



Mahatma Education Society's  
PILLAI COLLEGE OF ARTS, COMMERCE & SCIENCE  
Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai Campus, New Panvel  
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## PILLAI TIMES

### INTERNATIONAL 'YOGA' DAY



Mahatma Education Society's Pillai Group of Institutions observed The International 'Yoga' Day in association with Soroptimist International's Mumbai-Chembur Chapter, an organization that works for the welfare of women by conducting a yoga

session for the underprivileged women who work as helpers at Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai Campus on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2015. Yoga experts, Mr. Ashish Samarth and Mrs. Deepika Samarth from Vyanna Yoga Centre conducted the 90 minute session. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Daphne Pillai, Chairperson of Mahatma Education Society and Founder President of Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur observed that "It is very fulfilling to provide such opportunities for the underprivileged in society and observing such UN declared dates like the International Day of Yoga helps to highlight the importance of being fit and healthy especially among the disadvantaged in society."

### SHAPING THE FUTURE, TODAY



Principal Dr. Daphne Pillai got featured in 'Savvy' magazine's October 2015 edition in the 'Career Savvy' section. Her work with 'Soroptimist International' on providing high quality, skill based education to the underprivileged youth of our country has been covered in the article. Dr. Daphne Pillai is the Founder cum President of Soroptimist International's Mumbai-Chembur Chapter.

### JOBS WELL EARNED

The Placement cell is committed to provide all possible assistance to its students in their efforts to find employment and it also operates year round to facilitate contacts between companies and the graduates. This term four companies visited our campus for placements and the following students were selected in these companies in the month of August, 2015

Wipro 74 students got selected  
TCS 35 students got selected  
L&T 34 students got selected  
Mobisoft 24 students got selected

### PCACS GROWS IN NUMBERS

This academic year we got great response at the admissions. In keeping with the tradition of churning out the best in students, the college expects to train all its new members.

### FACULTY SEMINAR SERIES 2015



MES Research Forum conducted the Faculty Seminar Series 2015 on 11th September 2015 at Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai Campus, Panvel. Prof. Conrad Saldanha, Advisor, Don Bosco was the Chief Guest and key note speaker at the forum. All the papers which were presented at the forum were awarded a Certificate of Participation.

### FRUITS OF LABOUR

Our warmest congratulations to Prof. Gajanan Wader and Prof. Seema Somani who have successfully defended their PhD thesis entitled 'Study of Financial and Accounting System of Cooperative Housing Societies in Navi Mumbai' and



'Impact of Commerce Education Reforms on Conventional Commerce Education in Mumbai', supervised by Dr. Uthas S. Joshi and Dr. Ram Sable.

Student members of the Environment Analysis and Conservation team (EaACT) under the guidance of Prof. Gopikumar Pillai carried out composting in the campus during the months of July and August, 2015. The activity was conducted as a part of the campus solid waste management program. Garden waste and canteen waste and other biodegradable components were accumulated and taken up for composting. Such inexpensive and eco-friendly approach can contribute immensely towards effective solid waste management and the team looks forward to make it a habit.

### EDITORIAL BOARD

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### SOCIAL ENDEAVOURS

provide additional income to farmers, thereby helping in environment conservation and rural development.

The NSS cell took the initiative to educate pupils by organizing Leprosy Education, Rehabilitation and Treatment Campaign by an NGO ALERT - INDIA on 7th July 2015 which enlightened almost 550 students. The prime focus of this program was to focus on the causes of leprosy, signs and symptoms and how to overcome it by simple and effective treatment. Donor cards were issued by Alert India and the college holds an incredible record in the academic year 2014-2015 by collecting 70,000 INR and donating it to ALERT - INDIA.

Pulse Polio Drive was held from 21st June to 25th June. Thirty students helped for the success of this drive and it was an enriching experience for the students.

Also a free Dental Check-up was conducted for the students on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015, Wednesday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Dr. Rajan Yadav from Yerla Medical College along with his team of doctors had

visited and examined around 130 students along with supporting and teaching staff of the college.

