

# PUSHPANJALI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

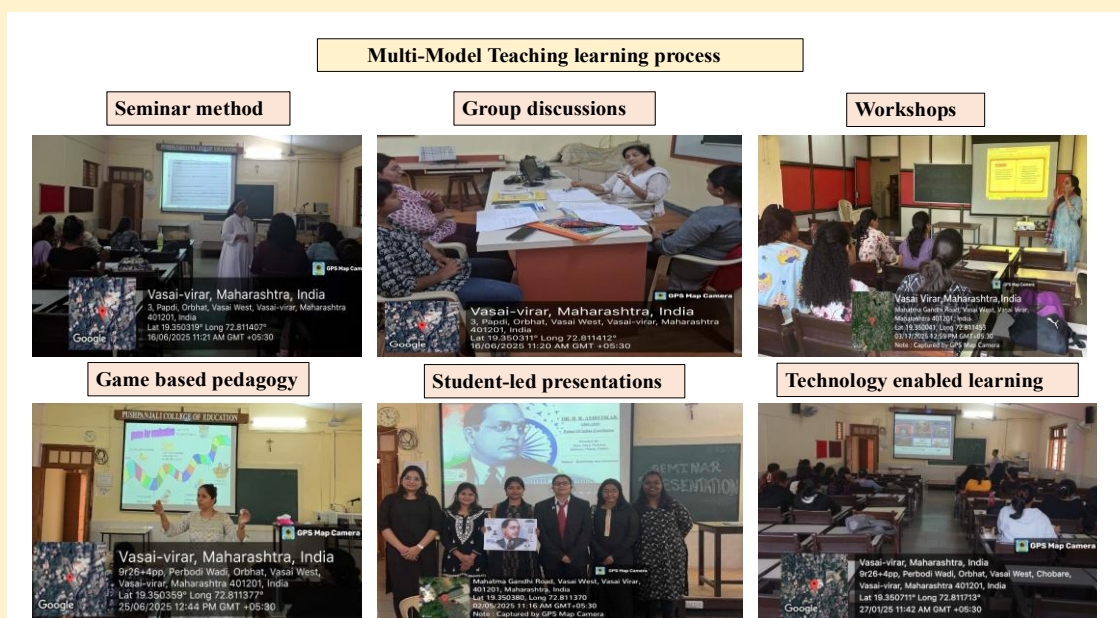
## ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

### University Results 2022-24

“Success is the result of hard work, dedication, and perseverance.” Pushpanjali College of Education proudly celebrates the remarkable University results of the Batch of 2023–25, achieving an impressive **96.30% success rate**. Among the achievers, **6 students secured A+ grades, 18 secured A grades, and 1 secured a B+ grade**. At the forefront of this achievement, **Bliss Charles Dsouza** secured the **first rank with a CGPA of 9.56 (A+ grade)**, followed by **Snigdha Bhuian** with **9.28 (A+ grade)** in second place, and **Ms. Naomi Dias** with **9.22 (A+ grade)** in third place. The college congratulates all students on their exceptional performance and wishes them greater success in the future.

