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Highlights

✦ Revised B.Ed. Syllabus

To be in par with the changing needs of the society and to promote academic excellence, the B.Ed. syllabus was revised. As per the Current examination scheme the students will be evaluated out of 60 marks in written assessments. The method papers are included in the first term of the course.

✦ Democracy a way of life...

In order to foster democratic spirit among the student teachers, the student teachers council was 'elected' on 31st August, 2013.



The results were declared on the same day and the members of the student council were announced.



With a promise to carry on their duties with sincerity, the elected members accepted their posts.

Workshops: Empowering the student teachers...

✦ A workshop on integration of **Core elements** in teaching was conducted by Mrs. Namrata Saxena on 14th August, 2013. The workshop aimed at generating awareness among the student teachers of the common core elements which have to be integrated in their course of teaching. It also focused on developing comprehension and the art of bringing out these core elements in the right way through their lessons wherever they could avail its scope.

✦ On 24th August 2013 a workshop was conducted on making *cost effective* and *environmentally friendly teaching aids* by Ms. Geeta R Thakur for the students.



The main aim of the workshop was to invoke the creativity of students and enable

them to use teaching aids effectively in the classroom.

Talks: Spreading awareness

✦ POSCO Act...

On 14th September, 2013 Soroptimist International Bombay, Chembur in association with Dr. Pillai Global Academy organized an interactive session with Ms. Pinki Virani a renowned human right activist and author of four bestselling books.

In the words of Ms. Virani "One in every four girls under the age of 16 and an equal number of boys are sexually harassed."



Of the total number of cases on child sexual abuse 50% of the victims were abused by close family members. The session was an eye opener and gave an insight to the student teachers of the present day scenario. It provided guidelines for identification of the signs and symptoms in such cases.

✦ Healing power within our body...

Naturopathy is a science of healthy living. From the past 20 decades, Snehalata Nisargopchar Kendra established at Shantivan is

providing naturopathy treatment for patients from all over Maharashtra suffering from blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis, skin diseases and various infections and allergies.



Dr. Sudhakar Karade, chief of this centre enlightened the teacher educators on the benefits of naturopathy. He also provided information on the various courses conducted by them in Naturopathy at their centre.

Going beyond boundaries

✦ Towards Teaching Fraternity...

'Knowledge not shared is knowledge wasted'; keeping this in mind the teacher educators of PCER extended their services as resource persons for United Forum of Special Educators. A workshop on **Micro Skills** was conducted on 31st July, 31st August and 19th October, 2013 respectively for special teacher educators working in schools with students having intellectual and developmental disabilities.



✦ Service to humanity is service to GOD...

The quote *'The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in*

service of others' by Mahatma Gandhi adorns the walls at the gate of Shantivan Ashram in Nere. On 22 & 23rd November, 2013 students of PCER did '*Shramdaan*' as a part of **Community service programme** under the guidance of Ms. Bindu Tambe.

Dam building cooking and road building were some of the activities done by the students.



They were heart wrenched after meeting the Senior Citizens at the old age home.



A visit to their Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre, farms, Naturopathy Centre, Plant Nursery, Carpet Weaving Centre and Anganwadi enriched their experiences.



College activities

✦ Colorful Extravaganza...

Teachers day was an event to cherish for the rest of our lives.



The student teachers presented a variety of amazing performances under the guidance of Mrs. Chitra More on 7th September, 2013 to celebrate Teachers' day.



They dazzled in their colorful attires and entertained everybody. The venue was filled with loud cheers by students when Principal Dr. Enos quoted it as the best cultural performance ever put forward by any B.Ed. batch.

✦ In reverence to our national language...

Joining cultures and people with lingual differences, Hindi our national language, was adopted as the official language of the constituent assembly of India in 1949.



A message on the importance of 'Hindi' was sent across everyone on 14th September, 2013 by celebrating the '*Hindi Divas*' under the guidance of Ms. Pradnya Jadhav.

The students brought the culture of our nation on the forefront followed by recitation of compositions of various prominent literary scholars.

