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"PLAY HARD, WIN BIG: SPORTS DAY!" 6TH JANUARY 2024



The Annual Sports day 2024 was organized by the Well-being club of MES' Pillai College of Education and Research, New

was inter-group, featuring games like the Potato Race Relay, Book Balance Relay, Water Relay, Crossing the River, Tug of War, Basketball Relay, Relay 4x50 meters, and Dodgeball. Students participated with great enthusiasm. Purple team won the trophy. Sports day was a resounding success, filled with camaraderie and spirited competition.

Panvel on January 06, 2024. Our highly anticipated Sports Day featured six vibrant teams: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, White, and Purple. The primary objective of this sports day was to promote the virtues associated with sports, such as discipline, perseverance, sportsmanship, and teamwork. The competition



"EXPLORING NEW FRONTIERS: EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURES THAT SPARK LEARNING"

**Visit to Dr Pillai Global Academy:
January 13, 2024**

A visit to Dr. Pillai Global Academy School, was organized to give student teachers valuable insights into innovative teaching practices and infrastructure. Student teachers explored the well-stocked library, the arts room showcasing student artworks for an upcoming exhibition, and the computer labs where students assembled Arduinos under the guidance of teachers. Students visited the

providing first-hand knowledge of the schools' infrastructure and facilities. The visit highlighted DPGA's dedication to excellence in education through superior facilities, innovative teaching, and comprehensive student support, preparing students for global challenges.



AV room, which is used to record and evaluate students' progress in language speaking, in line with IB guidelines. The tour also included a stop at the sports ground, which supports all-round development of students. The visit ended with an engaging discussion with the faculty of DPGA,

**Visit to Homi Bhabha Science Centre:
28th February 2024**

An educational visit to the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education was arranged on

February 28th, 2024. Sajana Nair, Katha Upadhyay and Priya Menon (S.Y. B.Ed.) participated in learning resource exhibition and presented a model on solar eclipse. Participants had the opportunity to engage with a diverse array of innovative teaching aids, enhancing their understanding of scientific concepts. Student teachers engaged in hands-on



activities and interactive demonstrations in chemistry, physics and biology labs. The visit also facilitated observations of phenomena such as the black spots on the Sun, providing valuable insights into solar dynamics. Overall, the visit fostered a deeper appreciation for science, stimulated intellectual curiosity, and reinforced the



importance of scientific literacy and exploration among student teachers.



EMBRACE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH JOURNEY 14TH JANUARY, 2024



Miss Yvette Lee, Councillor and mental health advocate and educator, took a session on raising awareness about mental health issues, emphasizing its importance for overall well-being. She defined mental health as a state of well-being where individuals can realize their potential, cope with stress, work productively, and contribute to their



community. Her comprehensive approach included education, advocacy, and collaboration, leading to increased understanding, reduced stigma, and improved mental health services. Her session was well received and appreciated by the student teachers.

"EMPOWER YOUR MIND, SECURE YOUR FUTURE: FINANCIAL AWARENESS FOR MENTAL WELLBEING"

A session on Financial Awareness was organised by well-being club of Pillai College of Education and Research, Panvel. The objective of the session was to make the students gain awareness and understanding of financial literacy, setting the financial goals and reducing financial stress. The speaker of the session was Mr Yuvrajsinh Desai who is working in SEBI. Mr Desai has received Zonal Pride Award in the year 2016-17. The speaker spoke about online and offline mode of opening account and strategies to invest in stock markets and commodities. He introduced the app SARTHI by SEBI which is built to empower the investors with knowledge about securities market. Overall, it was an informative session for all.



BUILDING A COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

Extension Activity: Udaan: The flight of Extension

DLLE students participated in Udaan festival organized by Pen Education Society's Bhausahab Nene ASC college, Pen on January 18, 2024. Students presented a street play on the theme of Environment Conservation Practices. DLLE students participated in poster making and creative writing competitions on the theme of Environment conservation and secured the first position in poster making and creative writing competition.



