

B.Ed. NCTE REPORT - ACADEMIC SESSION 2011 – 12

SELECTION OF STUDENTS COUNCIL

The Students Council was selected and a formal announcement was made by the Principal, Dr. Sally Enos, on 11th August 2011. The students selected for Student Council were Bindu Tambe – General Secretary, Laxmikant Mahamuni - Sports in-charge, Sonia Vaid - Cultural in-charge, Chitra Pillai - Discipline in-charge, Pooja Shinde - Academic in-charge, Padma Palkar - Time-table in-charge, The students in charge for the annual magazine, 'Spark' were Nisha Pandey (English Section) and Malti Prajapati (Hindi and Marathi Section).

The student managers for extension activities were selected:- Akshaya Patil, Amirunisha Shaikh, Anne Jacob and Chandni Halani. They had the zeal in them and enthusiastically took on the responsibilities. They vowed to put in their best efforts -- A moment of pride and aspiration for all.

Micro skills:

Teachers started off with the demonstrations for micro-skills like Set Induction by Ms. Tina Roy, Questioning Skills by Mrs. Bhavna Dave, Blackboard work by Mrs. Geeta S. Thakur and Illustration with examples by Mrs. Devanshi Praveen, in the month of August. Each student gave a presentation on each of these skills, followed by one integrated lesson. This was paving the way for their practice lessons.

Workshop on Objectives and Specifications:

A workshop on writing the Objective and Specifications for lessons was conducted by Prof. Dr. Karuna Gupta on 16th August, 2011. She explained in simple words as to how writing of the objectives and specifications are of vital importance for the teachers of tomorrow.

Teaching Aids workshop:

On 18th August, 2011, the B.Ed. class was led into a world of colourful and captivating teaching aids by Asst. Prof. Mrs. Geeta R. Thakur who presented for them under the auspices of the placement cell. The students were left gaping at the wonderful and innovative ideas that can be used to make lessons in the class lively, interesting and captivating. The best part of this workshop was that all the resources required for making these teaching aids are easily available.

This workshop also made a lot of the students realize that thermocol is not good for the environment and hence must not be used.

Extension Work:

The Extension Work from the Department of Life long learning and Extension, University of Mumbai was introduced to the students by Asst. Prof. Mrs. Bhavna Dave and Mrs. Geeta S. Thakur, along with the student managers who had attended meetings for the same. This was on 28th August, 2011. They were given the options of choosing between the Status of Women in Society (SWS) and Annapoorna Yojna Project (AYP) according to their interest. This extension work is also done with the idea of reaching out to the society in one's own way.

Simulated Teaching:

There are various techniques that can be used by the students in imparting the lessons to the students and these are called the Simulated Lessons. The orientation for the same was done by the teachers. The first one, Concept Attainment Model (CAM) was presented by the respective method teachers on 16th September, 2011. The Inquiry Training model was presented on 29th September, 2011. They also had the Power Point Presentation by Mrs. Devanshi Praveen on 7th January, 2012. The Creative Lesson was presented by the teachers on 13th February, which was really exciting. The last of the simulated lesson, Information Transfer was presented by Asst. Prof. Mrs. Bhavna Dave on 24th February, 2012.

The simulated lessons gave an insight into the various techniques which are simple to prepare and at the same time very interesting for the students. Some of students even used some of these techniques during their practice lessons.

Macro Lessons:

If they were finished with micro-skills, integrated lesson, can the macro-lessons be far behind? No. They started with the first of their twenty (20) macro-lessons at Mahatma Academy of Academics and Sports, New Panvel. Each one came out of the lesson with very different experience and these experiences determined how they proceed with their future lessons. Asst. Prof Mrs. Harshani Patre was in-charge of the lessons and who would co-ordinate with the schools for the time-table and syllabus and then put up time –tables for the students. Some of the schools they went for their lessons were, CKT High School, Phadke High School, Mahatma

School and Junior College, Karnala High School, VK High School, KES English Medium School and Barns High School. These lessons required lot of efforts on the part of the students and at the same time, it was memorable for them.

