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Semcentennial

Mahatma Education Society's Pillai Group of Institutions is celebrating its golden jubilee this year. It's been an eventful journey of 50 years since the first seed of this Society was planted by the visionary DR. K M Vasudevan Pillai in 1970 in a small school in Chembur. To celebrate this milestone year, a series of yearlong programmes have been planned. To commemorate a humble beginning to these events, the **MES 50 years LOGO** was unveiled at the Khanda Colony Campus on 11th January 2020. The Heads of schools and



colleges of MES' Khanda Colony Campus, came together to wish 'Congratulations' for many illustrious enterprises of MES on this golden anniversary beginning. The Founder, Chairman & CEO of Mahatma Education Society, DR. K.M. Vasudevan Pillai, the

Secretary and Chairperson of Management Board, DR. Daphne Pillai, COO-MES, DR. Priam Pillai with Mrs. Mabel Pillai and Dep. CEO of MES-Mr. Franav Pillai were all a part of the glorious function. Mr Fabio Dias, a trustee of Mahatma Education Society, Principals of the various institutions of the campus, every student and faculty member shared the enthusiasm with a variety of songs and dances to make this event a grand success. The alumni who had successfully walked through the hallways of the institutions were also invited to share their unique experiences.

Activities for MES 2020

As a part of a yearlong tribute to the organization, a series of talks by prominent alumni of the college was planned for the B.Ed. students.

On **22nd January, 2020** Mr. Rajesh Kumar, through his talk on 'A just world begins with you' sensitized the students on self-development, building integrity to reach the ultimate goals in life. It begins with you then it flows into the



outer world.

On **7th February, 2020** Ms. Shaily Shah spoke on the topic 'Career options in Education beyond teaching'. She shared with the student teachers, information on various fields beyond teaching like Educational entrepreneur, textbook designer, school cinema, app designing to name a few. She motivated

students to be learners and have high visionary goals.

On **15th February, 2020** a session on "Dance and Yoga" was conducted by Ms. Bharti Iyer. The session consisted of different asanas, laughter therapy and some catchy dance moves. She highlighted physical and mental health benefits of merging dance steps and Yoga together.



Heartly Congratulations!!!

Ms. Radhika Dave and Ms. Divya participated in events organized by SIES Institute of Comprehensive Education, Sion on 7th February 2020.

- Ms. Divya secured the first prize in the debate competition. She expressed her strong views on the topic *“Today's school are not ready for learners of 2039”*
- Ms. Radhika Dave secured the third prize in essay writing competition. The topic of her essay was *“How ready are we for learners of 2030”*



On 24th January Ms. Pinky Kumari was felicitated for securing the first rank in the entire Raigad District in the *“Gandhi Vichar Sanskar Pariksha 2019-20”* conducted by Gandhi Research Foundation at Mahatma Phule college of Arts, Science and Commerce, Panvel.



Knowledge and Wisdom – Growing Academically and Socially

Review of Literature for Research: On 1st February, 2020, a session on **‘Literature Review Tips’** was organized by the Research Cell for all the research scholars pursuing their Ph. D, M.Ed. degrees and for all the faculty members. The COO of Mahatma Education Society,



DR. Priam Pillai, an expert in the field of research, was invited as the resource person. Sir gave meaningful insights as

to why we do a literature review, what literature should be reviewed, where do we need literature review, how to find good papers in our field and how to organize a literature review. He also showed software that helps to download seminal papers in our field of research and maintain a database.

Gender Sensitization: A talk on ‘Gender Sensitization’ by Mrs. Dolly James was organized by the WDC on 6th March, 2020. She has 30 years of experience in social work



with NGOs at grass root level. The talk included gender equality, problems faced by LGBTQ; discrimination, abuse, mental health, government policies, bill guaranteeing rights to the group. As a teacher it is important to have a positive attitude as they bring about a change in society.



Pot Luck



Picnic 2020



Traditional Day

Women who made India Proud

A Quiz Competition on the theme “Women who made India Proud” was held on 6th March, 2020 to honour the achievement of Indian Women for the students of F.Y. B.Ed. It helped to encourage students to read books, surf the internet and gather information on women who have made an identity for themselves and also made India proud. Along with enjoyment this activity helped to inspire

students to be more confident and strive to accomplish their goals in life.



