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BOOSTING ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH ACADEMICS...

The efforts put in by the teachers and students bore fruits in the form of excellent results achieved in the academic year 2009-10. The overall result of B.Ed. at Pillai's College of Education and Research, New Panvel, was 97% with one distinction and 22 first classes. We hope to sustain the quality of education provided and to secure better results in future.

TALK ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY...



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.

ONE-DAY COMMUNITY-LEVEL ACTION RESEARCH WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS...



1st 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 to action research. **Dr. Karuna Sinha**, who is a lecturer at Hansraj Jivandas College of Education, Khar, Mumbai, was invited as a resource person for the workshop. She

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.



MAKING COST-EFFECTIVE TEACHING AIDS TO ENHANCE LEARNING...



21st August, 2010: 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. 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. The workshop emphasized on creating best out of waste, reusing the materials and reducing wastage.



4th September, 2010: 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 teachers' day. 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.

CHALLENGES FOR YOUTH TODAY AND TOMORROW...



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.

CELEBRATING THE VICTORY OF GOOD OVER EVIL...



9th Oct. 2010: A group of students of P.C.E.R., New Panvel, organized the 'GarbaDandiya' 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 attire, 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



PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS IN INTERCOLLEGIATE COMPETITIONS:

- 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 2nd 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.

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 elated smiles on every single face depicted that this event would be etched in their memories for long.

EXTENDING TO THE COMMUNITY...



Prin. Dr. Sally Enos shared her expertise as a resource person for the theme "Being together winning together" at the 21st regional meet of Forum of Women in Public Sector (WIPS), Western Region, on 23rd Oct. 2010, organized by WIPS under the aegis of SCOPE (Standing Conference of Public Enterprises) at HOCL, Rasayani. She was a member of the team for writing course material, for Research Methodology in M.A.

of Mumbai and is a guest lecturer for Environmental Education in M.A. University, Aurangabad, on the theme "Evaluation Reforms" on 24th June 2010. She was a member of the team for writing course material for Research Methodology and Teacher Education for M.A. (Edu.) Part II, IDOL, University of Mumbai. She is a recognized Ph.D. guide of University of Mumbai and has 10 research scholars under her, of which one successfully completed on 5th August 2010 and the second one is awaiting Viva-voce end of (Edu.) Part II at the Department of Education, University of Mumbai.

Dr. Karuna Gupta, HOD, M.Ed., shared her expertise as a resource person at the UGC sponsored National Level Seminar at College of Education, Nandurbar for the subtheme "Morality in Conducting Educational Research" on 4th May, 2010, and also at the UGC sponsored Orientation Course conducted by Academic Staff College at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada October 2010.

Dr. Usha Kumar went as a resource person to conduct a workshop on "Action Research", for the teacher educators of Mahatma Junior College of Education, Chembur, on 12th April 2010. She was a member of the team for writing course material, for M.A. (Edu.) Part I Philosophical and Sociological Foundations of Education, IDOL, University of Mumbai.

TWO DAYS NATIONAL SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL RE-ENGINEERING FOR ENHANCED LIVING:

1st & 2nd Oct. 2010 : The two day seminar on 'Environmental Reengineering for Enhanced Living' was organized 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.

It was for the first time that P.C.E.R, New Panvel, (B.Ed & M.Ed) had organized a seminar at the national level and the excited students and teachers all participated enthusiastically in its preparations.

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, the resource person for the sub-theme 'Conservation of Natural Resources', said that we must not fail to see and take responsibility for individual actions.

We need to be able to inculcate a thinking process which is open, eclectic and proactive. We need to go beyond clichés and see real change. The resource person for the sub-theme 'Solid Waste Management', **Mrs. Seema Redkar**, officer on special duty-BMC, shared her experiences of her work at the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation. According to her, BMC cannot work in isolation. The society at large and the educated in particular, have to extend a helping hand in saving the environment.

The next session saw a presentation by the Haryali group, an NGO, represented by **Dr. Neelima Kulkarni**. She 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. On the second day, the sub-theme Energy Management, was taken by **Dr. Chitra Natarajan** from Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, TIFR, Mumbai. She gave an enlightening presentation on energy and the laws of nature, energy use and the quality of life, diminishing fossil fuel resources and energy

conservation along with Gandhiji's environmental philosophy. This session was followed by various paper presentations and demonstrations which included making various articles by fusing plastic bags; making Utility boxes from greeting cards and old files; making purses with strips cut from plastic bags using a crochet or knitting needle, making coco-soil mix for planting, and making compost from vegetable waste. The audience was excited to see pretty, decorative and useful articles being made from useless waste.



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. The year 2010 is the year of biodiversity and he showed an audio-visual on the biodiversity found in and around Panvel area. He also shared many innovative ideas and tips useful to maintain health, at the same time help save natural resources.

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.

M.Ed. STUDENTS AND STAFF IN ACTION...



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