

*MES' PILLAI'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, SECTOR 8,
KHANDA COLONY, NEW PANVEL (W),*

***Brief appraisal of the overall performance of the institution during the
preceding academic session2009-2010***

SELECTION OF STUDENT COUNCIL:

Maintaining and exceeding standards is an ongoing process and it involves every individual. 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 4th 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.

OBJECTIVES & SPECIFICATIONS WORKSHOP:

Planning is the most important task of a teacher. Analyzing teaching content into its elements, defining and formulating the learning objectives in behavioural terms creatively is an important task that every teacher has to perform. To train the students for proper planning of practice lessons as well as to help them be successful teachers, a workshop was conducted by Mrs. Geeta Thakur on objectives and specifications.

TEACHING AIDS WORKSHOP:

'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**. She demonstrated how tennis balls could be used to show the different planets, how simple items like rubber bands, nails and hardboard could be used to show different geometrical figures, how one could use waste wires to make figures to resemble characters of a story, how pieces of cardboard could be utilized to cut out different shapes to develop content on the board and many more such aids. The other teacher educators also gave their inputs in their respective methods.

CREATIVE LESSON WORKSHOP:

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-student 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.

PRACTICE TEACHING:

The teacher educators in charge of Practice teaching, Mrs. Vandana Mishra and Ms. Harshini Patre sought permission from the Education Officer, Raigad District and also from various schools namely Mahatma School of Academics and Sports, Khanda Colony, Karnala School, Barns High School & V.K. High School, Panvel, C. K. Thakur High School, New Panvel, Phadke High School, New Panvel & Motilal Nehru High School, Nerul. The staff and the students specially thank the Management, Principal and Staff for their cooperation and facilities. The practice teaching involved: Four micro skills, one integrated lesson, four simulated lessons, two power point presentations and twenty macro lessons. All the staff members coordinated in perfect unison giving demonstration lessons, providing guidance for various lessons and supervising every student's performance.

EXTENSION TRAINING WORKSHOPS:

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 on 6th October 2009 and the second term training on 13th Jan. 2010 by our field coordinator Ms. Sheetal Kadam at the college. 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 trainings, the first one at H.B.B.Ed. College, Vashi and the second at Sudhagad Education College, Pali. The community oriented projects selected by the students and teachers were Survey of Women's Status (SWS) and Information Technology Project (ITP). Twenty students and two teachers also participated in a poster competition and street play competition in the annual extension festival 'Udaan' and won laurels for the college.

CELEBRATIONS:

Teacher's day: 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.

Navaratri, Eid, Durga pooja: 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: 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 afflict 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.

RESEARCH BASED PROJECT:

As a part of the B.Ed. curriculum, the students took up research based projects individually under the guidance of their respective teacher educators. This enabled the student teachers to understand the need of action research; they learnt the steps followed in carrying it out and also acquired knowledge of interpreting results. All students successfully completed this research based project and were self-assured that this knowledge would help them in the future.

SEMINARS:

Teaching is an art. It not only involves the teaching-learning process but also how to present the content effectively to the students using different techniques. One such opportunity was given to the B.Ed. students through seminars where the students were divided into different groups and given specific topics from their course. This activity developed confidence in the students and they learnt how to present ideas systematically.

POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS:

In today's educational environment, technology plays an important role. So an aspiring and dynamic teacher should not be deprived of the Techno-touch. In order to make them competent and successful in teaching, the B.Ed. curriculum includes two power point presentations in the syllabus. Though the students came across many difficulties initially, with the guidance of the teacher educators, the end result was very positive and productive.