Seminars:

It is very difficult for most of the students to stand in front of a class and speak on any particular topic. As future teachers, that is also one of the important aspects in their career. Seminars gave them the opportunity to present papers from their syllabus topics in front of their peer group which eased the tension greatly. It helped them to build their confidence, improve their communication skills and also helped them to work in a team. The first set of seminars were held in the month of October, 2011. There were topics given from four subjects of 1st semester and groups were made. Each group had five members and one amongst them was selected as the chairperson who kept the flow of the seminar in order. The second set of seminars were conducted in the month of March and this time again they were divided into groups and this time there were six subjects for seminar.

Open Book Assignment:

In this concept, the students were given a topic to prepare with the help from any books. Then they were given a question based on the topic and asked to write an essay type answer for the same. How they wish all their exams and tests were conducted in this manner.

Evaluation Workshop:

The evaluation workshop was held from 16th to 19th December, 2011. The students were guided through this workshop by their teachers and expert advice was given by Dr. Karuna Gupta, and Principal Dr. Sally Enos. This workshop helped them walk through the process of making a year plan, unit plan, question paper which will prove valuable for the students when they will join any teaching institution as teachers. The question paper that were prepared at the workshop was later used by them when they went for their Internship.

Workshop on Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation:

A two-day workshop on Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation was organized on 28th and 29th December to clarify the concept of CCE and make the student teachers & school teachers of the CBSE board aware of its importance. The workshop was conducted at the

‘Conclave’ in V’ Pillai’s Campus, New Panvel by PCER- Panvel and Mahatma CBSE schools at New Panvel and Rasayani. The resource persons for the workshop were Mr. Pravin Zear, Vice Principal of B. K. Birla Centre for Education and their Administration officer, Mr. T. S. Nair.

Participation at the ‘Bhartiya Chatra Sansad’:

Bharatiya Chatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament) 2012 was an awaited event. B. Ed and M. Ed. students once again got an opportunity to become a part of this great event, to meet students from various places and to listen to eminent personalities. The event was held at MIT campus, Pune on 10th to 12th January. The students from the college participating in the event were Mrs. Bindu Tambe, Mrs. Lakshmi Ganiger, Ms. Anne Jacob, Ms. Nama Mala, Ms. Nandita Shah and teacher educator Asst. Prof. Mrs. Geeta S. Thakur.

Participation in the ‘Udaan’ festival:

A group of fifteen students participated in a street play on sexual harassment of women titled, ‘Jor Se Bol!’ on 27th January, 2012. This helped to spread legal awareness among the students and also in the community, and it was presented in the UDAAN festival organized by Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, University of Mumbai.

Workshop on “Environment Education:

On 27th January a workshop on “Environment Education through Innovative Classroom Teaching Methods” was conducted by a group of students headed by Mrs. Tina Roy. The activities in the workshop succeeded in demonstrating the effective integration of Environmental Education with topics from different school subjects. All the participants agreed that most of these activities could be conducted in any school, within the time constraint of 30 minutes class period by any teacher with minimal resources.

Jerk Technology:

A workshop on Jerk Technology devised by Prof. D .N. Sansanwal, Head and Coordinator, Department of Education, Devi Ahilya University, Indore, was conducted by Asst. Prof. Mrs. Namrata Suxena on 27th January, 2012. It aimed to maximize student participation in the classroom. The various activities helped the student-teachers discover that the learners can be made active in the classroom through jerks thus improving receptivity.

Internship Week:

The Internship week was from 30th January to 4th February, 2012. The students got an opportunity to do internship at good schools in the neighbourhood like CKT High School, Mahatma School for Academics and Sports, V.K. High School, Phadke High School, and Karnala High School. Here they took up proxy periods, conducted science exhibitions, decorated notice boards, took innovative teaching classes, conducted assembly, drawing competitions, invigilation and paper correction duties. They had the first hand experience of how a school works and how much work is involved in the day to day functioning of the school. It was an amazing experience for all the students.

