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Internal Quality Assurance Cell of  
MES' Pillai College of Education and Research, Panvel  
and  
Pillai HOC College of Education and Research,  
Rasayani  
organizes a Webinar on  
"Online Assessment Techniques"

Resource person: **Dr. Prashant Lokhande**  
Pillai College of Engineering, New Panvel

Date: 3rd September, 2020; Time: 5:00pm to 6:00pm.  
E-certificates will be issued to participants.  
Registration link: <https://forms.gle/yqwypaj8vNYp8mQ8>



### It's time for KAHOOT

A webinar was organized by the Internal Quality Assessment Cell of MES' Pillai College of Education & Research, Panvel on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020 on "Online Assessment Techniques". The resource person was Dr. Prashant Lokhande. Assessment of students seems to be most affected due to the online teaching-learning. Even though we have found ways of online teaching-learning assessment techniques have to be accepted and used effectively. Dr. Prashant demonstrated the use of KAHOOT, which enables a

teacher to make assessment lively, engaging and helps him/her understand learning in students. The session was effective and engaging and was concluded by a Kahoot quiz for all the participants.

### Webinar on Transformational Learning

IQAC of PCER Panvel organized a webinar on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 on Teaching for Perspective Change: Transformational Learning. Our expert for the session was Dr. Anne Grey, Professor, Faculty Chair, Concordia University, Wisconsin. She shared how Transformational theory aids educators in understanding and developing the necessary skills and processes of critical self-reflection, which encourage them to challenge the status quo. Transformational theory aids educators in understanding and developing the necessary skills and processes of critical self-reflection, which encourage them to challenge the status quo. More than just a study of a unique, transitory movement in education, the session explored the hidden structure of meaning, how people learn, and how transformative learning leads to change at personal, classroom, organizational, and societal levels. It was a wonderful learning experience for all!!!



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Organizes A Webinar on  
Teaching for Perspective Change -  
Embracing Transformational Learning Practices

Resource Person: **Anne Grey, Ed.D.**  
Professor, Faculty Chair, Concordia University, Wisconsin

Date: Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020; Time: 10.30 am -12.30 pm  
E-certificates will be issued to the participants.  
Convenors: Ms. Namrata Saxena - 9819325593; Dr. Geeta Thakur - 9836445431  
Registration Link: <https://fb.gov/rfm12z>





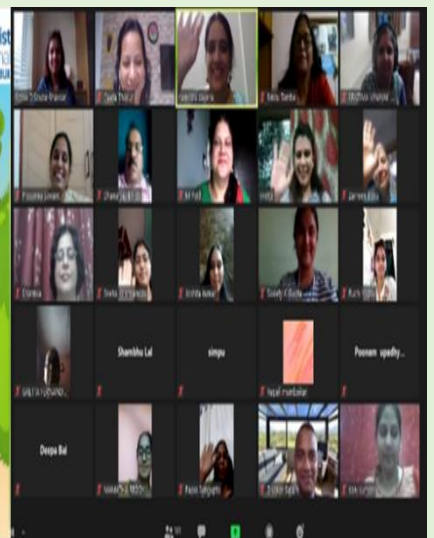
## Webinar on Critical Thinking: Tools and Techniques for Teachers - 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

IQAC of PCER Panvel organized the webinar on developing critical thinking tools for teachers and the session was conducted by Dr. Chetan Date, President, Business Quality Systems. The lecture focussed on some of the tools and techniques that Dr. Date has

found useful during his career in Aerospace industry and academia. Critical Thinking is a structured and disciplined process that enables collection, synthetization, analysis, and interpretation of information to make inferences, provide explanations, solve problems, and make decisions. Every human being thinks- thinking is a natural act. But most of the thinking is also ad-hoc and emotional. It is based on personal experiences, biases, beliefs, prejudices, and in many cases subject to human irrationality. Critical thinking, on the other hand, is deliberate, disciplined, structured, and self-guided. It challenges the status quo; it explores motives and reasons. The deliberations on these aspects were very useful for the teachers.

