

General Secretary's Report F.Y.B.Ed.

"You Cannot Control What Happens To You, But You Can Control Your Attitude Toward What Happens To You, And In That, You Will Be Mastering Change Rather Than Allowing It To Master You" - Brian Tracy

In PCER-Panvel, we the F.Y.B.Ed students have come to know that we are being trained to master the powerful weapon (education) to change ourselves first and then the world around us. My report may give you a glimpse of how we are getting sculpted towards this objective. It's my privilege to present the cherishing moments of our journey by presenting the report of various activities of First year B.Ed program in this acclaimed institute, during the academic year 2016-17.



25 students, (24 females and 1 male), were enrolled for the B.Ed program 2016-18. We are a mix possessing various talents. We exhibited unique togetherness and oneness that is appreciated by all faculty members, especially our principal Dr. (Ms.) Sally Enos. A lamp doesn't speak; it introduces itself through its light (Anonymous). Similarly, achievers never expose themselves but their achievements expose them. Aspiring to be achievers, we started off our new academic year with a load of activities that helped us to experience a lot. These were completed successfully, only due to the immense grace of God.

Beginning Of The New Academic Year.....

The new academic year started off on 21st September 2016 with class strength of 25 students. A short welcome was presented by our principal ma'am, Dr (Ms) Sally Enos, along with introduction to all faculty members allotted for FYB.Ed program. A self-reflection was arranged to familiarize each other. This was followed by a short encouraging speech by our principal ma'am to induct the students towards teaching, familiarize us with the course content and help us to adjust with the new situation as new entrants. Sally Ma'am also spoke about the type of choices made in our life. According to her, choices can be of only two types and it's up to us which type we choose and that choice determines our destiny. It was a short sweet and inspiring one. Introduction was pleasant and showed us the quality of education and value transmission they were proceeding for.

Our Every Day Schedule

Every day our academic activities start with an assembly. Initially, our professors conducted the assembly to show us the structure of the assembly. Assembly was conducted in our classroom itself,

which started with a prayer song, followed by presentation of - thought of the day, news, and a short story. As days passed another item was introduced to the assembly – welcome in an international language. Almost all the important announcements were made at the end of the assembly. Our assembly started off every day at sharp 11 am with an aim of making us aware of the structure of assembly and also inculcating moral values and helping us to remain positive in all situations of life. Following which all the 5 periods start with a full swing with a recess break at 1pm. We wind up every day at 4.45 pm.

Picnic

Our first activity was to get acquainted with each other. So, our college took us for a picnic to Franav farms, Apta Phata near Karnala Bird Sanctuary on the Mumbai Goa Highway. It was completely adventurous and rejuvenating. It was a wonderful chance to get close and acquainted to the seniors (S.Y.B.Ed and M.Ed students). All of us appreciated the adventurous, fun filled setting and finger licking food, that all of us relished during the day. All came back with wonderful memories which are still fresh in our minds and hearts.

Talent Hunt

“Talent Hunt” was conducted on 1st October 2016 in which both, FYB.Ed and SYB.Ed student teachers participated. The program was inaugurated by our principal Sally ma'am and a prayer dance performed by the FYBEd students. The entire class of ours presented group items only like prayer dance, candle dance and so on. This was followed by programs presented by SYB.Ed which included interaction with FYB.Eds through various interesting games. This was our first activity that was organised by us (obviously under the guidance of our professors).

Talk By Dr. Dharav Shah

“Talk by Dr. Dharav Shah” was conducted on 4th October 2016, entitled “What Teachers can do to HALT the Alcohol and Tobacco Epidemic”. Dr Shah made us know how tobacco kills, about various diseases caused by its usage, how alcohol and tobacco is a crucial factor that maintains the poverty in the society and finally about some gateway drugs.

Students Council

Student council was formed by election on 7th October 2016 in a democratic way. Prior to elections, students were oriented by council in-charge, Dr (Mrs) Bhavna Dave. Interested candidates campaigned in the class. Next day on 8th October, a ballot was conducted and all were instructed to write their 1st, 2nd and 3rd preference against each candidate's name. Total votes gained by respective candidates were tallied and accordingly, one general secretary and two council members

were declared. Mrs. Annu Binoy Joseph was elected as General Secretary and Miss Renu Sharma and Miss Sanjana Gandhi was elected as Council Members for the session 2016-18. This was immediately followed by Oath taking Ceremony by the elected council members. Mr. Aldrin was announced by faculties as college magazine editor and Ms. Yogita Patil as library incharge.