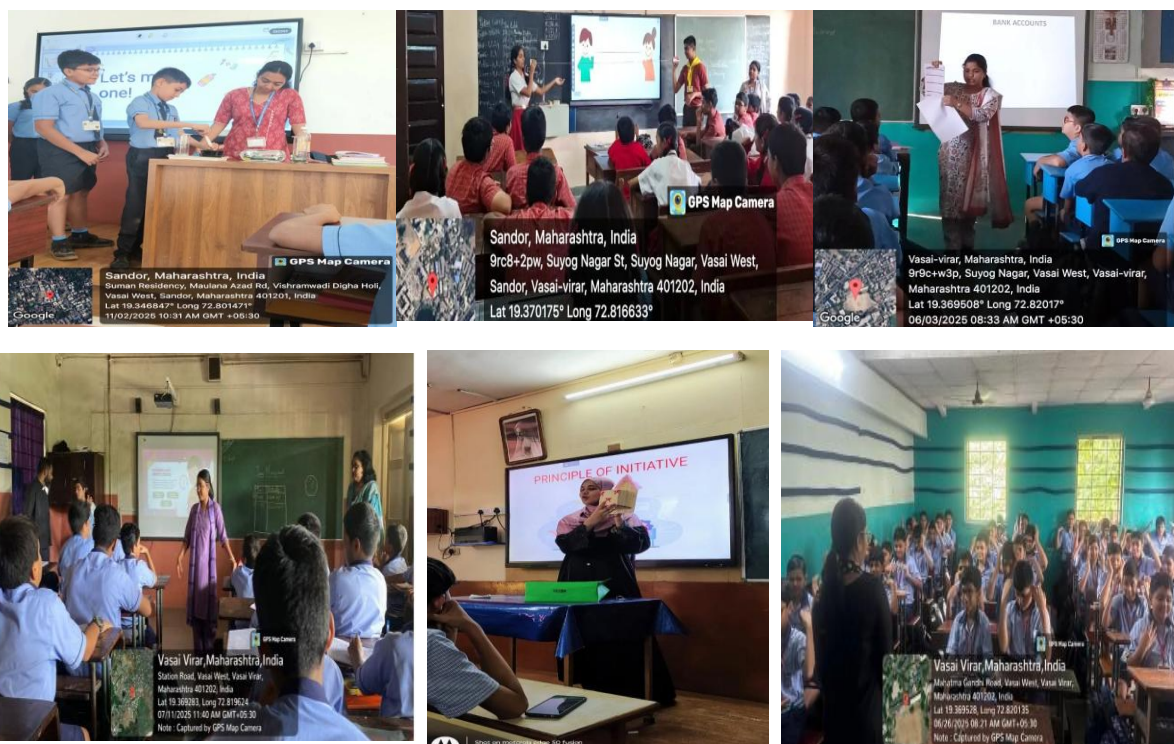
### Curricular Programmes

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” Guided by this belief, Pushpanjali College of Education fostered learning through immersive experiences tailored to the needs of students. Over the year, a wide range of activities enriched the academic journey—interactive lectures, digital and AI-based learning, field visits, student-led seminars, workshops, and expert sessions. Faculty members adopted diverse strategies to address different learning styles, ensuring every learner could thrive. Learning Management Systems like Google Classroom and Canvas enabled 24x7 access to resources, while the college library blog provided valuable academic materials. Remedial classes further supported students by clarifying doubts and bridging gaps, creating a truly holistic and inclusive learning environment



The well-planned and **systematically organized Internship Programme** served as an invaluable platform for student-teachers to apply and refine their skills. They gained hands-on experience in delivering effective lessons, managing classrooms, conducting assessments, and engaging students even during proxy lectures. As part of the programme, students also undertook action research and organized meaningful sessions on Career Guidance, Digital Detox, Time Management and Stress Management for school students, while actively assisting in co-curricular activities. We extend our sincere gratitude to all our internship schools for their constant support and to the school teachers who mentored our student-teachers, offering valuable guidance in classroom management. The programme was ably coordinated by **Ms. Sonia Bombacha** - faculty in-charge of internship, whose efforts ensured its smooth and impactful execution.

**Child-centered. Activity- based technology enabled, constructivist learning**





Workshop on practical experiences.  
Nothing ever becomes real till it is experienced.' – John Keats



“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I shall learn.” – Benjamin Franklin

Aligned with this vision, the college organized a series of workshops and experiential learning opportunities for its students by our **faculty members**. Internal sessions on **Learning Objectives, Content Mapping, Content Enrichment, Lesson Planning, Classroom Teaching Skills, Preparation of Learning Resources, and Assessment of Learning** were coordinated by **Dr. Sheetal Chaudhari** with the support of the faculty. **Dr. Agnes D'costa** conducted an insightful workshop on *Puppetry in Education*, while **Ms. Sonia Bombacha** facilitated sessions on *Game-Based Pedagogy* and *Advance Organizers*. **Ms. Steffi Colaco** led a workshop on *Individualized Instruction Plans*, and **Ms. Sanika Asolkar** introduced *Differentiated Instruction*. Additionally, collaborative workshops on *Textbook Analysis* and *Drama and Art in Education* were conducted by all faculty members, enriching the students' learning experience.

