Mahatma Education Society's Pillai College of Education and Research Post Graduate Department of Education (M.Ed.), New Panvel Annual Report for the Academic Year 2014-15

The academic year of M.Ed. course began on 10thJune 2014.The total number of students enrolled for the M.Ed. course was 34. The academic year consisted of two academic terms viz10th June 2014 to 5th November 2014 and 18th November 2014to 30th April 2015.

Results of our 7th Batch of Students – Academic Year 2014-15

The students appeared in the M.Ed. semester Examination 2014-15 and their results in grades are as follows 'O' – Nil, 'A'-9, 'B'- 20, 'C'- 1, 'D'- Nil, 'E'- Nil Two M.Ed. students of Academic Year 2014-15 have cleared December 2014 NET (UGC).

Curriculum: The duration of the course is of two semesters credit based programme. The student teachers have to opt for four core compulsory papers in the first semester. Each core course is of 6 credits including theory and practicum. The student teachers have to opt for two elective courses one from each group mentioned in the syllabus. Each of the elective courses is of 6 credits including theory and practicum. A dissertation relevant to the academic discipline of education is to be carried out in the second semester. The dissertation is of 12 credits. Field based practical work (internship) in an NCTE recognized B.Ed. College affiliated to the University of Mumbai is to be carried out and certified by the Principal of B.Ed. College, in the second semester. The internship programme is of two credits.

The internal assessment activities for core and elective courses comprise of one class test per course of 20 marks each, one written assignment per course of 10 marks each and one presentation per course of 10 marks each.

In all 24 credits in semester one and 26 credits in semester two have to be obtained. All credits for each of the core and elective course have to be obtained by passing internal assessment and one end semester Examination.

Content Transaction: Regular lectures were conducted by our well qualified teaching faculty to transact the content of the theory papers by using latest technologies such as computer and LCD Projector and different teaching methodologies such as discussion, seminar presentation, conducting workshops and brain storming sessions etc.

Dissertation

The M.Ed. students of the academic year **2014-15** selected various topics for their dissertations from related fields of education, adopting different Research methods such as Descriptive Method, Experimental Method and were guided by recognized post graduate teachers.

A rigorous guidance coupled with adequate library facilities and availability of computer and Internet facilities enabled the students to carry out the dissertation work systematically. In order to review the related literature, the students visited, in addition to the thesis section of the college library, the thesis section of Jawaharlal Nehru Library, University of Mumbai, S.N.D.T. University, Mumbai and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Chembur, Mumbai. The dissertation reports of the students were submitted to the Mumbai University on 31st March, 2015.

Internship Programme

The students underwent a rigorous internship programme from 12/01/2015 to 17/01/2015 at the following colleges of education.

- Pillai's College of Education and Research, Chembur, Mumbai-71
- Pillai's College of Education and Research, New Panvel.
- HOC Pillai's College of Education, Rasayani
- H B B.Ed. College, Vashi and
- Anjuman Islam College of Education, Vashi.

Workshop on Research Proposal:

A workshop on 'Writing a Research Proposal' was conducted for three consecutive days on 16th, 23rd and 28th August 2014 by Dr. Sally Enos which was followed by presentation of students and group discussion.

Dr. James T.A. and Dr. Pratima Pradhan gave their valuable inputs during the students' presentation and group discussion. The students were highly interactive and gained confidence in preparing research proposals.

Workshop on Research in Education:

Research workshops on Objectives & Hypotheses, Sampling, Research Tool Preparation and Analysis of Data were conducted by Dr. Sally Enos and the Faculty. The Purpose was to integrate theory and practical as well as understand the various aspects of research clearly.

Seminar Presentation: As part of the internal assessment activities seminar presentation of each student for each paper were carried out. It also nurtured and nourished the spirit of thirst for knowledge and the skill of organizing and presenting the knowledge of the students.

National Level Seminars

M.Ed. students participated and presented papers in two national level seminars organized by our own institution. The first national level ICSSR sponsored seminar on 'Environmental Re-engineering Series V – Family Farming' was organized on 8th and 9th December, 2014 and the second national level seminar on Aesthetic and Health: An Integral part of Education was organized on 18th April 2015.

Publication of National Level Journal

The Bi-annual Journal 'PILLAI'S JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY (PJERT)' with ISSN 2249 – 4367 was successfully published in 2014-15.

Co-Curricular Activities:

The M.Ed students participated in the various Co-Curricular Activities along with the B.Ed. students of Pillai's College of Education and Research, New Panvel. The Activities are as follows:

- 5th September, 2014– to realize and emphasize the importance of teaching profession and the valuable contributions of teachers, a spectacular programme was organised on the occasion of Teachers' Day.
- To understand the significance of the National Language in our life the Hindi Divas was celebrated on 16th of September 2014.
- Navratri was celebrated with lots of joy and happiness on 1st October, 2014 with 'Garba Dandiya Ras'.
- Alumni Meet on 29th November 2014 provided a platform for uniting with their alma mater. The chief Guests of the programme were the academic toppers of the institution as well as of the University of Mumbai for the year 2013-14 Ms. Alpana Sharma along with two B.Ed. Academic toppers of the year 2013-14.
- The M.Ed. students enthusiastically participated in the indoor games like Carom, Chess, Badminton and Table tennis.
- Sports Day was celebrated on 13th January 2015 with lots of fun and healthy competition.
- The annual picnic for the students was arranged on 18 th February at Shivganga Waterpark was a joyous affair.
- The M.Ed. students also participated in Women's Day rally organized on 8th March 2015along with the B.Ed. and B.P.Ed. students.
- Valedictory function on 25thApril, 2015 and release of Annual Magazine 'SPARK' was held.

The academic year 2014-15 was academically fulfilling, enriching and creatively satisfying. We hope to empower our future students with more research orientation, communication skills, creativity potential, and survival in the global context and with humane touch to reach out.

The academic year 2014-15 was very memorable with the declaration of 100% result of the M.Ed. students of the batch 2014-15.

Plans for Future Development

- Conducting State Level and National Level seminars on Contemporary Issues and Trends in Education
- Publishing Issues of National level Journal with ISSN
- Publishing Seminar Proceedings with ISBN
- Active involvement in publishing research articles by the faculty.
- Conducting workshops for the teacher educators and school teachers as per the academic needs and requirements.
- Developing Life Skills among Students through Various Activities and Seminars
- Encouraging M.Ed. students to conduct action researches, in addition to their dissertation and publish in Educational Journals.