Arba Dandiya Competition

Garba Dandiya competitions were organized on 8th October, 2016 on the occasion of Navratri celebrations. We students came in with traditional dresses and reeled with enthusiastic dance steps to the tunes of popular cinematic songs based on garba and dandiya. Prizes were given off for the best attire and best dancer of the day.

National Level Seminar

National level seminar on "Environmental Re-Engineering Series; YEAR OF PULSES" was hoisted by PCER-PANVEL, on 22nd October 2016. All the FYB.Ed students helped in organizing the event in a marvellous way. The seminar was inaugurated by lighting of the lamp and singing of the prayer song and followed by briefing of the theme and objectives of the seminar. There was three sessions conducted. Session1 focussed on "Pulses for enhancing Health and food security and was led by our expert Dr Shivshankar Timmanpyati, dietician from TATA Memorial Hospital. Session 2 focussed on Pulses from ecological and economic benefit led by the guest speaker Dr. Seema Mishra, Director SIES-IIEM, Nerul. Post lunch Session 3 started off with paper presentations. One paper was presented by our classmate Mrs Puja. The session ended with valedictory, distribution of certificates to the participants and vote of thanks.

Joy Of Giving Week

Joy of Giving Week was celebrated by visiting the orphaned children and aged people staying in Immanuel Mercy Home in Panvel. Different items of food and old / new clothes were collected from student teachers and were distributed to the occupants of the Mercy Home during this week.

Community Service Program

Community Service program was conducted conferring to the semester1 practicum in the slums near Trifed Tower, Khanda colony. The FYB.Ed students shouldered the responsibility of the Literacy drive, an on-going project of the college. We enjoyed teaching the kids basic language skills and mathematics. All of us had an irreplaceable experience during this program. We were proud to be a part of this noble cause of inculcating the importance of education in their life. The enthusiasm shown by the children was remarkable and touched our hearts deeply.

Sports Week

Our college conducted sports week during the 1st week of December, 2016. We got a chance to play many games which we never played and so each and every one of us enjoyed the games. Various games like carom board, chess, table tennis, badminton etc. were played by the student teachers. A first and second position for each game was declared.

Poster Making Competition

All FYB.Ed students participated in the poster making competition held on 5th December, 2016. The topic for the competition was – “AIDS AND THE YOUTH”. First position was secured by the poster made by Miss Kanchan Sharma and second position was secured by Miss Priyanka Srikumar.

Awareness Programs

AIDS awareness program was conducted during the first week of December i.e. 1st December to 8th December, 2016, in collaboration with the Jyothis Care Centre, Kalmboli, Navi Mumbai. The aim of this program was to make people, who are vulnerable to AIDS, aware of the signs and symptoms of the disease, its mode of spread, and treatments available for the affected. This also aimed at removing the stigma and discrimination revolving around the problem. Representatives from the Jyothis guided us throughout this program. We presented flash mob and street play in various places like- Hindalco Industries (Taloja), Panvel ST Bus Stand, Penn ST Bus Stand, Vashi APC Market and Belapur Station, to achieve our aim.

Institutional Visit

Our college took us for institutional visit to three of its bravura campuses located in different parts of Panvel on 15th December 2016. We had the privilege to visit Dr. Pillai Global Academy (Khanda colony), Pillai HOC College of Engineering and Technology, (Rasayani) and Pillai College of Engineering at New Panvel. This visit was made to disseminate knowledge among students about how techno-scientific friendly these institutes are and also students got to learn about the structure and schooling pattern under the IGCSE and IB boards. During this visit we had the privilege to meet Dr Vasudevan Pillai sir, for the first time face to face. His speech revolved around why India is poor and how the education system in India is contributing for the same. He emphasised on the social class educational attainment and only a change in primary and secondary education will help to eradicate poverty.

Certificate Course In First Aid

An add-on course was conducted this year in collaboration with MGM Hospital, Kamothe. They provided “ A Certificate course in First Aid”. A series of classes were conducted by the distinguished

professors from MGM Nursing College. After which, we had to appear for a written test (MCQs) and practical tests, conducted at MGM Nursing College, Kamothe on 19th and 20th of December 2016. All the students who appeared for the exams were eligible for the Certificate.