### Cocurricular Activities

Vibrant co-curricular activities added colour and depth to academic learning, helping teachers nurture confident and dynamic personalities. The college provided a platform for students to showcase their skills and creativity through a wide range of events. Cultural and religious festivals such as Christmas, Ganesh Utsav, Dussehra, Diwali, Makar Sankranti, Easter, and Eid were celebrated with great enthusiasm, with a focus on the values and traditions they represent. Theme-based assemblies and competitions captured the true spirit of each occasion, while food stalls during Diwali highlighted the culinary talents of the students. The eco-friendly Ganesha-making activity emerged as a key attraction of Ganesh Utsav, and the Christmas tableau and carol singing brought festive cheer to the campus. National days of pride such as Republic Day and Independence Day were celebrated in collaboration with sister institutions, featuring flag hoisting,

patriotic songs, and inspiring speeches. Additionally, observances such as Constitution Day, Gandhi Jayanti, and Ambedkar Jayanti were marked by meaningful presentations on their enduring relevance. The co-curricular initiatives were successfully coordinated under the guidance of Ms. Steffi Colaco and Ms. Sanika Asolkar, In-charge faculty members of co-curricular activities. From January 2025, Ms. Sonia Bombacha took charge of co-curricular activities alongside Ms. Sanika Asolkar, ensuring effective coordination and enthusiastic student participation.

The academic year was marked by several significant celebrations and student initiatives that enriched campus life. On **1<sup>st</sup> October 2024**, *Pushpanjali Day* was celebrated to honour the Feast of St. Thérèse, the patroness of the college. Students presented a moving enactment of her life, highlighting her deep faith, humility, and devotion to God through her “Little Way” of love and selflessness—an inspiring reminder of her timeless legacy of simplicity and dedication. **Guru Purnima** and **Teachers’ Day** were commemorated through special assemblies that paid tribute to teachers and their noble role in shaping generations. On **26<sup>th</sup> November 2024**, the *Talent Display* provided a vibrant platform for **F.Y.B.Ed. students** to showcase their creativity and skills, impressing all with their performances in singing, dancing, acting, art, culinary delights, paintings, and more.



Co-curricular Activities



The **Annual Sports Meet**, held on **7<sup>th</sup> December 2024**, was a lively celebration of athleticism, enthusiasm, and camaraderie. The event was graced by the presence of **Respected Principal Sr. Delicia Fernandes**, and **Chief Guest Dr. Joan Lopes**, an esteemed alumnus of the college and Assistant Professor at STIE. Students showcased their sporting spirit through a variety of **track and field events**, while indoor competitions in **carrom and chess** added further excitement.



Sports Day



The **Investiture Ceremony of the Student Council (2024–26 batch)** was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024. It was conducted with dignity and pride, marking the formal induction of the first-year students into leadership roles. Council members took their oath of office and received their badges from **Principal Sr. Delicia Fernandes**, pledging to serve with responsibility and integrity. The **outgoing Student Council (2023–25 batch)** conducted an inspiring assembly on the theme “The Power of Purpose”, where **Ms. Vijol Rodrigues** and **Ms. Naomi Dias** addressed the newly formed council, emphasizing its vital role in the smooth functioning of the college.



