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## THE HIGHLIGHTS...

### MOBILISING WOMEN ON WOMEN'S DAY

On 8th March, 2013, the staff and students of B.Ed, M.Ed and B.P.Ed undertook a rally, to celebrate the essence of women on Women's Day, and appreciate their remarkable contribution to the society. Students carried slogans on women empowerment, and urged women to stand up and fight for their rightful place in the society.



on him, along with around 110 extraordinary Egyptian artefacts- original and replicas- and four original mummies on display, at Prince of Wales Museum.

### REACHING OUT TO THE SOCIETY THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service work at PCERP was started in the month of January 2013. During this period, the teacher - trainees extended their services to the underprivileged children at ANIKET, a boy's orphanage situated at Panvel. The entire staff and students also participated in the community service day, Uber, organized annually under the patronage of MES.



The next educational visit was to the Monetary Museum of RBI, where coins tell the story of thousands of years of world economy. The information gathered by the students, pertaining to their special methods, during this visit, further enriched their subject content knowledge.

### EDUCATIONAL VISIT

An educational visit was arranged to Prince of Wales Museum and RBI Monetary Museum, for the students on 22nd March, 2013. It was a lifetime opportunity for all to see the most travelled 2800 years old Egyptian Mummy, the Nesperennub, a 20-minute 3D film

### VALEDICTORY FUNCTION AND RELEASE OF SPARK

The academic year was wrapped up with the Valedictory function on 10th April, 2013. Our talented students presented an entertaining programme consisted of dancing, singing, award shows and a skit. The

college annual magazine 'Spark' was also released on this occasion. But amidst all the joy, the sadness in everyone's eyes, caused by the fact that it was an end of a beautiful journey was hard to miss.

### GOING BEYOND CURRICULUM...

#### WORKSHOPS & TALKS

**11<sup>th</sup> January, 2013-** A workshop on the 'Teacher's dress code' highlighting the dos and don'ts of appropriate dressing for the teachers was conducted for our student - teachers, by the M.Ed. interns.

**23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2013** - A workshop on 'Gender Sensitization' was conducted by Mr. Harish Sadani and his team from a NGO, MAVA (Men Against Violence and Abuse). The workshop dealt with issues related to Gender Inequality, sensitivity and understanding the difference between 'Sex and Gender' A short film in Marathi was also shown, which was followed by a healthy group discussion.

**20<sup>th</sup> March, 2013** -A workshop on 'Tired/Aching legs...Varicose Veins!!' was conducted by Dr. Kavita Puri and her expert team of Yogikripa Medichem under the preventive healthcare initiatives. The workshop comprised a brilliant presentation by Dr. Puri on information related to varicose veins and a screening session for early detection of venous insufficiency in limbs.

**20<sup>th</sup> March, 2013-** To acquaint the

students with changing scenario of teaching profession at the global level, especially with reference to IB program, a talk was organized on "Global system of Education". The session was conducted by Ms. Anjana Sahi, the Co-ordinator, DR. Pillai Global Academy.

**21<sup>st</sup> March, 2013-** An interactive workshop on 'Phonics, Syllable and Accent Rules', to highlight the correct pronunciation and use of stress while reading English, was conducted by Ms. Susanna Shanti and Ms. Zeno Fernando, for the student - teachers who opted for the Languages as their method.

**28<sup>th</sup> March, 2013-** A workshop comprising indoor and outdoor activities on 'Environment Education through Innovative Classroom Teaching Methods' was conducted by Ms. Tina Roy for the student - teachers with Environmental Education as their special field.

**8<sup>th</sup> April, 2013-** With an intent to bring about the awareness about early detection and prevention of cancer, a talk on 'Cancer Awareness' was organized for our students . The session was conducted by Mr. Vijay Gokhale, a veteran in conducting workshops in this area.