Udaan Festival

We participated in the annual extension work festival “UDAAN” conducted by University of Mumbai on 11th January 2017. Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Hotel and Tourism, CBD Belapur hosted the Udaan Festival. We presented a street play and participated in poster making competition. Theme of the skit was afflicted women and how government has ways of helping the distressed women. Awareness of these facts was delivered through our skit. Our college won the “Consolation Prize” for the street play

Workshops On Drama And Art In Education

A series of workshop was conducted on art and drama from 3th December 2016 to 3rd March 2017. Initially Pradnya ma'am oriented us with the details of the entire workshops to be conducted. She introduced to us all the respective guests who were going to conduct the workshops etc. 'Workshop on Theoretical Skills' were presented by Mr. Adnan Sarkhot, wherein he briefed us why art and drama was essential in education followed by explanation of various elements of theatre along with types of acting style and script writing. Here we prepared a play in five minutes and presented the same immediately. Through the deficiencies he found in our play and explained the various stages and elements of acting and presenting a play. He appreciated our promptness in presenting it and encouraged each group to improve with the same.

Workshop on Tie and Dye (Fabric painting) and Workshop on Bottle Art was conducted by Mrs Dhanashree Karkharnis. Initially we were least interested in this workshop. However when the items were taught and when we made the bandhni print on small cotton clothes, it was amazing! We never thought such printings are so easy to make. Bottle art was incredible too. We also learnt to design our leggings with acrylic colours. This was one of the best activities we performed.

Another interesting workshop was “Workshop on teaching aids” which was led by Dr (Mrs) Geeta R Thakur maam. She taught us Warli Painting on 2nd of March 2017 and Making of Story boards on 3rd March 2017. Each one of us enjoyed the Warli painting a lot and enthusiastically all of us were able to prepare a bookmark using Warli painting during the workshop. Preparations of simple teaching aids using these Warli paintings and Story boards were taught which were extremely useful. Story boards were also prepared by us on that day.

Coffee With VC

Amidst all these activities we had the privilege to see and hear our respected Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Sanjay Deshmukh on January 6th 2017 at CKT college ground, Panvel. We went there along with our seniors to be a part of the program named "COFFEE WITH VC". Sir spoke about the importance of education and various developments in the University to achieve the goal of providing higher education to all who are victims of economic problem. We were delighted to hear about the digital facilities especially the free wi-fi system (provided by MU alumini Mr Mukesh Ambani) he was planning to provide to each student in Mumbai University. Towards the end, sir patiently attended and noted down the queries of each student who spoke to him and promised to all to remove the problems they currently face.

Workshop on Micro teaching skills

Pre-teaching workshop was organised for us for a period of two weeks, from 16th December 2016 to 4th January 2017, wherein we were taught elaborately about how to prepare micro lesson-plans and teaching with teaching aids. The workshop was conducted to encourage effective goal oriented lesson planning for systemic approach of teaching. Teacher in charges trained us in various skills related to micro teaching which included – Set induction skill, explanation skill, questioning skill, stimulus variation skill, illustrations with examples, blackboard skills and integrated lesson plan preparation. After rigorous practice, we got well acquainted with the preparation of integrated lesson plans. These skills were utilized during our internship.

Annual Sports Day

Annual Sports day was conducted on 4th February 2017. It started with the hoisting of our National Flag followed by our college flag by two representatives of Mahatma Education Society and the three general secretaries of FYB.Ed, SYB.Ed and M.Ed, in presence our faculty professors and all students. There were six items played which included- marble spoon race, 100meters running, shot-put throw, disc throw, long jump, tug of war and dodge ball games. All participated enthusiastically and the winners of each item were selected and provided with the respective certificates. Enthusiastically, all of us participated in the sports and it became one of the most enjoyable day for us with our seniors.

Marathi Bhasha Diwas

On 27th February we celebrated Marathi Divas. On this day all of us came in draped in colourful saris and ornaments. A short program entirely in Marathi was conducted during the latter half of the day. During this program poems, songs and a story in Marathi were presented and they were translated too so that other students can understand the wonderful meanings of the literature presented.

Inter Collegiate Activities

We were not only engaged in in-house activities, however there were few who took extra efforts to participate in inter-collegiate activities. Ms. Sanjana Gandhi represented Pillai College of Education and Research in the 7th Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad that was held in MIT Kothrud, Pune from 17th Jan to 19th January, 2017. She spoke on the topic –“Reservation on Caste- Social Justice or Total Injustice”. In the month of February, Shivangi Chaurasia, Annu b Joseph and Kanchan Sharma participated in the intercollegiate Essay Competition on the topic –“What does Freedom mean to me” for the student teachers, which was conducted by Gujarat Research Society’s Hansraj Jivandas College of Education (Khar-west) on the occasion of 70th year of Independence. Moreover, on 6th February 2017, Priyanka Sreekumar and Ms. Sanika Khade participated in the Matoshri Ramabai Ambedkar 34th Inter-collegiate elocution competition in English and in Marathi language. The subject of the competition was “True Manliness Lies in Respect for Women”.