Another landmark occasion of the academic year was the **Degree Distribution Ceremony for the Batch of 2022–2023**, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 with dignity and pride. Our Chief Guest for the day was **Dr. Swiddle D’Cunha**, Principal of Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce and Science. The event began with a solemn prayer service, followed by the distribution of degrees to the graduates in recognition of their dedication and achievements. Inspiring words from the dignitaries highlighted the values of hard work, community service, and lifelong learning. The

ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, marking a proud milestone for the graduates as they stepped forward to embrace new journeys and opportunities.



## Outreach Programmes

**Volunteering Activities:** Students regularly volunteered at charitable organisations such as orphanages, homes for the aged and centres for the differently abled. They organized entertainment programmes and assisted the residents with their tasks under the supervision of the center in charge. Senior citizens were assisted in their physiotherapy exercises. Some of the institutions where students have worked during the outreach programmes were Kinjal Charitable Trust Home for the aged, Handmaids of the Blessed Trintiy Orphanage, Umed Foundation for Handicapped, Paranubhuti foundation.



**Beach Cleanliness Drive:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, Beach clean drive was organized by Luna Story Foundation led by Mr. Lisbon Ferrao and Ms. Zuzzana Ferrao. 2<sup>nd</sup> of October is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti Diwas as it marks the birthday of the Father of our Nation Mahatma Gandhi. Various schools across vasai were a part of the cleanliness drive on that day. Our F.Y.B.Ed students of the batch 2024-26 volunteered for beach cleanliness drive. There was a spirit of enthusiasm and oneness among everyone present there. Mr. Lisbon along with the local municipality authorities had planned for cleanliness of different areas of the beach. Our students wholeheartedly were a part of the drive.



**Remedial Teaching activities:** The F.Y.B. Ed of the batch 2024-26 students planned to teach school students from their community. They planned for various activities teaching basic grammar and writing skills, basic arithmetic operations. Some of them also taught basic art work and computer skills. The students planned their activities to have one on one face to face interactions with the children. Some of the students helped the children of their daily helpers, househelps etc. The students visited St. Elizabeth Convent School, Holi to render help to the school girls with their homework and daily routine. The students planned various activities across different age groups and grades. They planned for basic grammar lessons and simple mathematical operations to be taught to the students. They also conducted a session on basic digital literacy for the girls of St. Elizabeth convent. They highlighted and emphasized on the importance of sanitation and hygiene to the students of the school.



**Volunteering at Special Schools:** The students of F.Y.B.Ed of the batch 2024-26 visited St. Xaviers English High School, Naigaon to celebrate International Disability Day organized by Abhang Bhavan. Various Schools were present to celebrate the event. The day began with a prayer service conducted by the students of St. Xaviers School. Our F.Y.B.Ed students planned for action songs and group performances. Ms. Jean Lemos was in charge for anchoring of the event. The day was full of dances and engaging games for the special children. Our students Warner Dsouza and Father Akhil performed action songs for the students, who thoroughly enjoyed their day.



**Plastic Waste Collection Drive:** Mr. Santosh Kakad from Save the Earth Foundation visited our college for the Plastic waste collection drive organized for the students. The students were informed one month prior to clean and store empty plastic cartons, wrappers, bottles, and boxes that are produced as waste in their daily usage. They were informed to bring the collected material to college on 11<sup>th</sup> December 24. Mr. Kakad gave an insightful talk on the importance of plastic recycling and reusing. Save the Earth foundation recycles plastic wrappers and bottles into useful materials like tiles, decorative showpieces, handbags etc. The students actively participated and collected all the material in college. Mr. Santosh also gave informative measures to reduce plastic consumption in daily lives by using eco- friendly materials. It was indeed a successful initiative and our students felt proud to be a part of help for Save the Earth Foundation.



**World AIDS Day:** AIDS is a public health issue and solidarity in the face of this issue is significant. On 1 Dec 2024, students participated in a rally wherein they created general awareness about AIDS and the precautions to be taken to avoid getting infected by HIV. Slogans were raised to generate awareness. The rally aimed at raising awareness about HIV/AIDS, advocating for better healthcare access, and reducing the stigma surrounding the disease. Later, during the college assembly, **Fr Akhil** provided further context, emphasizing the ongoing public health implications of HIV/AIDS and the significance of global solidarity in addressing this challenge.