The N.S.S. Planning for the year 2015-16 was held for all the colleges across Raigad district on 8th July 2015. The college warmly welcomed 44 program officers who had participated from 33 different colleges across Raigad district. Prof. B.S. Bidve (NSS PC, University of Mumbai), Prof. Anis Choudhury (NSS Co-ordinator, NSS cell, University of Mumbai), Dr. S.R. Kanhekar (NSS District Co-ordinator, Raigad), Mr. Ramesh Deokar (NSS Program Officer, NSS cell, University of Mumbai), Dr. S.D. Tupare, Dr. B.G. Rajbhoj, Prof. V.M. Thigale (NSS Area Co-ordinator, Raigad) were the esteemed speakers. Various issues were discussed like Women Empowerment, Swachh Bharat program, road safety program, dental check-ups etc.

N.S.S. in association with Youth for Global Peace & Transformation (YGPT), a social NGO invited Dr. Vineet Agrawal for a Career Guidance Session on Thursday,

### DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

Guest lectures were conducted for T.Y.B.M.S. in the subject of Human Resource Management by Prof. Praveen Nagal, Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility by Dr. Rahul Chopra on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

Guest lectures were conducted for T.Y.B.M.S. in the subjects of Financial Management by Dr. Richa Jain and Special Studies in Marketing by Dr. Poonam Kakkad on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.

Guest lectures were conducted for T.Y.B.M.S. in the subjects of Special Studies in Finance by Dr. Hanumant Rao on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015.

### SPORTS NEWS



College of Arts, Commerce and Science Football team has created history by becoming the First Navi Mumbai College to win the prestigious Mumbai University Inter-Collegiate Football Championship. A truly great achievement as they came first out of the more than 200 colleges who participated in the tournament. Sandesh Pathran, captain of the team stressed, "Team spirit and years of hard work were responsible for us winning the tournament". Dr. Daphne Pillai, Principal, Pillai College of Arts, Commerce and Science, commented, "We are truly very proud of the whole team. They promised us that they would win the tournament this year and practiced day and night to attain their goal. They truly deserve to be Champions."

PCACS Volleyball (Men) team retained the Runners-up title Inter Collegiate Volleyball Championship, University of Mumbai for the second consecutive year. The tournament was conducted at Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai Campus from 2nd to 5th October, 2015.

### GUIDANCE LECTURES HELP THE STUDENTS TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE FROM THE INDUSTRY EXPERTS. A SERIES OF SUCH LECTURES WERE ORGANIZED

- The 'Department of Commerce' invited Prin. Dr. Madhu Nair, Dean, Faculty of Commerce, Mumbai University to guide the students on the topic "MHMR & Export Marketing" on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015.
- Department of Accounts invited Mr. Yogesh Patil, S. K. Somaiya College of Commerce on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 to enlighten the students on "Financial Accounting and Taxation".
- Department of Economics organized a lecture on "Business Economics" by Dr.G.K. Kalkoti, Member, BOS



(Economics) and HOD (Economics) Nagindas Khandwala College, Malad.

Ankita Kathayat, student of the college was selected to represent the University at West Zone Inter-University Volleyball Tournament for Women 2015-16 to be held at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University.

Riya Pillai, M. Com(Part-I) student bagged 7th position in the National Ranking.

Tejas Karale, T.Y. B.Com. student won Gold Medal in "Gun for Glory National Rifle Shooting Championship" held at Pune in September 2015.



Kiran Jadhav won Gold at 3rd West Zone Rifle Shooting Competition held at Worli, Mumbai, MRA Range in October 2015. And he also won Silver medal in "Gun for Glory Rifle Shooting Championship at Pune", in Jr. Men 10 meter Rifle in September 2015.

Nikhil Poojary, PCACS student got selected in the Indian Under 23 years

Football Team.



Mr. Rahul Bheke, our alumnus (B.Com and M.Com) is currently bided by Kerala Blasters owned by Mr. Sachin Tendulkar for the ISL - 2015, Season 2 Tournament.



## SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

### DEPARTMENT OF I.T. & C.S.



One day Faculty development programme on "Installation, configuration and usage of MOODLE" was held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. Resource person for the programme was Dr. Satish Kumar Varma, faculty - Pillai Institute of Information Technology, New Panvel.