## EXTENDING SERVICES...

### 'THE VIRTUAL CLASSROOM PROJECT'

Our teacher – educators, Mrs .Geeta R.Thakur, Mrs. Bhavna Dave, Mr.Vikas Tupsundar and Mrs.Devanshi Praveen, were appointed as consultants to

conduct sessions on important topics from various subjects like English, Science and Mathematics for class VI as part of the Virtual Classroom Project started by BMC in collaboration with Pearson Education Services and Sterlite Tech Foundation. For this, total 12 sessions were taken by each consultant starting from December 2012 to April 2013.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL PREPARATION

Mrs. Geeta R. Thakur was invited to conduct a workshop on Instructional Material Preparation for the B.Ed students by Thakur Shyamnarayan College of Education and Research, Kandivali and HOC Pillai College of Education and Research, Rasayani. She also conducted the said workshop in Pillai College of Education and Research, New Panvel.

### LIFE SKILL EDUCATION FOR ASHRAMSHALA SCHOOLS IN BOISAR



Second year in succession, the teacher - educators of Pillai College of Education and Research, New Panvel, were invited by Pearson Education Services as expertise to Jindal Steel Works Company, Boisar, for their Corporate Social Responsibility project, under

which it extends help and support to the community by conducting workshops in the various Ashramshala schools in and around Boisar.

This two-day workshop was aimed at developing life skills in the young children and accommodated more than 1000 secondary school students from 8 schools in and around Boisar. It was conducted twice on 04th and 05th March, 2013 and on 11th and 12th March, 2013 by our teacher-educators Mrs. Bhavna Dave, Mrs. Geeta R. Thakur, Mrs. Geeta S. Thakur and Mrs. Devanshi Praveen.

### FOSTERING COMPETITIVE SPIRIT...

#### INTERCOLLEGIATE COMPETITIONS

Our compliments to Mr. Rajesh Kumar and Ms. Alpana Sharma for participating and winning first and third prize respectively in Debate competition organized by Ramseth Thakur College of Commerce and Science, Kharghar, on 5th January, 2013. Our students Ms. Sangeeta Khushwaha and Ms. Ashwini participated in the debate at the same event.

We cheer Mr. Rajesh Kumar who bagged first prize in elocution competition and Ms. Ananya Raha, who won the first prize in Essay writing at the inter-collegiate festival 'Alegria,' – "The "Festival of Joy 2013" organized by Pillai College of Arts, Commerce and Science on 28th January, 2013. As many as 25 of our students participated in various events like performing arts, literary arts, fine arts and informal management

events organized at the same venue.

Mr.Rajesh Kumar and Ms.Gulnaaz Shaikh participated and won 1st and 4th prize respectively in the elocution competition in Hindi, scheduled on 15th March, 2013, at Shivaji Chowk, Panvel, organized by Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya.

Udaan is a festival organized every year by the Department of Life-long Learning, Mumbai University, as a part of Extension work.This year the festival was held on 22nd January, 2013. Fifteen students from B.Ed and five from M.Ed participated in the street play presented by PCERP, which was based on status of women in the society.

## IN-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

### SOLO DANCE COMPETITION

On 24th December, 2012, a solo dance competition was organized in order to unearth the hidden talents and potentials of B.Ed. students. Ms.Vrushali Patkar and Mr.Bhavik Veera, professionals in two entirely different genre of dancing, were invited as judges. There were 9 participants and everyone performed at their best.

### SLOGAN WRITING COMPETITION

As a wake-up call to women to identify their true potentials and to highlight the immense strength they possess, a slogan writing competition on the

theme 'Woman of Substance' was organized for the students on 25th February, 2013.

## CULTURAL COMPETITIONS

Annual cultural competition at PCERP was organized on 6th March, 2013. The competition comprised assortment of interesting events like greeting card making, wealth out of waste, fancy dress, mono acting, paper flower making, rangoli, mehendi, spell-bee and quiz. The variety ensured that each of the students could participate in at-least two events.