### Prizes won at Intercollegiate competitions

A dynamic group of seven F.Y.B.Ed. and S.Y.B.Ed. students secured the First Prize for the compelling street play at Planit-E Fest hosted by St. Teresa Institute of Education. Ms. Maria Dabre was honoured with the First Prize for her outstanding documentary on Eco-tourism. Fr. Akhil, Mr. Warner Dsouza and Ms. Rupal Pereira won the Third Place for their creative “Songversation.” Students bagged the Second Place at *Adeste Fideles*, the Christmas Carol competition held at St. Xavier’s Institute of Education on 9th December 2025. The S.Y.B.Ed. students of Mathematics Pedagogy showcased an innovative teaching aid on “Assessment as Learning” vs. “Assessment of Learning” at the National Science Day Competition organized by HBCSE–TIFR, Mumbai. The F.Y.B.Ed. students participated in *PRAYAS 2025*, the intercollegiate festival hosted by St. Xavier’s Institute of Education. Ms. Bliss Dsouza and Ms. Anciya Colaco represented the college at the Annual Teresian Treasure Trove at Lourdes Convent High School held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 with their teaching aid on Environmental Stewardship.



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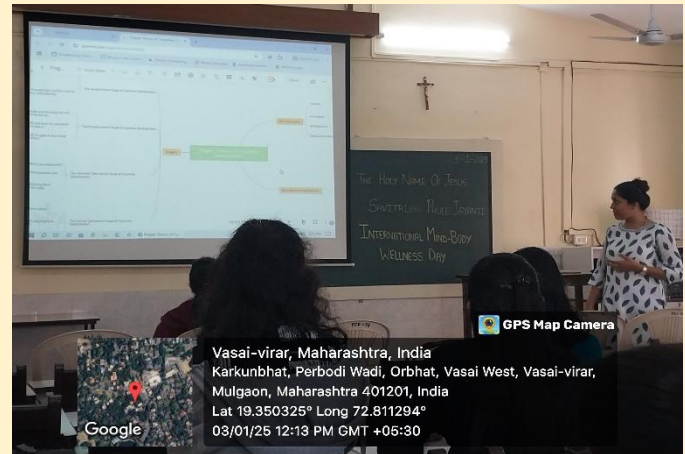
### Value Added Courses

**(i) Value added Course on E Content development:** The course was held from 3<sup>rd</sup> October -23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2024. Students of SYBED were resource persons for sessions on creating E books, Padlet, Video editing, Wordwall for evaluation, use of E discussion Boards, use of Canva for art work and Kahoot for quizzes. Dr Agnes Dcosta coordinated the course.



### **(ii) Value Added Course on Apps in**

**Education:** The course was held from 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan-16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025. Students of FYBED were the participants. The content included AI Tools, Creating Mindmaps, Creating Crosswords with Crossword Labs, Exploring OERs through DIKSHA, Exploring Virtual laboratory Olabs, Creating Educational games with Educaplay, Classtools.net and Creating interactive worksheets on Worksheetzone.org.



### **(iii) Value Added Course on Mental Health of Secondary School Students:**

Ms Sanika Asolkar effectively coordinated the course. It was held in Blended Mode from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025. Students accessed modules related to different aspects of mental health of adolescents. These modules were prepared based on Manodarpan, an initiative of Ministry of India under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. Canvas.instructure was used as the LMS to share resource material in form of videos, pdfs, discussion exercises and quizzes.