The department organized a Job Fest, in association with SEED IMS, Vashi on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2015. The aim of this fest was to give another placement opportunity to students of 2013-14 and 2014-15 batches. It was open to other colleges as well. There was a good response by students from all over Navi Mumbai. The following companies participated in it:-

- 3i Infotech
  - Eclinicalworks
  - Technologies
  - ACS Computers
- Cappgemini  
Thyrocare



Workshop on "LINUX Administration" was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, August 2015 for T.Y.B.Sc. (I.T.) students. Subject experts were invited from SEED Infotech, Vashi.

### DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTANCY

Guest lectures and Guidance lectures are regularly conducted to boost confidence of students and motivate them towards the examination at college and university level. During the first term for third year students, guidance lectures were conducted in the subject of Financial Management, Cost Accounting and Financial Accounting V on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. The experts were Prof. Naikar Raju Bala and Prof. Ashok Sawant from SIES College, Sion.

The department organized certificate course on "Tally ERP9" for the Commerce students in coordination with Shaahu Institute of Information Technology, New Panvel (Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited). The course was scheduled from 14th October, 2015 and was conducted for 120 hours. Upon successful completion of the course the students would be awarded with the certificates from the Institute and the mark sheet from Yashwant Rao Chavan Open University (YCMOU).

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Prof Kavitha Baddi was awarded for The Best Research Paper in National Conference on the topic "Management of Non-Performing assets with reference to State Bank of India" on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 organized by B.M.S. Department in association with Department of I.T. & C.S. Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science, New Panvel.

Ms. Shradha Kulkarni, Assistant Professor (Department of I.T.), bagged the Best Paper Award in the National Conference based on the theme "A Tribute to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam: India Vision 2020". It was organized by the Department of Management Studies, Information Technology and Computer Science of PCACS College on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

Dr. Kumidini Das was selected for participating in 3rd Asian Population Association Conference at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and present Oral Presentation on the topic "Incongruence and differentials in reporting death of the child by the couples in India" on 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.

### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MARKETS



A Bridge course was conducted in the Subject of Financial Accounts from 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 to 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 for those First Year students.

One Day workshop on Technical Analysis was organized for the students on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. Mrs Ashmita Patel of Alchemysta Trading was invited for the Workshop.

The department invited its alumni Mr. Ashyag Kumbhar a Sub Stock Broker



to deliver a lecture on Derivatives Markets 'Futures & Options Trading' for our Final Year Students on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

The department conducted guidance lecture by inviting Guest Lecturers from different colleges to guide the Final year students of Semester V in subjects like Global Capital markets, Foreign Exchange Markets, Regulations of Securities Markets, and Derivatives Markets etc. on 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

N.S.S Unit organized a mega Blood Donation Camp on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. The college invited Lions Club, Indian Red cross society, St. George's Hospital, J.J. Hospital and Nair Hospital blood banks for setting up the camp. Every year the college is breaking its own record in blood donation. This year the college has collected 528 blood bottles (Nair Blood Bank - 101 bottles, St. George's Blood Bank - 124 bottles, J.J Metro Blood Bank - 156 bottles and Red cross - 147 bottles) compared to last year record of 328 blood bottles in the entire Raigad district.

Save Electricity Campaign was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. N.S.S volunteers prepared posters on Save Electricity and displayed it in various corners like canteen area, library, and corridor of the college to bring awareness about the importance of saving electricity.

N.S.S. conducted a seminar on "SATARK - MAREEZ HAQ ABHIYAAN" (patient's rights) on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. The speaker Miss. Masooma, who is working for an NGO, discussed various benefits available under the scheme for treatment of poor patients by corporate and private hospitals.

The Mega Walkathon initiative was supported by Hon Dr. Ashok Mehta, Ex-Sheriff of Mumbai, who joined the participants from Lions Club, Pillai College, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015.

### HUMANITARIAN STRIDES

Our NSS team bagged First Prize in Raigad District for donating 517 blood bottles, which was considered highest among the many which were collected and donated. The NSS Co-ordinator Mr. Shahab Rizvi received the award for the same from the Honourable Vice Chancellor of The University of Mumbai.



### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Department of I.T. & C.S. in association with The Department of Management Studies organized a National Conference on "A Tribute to Dr. A.P.J. Kalam : India Vision 2020" on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. The Chief Guest for the conference was Dr. M.A. Khan, Registrar-University of Mumbai. The Key speaker of the day was Dr. Satish Nair - professor at Nirmala University and IIM, Ahmedabad. The Guest of Honor, Dr. T.P. Madhu Nair - EX-Dean Mumbai University and Principal of Nirmala Memorial Foundation College and the Chairpersons who headed the sessions



were Dr. Elizabeth Mathew - Vice Principal, CKT College, Panvel, Prof. Hiren Dand - BOS member of CS, University of Mumbai, Prof. Srivarmangai R. BOS member of IT, University of Mumbai.