Workshop on 'Fun with Prepositions':

9th March, 2012: A workshop on 'Fun with Prepositions' was organized for the English method students by the PCER-Panvel language club. The resource person for the workshop was Ms. Sudha Nair, an experienced Secondary School teacher. This workshop taught the students different activities that could be used to teach prepositions and prepositional phrases. It helped everyone realize how prepositions, if not carefully used, can change the meaning of a sentence.

Action Research Projects:

Action research is an integral part of the B. Ed. curricular activity. This involves, working on any problem that the students think is an issue at school level and also offer suggestive measures. The students identified such problems for the study and after thorough judgment decided the topic for the study, they collected data for the same, analyzed and interpreted the results. For this, Dr. Karuna Gupta ma'am introduced the students to action research and the ways of doing it. The students were put into groups under different teachers and provided guidance to carry out the research.

Teacher's Day Celebration:

Even though the students had just started their course, they all wanted to celebrate teacher's day with great enthusiasm. The highlight of this was the participation of all the students of the class, according to what they felt they could do. They made handmade cards for all the teachers with nice thoughts and quotations written for the wonderful teachers. The students had a small cultural programme starting with the a small flower rangoli drawn to welcome everyone,

followed by a prayer dance, a skit, a group song and some small games for the teacher. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Poster Making and Greeting card making competition:

At PCER, everyone strongly believes in environmental consciousness and the PCER-Panvel Nature club puts in tireless efforts to sensitize the students to conserving resources. It was thus that the students had poster making (Environment) and card making (Best out of Waste) competition on 30th September, 2011. There were three prize winners from each category.

Navaratri Celebrations:

On 1st October the students had Dandiya-Garba celebrations with the students and teachers dressed in their traditional finery and dancing to the lovely beats of the music. The students had a beautiful rangoli drawn followed by the traditional Bengali Devi Pooja. After this, everyone got into the dancing mood. Some of the students were seasoned dancers, some professional dancers, some amateurs and some first time dancers. They all had a lot of fun and then at the end there were lots of prizes, for the best costume, best dandiya dancer, best garba dancer, best couple dancers. None of the students will forget the fun they had that day.

National Level Seminar on “Environmental Re-engineering for Enhanced Living-Series 2”

On 19th and 20th October, 2011, PCER, New Panvel organized a two-day national level seminar on ‘Environmental Reengineering for Enhanced Living’, an endeavour of the commitment to be environmentally conscious. Few of the students presented papers on the topic and the other students gained valuable experience from attending it. The students got knowledge about the vast and bountiful resources of nature we are all blessed with, some tips on how everyone can be a part of the conserving and preserving activity and also heard from experts who made a difference by their work in this field.

Community Service:

It is said that a teacher has dual role to play in society. She is part of the community and at the same time in moulding the future citizens of this community. It is very important for all of the teachers to give back to the community of which one is a part of. This can be in terms of time or even monetary help. At PCER, Panvel, the students carried on the tradition of “Shramdaan”. They had community service for two days, 23 and 24th December, 2011. There were three

centers chosen, Jyoti's Charitable Trust, Kalamboli, Jyoti's Terminal Care Center, Taloja and Swargdwar, Taloja. Jyoti's Charitable Trust and Jyoti's Terminal Care Center both have AIDS/HIV +ve patients but the Terminal Care center has residents who are in the last stages of their life. Swargdwar has inmates with Leprosy, who are cured and cared for at the center. They are all productive members of the society.

The students were formed into groups and given orientation about the places, what is expected of the students, how they were to conduct themselves. The students got the necessary materials needed for decorations and accordingly for two days, the students went to their respective centers and gave their selfless services. The activities the students were involved in, included cleaning, decorating the places for Christmas, cooking for the residents, entertaining them, working on their farms and helping them in whichever way the students could. The students also had lot of fun and learned to be happy with all the blessings in their life. The students pledged to come back to these places again. After coming back to the college, there was an interactive session with one another where the students shared their valuable experiences.