✦ Gyrating to the tunes of *Garba & Dandiya...*

On 12th October, 2013 the student teachers from B.Ed. and M.Ed. danced to the tunes of popular non-stop '*garba*' numbers.



The special attractions of the event were the debutant dancers. It was a consortium of colourful and attractive attires adorning the students.



Later, certificates were also awarded to students for their performances followed by tea and lip smacking samosas.

✦ Healthy mind dwells in a healthy body...

Recreation is an essential element of human body. Games provide respite to the students

from their routine academic schedule.

To foster competitiveness, cooperativeness, sportsmanship and team spirit, dodge ball matches between the tutorial groups were organized under the guidance of Ms. Chitra More. The students thoroughly enjoyed and participated with enthusiasm.



National Level Seminar Water Co-operation

Pillai College of Education and Research, Panvel in collaboration with YASHADA, Pune organized a two day National Level Seminar on Environmental Re-engineering Series 4: Water Cooperation on 29th and 30th November, 2013.



The inaugural session had an august gathering of dignitaries from various institutions of Mahatma Education Society and YASHADA. A brief overview of the seminar and its objectives was presented by Ms. Bhavna Dave. The purpose of the seminar was to enable everyone to rethink and redesign our thoughts, actions and concern for our environment, hence the title Environmental Re-engineering.

The Chief Guest for the day was Mrs. Latha Menon, Deputy CEO, MES HOC Rasayani Campus.



A multifaceted personality and a strong pillar of MES; she appreciated the effort of PCER, Panvel in creating environmental concern in the society by organizing series of seminars on Environmental Re-Engineering.

Emphasizing on the need of water sharing among nations she cited many examples from national and international scenario on water issues. She quoted water as being a catalyst for peace.

The first session of the seminar was on the Sub theme: Water Footprint and Sustainable Lifestyle and Design. The session was divided into two parts- the first part was done through live streaming from Pune by Ms. Pradnya Thakur, Director, Shashwat Eco Solution Foundation through *Skype*.



She presented a complete picture of the use of fresh water in different sectors, pollution of surface water, wastage of rainwater and depletion of ground water. Giving the concept of

water footprint she said it is a comprehensive indicator of fresh water resources appropriation for human civilization. Hence in order to reduce our water footprint it is essential to follow a healthier sustainable diet, consume less water intensive products and reduce the scandalous food wastages.



The second part of the session was continued by Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Secretary and Dean (Academic) YASHADA. He extensively spoke about the various Indian rivers and its sources. How human intervention is affecting the life supporting qualities of these rivers. Plant grass, reuse plastic and in turn protect the environment was his emphasis.

Dr. Maitrayee Bhattacharya, Development consultant, NGOs was the guest speaker on the Sub theme: ‘Water Education in Classroom and in Society’. She accentuated the role of water in human body.



Making the audience aware of the side effects of bottled water on health, wealth and environment, she urged everyone not to buy bottled water. She focused on water therapy; a simple method to cleanse the body and soul. Propagating the health mantra “EAT WATER & DRINK FOOD” she said it takes only 15 days to make or break a habit.

The session on Sub theme Innovative strategies for Water Management was graced by two eminent speakers Mr. Janak Daftari and Dr. Amar Joshi.



Mr. Janak Daftari, convenor of an NGO – ‘Jal Biradari’ spoke about how we can raise the city’s ground water table by maximizing the capture of naturally occurring gift from God - ‘Rain’. He

introduced to the audience ‘Jal Sutra’ which has been jointly formulated by IIT Alumni, Deputy Director of Maharashtra Nature Park & participants of Rain Water Harvesting seminars. He laid stress on the 2Rs; ‘Reuse and Recycle’”



Dr. Amar Joshi, a geologist threw light on the data for designing rain-water harvesting systems. He spoke about non-land-based systems which collect and store rainwater like roofs of houses, green houses, courtyards and similar impermeable surfaces. The session was supported by the examples cited by Mr. Daftari also.

The sessions were weaved with paper presentations which were based on the various subthemes. The participants expressed their views and appreciated the efforts put in by PCER, Panvel in taking up such issues of Global concern.

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