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WE ARE PROUD OF

- Our M.Ed. Student Alpana Sharma and our B.Ed. student Shaily Shah got selected from amongst the 200 students to express their views on the current issues of our country at the 4th Bharatiya Chatra Sansad, MIT, Pune in the presence of an esteem gathering of more than 5000 participants.
- Sudha K. of the B.Ed. section secured the second position in Inter-college essay writing competition at Alegria – The Festival of Joy at DR. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai Campus, New Panvel
- Another B.Ed. student Sujan Sing Patil secured the second position in carom competition held at Sainath College, Vashi.

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A NEW BEGINNING!!!

The valedictory function on 11th April, 2014, marked the completion of the academic year and the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of the students. The day witnessed a flow of mixed emotions. The students of the B.Ed. and M.Ed. batch made the day memorable by putting an entertaining and colourful programme. The college magazine 'SPARK' was released on this occasion.



REMINISCENCE...

On 29th March 2014, PCER, along with the PCER-Panvel Alumni Association, organized the Alumni Meet. On this occa-

sion, the academic achievers of our previous batch Mrs. Chitra More. (M.Ed.), Ms. Alpana Sharma (B.Ed.) and Mrs. Sangeeta Kushwaha (B.Ed.) were felicitated. This event provided an opportunity to the alumni to meet their old friends and bring back all the fond memories of their college life at PCER. The highlights of the work done by the Alumni association were brought forth with the release of the Alumni newsletter. The alumni were treated with brilliant and vibrant performances by the current batch of the B.Ed. students.



MEMORABLE MOMENTS...

On 25th of January, 2014, Mahatma Education Society celebrated its Annual Community Service Day. The venue of the event was the flourishing V Pillai campus at New Panvel. Our institution, PCER, New Panvel, had invited around 30 underprivileged children from 'Aniket Children's Home' (New Panvel). We entertained these enthusiastic bunch with games, dance and delicious food. They were also given a tour of the lovely campus. A cultural programme was organized for all the invitees where the children of NGO-

sponsored institutions were given an opportunity to perform and exhibit their talents.



TALKS: Broadening the spectrum of knowledge

NEO HUMANISTIC EDUCATION: On 29th March 2014, Shri. Anmishanand Acharya enlightened the students and teachers on the importance of Neo-humanistic education. A philosophy that believes all living and non-living things are interdependent, equal in value, and mutually responsible. It integrates the most dynamic and useful components of traditional

ADD ONS

ENGLISH COURSE: A certificate add-on course was conducted for the B.Ed. students from 13th January 2014. The students who were scoring comparatively less marks in their exams due to language barrier, were given the opportunity to register for this course. The classes were conducted six days a week from 10.00 am to 10.45 am by Asst. Prof. Bhavna Dave .

LIBRE OFFICE: A course on Libre office was started by PCER for their student teachers to help them understand and get acquainted with open source software. The entire course was a week long programme and the students learned with the help of Spoken tutorials prepared by the intellectuals of IIT Mumbai. The Spoken Tutorial project, an initiative of the "Talk to a Teacher" project of the National Mission on Education through ICT, was launched by MHRD, Govt. of India.



ways of education, with an emerging new view of the universe and our place in it. Its basic goal is to instill a sense of interconnectedness and positive relationship within all creatures.

PARISAR VIKAS PROGRAMME: A session on waste management was conducted by Mrs. Kalpana Andhare on 13th January, 2014. She brought this fact to light that, what we considered as waste is actually a *resource*. She stressed on the 4 R's. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Responsibility. Little conscious effort on

our part, in segregating wet waste and dry waste, can go a long way in protecting our environment. Plastic, in itself, is not harmful but if not disposed properly, then it leads to environmental issues.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S MISSION: Mr. Vijay Kulkarni, associated with Ramakrishna Math in Pune, took a session on the essentials of life and its significance, on 31st January, 2014. He gave three mantras of life: *"Today's thought is what makes your tomorrow"* *"Do not fear anything."* *"Work is Worship"*. He brought to the attention of the students the missing moral and ethical values of our education sys-

tem. He urged everyone to brighten our own life with the illuminating thoughts of Swami Vivekananda.

CANCER AWARENESS: A session on cancer awareness was conducted by Dr. Vijay Gokhale on 22nd February, 2014. He made the students aware of the different types of cancer,



and various means and ways of detecting it. He said that cancer can be cured provided it is detected early. *"Early discovery will lead to early recovery"*

WORKSHOPS: FOR Well-being

VARICOSE VEINS: On 25th February, 2014, a workshop on varicose veins was conducted by Dr. Kavita Puri from Preventive Healthcare



initiative, as a part of Guru Dakshina programme, specially designed for teachers. Varicose vein is a condition when the veins of our legs

become enlarged and tortuous. It is a professional hazard, hence, the session focused on its causes and measures for its prevention. She demonstrated some easy exercises which would help everyone in the prevention of varicose veins to a large extent. This was followed by a free checkup to measure the venous influx and outflow in the leg veins.

