

## **MoU with Baha'i Academy, Panchgani**

On 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, MES' Pillai College of Education and Research, New Panvel (W) and Baha'i Academy, Panchgani signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to stimulate and facilitate the development of collaborative and mutually beneficial programmes and activities and enhance community well-being by engaging in research and action in the field of value education. Both the institutions agreed that they would co-operate in organizing lectures, workshops, practical activities and research in the fields of mutual interests such as building moral capabilities, teaching-learning methodologies and community service projects based on universal human values. This collaboration will help to enhance students' moral leadership, and people's skills, exchange ideas for enhancement of quality education.



## Workshop on Universal Human Values

A two day workshop on “Education in Universal Human Values” was organized on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 to enable students to:

1. Know themselves better and discuss the purpose of their education and their life
2. Visualize themselves to become change makers: personally and socially
3. Develop closer ties of friendship with their fellow students
4. Consult about Universal Human Values and healthy attitudes
5. Experience some leadership skills through activities and educational games
6. Boost their self-confidence



## **Symposium on “Education in Universal Human Values”**

A symposium on Education in Universal Human Values for teachers was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 by Pillai College of Education and Research, Panvel in collaboration with Baha’i Academy, Panchgani. The objective of this symposium was to equip teachers with some basic ideas about Universal Human Values and means to inculcate them among their students.

This symposium was the result of collaboration between Baha’i Academy, Panchgani and Pillai College of Education and Research, Panvel and Dr. Pradhan introduced both the institutions for the participants.

The expert for the day, Lesan Azadi Sir was introduced to the audience by Geeta S Thakur and through this everyone got a glimpse of the varied work that Sir is involved with, especially with respect to Human values. He has conducted many workshops and symposiums for students, teachers and academic leaders since 2000. He was welcomed by Dr. Sally Enos, Principal, Pillai College of Education and Research, Panvel with a potted plant.

Post inauguration, the first session began with Azadi Sir taking the participants to their first co-operative discussion. The participants were divided into groups of 4 and there were total of 8 teams. The first point of discussion was whether value education is needed in schools and colleges. The participants came up with different perspectives and justification for their answers built a wonderful foundation for further discussion. All the participants felt that value education is needed and the reasons ranged from value education is ignored in our education system and the effect of the same can be seen in the behavioural issues among students, advancements in Science and technology and modernization have resulted in our value system deteriorating, values are needed to help develop a well-rounded personality with social, physical, emotional, mental growth, values are needed for the betterment of the society, today’s students are tomorrow’s future and they need to grow with the values useful for the society.




As a commitment to The Baha'i Academy, related to be a part of Global Unity Campaigners. This Global Network for teachers provided a great chance for our student teachers to connect with people from different countries as well as attend the sessions of UN days.

## Global Unity Campaigners

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The student teachers participated & conducted activities and submitted reports on those activities. The various themes in which they participated were *Observance of the International Day of Families - 14th May 2021*, *Observance of the UN International Youth Day 11th August 2021*, *Observance of the UN International Day of Friendship, 2021*, *Global Unity Campaigners (2) World Environment Day, 2021*. The articles are uploaded on the official blog of Baha'i Academy. <https://www.bahaiacademy.org/bahaiacademy/showblog.php?id=3>

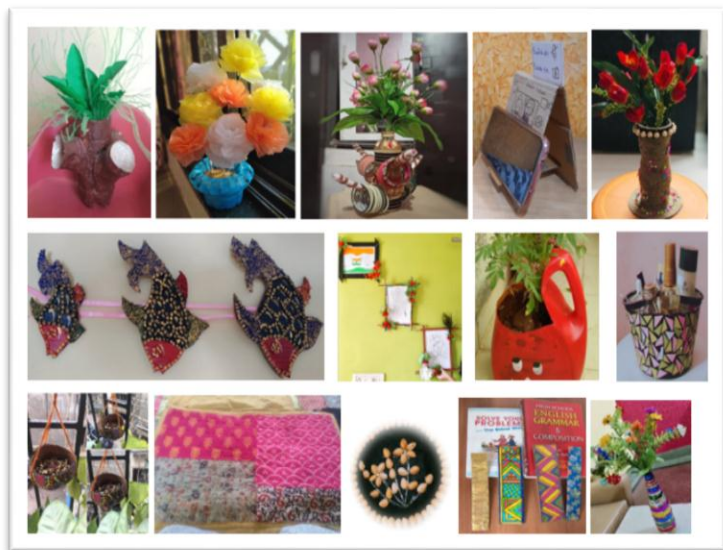
**International Friendship-day:** "Sharing the human spirit through friendship" the theme of the International Friendship-day celebrated on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The student teachers were encouraged to share feelings, emotions, experiences, incidents, care and concern they gave and received from their friends in the form of *Literary Expressions*. Creative write-ups or poems were the mode through which the student teachers had to submit their expressions.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friends Forever</b></p> <p>My interest in friendship day has increased over a decade. Starting with my School friends to Junior college Friends then to UG friends to PG friends and this friends list has increased with lots of new friends after my PG life. I had spent my best memory with all my friends. We all are still connected with each other we also had many get-togethers and waiting to meet and have same fun which we used too.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A friend is someone we turn to, When our spirit needs a lift.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sharing the Human Spirit through Friendship</b></p> <p>"Hey, I am on a diet starting today! So please no more junk for me. I want to be in perfect shape for kallu's wedding."</p> <p>"Okay chuck this...I have selected the songs that we are going to dance on. I have fixed my solo rest we shall decide for group performance"</p> <p>"Kallu! are you really going to wear the traditional gujju attire for the wedding?"</p> <p>"Whatever, my mom will kill me if I don't"</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANGEL IN DISGUISE</b></p> <p>I know this journey may not be that long, but it passed by singing beautiful songs, They say souls recognize each other by vibes, No wonder you so easily fit in my tribe, You always treat me in your loving care, and life troubles so easily share.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>"The Beauty of Friendship"</b></p>  <p>Friendship is a Priceless Gift, It cannot be bought or sold, That its value is far greater,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>दोस्ती का मतलब</b></p> <p>"एक प्यारा सा दिल जो कभी नजरबंद नहीं करता एक साथी जो मुस्कान जो कभी पीकी नहीं पड़ती एक प्याराल जो कभी डुक नहीं देता और एक रिश्ता जो कभी खत्म नहीं होता एक साथी जो कभी साथ नहीं छोड़ता"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>सर्वश्रेष्ठ साथी</b></p>



**International Youth Day:** On 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021, International Youth Day was celebrated keeping in mind the theme decided upon the United Nations “Transforming Food Systems – Youth Innovations and Planetary Health”. The student teachers were asked to make a list of all the tips they follow at home to preventing food wastage. They were also asked to take a pledge to become food systems heroes.

**World Environment Day:** On account of World Environment Day, observed every year on 5<sup>th</sup> June, Nature club of PCER organized a competition. The theme of the competition was Restoring waste. The student teachers created articles from waste which were of utility value. The response was enormous, and the outcome was a treat for our eyes.



**Workshop of Self-development and Capacity building for teachers:**

PCER Panvel in association with **Baha’i Academy, Panchgani** organized a 5-day workshop from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 for student teachers with an objective to develop their personality, discover their inherent power, demonstrate the values, attitudes and skills necessary for self-empowerment. Many candidates registered for the same. The sessions were interactive with interesting activities on each day to highlight the objective of the sessions. Upon completion of the workshop, students were presented with e-certificates.

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