Sports Day:

11th February was Sports and Games Day. The students had loads of fun along with sore limbs the next day but that day was absolutely memorable for all who participated. The various sporting events were lemon and spoon race, book balancing, 100m sprint, relay race, long jump, discus throw, javelin throw, potato race, dodge ball and the cherry on this cake was the Tug-of-war at the end. All the students were exhausted by the end but the journey was absolutely unforgettable. There were prize distributions at the end not only for the events of the outdoor games but also for the indoor games held earlier. Prizes were given for badminton, chess, and carom.

Talk on Naturopathy and Yoga

The PCER-Panvel Well-being club organized an interactive session for the students with Dr. N.M. Kamath, who is a Holistic Practitioner. He spoke about naturopathy and gave valuable tips of healthy living. His simple mantra was the right kind of food, rest exercise and relaxation, for a healthy life. Sure, the regime seems tough but if followed religiously, one will reap the benefits for a long time to come.

Time management Workshop:

Ever since the commencement of the B.Ed. course, all have been wishing for more than 24 hours in a day to help the students cope with their work. Well, the application for more than 24 hours in a day is still pending with the higher authorities, but the college gave the students an opportunity to learn about how to manage their work within the 24 hours available. The Time Management workshop held on 3rd March, 2012, was conducted by Mrs. Simran Kasu who interacted with the students and gave the students a presentation on the topic. The students realized that they have enough time to finish and accomplish their tasks if they know how to prioritize their work, how to organize it, where they waste time, etc. This workshop was an eye opener their eyes as to how to get things done in the available time.

Alumni meet:

Alumni meet, held on 3rd March, 2012, was a special programme as it involved the ex-students of PCER, Panvel. The college with its current batch of B.Ed. students and the PCER-Panvel Alumni Association had organized a special programme for the alumni. This included the felicitation of our Gold medalist at M.Ed. University level, Ms. Vinita Desai and the top rankers at the college level of B.Ed., Ms. Sonia Burile (1st rank), Ms. Archana Kumari and Ms. Vandana Verma, sharing the second rank. They were presented with a potted plant and a book each. All of them were asked to share their experiences and their words were really from the heart and also inspirational for all of us. The PCER, Panvel Alumni Association President, Ms. Bharti Iyer presented the Alumni Report-2010-11 and urged the ex-students to become members which they promptly did. The students also put up a cultural programme which they thoroughly enjoyed.

SUPW workshop:

All the students had a wonderful opportunity to learn some new craft under SUPW. This was possible because of very creative students. Ms. Chandni Halani showed how to make a chocolate bouquet with different coloured chocolates and candies. It was simple to make. Mrs. Laxmi Ganiger showed how to make paper basket with old newspapers. This was a very useful item which can help de-clutter the work of the students as well as their study area. These baskets can be made in various sizes and can hold lot of things. Ms. Raksha, Ms. Rakhi and Ms. Padma showed how to make lovely flowers from kite paper and tissue papers. It was amazing to see how simple household things could be used to make such beautiful items.

Talk on Cancer:

The PCER-Panvel Well-being club organized a special talk on Cancer by Mr. Vijay Gokhale. This talk included what cancer is, what types of cancer can afflict men and women and the symptoms to look out for. He also informed the students of the various cancer institutions where screening as well as treatment for cancer takes place. The talk was well-received by all the students and got their queries solved, both personal and general about the topic and they were all answered to the satisfaction by the guest speaker. In the end, the students were shown a video clip about the ways of detecting cancer in women, both at home as well as at the clinic.

Competitions:

On 7th March, 2012, competitions were organized which had enthusiastic participation from all the students and was fun filled in all the way. These competitions brought out a lot of hidden talents amongst and also gave the students a chance to show their creativity. The students had a chance to participate in the following competitions organized by the various clubs of the college: Extempore competition, Mono acting competition, Poetry recitation competition, Quiz competition, Best out of waste, Flower making, Rangoli competition, Mehendi competition and the Caption writing competition.