YOGA AND MEDITATION: Yoga Sessions were organized for the student teach-

ers for a week (10th March-15th March 2014) from 11:00 -11:30 am. The sessions were conducted by Mrs. Bharati Iyer, an alumnus of PCER and also a member of professional yoga community. The sessions included yogic exercises, power yoga, acupuncture and laughter therapy. These sessions helped rejuvenate the mind, body and soul.



COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: X-UBERANCE

PICNIC: On 18th February, 2014, a one-day picnic was organized by the college to Franav Farms, Panvel. It was a fun-filled experience with lot of outdoor activities like box cricket, throw ball, football, rock climbing, valley crossing, etc. It provided a refreshing break from the routine activities.



showcased the talents of the student teachers in making greeting card, rangoli, mehendi, flowers using different materials, articles out of waste as well as quiz, spell bee and

fancy dress competition. The event witnessed maximum participation and fostered a spirit of healthy competition among the students.



CULTURAL COMPETITIONS: On 7th February, 2014 our college organized an annual cultural competition. The event



EXTENDING SERVICES

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL PREPARATION: Faculty Mrs. Geeta R. Thakur was invited as a resource person to conduct a workshop on “Making Instructional Material” at Dr. D. Y. Patil College of Education, Nerul, on 17th July, 2013, and Manjara College of Education, Airoli, on 30th July, 2013. The workshop was conducted to equip the B.Ed. student teachers with the necessary skill to make effective and attractive teaching aids.

LIFE SKILL EDUCATION FOR ASHRAMSHALA SCHOOLS IN BOISAR. The teacher educators of PCER, New Panvel were invited as resource persons by Pearson Education Services to render their expertise for the Corporate Social Responsibility project undertaken by Jindal Steel Works Company, Boisar. JSW extends help and support to the community by conducting workshops in the various ashramshala and Zilla Parishad schools in and around

Boisar. The two-day workshop comprised sessions on *Life Skill Education* for the secondary school students and *Career Guidance* for the students of standard IX only. A s s c h e d u l e d , Mrs. Devanshi Praveen and Mrs. Bindu Tambe took sessions on 18th and 19th March, 2014, and Mrs. Geeta R. Thakur and Mrs. Geeta S. Thakur went as resource persons on 21st and 22nd March, 2014.

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.”
 – Rabindranath Tagore



WOMEN: THE HOPE OF LIGHT



On 8th March, PCER, New Panvel, celebrated Women’s Day in a unique fashion. The institution organized a road rally along with a street play in the neighbourhood of Khanda Colony. The rally and the street play stressed on the positive aspects of being born a girl child. Women are excellent managers and have a multifaceted per-

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NATIONAL LEVEL SEMINAR

Pillai College of Education and Research, New Panvel, organized a one-day National Level Seminar on 'Re-envisioning Education with Smart Skills' on 7th April, 2014.

The inauguration session was graced by the presence of dignitaries of various institutions of MES and intellectuals from different colleges. Mrs. Devanshi Praveen, the organizing secretary of the seminar, in her welcome address, elaborated the concept and rationale behind the topic of the seminar.



The first session of the seminar was on the sub theme "Creating and Exploring new Possibilities". Mr. Kailash Tandel, academic trainer, TISS, along with his associate Mr. Karan, mesmerized the audience with his interesting and eye-opening talk based on different motivational stories, videos and self-exemplifying anecdotes on the theme. He brilliantly put across the concept of possibility thinking- developing one's own strength with the right attitude, will power and determination. He introduced the audience to a very informative and

interesting technique of identifying the currency notes and coins that left everyone enthralled. It helped to train the thinking faculties of one and all. He advised each one to meditate, and repeat some positive affirmations to oneself every day and experience the miracle of introspection.

The second session was on the sub theme 'Smart Skills and Instructional Strategies'. This session was conducted through Skype by an eminent speaker Dr. J. Dinakaralal from Nagarcoil, Tamil Nadu. He effectively brought out how today's children are comfortable with ICT in the modern world of fast developments. He gave various examples of impacts of technology seen on all segments of life. According to him, our children have brought in a shift from: Mataji, Pitaji, Guruji and Bhagwanji to Mataji, Pitaji, Googleji and Bhagwanji. With the changing trends in education, the role of a teacher has transformed to that of a facilitator. Hence, the teachers should update their knowledge regularly and be actively involved in the teaching learning process. Along with hard skills, the students should be inculcated with smart skills too. While hard skills are linked with IQ, smart skills are linked to EQ. Smart skills which are a cluster of personality traits, enhance the performance of an individual, and ensure the successful and efficient functioning as an individ-

ual, and also as a part of a team. Smart skills have to be imbibed or inculcated- they cannot be taught as a subject. Dr. Dinakaralal very efficiently kept the participants engrossed in his talk. His



talk was a brilliant combination of stories, anecdotes and effective Power-Point presentation.

The Skype session was followed by excellent paper presentations by the participants under subtheme 1 and 2. This was a parallel session, thus enabling the 22 paper presenters to share their views.

Overall the seminar triggered new ideas to make us from smart- smarter- to smartest!! The participants expressed their views and appreciated the efforts in making the seminar a platform to help bring an inner transformation.



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