## World Habitat Day: 1 minute habit formation

A famous quote by Fiona Apple says, “Home is where my habits have a habitat.” As humanity grows and evolves, the impact of this evolution is seen and felt by not just those around us, but by nature and biodiversity as well. Most of us may think that our behaviour and action is too small for it to add to the bigger picture, but that’s not the case. Even the smallest of our actions has a lasting impact on everything around us. To celebrate World Habitat Day, a webinar was organized by PCER Panvel in collaboration with PHCER Rasayani and Soroptimist Welfare Association (SIBC) to find 1-minute habit formation which can converse and preserve the habitat and environment on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. The theme was “One Habit. One Decision. One Change. Everyday.



“What is the worst that can happen if you do something positive? Just one thing. The net result will be something positive. Then if you multiply this by everyone, the consolidated effect is massive.” This was the agenda of the webinar: to bring to our minds the various habits we can develop that can help bring about a positive impact.

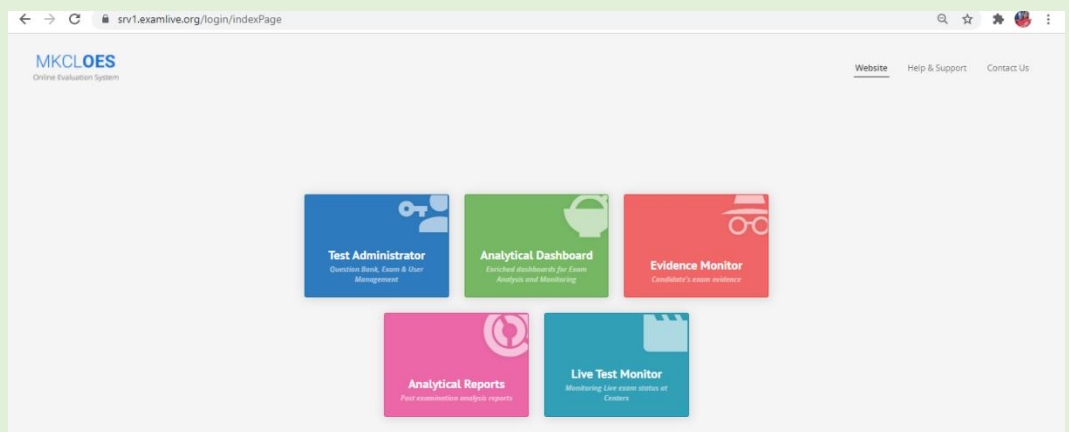


### Cultural competitions 2020

PCER Panvel organized Cultural Competitions for S.Y.B. Ed and M. Ed. students from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020. Due to pandemic situation these competitions were conducted through the online mode. Many students actively participated and displayed their skills and talents. The various competitions selected for this year were Greeting card-making, Rangoli and Best out of Waste. Students participated in these competitions from home on online platform Google Meet and uploaded pictures of their creativity in the Google Classroom created for the specific event. The competitions were judged and winners were announced. It was indeed a novel experience for all!!!

### Pillai College of Education and Research, New Panvel – Lead College for online University of Mumbai exams

With the ongoing nation-wide lockdown imposed in March 2020, the exams of semester 2 and semester 4 students of B.Ed. and M.Ed. could not take place at the right time. This was the case with most degrees. University of Mumbai decided to conduct the pending exams using online mode in October 2020. It was decided by Board of examinations, UoM that there will be cluster colleges created for ease of conducting online exams. Each cluster had one lead college. PCER Panvel