Picnic:

The students were taken to a picnic to 'Franav Farm' a beautiful place near Rasayani where they had a fantastic time trying their hands on adventure sports like rope ladder climbing, rock climbing, swinging on the ropes and other such interesting events. It was real fun to end the academic session on a relaxing and refreshing note.

National Level Seminar on "Managing Human Resources"

Two-day National Level Seminar on "Managing Human Resources" was organized on 4th & 5th April 2012. Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai, CEO & Secretary, Mahatma Education Society, was the chief guest and the key note speaker. In his key note address, Dr. Pillai shared his life experiences and highlighted how his institutions are connected not through LAN and WAN but with care and commitment of the human resources which ensures a successful future. He brought to light the various new threats for the future of teacher education and the challenges in the present times. He demanded the need of professionalism from teachers towards their noble

job and said that they must consider teaching as a serious planned activity. He also showed his concern for the increasing number of school dropouts and encouraged teachers to share some time with the community helping under-privileged children learn. He also discussed novel ways of managing Human Resources by incorporating a 3 tier management system- of Principal, Director and Asst. Director to avoid authoritarian one man show and valued it as a successful style of management.

The guest-speakers were Anil Thomas, Founder & Management Consultant Mustard seed training & assessment systems, Mr. Suresh D Patil, Vice-president, Calyx Pharmaceuticals and chemicals, Thane and a set of panelist Dr. Shirish, Member & Co-ordinator of NAAC Peer Team, Dr. Susanta Kumar Pradhan, S.C.E.R.T., Goa, is the recipient of Jr. & Sr. Research Fellowship of UGC and Mr. Zubin Batliwalla ISO 9000 Audits.

Valedictory Function:

On 13th April 2012, a valedictory function was organized for the students of B. Ed. & M.Ed. The chief guest for the function was Shri. A. L. Tripathiji, Deputy CEO, Mahatma Education Society, Khanda Colony campus. The General Secretary of the B. Ed. course read her report followed by the reading of the annual report by Principal Dr. Sally Enos for the B.Ed. course and Dr. Karuna Gupta for the M. Ed. course.

It was a moment of triumph and pride for all the teachers and the students when Dr. Sally Enos introduced and presented the “Best Teacher of the Year” award to Asst. Prof. Mrs. Bhavna Dave for her consistent performance and the “Best Debutant” award to a new entrant Mrs. Devanshi Praveen. The chief guest addressed to the students who enlightened them on the role of teacher in today’s educational system. He stressed on the importance of objectives in planning the lessons in the teaching learning process.

Our honoured moments:

- Once again Pillai’s College of Education and Research, New Panvel has created waves! At the academic front, Mrs. Vinita Desai bagged the University gold medal at the Masters in Education Examination, (2010-2011) University of Mumbai. PCER students brought overall three distinctions at the University M. Ed. Examination held in May-2011 and the rest passed in the first class.

- Our last year's Mumbai University topper of the M. Ed. Section, Mrs. Devanshi Praveen received the gold medal at the convocation ceremony at the Fort campus of the University of Mumbai from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Rajan Welukar on January 28, 2012.
- Our student-teachers Ms. Laxmi Ganiger (Eng. medium) and Ms. Richa Dubey (Hindi med.) 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 on 17th September, 2011. The theme of the competition was 'Save our Mother Earth: Celebrations with Environmental Consciousness.
- A group of seven students was selected for the final round in the Talent –hunt, 'Uber-rang' organized by Mahatma Education Society on 1st Feb. 2012.
- We felt proud of our students, Ms. Laxmi Ganiger, Ms. Nisha Pandey, Ms. Akshaya Patil, Ms. Nandita Shah and Mr. Anthony when they presented papers at the National Seminar held in the college.

