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● A National Seminar on **“Reaccreditations in higher education - Measures for quality sustenance,”** sponsored by NAAC was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009, at Seva Sadan College of Education, Ulhasnagar. Mrs. Vandana Mishra presented a paper on **“Teaching Learning Process In Higher Education”** while Mrs. Geeta Thakur presented a paper on **“ICT enabled Teacher Education.”** Both the papers were extremely well received by the other delegates.

● Principal Dr. Sally Enos and Mr. Bijoy Thomas participated in a workshop on **Moodle Teaching Techniques** which was organized by Department of Instructional Design, University of Mumbai, on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at its premises. The main purpose of this workshop was engaging the teacher educators to use ICT in their teaching-learning process via **Moodle teaching technology**. The main objectives of this workshop were: (1) Introduction of Moodle Teaching Techniques. (2) Development of skill of using this technique among teacher educators and student teachers.

Mr. Manoj Kiledar, Director, School of Science and Technology, Yashawantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, was the resource person at the workshop. One of the results of the workshop was the development of a coherent vision for the future of higher education that would fundamentally change our observations, and help exploit the potential of new technologies to solve challenges and create a new paradigm for education.

● On 25<sup>th</sup> November and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009, Mrs. Kalpana Yelgaonkar and our B.Ed. student Ms. Richa Verma attended a **Zonal level workshop on Gender Sensitization**. The workshop was organized by the Women's development cell (WDC) of the University of Mumbai and ICLES' Motilal Zhunzunwala College. The Chief guest was Dr. Prof. Kranti Jujurkar, Chairperson of WDC of Mumbai University. Other resource persons were from the NGO, 'MAVA'. The main highlights of the workshop were Gender and Sex difference, Sexual Harassment, Working Style of WDC, Directives and Codes for teachers at the workplace.



● Mrs. Bhavna Dave participated in a one-day workshop held at Young Men's Christian Association, Mumbai Central on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009. The workshop was organized by Madhuban Educational Forum on **Different Teaching Methodologies in English Grammar**.

Mrs. Jayshree M. and Mr. Mohanraj from Centre of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad were the resource persons. Teaching grammar, vocabulary and comprehension through different creative activities in the classroom were demonstrated.

● Mrs. Harshani Patre was invited as a guest lecturer for **History Method** at the PCP centre of YCMOU, at the Government B.Ed. College, Panvel.



## ACTIVITY FOCUS

### Learning to Lead...

Maintaining and exceeding standards is an ongoing process involving everyone. To improve operations and procedures and achieve total quality in all areas, the Principal and staff selected the General Secretary and the student Council members from among the B.Ed. Students. At the investiture ceremony on 4<sup>th</sup> September, the elected members were given badges and assigned duties and responsibilities for the academic year 2009-2010. This approach has generated ideas and created an atmosphere of participation and increased motivation among the students.



#### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

(Deepalakhmi P., Shahana Nambiar, Monika Bajwa, Rashmi Pahwa, Nikita Joshi, Arjun Thakur)

### Boosting Achievement through Teaching Aids....

'Mere chalk and talk' do not help to be an effective teacher. Audio-visual aids are employed by the teacher so that there is greater scope for children to move about, talk, laugh and comment upon. Under such an atmosphere the students work because they want to work and not because the teacher wants them to work.

To teach the 'to-be' teachers to make teaching aids and also use them effectively, a workshop was conducted by Mrs. Geeta Thakur on **Making Low Cost Teaching Aids**. The other teacher educators also gave their inputs in their respective methods.

### Extending beyond academics...

To facilitate the sensitization of the students to the socio-cultural realities, the Department of Adult and continuing education and extension (DACEE) University of Mumbai, offers to the students, extension work projects encompassing social issues. 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. The first term training programme was conducted by field coordinator Prof. Ms. Sheetal Kadam at Pillais' College of Education and Research, on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The programme was arranged by the extension work in-charge teacher educators of the college Mrs. Kalpana Yelgaonkar and Mrs. Bhavna Dave and the Student Managers Ms. Bharati Kutwal, Ms. Padmini Narkar, Ms. Sarita Gugnani and Ms. Rhea Periera who had undergone the training earlier at H.B.B.Ed. College, Vashi. The community oriented projects selected by the students and teachers are Survey of Women's Status (SWS) and Information Technology Project (ITP).



### Nurturing creative talents in the to-be teachers...

Human beings have many talents that can be turned into engines of success. Most creative talent, if not given proper training, and opportunities for expression, results in wastage. Therefore to stimulate and nurture the creative abilities of the students, PCER organized a **creative teaching workshop**. The fact is that the workshop was conducted by Mrs. Bharati Iyer, one of the ex-students of PCER and it evoked enthusiastic response. Various demonstrations with different creative titles were given to develop the creative potential of the students and help them be effective teachers. The message given to the B.Ed. students was that their teaching and their behaviour, must reflect their love for creativity. Children are imitative and creative teachers can inspire their students to be creative.





# CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## Expressions of Gratitude....

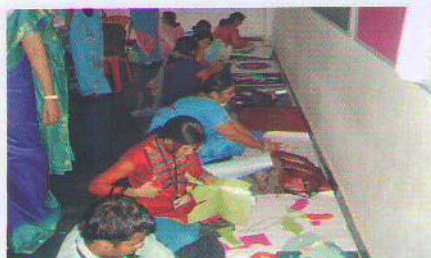
5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2009. Devotion to teachers is the concept formed, developed and continued through the ages since times immemorial. The B.Ed. and M.Ed. students of PCER together invited their teachers for the occasion of 'Teachers Day'. After a warm welcome with music, greetings and floral tributes, they presented a skit with the message, "Teacher, you teach us valuable lessons of life." There were Hindi and Marathi poems dedicated to the teachers followed by a show depicting National Integrity. The programme wound up with a session of 'Sudoku' which was enthusiastically received.

## Dancing to the love of the Supreme force

26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2009. Festive atmosphere could be felt everywhere at Pillai's College of Education and Research as the students of B.Ed. celebrated Ramazan ID, Durga Pooja and Navratri all together. They depicted the hard core importance of each festival through dance, song and skit. Later all students and teachers participated in a 'Garba' and 'Dandiya' competition. The music and dance synchronized beautifully. The programme showcased the spirit of unity and teamwork of the students.

## Children's day was a fun-filled day and a fulfilling experience....

14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2009. The Ethnic fashion show was another event organized by the B.Ed. students.



At Pillai's, we believe that academic prowess has to be supplemented with a strong moral and ethical base. We stress the need of making good men and women of all our students. It was with this in mind that the fashion show was designed with three rounds; the traditional round, the mime round and the query round. The audience enjoyed the well-researched themes and different cultures that were depicted by the participants.

## Competitions...

With changing times, Education has evolved for the betterment of every student. There are a lot of quality promotions and prospects to grab and develop the artistic vision in parallel with the intellectual. All that was witnessed in the various competitions that were held - **Extempore, Mehendi, Greeting-card making, Best out of waste and flower arrangement** was the creativity and the ability to do exceptionally well. PCER is known for providing such platforms for its students. Scientific progress and technological revolutions have been creating more and more comforts for human beings but not without any negative impact. Pollution, deforestation, nuclear waste, climate change, global warming and many such burning issues inflict man today; virtually threatening his very survival on earth. With a view to sensitize our young friends on these issues and to do our bit to spread environmental awareness, a **Poster competition and collage-making competition** were organized by a group of B.Ed. Students.



## HONoured MOMENTS

Principal Dr. Sally Enos was invited to be the **Chief Guest** and inaugurate the Inter School Sports Tournament for Chess and Football at **Dr. Pillai's Global Academy**, Sec 7, Khanda Colony. The tournament provided a platform for students from all over Navi Mumbai to come and enjoy playing on Astro turf.



Mrs. Bhavna Dave was invited to be one of the three judges for V.K. Krishna Menon Inter-school English Oratorical Contest organized by the **North Mumbai Welfare Society High School**, Ghatkopar. Participating in the contest were 32 schools from all over Mumbai.



The **Principal Mathews Chacko Memorial Intercollegiate Extempore Competition** was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Pillai's College of Education and Research, Chembur. The theme was **The Environment "Weed Out Greed, The Earth Is In Need."** Our student Ms. Nikita Joshi bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Marathi section.



## M.Ed. SECTION : ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

At Pillai's College of Education and Research, New Panvel(W) students with a zeal to become teacher educators at various levels of education are undergoing rigorous training to explore knowledge and conduct research. The different kinds of activities conducted by the M.Ed. section are :

- ◆ Lectures for content transaction
- ◆ Paper- reading, seminars and workshops for knowledge exploration
- ◆ Co-curricular activities on certain occasions such as Teacher's day and the Alumni Meet to enable them to organize programmes at their respective workplaces.
- ◆ Presentation of dissertation prepared by the M.Ed. students of the previous batch followed by discussions.
- ◆ Participation at the seminar programmes organized by the Research Forum of Mahatma Education Society.
- ◆ Participation in the workshop on Research in Education organized by Pillai's College of Education and Research, Chembur in collaboration with Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education.

**WAIT AND WATCH FOR OUR FORTHCOMING ACTIONS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!**