"Step into the Spotlight: Dance to the Rhythm of Victory!": 30th March 2024

To showcase our Indian culture, student teachers participated in an inter-collegiate folk-dance competition organized by Tilak Education Society's Sharada Kurup College of Education and Research. Theme for the competition was Rainbow. Snehal Jadhav



and Pragati Salunke participated and secured third place in the dance competition. Despite stiff competition, students' dedication, creativity, and hard work enabled them to excel on stage. This recognition not only celebrates their talent and hard work but also motivates them to continue striving for excellence in their artistic pursuits.

Community Service day and Uber Rang: 27th January 2024

Community service day is an annual event organized by the Mahatma Education Society as a

way to give back to the community. The event exemplifies the Group's commitment to social responsibility and community engagement, fostering joy and lasting connections. All institutions under the MES banner have a partnership with one NGO. The members of the NGO are invited for a sumptuous meal followed by some games and activities.



Uber Rang is an annual talent show organized by Mahatma Education Society every-year. This year the theme of the group dance competition was Folk Dances of India. Students presented Bihu dance to showcase Assamese culture.



Alegria: 7th February 2024

Alegria 2024, the intercollegiate fest hosted by Mahatma Education Society, extended an



invitation for us to showcase our talents in the folk-dance competition. With auditions and finals held on the same day, we successfully cleared the auditions, securing a spot in the finals. Students

presented Bihu folk dance. Our participation in Alegria was a testament to our dedication and passion for the performing arts, and we cherish the experience gained from the event.

"TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW: PIONEERING PRACTICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP"

E-waste & Plastic Waste Collection Drive 2023-24



The Nature Club of PCER organizes a monthly e-waste and plastic waste collection drive. Student teachers collect waste

daily and the entire waste is then deposited at a designated collection point in Khanda Colony. The waste is collected by Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth, Thane, and occurs on every last Sunday of the month. These initiatives aim to raise awareness and promote sustainable practices, addressing the widespread issue of plastic pollution.



anthem, symbolizing unity in the mission to preserve these precious ecosystems. Discussions on sustainable practices and biodiversity conservation highlighted the need for collective action to safeguard forests for future generations.

"Protecting Earth: Our Duty, Our Legacy"

An event was conducted by nature club of PCER, Panvel to raise awareness



about the protection of Earth. Poster making activity was conducted. Students actively participated in poster making activity on the theme **Green Earth**. The significance of preserving our earth was underscored through educational initiatives and engaging discussions. As part of the observance, a quiz was conducted, providing an interactive platform for student teachers to test their knowledge and deepen their understanding of protecting earth.

"Embrace the Green: Celebrating the Lungs of Our Planet": March 21st, 2024



To raise awareness about forest protection, the Nature Club of PCER organized a session emphasizing the importance of forests and sustainable practices to protect them. The session began with a resonant rendition of the forest



"From Waste to Wonder: Tackling Waste for a Greener Future"



To promote creativity, environmental awareness, and resourcefulness nature club of PCER organized a competition on Best out of Waste theme. Students



showcased and demonstrated how simple discarded materials can be transformed into

useful and aesthetically pleasing objects. By encouraging recycling and upcycling, PCER aims to reduce waste and inspire others to adopt eco-friendly habits



CAPABILITY BUILDING – ENHANCING VARIOUS COMPETENCIES

Teaching Competency

To enhance the pedagogical skills of student teachers, PCER conducted teaching competency sessions in the first week of February 2024. The sessions provided comprehensive training in pre-teaching skills, covering a range of instructional techniques from lesson introductions to closures. Emphasis was placed on effective communication, voice modulation, and providing constructive feedback.



Key elements included aligning instructional objectives with core values and prior knowledge, as well as crafting effective lesson plans. This training equipped student teachers with essential skills to deliver engaging and impactful learning experiences tailored to diverse learners.



Experiential Learning: Role play: 2nd and 3rd February 2024

To provide hands-on learning for student teachers, a role-play activity was conducted on the topic of the **role of women in society**. This activity was a part of the DLLE program and offered student teachers a unique opportunity to explore the lives and legacies of female role models. Participants selected women from various fields, including teaching, media, entertainment, and history. Through immersive research and detailed



observation, students gained intimate insights into the mannerisms, ideologies, and achievements of their chosen role models.