B. Ed. Faculty Development Programme and Extension 2011-12

Dr. Sally Enos:

- Recognized Ph. D. guide for University of Mumbai
- Chairperson for paper presentations on the theme 'Learning-oriented testing and evaluation' at the International Conference on "Elevating Learning" organized by Dr. Bhabha Saheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, AIAER, Gujarat Chapter and Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, Gujarat Prant, on 3rd and 4th Dec. 2011.
- Presented a paper titled "Learning to Evaluate, Evaluating to Learn" at the International Conference on "Elevating Learning" organized by Dr. Bhabha Saheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, AIAER, Gujarat Chapter and Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, Gujarat Prant, on 3rd and 4th Dec. 2011.
- Attended and participated in the 3 day workshop on Open Educational Resources (OER) organized by the institute of distance and open learning and Common wealth Educational Media Center for Asia (CEMCA) on 24th to 26th February, 2011.

- Part of the committee for revision of syllabus of Special Need Education, Diploma in Early Childhood Care and M. Ed., University of Mumbai.
- Convener of Sub-committee for revising paper on Guidance and Counselling and member of the sub-committee for educational technology for M. Ed., University of Mumbai.
- Convener of committee for converting the B. Ed. Syllabus into credit based grading system, University of Mumbai.
- Resource person for the teacher educators and Principals of Special Education Colleges on the theme “21st Century classroom and Leadership role” at the National Institute of Mentally Handicapped on 3rd and 9th November, 2011
- Presented a paper on “Institutional Plan and Learner Success” at the 13th National Conference of the Association of Indian College Principals (AICP) held at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University Campus, Surat, on 18th to 20th February 2012.

Mrs. Harshani Patre:

- Paper on ‘[ya<aa 9vaI tIla ivaVaqaYaa-Mcyaa CMdaca icaik% sak AByaasa’ was published in the journal-‘iSaxaNa saMvaodna’ issued in September 2011
- Attended and participated in a workshop on ‘SaaoQainabaMQa laoKna maaga-dSa-na’ organized by iSaxak ima~ and Govt. B.Ed. College, Panvel on 14th July, 2011.
- Presented a paper titled “ihrvia ApUvaa[-” at the National Level Seminar On Environmental Re-engineering: Series 2-Forest Resource Management organised by Pillai’s College of Education and Research, New Panvel on 19th and 20th October, 2011.
- Presented a paper titled “]VmaSaillatot SaaLocal BaUimaka” at the National Level Conference on Empowering Learner for Entrepreneurship organized by Adv. Vitthalrao Hande College of Education, Nashik on 7th and 8th January, 2012. Her paper was also published in the conference proceedings of the seminar with ISBN: 978-93-81354-23-0

Mrs. Geeta R. Thakur

- Conducted a session on Micro teaching skills - “Skill of Explanation” 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 15th November, 2011.

- Conducted a workshop on “Making Instructional Material” at St. Xavier’s Institute of Education & Research, Churchgate on 3rd August 2011.
- Attended a one-day workshop on “NAAC-Accreditation: Process and Advantages” at Birla College, Kalyan, on 17th December 2011.
- Attended a one-day workshop on “Window movie making” at Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education and Research on 21st January 2012.
- Presented a paper titled “A Study of Stress Management of Teacher Educators” at Sinhgad College of Education on 25th and 26th March 2012.
- Presented a paper titled “Professional Development of Teacher Educators through Asynchronous Learning Tools” at Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education and Research on 10th and 11th April 2012.
- Presented a paper titled “Correlates of factors of human resource management” at Pillai’s College of Education and Research on 4th and 5th April, 2012.