## RECREATE AND REJUVENATING WITH SPORTS DAY

Sports activities for this academic year were started in the month of October. Various outdoor events like dodge ball, kho-kho, lemon & spoon, book balancing and dumble race along with some indoor games, like chess, carom and table tennis were organized. A very exciting game of tug of war organized at the end proved to be a perfect end to the sports activities for the academic year.

## CELEBRATIONS & JUBILATIONS

### CELEBRATING MAKARSANKRANTI

On 14th January, 2013, the festival of Makar Sankranti was celebrated by the students of PCERP. Students dressed in their traditional attire shared their views on how this festival is celebrated in their state and distributed different types of sweets prepared by them. Also, the geographical importance of the

day was aptly brought by Asst. Prof. Vikas Tupsundar on this occasion.

## MARKING INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHY DAY

- On 18th January, 2013, International Geography day was celebrated at PCERP with much fervour, where the students explored the idea that we all are connected and brought out the varied culture, history and tradition of different countries through their attire, talk and presentations.

## FUN & FROLIC...

### A PICNIC TO REMEMBER-

24th of January, 2013, a one-day picnic, sponsored by the college was organized for the students. The venue was Franav Farms, a spacious farmhouse tucked amidst the beautiful nature in Karjat, with lot of outdoor adventurous activities as well as the indoor games.

## NATIONAL LEVEL SEMINAR ON SYSTEMIC INTEGRATION OF ICT IN EDUCATION IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT - 17th & 18th of April, 2013



The chief guest for the seminar, the young, dynamic, action oriented and a perfect exemplary for the present generation Dr. Priam Pillai,

COO, MES, inaugurated the event. Dr. Priam Pillai in his inaugural



address brought to forth the fact that with the fast paced innovations in the field of ICT, the teachers need to understand their changing roles and equip themselves to face the challenges lying ahead. He cited the example of 'Hole in the wall' discovery wherein the fact was revealed that with no prior experience the children learnt the use of computer on their own. He also emphasized that the teachers of today need to figure out for themselves the best practices that can be adopted in ICT which are fruitful, creative and also motivating.

The keynote speaker Prof Ram Takwale, a prominent educationist and ex vice chancellor of 3 universities Pune, IGNOU and YCMOU familiarized all with the fact that we are changing from an industrial society towards a new Information or Knowledge Society, which calls for the radical reconstruction of education and society. He highlighted that we are juggling between 2 spaces that is the cyber space and the real space. He lauded 'Param a futuristic



University's efforts and shared that Param's educational initiatives are instrumental in successful technology integration in education".

The thematic focus of the first session was on Web enabled collective intelligence in Education. Speaking on the topic, the expert Mr.Dilp Tikle, Founder and Consultant at Connect DOTS consulting and Training, stated that the wisdom of nature is such that every human being is endowed with the capacity of self-learning. He convincingly remarked that collective intelligence is instrumental in fostering innovations, collaborative learning, sound decision making and developing global understanding.

The host college emerged as the trend setter in organising an online session on Educational innovations and ICT which was streamed from

Singapore. Mr. Shiv Kumar, as an expert, illuminated us on the global trends in ICT and its adoption in the field of education and the variety of software such as Coursera, Moodle, Deskera and so on that could aid to better learning. It was indeed a fascinating experience to be a part of this virtual interactive session

Session 3 was graced by Dr. Ela Goyal, Asst. Prof. SIES College of management, Nerul as the resource person. While speaking on theme 2 'Professional developments and ICT', she shared the problems faced by the teachers in today's time towards professional development in their lieu of the heavy workload and professional commitment. Dr. Goyal very well demonstrated the use of Moodle & CAMPLUS as an on-going practice in her college at SIES.

All the sessions saw excellent and eye opening paper presentations wherein intelligible and captivating exchange of ideas kindled the minds to think on how ICT can be so contributory in upgrading the knowledge of teachers and making them a lifelong learner. The seminar drew participants not only from in and around Mumbai but from various parts of the state and even outside the state.

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