Other Activities

We all had a wonderful opportunity to organize and participate in various activities in the month of March 2017. 8th March to 15th March was observed as Activity Week. Caption Writing contest was conducted by Nature Club, Quiz on health and hygiene was conducted by well-being club, Debate on the topic – “Women make good leaders” was conducted by Women’s Development Club, Spell bee Competition was conducted by Literary Club and Fancy dress contest (International costumes) was conducted by Global Citizens club. All the activities were unique and worth participating. Each one of us learnt a lot from each activity. There was unswerving participation in all the above mentioned activities that helped us to shed the fear of participation as well as provided us the practical experience and acquaintance of variety of activities that can be conducted for students in future.

Workshop On Evaluation In Teaching-learning

Workshop on evaluation was conducted from 23.03.17 to 30.03.17. Teacher in-charges for each plan oriented us with the processes and this was followed by preparation of evaluation items ourselves respectively. We started with Preparation of year plan (23.03.17) followed by preparation of unit plan (24.03.17), preparation of Question bank (25.03.17), preparation of weightage tables (27.03.17), preparation of blue print (27.03.17) preparation of question paper (method wise) (29.03.17), preparation of scoring key and question wise analysis (30.3.17). The entire evaluation file was prepared by us and submitted on 6.4.17.

Someone rightly said- Wisdom lies not in the amount of knowledge acquired but in the degree of its application. In PCER, we found that we are not only acquiring the right knowledge in the right way, but also learning the wide range of its applications. All the activities conducted during the year were

worth learning and experiencing helping us to be educated. It has transformed us into new individuals, more confident and enthusiastic to face the days ahead in the organization as well as outside.

Conclusion

According to Malcolm-“Education is the passport for the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” As we are being trained and prepared today towards making ourselves teachers of the future generation, we are finding it as a challenge. We are being encouraged by our faculties, to take up learning opportunities throughout our life. According to them, we are the agent for the change who is expected to promote understanding and tolerance and mould the characters and minds of the future generation- a huge responsibility. However, we have the power and willingness to be the change and it has become a priority. Being educated is more emphasized than on being highly literate. We believe, with the grace of God and guidance of our faculties and institution, we will be able to be The Change.

At this juncture, I would like to express my gratefulness to Lord Almighty, for providing us the wonderful direction to study in this institute and I feel a great purpose behind it. My sincere gratitude to MES Chairman Sir, Principal ma'am, teaching faculties, my seniors, my dear classmates and all non- teaching staffs for their support, inspiration and cooperation we received in abundance throughout this academic year and expect the same in the coming year too. I would like to thank God again too for the abundant mercies and blessings He showered on all of us throughout the year.

Best Wishes
Annu Binoy Joseph,
General Secretary,
FYB.Ed



Institutional Visit



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It's that time of the year and I have here with me, my General Secretary report to share and remember the year that we took in this last year of our B.Ed. So many learning's amidst of so much fun is the simplest way that I think of this year. And I am sure that you do to.



B.Ed. 2015-2017, the first two year batch, man what a responsibility and how much expectation there must have been. One more year of grooming was sure to bring out the best in us. One year had flown by so quickly and we had needed that just to get familiar with the course and the pattern. We had learnt so much and so much more was in store for us. Post the 2nd semester exams, we eagerly awaited the beginning of the New Year. Apprehensions were high, after all we had 16 weeks of internship and 40 lessons to think of in this year.

"Be brave. Take risks. Nothing can substitute experience."

So true about internship. Our teaching experience would begin right from college and we would be provided with a platform to know ourselves better as teachers. We were given an orientation about the first bout of internship and what was expected out of us. The schools that we were assigned to, was introduced to us and so were our subjects. We were told that we were bound to experience some highs and lows in this period. That there would be times when we question everything and when we would be willing to quit everything. And that we would also experience the exhilaration and joy once we overcome our fear. That after the first lesson, we would learn our unique teaching style. And so we began the first 10 weeks of internship

Our college was up for its NAAC accreditation and we all worked as one to give it its best shot. And I am proud to say that our efforts paid off when we got our 'A' grade. Whilst preparing for the NAAC audit, we learned of some true heroes and true talents, who were creative and who were assertive. It was a wonderful learning experience, something we all could take home from. We also found a way to organize a cultural programme for the Alumni meet.