Mrs. Bhavna Dave:

- Attended the 4-week orientation programme organized by UGC-Academic Staff College, H.P. University, Shimla from 2-5-2011 to 28-5-2011
- Created curriculum aligned rich animated digital content for Std. 5 in English Language for Marathi Medium students in the month of June.
- Presented a paper titled “Engaging students in teaching and learning-Ways and Means” at the National Seminar on Teaching, Learning and Evaluation-Shaping our Future organized by St. Teresa’s Institute of Education, Mumbai on 18 July, 2011
- Coordinator for the National Level Seminar On Environmental Re-engineering: Series 2- Forest Resource Management, organised by Pillai’s College of Education and Research, New Panvel on 19th and 20th October, 2011
- Presented a paper titled “Grandma’s Healthcare Practices” at the National Level Seminar

On Environmental Re-engineering: Series 2-Forest Resource Management organised by Pillai's College of Education and Research, New Panvel on 19th and 20th October, 2011.

- Presented a paper titled "Global Competencies to Meet the Challenges Of Higher Education-Review and Development Agenda" at the International Conference on emerging Issues and challenges In Higher Education organized by Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala University, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan during 4th Nov. to 6th Nov.2011.
- Conducted a session on Micro teaching skills-"Skill of Questioning" 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 15th November, 2011.
- Presented a paper titled "Grandma's Healthcare Practices" at the National Level Seminar On Environmental Re-engineering: Series 2-Forest Resource Management organised by Pillai's College of Education and Research, New Panvel on 19th and 20th October, 2011.
- Invited as a resource person by Jindal Steel Company (CSR department) to conduct workshops in Ashramshala schools in Boisar, Betegaon, Seagaon and Kuttal on Life-skill Education for secondary school students on 21st and 22nd February, 2012.
- Presented a paper titled "Printed Symbols to Living Speech-Let's make it possible!" at the National Level Seminar cum workshop on Current Challenges in English Language Teaching organized by Narayan Guru College of Commerce, Chembur, on 24th February, 2012.

Mrs. Geeta S. Thakur:

- Attended the 4-week orientation programme organized by UGC-Academic Staff College, H.P. University, Shimla from 2-5-2011 to 28-5-2011
- Attended the National Seminar on Teaching, Learning and Evaluation-Shaping our Future organized by St. Teresa's Institute of Education, Mumbai on 18 July, 2011
- Presented a paper titled "Innovative Teaching Learning Process: Blending Techniques" in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on "Emerging Opportunities in Future Higher Education" organized by Seva Sadan's College of Education, held on 11th and 12th

October 2011.

- Conducted a session on Micro teaching skills - “Skill of Blackboard Writing” 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 15th November, 2011
- Presented a paper titled “A study of secondary school students’ awareness of the human reproductive system and its implications” at the Seminar series organized by the Research Forum of Mahatma Education Society on 18th Nov.2011.
- Presented a paper titled “Modernizing Learning through cloud computing” at the International Conference on “Elevating Learning” organized by Dr. Bhabha Saheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, AIAER, Gujarat Chapter and Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, Gujarat Prant, on 3rd and 4th Dec. 2011.
- Invited as a resource person by Jindal Steel Company (CSR department) to conduct workshops in Ashramshala schools in Boisar, Betegaon, Seagaon and Kuttal on Life-skill Education for secondary school students on 21st and 22nd February, 2012.

Mrs. Namrata Saxena:

- Presented Paper jointly with Dr. Sunita Wadikar on ‘Moving beyond traditional classrooms- preparing a Global Competent Teacher’ in the UGC sponsored Two days State level seminar on ‘Transformational Innovations & Diversity in Teacher Education’ organized by Gujarat Research Society’s, Hansraj Jivandas College of Education, Khar, on 10th – 11th March 2012.
- Conducted workshop on ‘Jerk Technology’ in Pillai’s college of Education & Research, Chembur and New Panvel
- Participated in the World Education Conference on ‘Teacher Education: Emerging Challenges and Responses’ organized by Dayanand Institute of Education, Management & Research at D.A.V. Public School, New Panvel, on 10th -11th December 2011.
- Made contributions towards adding and organizing the content to develop the book ‘The Ultimate Guide to Job Interview Answers’ compiled by Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai.

- Developing Chemistry Curriculum of K-12 students for Mahatma Education Society's Dr Pillai Global Academy, New Panvel and Gorai based on Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai's ideas of a global curriculum.

