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COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

For our brave soldiers: To instil a feeling of compassion and appreciation towards our soldiers in the front, the student teachers of S.Y. B.Ed. participated in Diwali sweets packing for the army jawans at the Indian border posts on 25th September 2nd and 8th October 2022. This event was organized

by Bharat Vikas Parishad and was a small

gesture to express our deep heartfelt gratitude to our brave soldiers who stay away from their families during all the major festivals guarding the Indian borders and keeping us feeling safe and secure.



पढ़ेगा इंडिया, तभी तो आगे बढ़ेगा इंडिया:

We at PCER believe in making a difference to the world we live in. In alignment to the college objective, the student teachers from the F.Y. B.Ed. 2022-24 – batch started their first year in college by participating in literacy awareness drive at four different NGOs located in Navi Mumbai.



CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAYS

World Environmental Day (5th June):

The main aim of celebrating this day was to raise awareness about emerging environmental issues. A group of student teachers presented an activity in the form of

a skit and speech that depicted the "Need of the Hour" to save our environment from various elements such as marine pollution, human overpopulation, global warming, etc. The major issues that need to be

discussed were highlighted in order to protect nature, our environment. A pledge was taken with the classmates that all would do their best to create a healthy environment.



International Yoga Day (21st June):

International Yoga Day is celebrated around the world to practice peace, harmony and happiness of the soul. The



celebration of the day started by sharing the health benefits of doing Yoga. The student teachers demonstrated three important asanas to be done everyday i.e., Trikonasana, Bhastrika Pranayama and Anulom Vilom Pranayama. These asanas are designed to encourage relaxation, build strength and reduce stress. A dance performance by a student teacher with some easy yoga steps exhibited a novel way to stretch and relax our body



Friendship Day: On 6th of August 2022, the student teachers celebrated friendship day and were fashionably dressed in colour co-ordinating outfits (Yellow, White and Red). The student Council organised fun games and activities that included Musical Chairs & Laughter game in which all the

students participated with great enthusiasm. The event was filled with joy, happiness, and laughter.

International Literacy Day (8th September):

“Literacy is a human right and basis of all knowledge.” The celebration started with a powerful literacy group song. To keep up the mood and energy of the topic, a PowerPoint presentation was used which clearly stated the importance of learning and being literate. To motivate the viewers a powerful dance performance was staged to encourage all to go to schools and colleges for their education. The message for elderly people was showed through a skit; how being a literate will help them read the papers and to keep hold on their belongings and documents carefully and to not get cheated by anyone.

International Day of Peace (21st September):

Student teachers started the celebration with a small introductory video showcasing how wars impact the minds of young children. A heartwarming poem by Deepak Kumar (कली कोई न मुरझाने पाए) was sung throughout the play by respective team members who joined online, followed by a role-play picturing the life of an Archetypal hero Malala Yousafzai and her



fight for peace. The names of the recent noble peace prize winners were shared and the program concluded with an overview of how the day has to be celebrated.

World Kindness Day (13th November):

The activity started with a small role play followed by a speech highlighting the purpose of world kindness day. With the help of a Power point presentation, the need and importance of world kindness day was explained. Importance of the charity box was explained, a short story was narrated and a small poem was recited on the topic. The event concluded by explaining the benefits of being kind. Our main motive was to spread the message of kindness among all and the power of kindness.

**International Non-Violence Day (2nd October):**

The day started with a role play presentation and dance which made a chill run down the spine of the audience as they touched different areas of violence against women. The teacher educators showed their solidarity towards the cause



by signing on the posters shown by the participants which depicted different kinds of violence happening



around the world. The group touched upon every issue surrounding violence and drew the curtain to the programme with a meaningful slogan, *“so let's begin with a resolution, silence is not a solution”*.

International Food Day (16th October):

The activity started with an introduction to importance of food for all. A power point presentation followed by a role-play was scripted to spread awareness on the need to celebrate International Food Day. The main aim was to promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and the need to ensure healthy diets for all. The activity ended with a poem and a slogan.