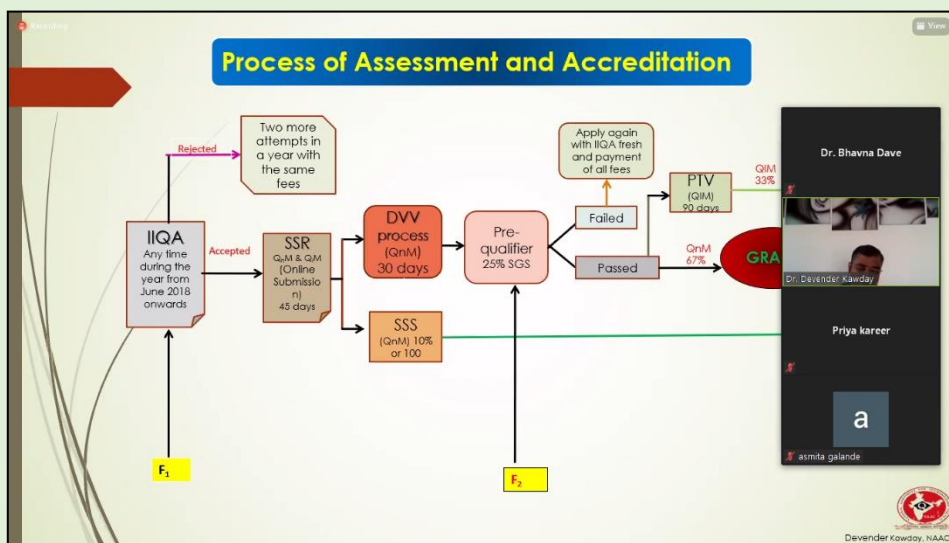
was declared as the lead college for the upcoming exams with 8 other colleges in its cluster. In the first exams, all the colleges decided to avail the services of MKCL appointed by UoM for conducting exams. The exam paper consisted of 25 multiple-choice questions with four options, each question carrying 2 marks. The exam-in-charge of each college was trained to work with MKCL software. Uploading the student data, exam paper and actual live exam were part of the training. All the regular as well as ATKT exams were conducted with great success. There were minor glitches which were sorted out quickly.

The exams of academic year 2020-21 were also conducted in the online mode and PCER Panvel was again declared to be the lead college. Under the able guidance of principal, Dr. Sally Enos, all the exams were conducted using Google Meet, Google forms and Google Classrooms. Different colleges took up the responsibility of creating question papers of multiple choice as well as descriptive answers. Many sets of exam papers were created in Google Form and uploaded in specially created Google Classrooms. Google Meet link of the supervisors were created to conduct the exams. All the logistics were carefully considered and exams were conducted in a smooth manner. Teachers were allocated the paper assessment duties and once it was complete, marksheets were prepared and shared with other colleges.



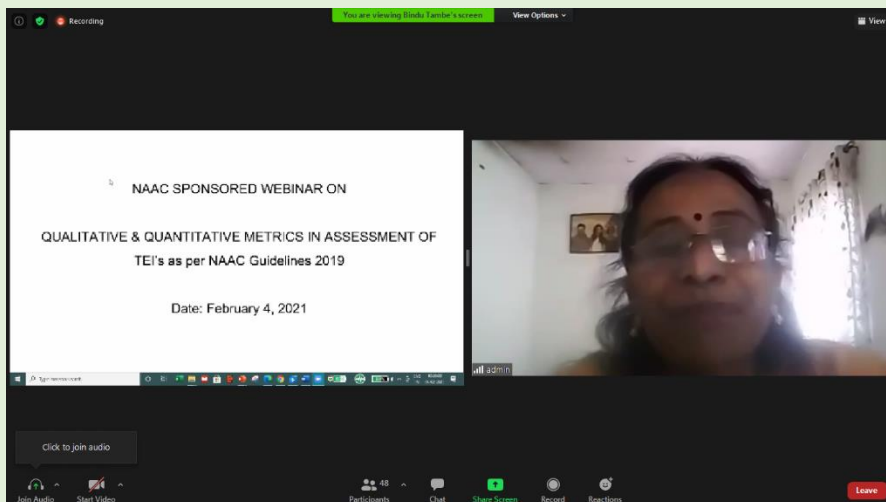
PCER Panvel has the privilege of being a lead college with 8 cluster colleges working together to complete 3 semester exams of the University of Mumbai successfully!!!