Mrs. Leena Elsa Oommen:

- Participated in UGC sponsored one day National Level Workshop on "Revitalising Gandhian Values in 21st Century" organized by Hansraj Jivandas College of Education on 29th July, 2011.
- Presented a paper titled "Upliftment of Indian Domestic Workers through Self Help Group(SHG)" in one day State level seminar on 'Human rights' under the theme "Globalization: Degeneration of the Third Sector" organised by Guru Nanak College of Arts, Science and Commerce, held on 9th December, 2011.

Mrs. Tina Roy:

- Participated in UGC sponsored one day National Level Workshop on "Revitalising Gandhian Values in 21st Century" organized by Hansraj Jivandas College of Education on 29th July, 2011.
- Presented a paper titled "Equipping 21st Century Learner's with 21st Century Skills" at the two days UGC sponsored National Seminar on "Emerging Opportunities in Future Higher Education" organized by Seva Sadan's College of Education, held on 11th and 12th October 2011.
- Conducted sessions on Micro teaching skills- "Skill of Set Induction and Skill of Reinforcement and Closure" during the in-service training for special education teachers from all over Maharashtra, organized at National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped Regional Centre on 15th and 16th November, 2011.
- Attended and participated in a two days DOW - Trailblazers 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 on 19th and 20th November, 2011 near Karjat by education outbound company Trailblazers and was funded by DOW International.

- Presented a paper titled “The So-Called Weaker Sex” in one day State level seminar on “Human Rights- Education, Awareness and Enlightenment”, organized by Guru Nanak College of Arts, Science and Commerce, held on 9th December, 2011.
- Presented a paper titled “A study of the impact of an Instructional Module (Using Games) on ‘Indices’ in Maths on Conceptual Clarity and Mathematics Anxiety of Std. VIII students” at the Seminar series organized by the Research Forum of Mahatma Education Society on 30th March 2012.
- Presented a paper titled “Human – Organization Amalgamation” at Pillai’s College of Education and Research, New Panvel 4th and 5th 2012.

Mrs. Devanshi Praveen:

- Presented a paper titled “Challenges of a Multicultural Classroom-Ways of Coping” at the State level Seminar at N.S.S. College of Education, Tardeo on 16th and 17th September 2011.
- Presented a paper titled “A Study of Environmental Practices in Schools in the Township of Panvel” at the National Level Seminar on Environmental Re-engineering: Series 2- Forest Resource Management organised by Pillai’s College of Education and Research, New Panvel on 19th and 20th October, 2011.
- Conducted a session on Micro teaching skills-“Skill of Illustrating with Examples” 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 16th November, 2011
- Presented a paper titled “A study of the effects of the teacher education programme on teacher efficacy at secondary level” at the Seminar series organized by the Research Forum of Mahatma Education Society on 18th Nov.2011.
- Presented a paper titled “Fun with Grammar Teaching” at “Prabuddhan” an International Conference on “Elevating Learning” organized by Dr. Bhabha Saheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, AIAER, Gujarat Chapter and Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, Gujarat Prant, on 3rd and 4th Dec. 2011.

- Presented a paper titled “Exploring Vocabulary Acquisition Strategies-A Challenge” at the National Level Seminar cum workshop on Current Challenges in English Language Teaching organized by Narayan Guru College of Commerce, Chembur, on 24th February, 2012.
- Presented a paper titled “Issues and challenges of teacher Education Programme” at the State Level Seminar on Transformative Innovations and Diversity in Teacher Education organized by H.J. College of Education, Khar (W), on 10th and 11th March 2012.

Ms. Bhagyashree Mhatre:

- Attended Refresher Course on “**New Trends in Library Management and Challenges in Information Science**” organized by UGC Academic Staff College, University of Pune from 28th Nov. 2011 to 18th Dec. 2011.
- Attended Workshop on “**Koha Skills**” organized by Pillai Institute of Information Technology from 28th to 30th January, 2012.