By embodying these figures through enactment, participants not only honed their acting skills but also developed a deeper understanding and appreciation for the diverse contributions of women across different domains. This experiential learning journey was eye-opening, inspiring students to emulate the resilience, leadership, and impact of their chosen role models in their own lives and endeavors.

Art integrating activity: 17th February 2024

An art workshop was meticulously planned and organized by PCER to impart skills in creating simple yet captivating paper art for board decoration and other purposes.

Student teachers were guided through a series of hands-on activities, learning techniques to craft intricate designs using basic materials. From origami to paper quilling, a diverse range of artistic methods were explored, allowing attendees to unleash their creativity and express themselves artistically. The workshop not only enhanced participants' artistic abilities but also provided them with practical skills for embellishing spaces and creating visually stunning displays.



VACC: Introduction to Art as Pedagogy 26th February 2024

An orientation to a VACC – Art as pedagogy provided by Mrs. Bhanu Yadav. This initiative highlighted the transformative power of integrating artistic expression into educational practices. The introduction emphasized the value of interdisciplinary approaches, recognizing art as a potent vehicle for engaging learners and enriching



the educational experience. All tasks and assignments were explained by the teacher in-charge.

Internship: 5th to 26th April 2024

PCER facilitated a transformative three-week internship in five different schools during April, providing students with invaluable hands-on experience in the field of education. Through this immersive opportunity, participants learnt the raw realities of being teachers, confronting challenges and discovering the joys of shaping young minds. As they navigated through this journey, students were undergoing a process of refinement, evolving from novices into skilled and compassionate educators. This internship not only helped them hone their teaching skills but also instilled in them the values and dedication required to become truly impactful teachers in the future.



A fruitful session on Autism: March 27th, 2024

Literary club of PCER organized a session on autism in line with inclusive education. The session was conducted by faculties of Shanay Autism Resource Centre, Panvel. The aim of this session is to make the student teachers understand about autism and how they can handle special children.



As a teacher they must understand inclusiveness and need of diverse learners in classroom. Students asked and shared their experiences regarding autism.

“Whispers of the Heart, Echoes of the Soul: The Magic of Poems”

In honour of World Poetry Day, the Literary Club organized a captivating poem recitation competition. Students enthusiastically prepared and presented their own poems, showcasing their literary talents. Each participant brought their printed or handwritten copies of their poems, which were displayed on the notice board, enriching our college with a display of creative expression. The competition not only celebrated the art of poetry

NURTURING CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE

Cultural Showcase: 29th April to 9th May



To embrace unity in diversity PCER organized cultural week celebration from 29th April to 9th May

but also encouraged a deeper appreciation for literature among students and faculty alike.

Celebrating Rabindranath Tagore: A Literary Tribute

The Literary Club of PCER conducted a special program on May 7, 2024, in honor of Rabindranath Tagore's birthday. Ms. Ananya Bhattacharjee



delivered a moving speech in Bengali, eloquently capturing Tagore's enduring legacy and literary contributions.

The program also featured a documentary on Tagore's life, enriching the audience's understanding of his profound impact on literature and culture. This event was a poignant celebration of Tagore's birthday, emphasizing his timeless influence and inspiring the appreciation of his remarkable literary achievements.

under the guidance of Mrs. Shruti Nair, cultural in-charge. The event featured performances representing different cultures, fostering unity and appreciation for diversity. Students showcase their talents in performing world's diverse culture in Groups – Africa, Spain, Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Students actively participated in cultural event. The cultural event was successfully conducted. The event not only provided a break from the usual routine but also encouraged camaraderie, creativity, and cultural appreciation among students and staff.



"Compete, Conquer, Celebrate!"

To enhance competitive spirit among student teachers, various competitions like Mehendi, Spell bee, hair styling, poster making, treasure hunt and performing arts were organized by PCER. Students actively participated in all competitions. Certificate Presentation Ceremony was conducted on 9th May,2024. These competitions developed team spirit, coordination and team spirit among students.



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