**NAAC Sponsored webinar 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021** A NAAC-sponsored webinar on “Qualitative & Quantitative Metrics in Assessment of TEIs as per NAAC Guidelines 2019” was organized by the IQAC of MES’ Pillai College of Education and Research, New Panvel from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. After the inaugural session attended by a galaxy of excellent people from different areas of expertise. In the



1st session on ‘NAAC’s Assessment & Accreditation Process-An Overview’ Dr. Devender Kawday familiarized the participants with his extensive yet crisp overview of the Assessment and Accreditation process. He gave simple examples, apt examples, tips and explained the entire A&A process right from registration. He quoted, “when you change the way you look at things, the things at which you look at change”. He said that to be successful we must have quantity of quality; we must become a better version of ourselves; competition is with self. It is especially important for an institution that undergoes the NAAC process to have team members who have the passion to enhance the quality of the institution. The session was interesting and highly informative.

The session 2 of day 1 of the webinar was on Quantitative metrics w.r.t NAAC criteria for TEIs. The speaker of the session was Dr. Priam Pillai, COO, Mahatma Education Society & Associate Professor at PCE, Panvel. He brought out the importance of the SOP and highlighted the need of extensive documentation. He took the criteria- Metric wise on focused on exactly where to get the details, giving important and helpful tips on how one could merge the tables from the manual and SOP and have a comprehensive view. He helped all to focus attention on sorting the quantitative metrics and addressing them weightage wise so as to give justice to its scope. He was very thorough with different aspects of the criteria & gave his ideas on ways of working towards it and patiently answered all queries of the participants.



Our expert for the 1<sup>st</sup> session on day 2 was Dr. Shilpa Puranik, from Tirpude College of Social Work, Nagpur. She guided us through the various aspects of criterion 1: Curricular Aspects. This session took us through the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the criterion and the requirements of documentation for upload. Each sub-criterion was well-explained with examples. She also emphasized on





must cater to bring up the society. Best practices must be relevant to the institution & useful for the stakeholders. Institutional distinctiveness must be unique to the institution where certain attributes are associated with your college and these attributes must be visible in all the activities of the institution.



### National Science Day 2021

On the occasion of National Science Day on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education had organized an online Science exhibition. Due to the lockdown, the exhibition this year was on an online platform. One of our second year B.Ed. student, Ms. Anna Susan George participated in this exhibition with a demonstration and presentation to explain how concepts of Science can be taught effectively using online medium.

The virtual exhibitions had lot of innovative ideas which were judged by eminent and expert personalities from the

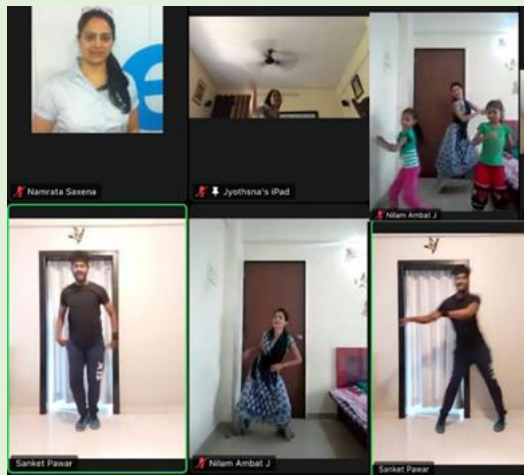
field of Science. The presenters had wonderful ideas that were simulated to be presented here. Our students were given the opportunity to observe the exhibition using the virtual mode. Indeed a great learning experience!!!!

### Marathi Basha Diwas celebrations

On 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 PCER Panvel celebrated a day of online fun activity to mark the birth anniversary of the beloved Marathi poet Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar, popularly known as “Kusumagraj”. The day was celebrated to recognise and honour the greatness of Marathi literature. First year and Second year students from the college participated in the celebrations and

presented different programmes and activities through online mode. Different groups of students prepared and presented beautiful power point presentations honouring the language and the day. Various items like Marathi poem recitation, folk dance, folk song, lot of information about the saints, famous poets and authors and their

work. Students dressed up in the traditional attire and created an ambience of a beautiful Marathi Basha Diwas!!!