LEPROSY AWARENESS PROGRAMME

To expose students to the scientific information on leprosy & to spread the word that leprosy is a curable disease, an awareness programme was arranged by P.C.E.R. Alert-India, an association for Leprosy Education, Rehabilitation & Treatment was invited to college. Their representatives Ms.Ipshita De & her assistant presented an audio-visual educational film which aimed at dispelling age-old myths and common fallacies associated with this completely curable disease. The students also cleared their doubts in the session. On a voluntary basis, students also participated in the donation-card drive. This gave the students an opportunity to spread facts about leprosy in their neighbourhood. Our student, Ms. Kumud received an award from the Governor for collecting a big amount for the leprosy patients. It was indeed an earnest service to humanity.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We at Pillai's stress the need of making good men & women of all our students. This goodness also implies the need of these people to serve the weaker section of the community & work towards the higher good of the masses. As one of the requirements of the B.Ed. course, PCER provided a million dollar opportunity to its students to go & meet that face of the community which is not colourful. This academic year on 20th Dec. and from 23rd Dec. to 26th Dec. the Pillaites visited five organizations:

1. **Jyoti's Terminal Care Centre at Kalamboli, Navi Mumbai**, is one of the two centres of Jyoti's Charitable Trust (JCT) formed by the congregation of the 'Sisters of the Destitute'. It is the first residential care home providing congenial environment to women suffering from HIV and AIDS (PLWHAS) in Maharashtra.

2. **Jyoti's Rehabilitation Centre at Taloja, Navi Mumbai**, which was inaugurated in January, 2003 is the second centre of Jyoti's Charitable Trust. It provides various income generating activities for women with an aim to make them economically independent.

3. **Florin Basin Balashram at Rohinjan, Taloja**, is an institute for sheltering orphans. At present, it is a home to 29 boys aged 16 to 17 yrs. The institute also looks after the education of the children.

4. **Swargadwar at Rohinjan, Taloja**, is a rehabilitation centre for people suffering from leprosy. It is the 'door of heaven' willed by Father Torriani, a missionary of "Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIME)" in India since 1969. Swargadwar is a spiritual place with the motto 'cure leprosy without segregation' where lepers work to earn their own living and at the same time take treatment. People here meditate together, pray together and stay as a family.

5. **'Disha'- Datar Institute for Special Human Activities at Rasayani** is run by Datar Industries famous for spices in Dubai. It is a study centre for the mentally challenged children.

The students cleaned & decorated the vicinity of all these institutes for Christmas, worked in the fields and the cattle-sheds, taught the students, organized entertainment programmes for the patients, narrated stories, sang songs to them, played games and shared with them many wonderful experiences bidding a satisfying adieu to the year 2009. Later in college the different groups shared their experiences with their classmates and also reflected on what they had gained. Unanimously the class felt that the community based activities helped in boosting their personality.

ALUMNI MEET

This year too, Pillai's College of Education and Research, New Panvel, held the alumni meet to enable students to reconnect with their alma mater. The alumni enthusiastically assembled to meet their peers and teachers and to show their solidarity towards the institution. Each one of them was warmly welcomed by the students of the current batch strutting about in their best outfits. The Chief guests for the function were the academic toppers of the college for the year 2008-2009, Ms. Shikha Singh, Ms. Deboshree & Ms. Madhubala, from B.Ed. section and Mrs. Nidhi Gupta and Ms. Resmi Varghese from the M.Ed. section.

As the evening rolled on, the audience witnessed a wonderfully executed skit and colourful dances along with hilarious compeering. Few ex-students shared their experiences as a student of PCER. They also expressed their immense gratitude towards the institution for shaping them into successful professional teachers & further gave valuable suggestions to the students of the current batch.

Principal Dr. Sally Enos in her concluding remarks requested the alumni to have frequent meetings & interact with the faculty and students. The bonding between the staff and the ex-students was evident, proving that the power of love truly binds members of the 'Mahatma family'.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TEACHER LEADERSHIP:

On 13th Jan. 2009, Dr. Leena Furtado from California State University visited the college to present her action research model. Her study intended to illustrate the way in which action research can be utilized as a process leading to teacher empowerment and professional leadership. According to her, Teacher Leadership Matrix consists of: connecting theory to practice, philosophy of teaching and learning, sense of ownership and peer teachers. She also explained about Reflection –On-Action & Reflection –In-Action. At the end of the session, all teacher educators and student teachers were convinced that Reflection and Action Research leads to more fulfilled teachers.

