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EXTENSION ACTIVITY – DLLE (A.Y. 2022–23)

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE) at Pillai College of Education and Research remains dedicated to shaping socially responsible and community-conscious educators through immersive extension activities. As part of this mission, the First Term Training for the academic year 2022–23 was conducted in two phases—an intercollegiate training session and a college-level classroom training program. Both aimed to orient students with the objectives and functioning of DLLE and equip them with the knowledge and tools required for meaningful community engagement.

On 3rd August 2023, first term training program was hosted by Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Chembur. The session was held under the leadership of Extension teacher Assistant Professor Bhanu Yadav, with Student Managers Niyati Takle and Umaima Dhature assisting in coordination. The day began with a warm breakfast and a formal inauguration, where Dr. Kunal D. Jadhav, Director of DLLE, welcomed the participants and set the tone for the day. A major highlight of the training was the introduction of a user-friendly online portal for submissions and communication, which was designed to make student participation more seamless and efficient.



In 2023, four new extension activities were added to the existing six, broadening the spectrum of learning opportunities. Dr. Shweta Patil and Dr. Sadhna Singh explained each activity and the procedures involved with clarity and precision, ensuring that all students were well-informed. Emphasis was also placed on the mandatory 120 hours of extension work required for successful completion and certification. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A round and a group photo session that captured the spirit of enthusiasm and unity among participants. A delightful lunch followed, providing an opportunity for students from different colleges to interact and build networks. The event concluded at 3:00 p.m. with students feeling motivated and well-equipped for the journey ahead.

Following the training, a comprehensive classroom training session was conducted by Ms. Bhanu Yadav at Pillai College for the benefit



of the enrolled DLLE students. Supported by Student Managers Niyati Takle and Umaima Dhature, the session provided in-depth guidance on the responsibilities of student participants. The training focused on various key areas such as understanding DLLE objectives, planning and executing projects, teamwork, communication strategies, and maintaining accurate documentation. Through interactive group discussions and activities, students were encouraged to explore their roles actively. The session served as a platform for resolving doubts and building the students' confidence in their ability to contribute meaningfully to the program.

In addition to the training sessions, students also actively participated in the annual UDAAN Festival, held in Pen, which celebrates the creative and social efforts of DLLE students across institutions. It was a moment of pride for the college as Niyati Takle won the Creative Writing competition, while Rutuja Patil emerged victorious in the Poster Making competition. Moreover, a team of 18 students from the college participated in the Street Play category, presenting a powerful act on a social issue, further showcasing their commitment to community awareness through performance.



Both training sessions and the participation in UDAAN marked a vibrant and impactful first term for the DLLE students of 2022–23. These experiences not only provided students with clarity on procedures and expectations but also motivated them to engage with real-world social issues. The events reflected the DLLE's commitment to experiential learning, civic participation, and personal development. Students emerged from the sessions inspired to fulfil the department's motto— **“Reach to the Unreached”**—with dedication, empathy, and action.



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