### **(iv) Value Added Course on Communication Skills:**

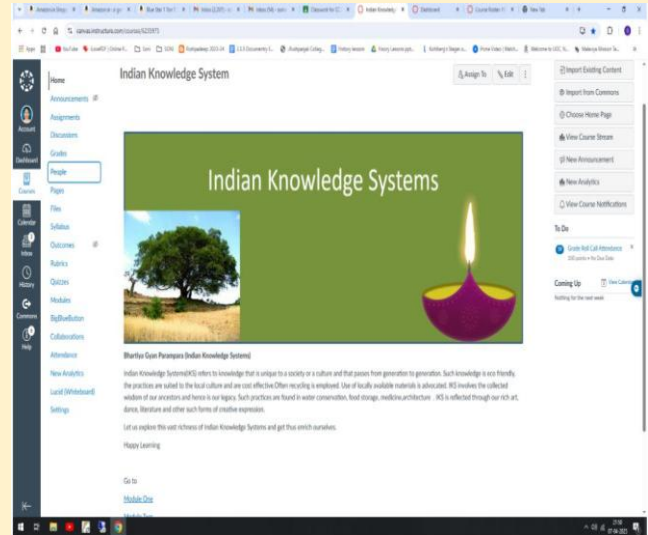
Sr Delicia Fernandes and Ms Steffi Colaco coordinated a course on Communication Skills. The course aimed at improve listening, public speaking, writing, and interpersonal skills while fostering confidence in diverse communication scenarios. The activities focused on developing clarity, tone, and articulation in speech, effective use of body language, gestures, and facial expressions and structuring written communication through emails, reports, and other professional documents like one's resume. Dr Cerena Dcunha, Associate Professor at St Teresa's



College of Education conducted a course from 17<sup>th</sup> March- 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 on English Grammar Pro-Beginners to Advanced.

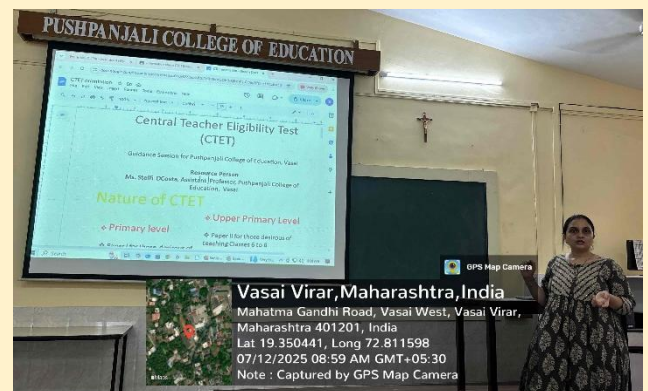
### v) MOOC ON IKS

Ms. Sonia Bombacha successfully conducted a value-added course on Indian Knowledge systems online via Canva platform from 3rd February 2025 -22nd February 2025. The course was structured into four comprehensive modules, each comprising of informative videos, detailed articles, and a quiz at the end of the module. The course aimed at enriching the participants understanding of India's rich and diverse traditional knowledge systems. Upon completion of the course, all participants attempted the final quiz. The students were awarded certificates, acknowledging their successful participation and understanding of the subject.



### TET Training for F.Y.B.Ed. students

Students who had registered for Central TET were oriented about the nature of the examination. They were guided on various aspects of the TET. Ms Steffi Colaco conducted sessions to revise various content-based questions related to the TET syllabus. Material for revision was posted on the Google classroom. The students studied in peer circle to prepare for the competitive exam.



### Street Play workshop

A **Street Play Workshop** was held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025, facilitated by **Mr. Juran Lopes** and **Mr. Maxwell Rose** who are experienced in the field of Street Play. The engaging session introduced students to the art of street theatre as a compelling medium for creating social awareness and driving change. The resource persons demonstrated essential techniques such as **voice modulation, expressive body language, and improvisation** to effectively engage audiences. Students actively



participated in practical exercises that helped them build **confidence, teamwork, and creative expression**.