SPORTS:

"All work and no play make Jill a dull girl." Keeping this in mind, Sports Day was organized for the students on January 9th. The various events included running race, long jump, throw ball, javelin throw, sack race, book balancing, skipping and the most exciting of all the Tug of War. There was a lot of thrill in the air which could be seen through the participation of the students. Even the staff members were exhilarated and applauded the students. In the second term, many indoor games like Carrom, Chess, Badminton and Table Tennis were also organized by the Sports in charge teacher, Mr. Bijoy Thomas and student-council member Arjun Thakur. All the winners were

awarded certificates and medals. Every student had exhibited true sportsman spirit, zeal and zest.

EVALUATION WORKSHOP

For effective teaching to take place, the teacher has to plan her teaching strategy properly. Making the Year plan & Unit plan keeping in mind all the three domains- the cognitive, Psychomotor and the affective, is an important activity for a teacher. A teacher also needs to learn how to prepare a Question paper to evaluate the students based on weightage tables with reference to content, forms of questions & difficulty level. All this was explained by the teacher educators in planned sessions and students were given personal guidance according to their special methods. This evaluation workshop which went on for a week helped the student-teachers to give perfection and accuracy to their work.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Internship programme is supervised professional training which allows the B.Ed. students to apply their previously acquired skills & knowledge to practical situations. Students were allotted to different schools in Panvel and New Panvel to gain hands on experience of working just as a regular teacher for specified hours. The one week training from 20th Jan. to 26th Jan. 2010 involved conducting the morning assembly, decorating the bulletin boards, taking lessons, organizing and supervising tests, training the students for Republic day celebrations, learning about the attendance register, general register and so on. The internship programme was indeed exciting and informative for all students.

PICNIC

A day for enjoyment, food and fun was planned on 11th Feb.2010 at Shangrilla Water Park, Thane. Out of the regular power- packed schedule of the B.Ed. course, the Principal, Staff and students managed an exciting day out. On the way to Shangrilla, the students sang songs to their heart's content. On reaching the water-park the students enjoyed in the wave-pool, rain dance, slides and all the pranks in the water. Everyone also relished the sumptuous breakfast and lunch. This day full of merry making, adventure and togetherness was possible only because of our dear CEO and Secretary Dr. K.M.Vasudevan Pillai's benevolent & philanthropic gesture. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to him.

THE VALEDICTORY FUNCTION AND THE RELEASE OF THE COLLEGE MAGAZINE ‘SPARK’:

When we look back at the year that has ended, we feel satisfied that we have achieved quite a lot. This year too, the students and staff organized the valedictory function on 30th March 2010. Principal C.Y.Kulkarni, Mahatma Night Degree College of Arts and Commerce, Chembur was the chief guest for the programme. The special guest Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai, Secretary & C.E.O. of Mahatma Education Society released the third issue of the annual magazine ‘Spark’, a remarkable feature of the valedictory function at P.C.E.R., New Panvel. He also addressed the audience and enlightened them on the role of education in today’s world.