Education Beyond Classroom



Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education (HBCSE) in Mankhurd organizes a science exhibition on 28th February 2020 every year to showcase the

advancements in Science and Technology. The

exhibition is open for all and students from various schools and colleges visit the exhibition which serves as an excellent exposure to the various dimensions in Science. Every year the student teachers of first year and second year B.Ed. of our college, Pillai College of Education and Research, New Panvel, visit this exhibition. This year about 40 students along with teachers made the trip to HBCSE.

UDAAN

On 26th February, 2020, 21 students and the extension teacher attended the annual extension festival titled “UDAAN – the Flight of Extension” at Anjuman -



I- Islam's Kalsekar Technical Campus, New Panvel. The student teachers of S.Y. B.Ed. participated for the street play competition. The theme of the play was based on career for women.

Students put in sincere efforts to write the script and practice for the street play. 20 students participated in the street play competition and one student was selected for

the poster making competition. Our students put up a wonderful performance with fluid dialogue delivery and proper voice modulation.

Community service day

As Mahatma Education Society celebrates its 50th year, our Community day on 24th January, 2020 had a slight difference. This year, we were asked to invite our alumni to participate as volunteers for the day. As in the past year, this year also we had children from Immanuel Mercy Ashram, Chiple, Panvel as the NGO we connected with. 20 children from the ashram were brought to the campus. After a wonderful lunch our alumni took over the activities and games and involved all the children.



The children had a wonderful time participating in these games and everyone went home with prizes.



SHORT TERM COURSE CONTEMPORARY STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT

A week long short term course on "contemporary strategies in teaching and assessment" was organised by UGC HRDC University of Mumbai in collaboration with Mahatma Education Society's Pillai College of Education and Research New Panvel. The course started on 6th February, and concluded on 13th February 2020.

At the inaugural session, DR K Shanti, Director, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mumbai and DR. Sally Enos, Principal, Mahatma Education Society's Pillai



College of Education and Research, New Panvel welcomed the participants to the Course.

During the inaugural speech, the guest of honour DR. Sugra Chunawala, dean and professor, Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mumbai highlighted the theme of the short term course. She explained the meaning of assessment and threw light on large scale assessment and narrow scale assessment with the help of an activity. She set the participants thinking on various misconceptions that students have in their subjects.



She explained to the participants concepts like disruptive technology, cognitive conflict and diagnostic testing. She also shared how PISA- program for international student assessment conducts tests. She told the participants that teachers must use a wide variety of methods for assessing the students.

After the inaugural session, Coordinator, Principal DR. Sally Enos assigned duties and responsibilities to the participants to be carried out in the six days short term program. She briefed the participants on the rules and ethics to be followed in this course. She told the participants that on the last day they would have presentations on creating a Spoken Tutorial. Along with faculty member, DR. Bhavna Dave, the three tasks of making a PowerPoint presentation, script writing and voice recording to create a Spoken Tutorial was explained to all the participants. The do's and don'ts were clearly highlighted.

The short term programme provided rich learning experience to the participants. The following topics were included in the sessions

- **Responsive Pedagogies** by DR. Deepa Chari, **Contemporary strategies in classroom assessment** by Ms. Reema Mani, **Cyber Security- Growing up digital** by DR. Prakash Lokhande, **Self-assessment and self-regulation for Joyful Teaching** by DR. Sybil Thomas, **Digital Immigrants versus Digital Natives** by DR Agnes D'costa, **Flipped classroom** by DR. Madhavi Dharankar, **Moodle as a tool for Teaching Learning and Evaluation** by Mr. Mandar Bhanushe, **Progressive Pedagogy Constructivism** by DR. Geeta Shetty, **Creative ways of teaching** by DR. Anna Fernandes, **Differentiated Instruction and Tech-based Assessment** by DR. Anusha Ramanathan

The sessions were enriching; filled with substantive knowledge and various engaging group activities. The participants learned to create mp-4 videos using the Screencast-o-matic software online. They were also helped to create the spoken tutorials and upload them onto the Edmodo class.



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