### **International Day of Happiness**

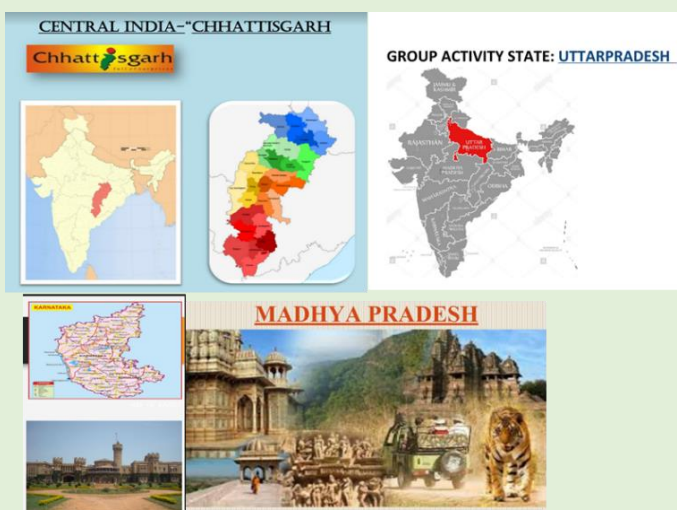
PCER Panvel in association with edukidz International Preschool, Khanda Colony celebrated the International Day of Happiness by organizing a dance and fitness session (online and offline mode) for all the student, alumni and staff members on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. The activity was facilitated by Mr. Sanket Pawar from edukidz International to ensure well-being and happiness of staff and students with happy dance work-out for a happy mind. Students and their families participated with full vigour and enthusiasm to ensure that International Day of Happiness is imbibed by all!

### **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.

### **Cultural activity 2021**

Teacher training curriculum is not only about development of knowledge and skills. It also imparts training in appreciation and acceptance of diversity that exists in a creative manner. Our students presented the cultural diversity that exists in different parts of our country. Students were divided into groups and each group represented one state. All the different aspects of the state, the geography, population, dress, culture and traditions, art and literature were studied and presented in a fluent and colourful manner. The information presented enabled all the participants have a deeper understanding of the culture and traditions of the various parts of India. It also helped in imbibing the motto of our country, "Unity in diversity" .



### **"Where there is a woman, there is magic"**

PCER Panvel celebrated the power of women on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 to celebrate International Women's Day (8<sup>th</sup> March). Each year our college creates specific programmes for this special day dedicated to the resilience, strength and empowerment of women. This year the theme for International Women's Day as per the UN was #ChoosetoChallenge#. Keeping the theme in mind, students selected poems in Hindi, English and Marathi to honour women. There were presentations on women in sports, women in uniform, women in Science,



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*Celebrates*  
**INTERNATIONAL  
Women's  
DAY**  
*Organized by Students Council*

Date: Tuesday 9th March 2021  
Time: 11.00 am to 12.30 pm  
*All student teachers & teacher educators  
of PCER and PHCR  
are cordially invited*

*Don't stop doing a  
right action  
Out of inner fear"*  
Theme 2021 as per UN :  
#ChoosetoChallenge

Technology, Engineering and Medicine. There were interesting and novel virtual games for all. Even though it was a programme to celebrate women power and the choices they have, the male students of the college also participated enthusiastically. The programme was planned and organized by the students of second-year and all the students and faculty participated in the programme.

Each presentation brought out real gems of knowledge regarding women and their contribution in STEM, sports, defence, etc. There were many stories of trials and tribulations for these women and these stories were a lesson for the present generation in resilience and determination to succeed. If the women depicted in these stories had given up their fight, many of us would not sitting where we are today! Hats off to these strong

women for paving the way for others and taking the suffering for all of us! We are really indebted to these women for choosing their path and lighting up our paths!!! It really brings goosebumps to see how far women have succeeded in various aspects of life but there is still so much more to do to empower them!

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Bandodkar College has organized a National-level debate competition. Two of our students Ms. Kiran Mankoo and Ms. Priyanka Singh made efforts to search for information, write their views in opposition and proposition of the topic mentioned, prepared a video and sent as participation in the above debate competition. They came back with a consolation prize! We are really proud of both of them and appreciate their sincere, hard work in representing our college. Congratulations to both of you!!!



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