### BOOKS GALORE

Learning Resource Centre celebrated "Librarian's Day" and organized "Book Exhibition" on 12th and 13th August, 2015 to commemorate the 123rd Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, Father of Indian Library Science. Dr. Seema Somani, Library Committee In-Charge was the Chief Guest of this function. She inaugurated and highlighted that a book exhibition activity will help students to know about new titles and authors and it gives an opportunity to participate in college library collection development. More than 2000 titles were displayed by Readers World, Mumbai in this book exhibition and it had around 1000 visitors.



### POSTER EXHIBITION ON CLEANLINESS

On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015, the members of Nature Club took initiative to make people aware to keep the area clean. Different posters were prepared by the members about our environment.

### KEEP IT CLEAN



The Swachh Bharat Abhyan is making news on every channel, so Pillaites decided to contribute to the same. Nature Club organized Cleanliness Drive on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Panvel Station. People were made aware about the importance of cleanliness through Street plays and slogans. There was very good response from the commuters.

### PARENT-TEACHER MEET

The college has organized a Parent-Teacher Meeting for all the streams during the first term. The purpose of this meet is to provide a structure through which the parents/guardians of students work together for the best possible education and welfare of their students.



## CULTURAL ENDEAVOURS

Student Council is a student led body that endeavours to organize programs that provide a platform for showcasing the hidden talent. All the First year students were welcomed through "Fresher's Day" which was celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 with great gusto. "Mr and Miss" Fresh Face pageant was held too.



"Dance is the art of pulling your feet faster than your partner can step on them". It's a passion and our dance team made us proud as they were the winners at the Inter-collegiate competition organized by JYM Mehta College, Airoli. A total of 12 teams

Friends for Forever was proved with the program "Yaariyan", put together by the Student Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2015. Some mesmerising performances were witnessed.

## ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

With an aim to encourage the students to voice out their opinions and be confident in public speaking and to improve their skills and critical thinking a Debate Competition was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 on the topic "Foreign Investment in India"



A helping hand extended will always bring blessings in return. Students of Economics Association visited an orphanage 'Swargdwar' in which they donated stationery and chocolates to the children on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015.

A detailed talk on the Kargil War was given to the students on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 by Retd. Major Vinay Degaonkar.

The pen is always said to be mightier than a sword. To test the writing ability of the students an Essay Writing competition was conducted on the topic "Rising food prices in India and Greece Crisis" on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

## COMPUTER ASSOCIATION

Technical Poster Making event was conducted with an intention to up bring the students' research, presentation skills and photography competition on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The students were to click pictures of the nature around the college premises. There were 72 students who took part in the competition. Judgment was done on the basis of timing of the photography. Winners for the said event were:

Winners: Nikita Mhatre and group  
Piyash Jagtap and group  
Pranav Chaudhari and group

## NATURE AT ITS BEST

The Nature club of our college has taken many social initiatives by utilizing the student vitality. It started with a photography competition on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The students were to click pictures of the nature around the college premises. There were 72 students who took part in the competition. Judgment was done on the basis of timing of the photography. Winners for the said event were:

Camera photography- Ms Aishwarya Sridhar  
Mobile photography -Ms. Amruta Sathe

Here at Pilla's we believe that the student's inner talent should be nurtured. The University of Mumbai held the 48<sup>th</sup> Inter-Collegiate Youth Festival, 2015 and our students showcased their outstanding talent and made us proud by bringing back a host of laurels.

Hindi Skit- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
Hindi One Act Play- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
Marathi One Act Play- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
Western Solo - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize  
Indian Group Song- Consolation Prize  
Sharanya Pillai, student of S.Y. B.Com. A/F, was selected for National level in 48<sup>th</sup> University Fest in the category 'classical solo dance'  
Akshay Kamble of S.Y.B.M.S. won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Accompanist.