Honoured Moments

- The Principal Mathews Chacko Memorial Intercollegiate Extempore Competition was held on 12th 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 students **Ms. Nikita Joshi** bagged the 2nd prize in the Marathi section.
- On 12th August 2009, the Annual All India Essay-writing Event commemorating the International Youth Day was presented by Shri Ram Chandra Mission in Collaboration with the United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan. Our students **Ms. Deepalakshmi** bagged the first prize and **Ms. Shashikala** got the second prize. The event was conducted by Sahaj Marg Research and Training Institute (SMRTI) in our college.
- On 5th January, 2010, our student **Mrs. Sadaf H. Khan** won the consolation prize in the Solo dance competition at Jallos – 2009, a cultural festival organized by H.B.B.Ed. college, Vashi. Sadaf’s dance depicted that teachers should make their lessons interesting to motivate their students to learn.
- On 26th December, 2009 the ‘Kala, Krida Sanskrutik Mohatsav-2009, organised by Karnala Sports Academy, Panvel, our students headed by **Ms Jyoti Pujari** participated in a group dance competition at the Taluka level and secured the 3rd prize. This group of B.Ed. students had presented a graceful dance on Rajasthani folk-beats which kept the audience spell-bound.
- Our students **Ms. Ketaki Thigale and Ms.Vrushali Tupe** received mementos and certificates for their excellent compeering in the cultural festival, ‘Malhar’ at C.K.Thakur High School, New Panvel.
- **Ms.Ketaki Thigale** received yet another memento and certificate for compeering at the Karnala Queen Contest at Karnala Sports Academy, Panvel.
- **Ms. Vrushali Tembe** and her team bagged the second prize in the Tug-of war competition organized by the Raigad District Association at Karnala Sports Academy.
- The annual extension festival ‘Udaan - The Flight of Extension, 2010 was held on 8th February, at Aanandibai Pradhan Vidyan Mahavidyalaya, Nagothane. Fifteen of our students participated in a street play competition on the theme, ‘Status of Women’ and won the **First Prize** among eleven other participating colleges. The street play titled ‘ek pahul prakashakade’ depicted the status of women in Indian society. The main

highlights of the play were role of education in woman empowerment, an optimistic attitude of the common man and bearing in mind that if a woman is educated the entire family will progress. The play was greatly appreciated by the Chief Guests and the Director of the Department of Adult and continuing education and extension. The audience was in plauds of praises for the excellent dialogue delivery and acting skills of our students. There was one more moment of pride when our student **Nilesh Kathara** won the third prize in the Poster competition which was also based on the theme – ‘Status of Women.

Staff development and extension

Dr Sally Enos (Principal)

1. **Prin. Dr. Sally Enos** presented a paper on “Professional Development of Teachers in the Present Scenario” under the sub theme Models of Professional Development of Teachers in the Context of Technological Advances at the IATE International conference, University of Mumbai, in December, 2009.
2. Participated in the workshop on ‘Moodle’ organized by Department of Instructional Design University of Mumbai, November 2009
3. On 12th December, 2009 Dr.Sally Enos gave a presentation on Green patriotism at the Annual General Meeting of the Soroptomist delegates of National Association of Soroptomist International of India (NASI of India) at V’Pillai’s Campus, New Panvel.
4. Conducted a session on ‘Carbon Footprints’ at PCER, Chembur. The programme was organized to bring about awareness in the B.Ed. students and as a part of the research project undertaken by, Principal of PCER, Chembur in collaboration with Rotaract club of Deonar. She also took up a session on the same at Guru Nanak College of Education, Chembur.
5. Principal Dr. Sally Enos was invited as chief guest for the Annual Day Function at New Horizon High School, New Panvel. Her talk on this occasion was well received and appreciated by all.
6. Dr. Sally Enos’ view to the women’s day question “Do we need to talk of Gender inequality or equal opportunity?” was published in the Times of India, 7th March 2010.
7. A paper on ‘living values’ was published in the trinity news magazine
8. The research work “A study of the effect of environmental education as perceived by the student teachers” was published in the Pillai’s Journal issue 3.
9. Co ordinator and lecturer of our PCP centre for MA Education-Distance Education (Mumbai University)
10. Paper setter and Evaluator for B.Ed & M.Ed

Mrs. Kalpana Yelgaonkar

1. In charge, at the college level for Extension Activity organized by DACEE, University of Mumbai.
2. Attended and participated in the workshops related to Extension Activity.
3. Part of team teaching for Evaluation Workshop (unit plan) January 2010.

