days Teacher Training workshop named "DOW - Trailblazers Multiply the Message". The theme for the workshop was "Sharing the Planet" and the topic was "Environment Education- Innovative Classroom Teaching



Methods". It was conducted near Karjat by Education outbound company 'Trailblazers' and was funded by DOW International.

- ♦ **5th December 2011:** Student Managers Ms. Anne Jacob, Ms. Amirunisha Shaikh, Ms. Chandani Halani, Ms. Akshaya Patil and Ms. Nisha Wilson accompanied by extension in-charge teacher educators Dr. Pratima Pradhan, Mrs. Bhavna Dave and Mrs. Geeta S. Thakur attended the extension training session at Tat Kare College, Roha, organized by The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, University of Mumbai.



## Teachers' Day Celebrations...

**5th September, 2011:** Teachers' day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. Students presented beautiful handmade cards to all the teachers, wishing them good luck and prosperity. The program comprised of a dance, a skit based on women, a group song and poem reading. Games for the teachers were conducted in between the different events, which made the atmosphere all the more active and interesting. The surprise arrival of the ex-students added to the celebratory mood of all the teacher-educators and students. The success of the program was not the quality, but the fact that almost all the students had participated directly or indirectly in organizing this wonderful programme.

## Unearthing Talents...

**30th September, 2011:** 'Poster Making' competition was organized for the students in which Ms. Sunita Junnarkar, Ms. Sabiha Pinjari and Mrs. Bindu Tambe won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize respectively, and in the 'Greeting Card Making' competition the first position was grabbed by Mrs. Laxmi Ganiger where as Ms. Naama Mala and Ms. Rozita Bali bagged the second and third position respectively

## Navaratri Celebrations...

**1st October, 2011:** The 'Garba-Dandiya' programme



was organized during Navaratri so as to enable students to release their stress and give them an opportunity to enjoy with their classmates. This programme was a warm welcome, a relaxing change from their routine busy schedule. Students excitedly danced on the floor to the thumping beats of Gujarati folksongs. Prizes were declared for the best traditionally dressed male and female and also for the best dancers. The specialty of this programme was that most of the students were debutants in



'Garba and Dandiya' & they felt confident and self-assured after the programme. The ecstatic smiles of the students satisfied the

organizers and assured that this event would be carved in their memories for long.

## National Level Seminar on Environmental Re-Engineering for Enhanced Living- Series 2: Forest Resource Management...

**19th & 20th Oct.2011:** The two day national level seminar on 'Environmental Reengineering for Enhanced Living' was the 2nd in its series & an outcome of our commitment to be environmentally conscious, and an effort to learn ways and means to protect our environment. This year being declared as 'International year of forests' by the United Nations, we chose to have Forest Resource Management as our



theme. The Chief Guest for the seminar, Dr. Priam Pillai, COO of Mahatma Education Society and Director of International Affairs, Pillai's Group of Institutions, shared his views on environmental conservation in the inaugural Session on the 19th Oct. & emphasized the importance of preservation of our natural world, which forms an essential part of our history. He pooled in his various experiences to highlight the necessity to contribute at our personal levels, in preserving the nature and saving the earth from disaster.

The Key note Speaker Dr. Nitin Desai, Dean, Faculty of





Science & Technology, Dr. D.Y. Patil University, Navi Mumbai, in his address gave us an insight into his ongoing

projects on crops, improvement of sugarcane and mango cultivation, medicinal plants, micronutrient based fertilizers and its effects on various crops. He also spoke about his various other projects on the Western Ghats, DNA bar-coding and also the medicinal properties of plants for various diseases and disorders.

Mr. Chandrashekhar Bhadsavle, a successful farmer who has raised 'Saguna Baug' a farm resort near Neral was the guest speaker for the session-1 on 'Approaches to Green Belt Design'. He said that we must create happiness through greenery, thus protecting the green colour. When the development of the world hits us, it's the farmers of India who can be the food bowl for the entire country. Thus, it's essential to give proper dignity to the farmers.



Dr. Maitrayee Bhattacharya, a Development Consultant to various Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) began Session-2 on

'Ethnobotanical Practices and Healthcare' by accentuating on the importance of health in our lives. She explained the benefits of medicinal plants in maintaining, enriching and sustaining our health. Dr. Bhattacharya also demonstrated the basic acupressure techniques which could be regularly practiced by everyone.

Ms. Subbalakshmi Kumar, Director, Centre for Development Education, Pune, presented case



studies of two schools that successfully implemented Gardens for life (GFL), a tri-nation project dealing with Science and

Development Education through school gardens and school linking in India, Kenya and UK. Ms. Kumar emphasized the need for teachers to develop online educational materials which can be utilized by others for the benefit of the entire education fraternity and sensitizing the students towards conservation and preservation of natural resources.

The Valedictory address was delivered by the Chief



Guest, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Dean (Academic) & Secretary, Yashada, Pune. He spoke about various projects initiated by the government,

such as a joint forest management project which focuses on how the resources can be shared and accountability can be ensured. He specifically highlighted the emerging field of Biotechnology as a pathway to sustainable future. He recommended that teacher education institutes should start Inter-disciplinary Certificate Courses on Environment. He also suggested that these institutes should collaborate with 'Warkari Sikshan Sanstha' as they have a large database, which can be very effectively used to spread awareness about various social issues.

The seminar was attended by 63 participants in all. Each plenary session was followed by paper presentations on the respective subthemes. The papers were practical based and there were a lot of 'take-home' ideas. Overall, the seminar had been an excellent platform for everyone to present and exchange their views and suggestions on environment.

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