## Indian Knowledge Systems:

### Workshop on Yoga

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, a Yoga Workshop in collaboration with Patanjali Yog Samiti was organized on 21st June 2025. Mr. Balwant Jain served as the resource person for the session, highlighting the importance of proper breathing techniques, asanas, and diet for holistic well-being. Students also practiced various asanas under the guidance of members from the *Patanjali Yog Samiti*, experiencing the benefits of yoga firsthand concluding the session with a renewed sense of balance, inner peace, and commitment to a healthier lifestyle.



### Visit to National English High School

On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025, students visited National English High School to observe the various aspects of the school. They saw how every inch of space can be converted to a learning niche. Ms Gaurangini Kulkarni Shetty oriented the students. Later she conducted a workshop on Charged Classrooms where students learned different ways to have dynamic and energized classrooms and how to make learning fun across different subjects.



## IQAC Initiatives

### Workshop on Brain Based Teaching Strategies for school and college teachers

A workshop on Brain-based teaching strategies was organized in Pushpanjali College of Education. Mr Willibrord George an experienced educationist with expertise in the use of AI in education. Teachers from various schools in Vasai and Teacher Education Faculty attended the workshop. Mr Willibrord had an energetic start to the session. It was interactive wherein he emphasized on the use of AI for classroom communication. He oriented the teachers on the use of MetaAI constructively for planning of teaching-learning activities. He interacted with the attendees of the workshop on various levels and encouraged active participation of both the teachers and students in the classroom. The workshop was an energetic and enriching experience for all the teachers



### Faculty Development Initiatives

Dr. Cynthia D'costa, our faculty member, conducted a session for all the faculty members on effective use of AI in Research on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024. She oriented the faculty on different sources of finding synopsis, thesis, and research materials on pertinent topics. Dr. Cynthia highlighted the effective use of AI for literature review, citation, data analysis, writing editing and publishing. It was indeed a helpful session for all the faculty members.



Sr. Delicia Fernandes, Principal of Pushpanjali College of Education, conducted a brief orientation for the non-teaching faculty on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. She inducted them on the mission and values of the college and restated the importance of their daily support roles, clarified their daily routine and updated responsibilities. Sr Delicia oriented them for adherence to safety and conduct protocols of the college.



Dr. Cindrella Dmello, Professor at STIE conducted a session for the faculty members on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 on Writing Effective Research Papers. Dr. Cindrella provided valuable insights on effective research in education. She guided the new faculty members regarding the various AI tools and platforms that can be helpful for effective research.



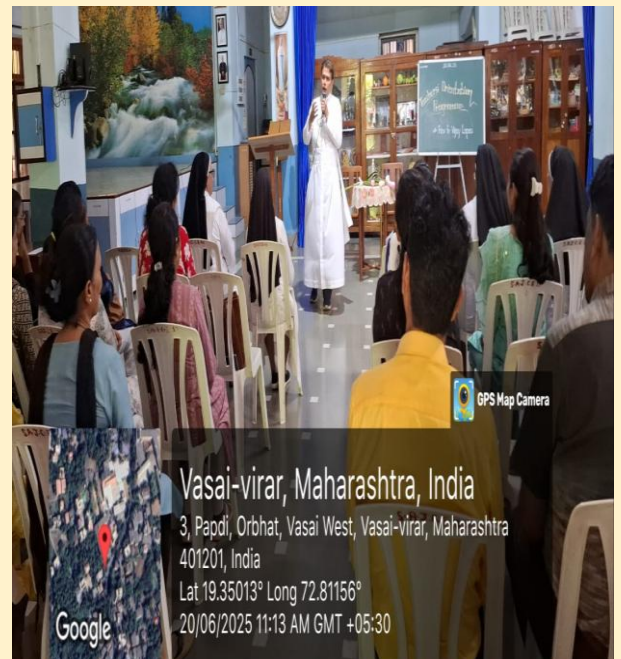
Dr Giselle Dsouza, Principal of STIE conducted a workshop for the faculty members on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 on the topic “Positive Intelligence”. Dr. Giselle effectively highlighted the importance of nurturing a positive mindset and its benefits in our daily lives. She emphasized on the importance of ‘sages’ and how to manage ‘saboteurs’ for positive mindset and its importance in the life of a teacher. The session was an enriching experience for the faculty members.