## BITFEST



Student led festivals are the best platform for students to display their intelligence and creativity. It also moulds them to become future leaders and managers. The IT department held "BITFEST" on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015. The fest had various events like digital poster making, coding competition, Need For Speed Most Wanted, Counter Strike 1.6, Dota 2, Treasure Hunt, RC Track Racing, Digital Poster Making, The coder, o- treasure hunt. A seminar was also conducted on Career guidance by TCS Ignite. .

Ms. Deepika Sharma, Head of the department of I.T. & C.S., Ms. Padmaja Ganti, and Ms. Shubhangi Pawar, attended "INDUSTRY - ACADEMIA SUMMIT : ASCEND 2015" at WIPRO, Powai on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. Our college was felicitated for outstanding contribution to Industry-Academia partnership by Mr. Rajeev Kumar (Global Head - Campus Hiring, Wipro)

Expert lectures were conducted for T.Y. B.Sc.(I.T) students in the subject of Asp. Net and Linux.

## MARATHI ASSOCIATION

Marathi Vangamayi Mandal of Pilla's College of Arts, Commerce and Science had organized "Article writing competition" on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015, to inculcate creative thinking and develop the literary skills among the students. The competition was conducted in Marathi. The topics shortlisted for the competition were "Lahan kutumb sukhi kutumb", "Andhashradha- ek Shaap", "Andhashradha hi samajala lagleli kid", "Andhashradheche Nirmulan", "College life", "Mobile Vidhyarthiyacha mitra ki shatru".

## Winners of the competition

Harshali Avinash Tandel F.Y.B.Com. (First)  
Neha S. Tambe F.Y.B.Com. (Second)

## Sayalash Tandel F.Y.B.Com. (Third)

To give a platform for the students to develop and showcase their talent in singing, the Association organized Marathi Singing Competition on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

## Winners:

Stalin S.Y.B.M.M. (First)  
Anjali Nair F.Y.B.Com 'B' (Second)

## MOTIVATING STRESS-FREE WORKSHOPS FOR ACADEMICIAN:

Staff colloquium/Staff welfare and faculty development cell announced a "stress free week between 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015 to 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

A session on achieving increased energy levels, efficiency in productivity, learn simple and advanced techniques to teach was organized for the staff on the 2<sup>nd</sup>



September, 2015. The session was headed by Neha Rohra.

A session on "Romancing with the stress for teachers and staff for smooth day to day operations" by Mr. Sanjay Rahate was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 2015.

A staff get together was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 between 11.00am-1.30pm in the auditorium which included screening of movie followed by refreshments.

## WORD PLAY

To develop the ability to analyze controversies, select and evaluate evidence, construct and refute arguments, 'Block and Tackle' Competition was conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. Block and Tackle is a turncoat debate on a faster track. Whenever the participant hears the instruction "Block" he / she has to go for the motion and as the participant hears "Tackle" he / she has to go against the motion. The speaker can be blocked and tackled any number of times. The students were allowed to pick their topics from the lots and speak on the spot. The competition witnessed students' participants from all the streams.

The winners of the competition were: Jayesh S.Y.B.M.M. First  
Rohan T.Y.B.M.M. Second



## BIOTECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION

The Biotechnology Association hosted a debate competition on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2015, on the topic "Gender equality and disparity". The event was adjudged by Mrs. E. Juliet Esther Prasanna, and Mrs. Bindu Rajaguru. Miss. Poonam Joshi acted as moderator for the event. The team which spoke for 'gender equality' was declared as winners. The best speakers



Ms. Amruta Suresh and Mr. Santhosh Kumar were also awarded.

## FELCITATION BY LIONS CLUB NAVI MUMBAI

Lions Club, Navi Mumbai, felicitated Prof. Shabab Rizvi for his remarkable contribution to the society and the positive changes he initiated for the betterment of the society. The said event was conducted in Navi Mumbai on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.



## FIELD VISIT TO COMMON EFFLUENT TREATMENT PLANT (CETP)

The Department of Biotechnology conducted a field visit for the students from T.Y.B.Sc as a part of their curriculum to the Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP), MIDC, Khairane on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. A total of 50 students accompanied by two faculty members went for the visit. Students were given a detailed explanation about the working of the effluent treatment plant. Students were highly motivated to contribute towards protecting the environment. Students were encouraged to participate in various training programs related to the waste water treatment. team looks forward to make it a habit.