4. Attended a Zonal Level Workshop on Gender Sensitization Organized by Women's Development Cell (WDC), University of Mumbai, November 2009
5. Presented a report about Gender Sensitization at the College Level, December 2009
6. Conducted lectures for MA Education part I

Mrs. Vandana Mishra

1. Cleared the UGC-NET in Education - June 2009 Examination.
2. Cleared the UGC-SET (Maharashtra) in Education - September 2009 Examination.
3. Attended and presented paper at the UGC sponsored NAAC seminar 'Reaccreditation in higher education measures for quality sustenance' presented paper on 'Teaching learning process' in the month of September.
4. Attended the orientation program organized by UGC, Academic Staff College, from 28th Dec. 2009 to 25th Jan 2010.
5. Conducted lectures for MA Education part I

Mr. Bijoy K. Thomas

1. Presented a paper on "Challenges of Online Learning" at Research Forum of Pillai's Group of Institutions, July 2009
2. Participated in the workshop on 'Moodle' organized by Department of Instructional Design University of Mumbai, November 2009
3. Conducted workshop on 'Moodle' at college level, December 2009
4. Presented a paper on "Attitude of Secondary School Students towards Computer" at the IATE International conference, University of Mumbai, in December, 2009
5. Part of team teaching for Evaluation Workshop (Weightage & Blue print), January 2010
6. Undertaken a Research based Project on 'Concept mapping' in collaboration with Homi Bhabha Science Education Centre, Mumbai.
7. Published a research based article related to 'A study of student & Educators towards ICT' in Journal of Global Economy.
8. Conducted lectures for MA Education part I

Mrs. Harshani Patre

1. Invited as a guest lecturer for Hindi and History method by the PCP centre of YCMOU, Government B.Ed. College, Panvel.
2. Presented a paper on 'Human Rights and Education' at the State Level Conference at Patan organized by Patan Education Society and Maharashtra State Secondary Teacher Training Conference.
3. An essay in Marathi titled 'Shikshak Prashikshanacha Kana- Sarav Patt' was published in the March 2010 Bharatiya Shikshan educational magazine.
4. Part of team teaching for Evaluation Workshop (Weightage & Blue print), January 2010
5. Planned and organized practice teaching.

Mrs. Geeta Thakur

1. Conducted a workshop on “Objectives & Specifications” at college level, August 2009
2. Organized and conducted workshop on ‘teaching aids’ at college level, August 2009
3. Part of team teaching for Evaluation workshop (Question wise analysis), January 2010
4. Attended & Presented paper at the National level UGC sponsored seminar on ‘Reaccreditation in higher education” at Seva Sadan’s College of Education, Ulhasnagar , September 2009
5. Presented a paper on “Self Efficacy of D.Ed. Student Teacher and Development of ICT based Blended Learning Model” at the IATE, International Conference, University of Mumbai, December 2009
6. Attended orientation program from 18th February 2010 to 18th March 2010 organized by UGC Academic Staff College, University of Mumbai.
7. Undertaken a Research based project on ‘concept mapping’ in collaboration with Homi Bhabha Science Education centre, Mumbai.
8. Conducted lectures for MA Education part II

Mrs. Bhavna Dave

1. Attended a workshop on ‘Different Teaching Methodologies in English Grammar’ on 3rd December 2009 organized by Madhuban Educational Forum.
2. Attended a workshop on ‘Child Psychology’ on 23rd December 2009 organized by Madhuban Educational Forum.
3. In charge at the college level for Extension Activity organized by DACEE, University of Mumbai.
4. Attended and participated in the workshops related to Extension Activity organized by DACEE, University of Mumbai.
5. Conducted workshop on different teaching methodologies in English Grammar at college level.
6. Part of team teaching for Teaching Aid Workshop at college level.
7. Editor of the college magazine and news letters
8. Conducted lectures for MA Education part I

Mrs. Simran Kasu

1. Planned and organized Alumni Meet.
2. Organized and executed the research based project.
3. Conducted lectures for MA Education part II

Plans for future development:

- Workshops and seminars to be conducted at the local / State / National level
- Publications by each teacher.
- Environment friendly healthy practices to be continued.
- Maintain the quality of teaching - learning process.