**OUR NATION: OUR PRIDE**

Independence Day Celebration: To commemorate the contributions of our freedom fighters towards a free nation, the student council organized a Pre-



Independence Day celebration on 12th August 2022. The colour code of the day was our orange, white, green & blue. During the event students performed Patriotic songs and delivered an Independence Day speech.

Teacher's Day Celebration: On 9th September 2022, a surprise event awaited the Teacher educators at PCER. The secret celebration started by lighting of the auspicious lamp by the teacher educators followed by the big revelation in-front to

the entire class. The teachers' day event unveiled a series of spectacular performances from students followed by few games in which students and teachers equally participated. It was indeed a day very well spent for both students and the teachers.



Hindi Diwas Celebration: The Student Council had organised for Hindi Diwas



Celebration on 15th of September 2022, to mark the importance of the centuries old Hindi language. Everyone was asked to communicate only in Hindi for the day. Students prepared speeches in Hindi and sung songs to highlight the importance of the language. The event culminated with

some Hindi puzzles, games and quiz which surely tested our linguistic skills.



National Integration Day (19th November): This day is celebrated on the birthday of our honourable first Lady Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi. The day holds significance because it promotes the message of preserving unity and integrity among the citizens of India, regardless of their caste, color, language, religion and societal status. Through a dance performance, the student teachers emphasized how we all are different yet are the same in our hearts.



IN TOUCH WITH THE REAL WORLD: EDUCATIONAL VISITS

SOPAN: On 29th August 2022, an educational visit was organized for the S.Y. B.Ed. students to **SOPAN: Society of Parents with Autistic Disorders - Shanay**, an NGO which works passionately for the children with Autism, Down



Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. This visit was a perfect opportunity to understand the need of specially abled children and the teaching techniques required for their physical and mental well-being.



Muenzer Bharat: On 14th September 2022, an educational visit was organized to



Muenzer Bharat Private Limited, an organization which collects Used Cooking Oil (UCO) and processes it into sustainable biofuel. The main objective of this visit was

to make the student teachers aware of the ill-effects of consuming re-used cooking oil and how leftover Used Cooking Oil can be effectively processed into Biofuels.



FOOD FOR MIND AND SOUL

Book Pe Charcha: *'Books are a gateway to unfettered imagination and limitless creativity'*, from 27th August 2022, a series of book review sessions was conducted by the college. The student teachers had to present a brief summary of the book which they have read recently. The main idea behind such sessions is to encourage and develop the habit of reading.



session wherein student teachers had prepared vegetarian traditional food items at home and brought it to college for sharing with all. The sumptuous spread of varied dishes which were made with lots of love was shared by all. This not only filled their bellies but also filled their heart with content as they all ate together.



Pot Luck: Soul Food: The teacher's day event was later followed by a Pot Luck



COLOURS: A POWER WHICH INFLUENCES THE SOUL

Fabric Painting Workshop: On 28th September 2022, a workshop on fabric painting was organized by the college in collaboration with Pidilite Pvt. Ltd. The

student teachers learnt about the intriguing and intricate technicalities involved in fabric painting. The instructor from Pidilite demonstrated the ways to draw designs on

fabric and then paint them. It was a good learning experience for all those who participated in the workshop.



Garba Dandiya: On 1st October 2022, the student council organized for a

THE ALUMNI MEET: FINALLY!!!

Pillai Education Alumni Association organized the Alumni Meet on 1st October 2022. The student teachers of PCER warmly welcomed the alumni and presented before them South Indian, Rajasthani, Gujarati, and Bollywood dance performances. Since the Alumni meet could not be conducted during the previous two



Garba/Dandiya dance event in the assembly hall of the college premises for the alumni as well as the student teachers. The student teachers were dressed in colourful attires and gyrated to the foot tapping Gujarati music with full zeal and zest. Everyone enjoyed this very special evening by dancing with their peers, seniors and the teachers.



years owing to Covid situations, the college took the opportunity to felicitate its toppers from B. Ed batch 2019-21 and 2020-22. The event was hosted by our Alumni Mrs. Iccha Mehrotra & Mrs. Dipti Nambiar.



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