"We don't meet people by accident. They are meant to cross our path for a reason."

It was that time of the year where the first years had signed up for the course and joined us. And we did our share by welcoming them. We danced, sang and even performed musical dramas to

showcase to the first years what a varied group can achieve. Shortly after their arrival we celebrated 'Navratri' in style and pomper. All dressed to the tee in traditional attire and dancing to popular garbha songs. A couple of weeks later, we joined the first years again on a Saturday for a day of learning about the harms and ill effects of alcohol abuse and addiction.

2016 was declared as the 'Year of the Pulses' by the 68th UN General Assembly to heighten public awareness of the nutritional benefits of pulses as part of sustainable food production aimed towards food security and nutrition. Pillai College of education and research, Panvel arranged a National Seminar on the year of pulses. The participants were in for a treat and got to hear a varied range of opinions.

“There's something for everybody at picnic day” - Liz Applegate

Our 10 weeks long internship had ended and it was picnic time. Our first during this two year course, which means that we were all excited about it. The planning and organizing was half the fun. And the rest was at 'Franav Farms - Panvel'. There were activities like high rope, gocarting in water, river rafting, among other things. But what captivated and capitalized us were the pool and the rain dance pool. We took to water like you would never believe.

Exam and then we were back to the 6 week long internship. This time it was different, we were confident and happy to be back. The schools and the students were also happy to see us back. We got a taste of what it would be like to teach and be loved for it. The curriculum demanded that we involve this time in other school activities. And while we were skeptical, we never had more fun. The learning was amazing and the fun factor right there. Action Research was another of these concepts that we learnt about and had had a go at it.

Mumbai University came up with an initiative, 'Coffee with the Vice Chancellor (VC), Sanjay Deshmukh, of Mumbai University (MU)' and we got the opportunity to participate in it. We got to hear and interact with him and felt the importance of the day. During the internship period we were also engaged in learning First Aid, which was organized by the PCER College in collaboration with M.G.M. College of Nursing. The course included lectures on various emergency situations and also awarded certificates at the end of it.

“The miracle isn't that I finished. The miracle is that I had the courage to start.” -

John Bingham

And that is true in my case. The outdoor sports activities that were planned for us were refreshing and fun. Some of the events I had never participated in and some that I still couldn't. The first years

and the second years came in together and competed. It would be a memorable day. That and the other days when we got to learn how to 'Tie and Dye' with the Pidilite instructor, or when we spent a week learning self defense.

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." - Maya Angelou

Cultural activities were planned for us for a week. Caption writing, picture writing and fancy dress among other things. And we enjoyed every moment of the events. We also have a two-day National seminar on 'Designing the 21st Century Classroom'. By now we have learnt how to present papers and what to expect from a seminar. And we are looking forward to it.

**"Parting is such sweet sorrow that I shall say goodnight till it be morrow." -
William Shakespeare**

If you have read till here, then you know that I have used the words fun and learning as many times as seemed human. Because that is how I will remember these two years, and I hope you do to. Through tears and laughter we have reached the end of an era, a beautiful era. We made friends that hopefully would stay for this lifetime and role models that will help us decide our way. What will we miss the most? When writing this, it took me two days to answer that one and I am still not convinced. As days and weeks went by I think we got closer than we intended to and now there is no turning back. Would we miss the quirks of the teachers or the peculiarities of our friends, or would it be our beloved principal.

Would it be Kusum didi or Geeta didi, that we think of most. And would we be able to not remember Naresh Uncle when we next go for a Xerox. Or Pramila ma'am and Rekha ma'am when we visit some new office. They all and the others inadvertently played a role in our lives in PCER College. And in true animated style, like it is said we will miss 'The royalty, the nobility, the gentry and even the Rabble.'

**"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."
- W. Churchill**

Finally, as we move on to more tomorrows, I wish happiness, love and success, and in that order. Don't be scared to try and you will see that you are so much more than you thought you would be. I think that is the most important learning we take from here. I wanted to include the names of each of my classmates and give them an adjective. One that I would remember you by. But I have resisted,

and I hope you do to. Let's promise ourselves to never let one word define you more than it should.
Good Luck comrades!

If I could write a poem,
I would write it just for you.
But I cannot write a poem,
So what am I to do?

If I could write a poem,
I would tell you lot so things.
Of love and happiness,
And the joy your friendship brings.

But I cannot write a poem,
So you will never know.
Just how much I will miss you,
And now I too must go!

- Teena Johny



Coffee with VC Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh (Mumbai University)