On the onset of the new academic year, a Teacher's Orientation Programme was held at Carmelite Convent English High School on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The key speaker for the day was Fr. Joye Thomas. The Principal of Carmelite Convent English High School formally welcomed the key speaker. Fr Joye emphasized on the importance of awareness among teachers. He explained how awareness is connected with having a deeper understanding. He believed having knowledge is not enough, as a teacher one must be aware of the consequences of knowledge. Fr Joye spoke about the various components of Emotional Intelligence. He also elaborated on different parenting styles, and how each style has its impact on the development of the child. "Awareness is Healing" was an important message he tried to instill among teachers. He encouraged all the teachers as Carmelite educators to be pilgrims of hope and upholders of the constitutional values of the institution.



Education is the most powerful instrument for social transformation. It helps students develop their personalities and prepares them to be loyal citizens of the country. True education will occur when students and teachers respond to the social realities around them and can enter into proactive relationships with people. Our Lady of grace convent organized a session for all the teachers and professors of the convent on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The guest speaker of the day was Fr Vijay Lopes. Ms. Sunita, teacher of St Aloysious secondary school, formally invited the key speaker for the day. Fr Vijay spoke on the important role a teacher plays in the life of the students. He highlighted how having belief in oneself can help us grow. Father Vijay highlighted on the importance of professionalism in the life of the teachers



An orientation session on Institutional Code of Conduct for the teaching faculty was held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The meeting began on a prayerful note following which, Sr Delicia Fernandes presented a comprehensive overview of the institutional code of conduct highlighting key professional expectations. She emphasized on the importance of punctuality and attendance, Sister, outlined the dress code, which calls for neat, modest, formal attire that reflects professional dignity, and mandating visible identity cards and appropriate grooming. The curricular and cocurricular responsibilities were also addressed: faculty are expected to prepare lesson plans, complete the syllabus on time, engage in teaching, tutorials, assessments, and invigilation, plus coordinate and participate actively in cocurricular or extension activities alongside academic duties. Concerning behavior and attitude with students, she stressed impartial, respectful treatment of all students.. Finally, on professional upgradation, she urged faculty to pursue continuous growth through attending seminars, workshops, conferences, publishing research, participating in professional networks, and submitting performance appraisals to enhance teaching methodology and academic qualifications.



A comprehensive 360-degree feedback process was implemented to evaluate the college's operations. This approach involved collecting insights from a diverse group of stakeholders, including students, faculty, alumni, internship school coordinators, and employers. The aggregated feedback provided a multifaceted understanding of the institution's strengths and areas needing improvement. The data, was analyzed and used to identify specific gaps and develop targeted initiatives aimed at enhancing overall performance and addressing stakeholder concerns.

**Preparation of Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR):** The IQAC coordinated the preparation of the AQAR and the report was uploaded on the NAAC website. AQAR for the year 2023-24 was accepted by NAAC on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The IQAC ensured proper digital documentation of activities carried out. Ms. Steffi Colaco was appointed as the new IQAC coordinator from January 2025.

## Collaborations with other institutions

**Collaboration with St Gonsalo Garcia College:** Ms. Steffi Colaco and Ms Sanika Asolkar, faculty members of Pushpanjali College of Education conducted a career guidance session on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025 for the TYBA students of St. Gonsalo Garcia College.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, **St. Gonsalo Garcia College** organized an engaging *Workshop on Short Film and Reel Making* by Fr Joaquim Fernandes, providing students with hands-on exposure to the art of visual storytelling. The **F.Y.B.Ed** and **S.Y.B.Ed** students actively participated, gaining valuable insights into creative expression, technical skills, and innovative ways of using media as a tool for communication and education.

On 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 the students visited St Gonsalo Garcia College for book exhibition organized by the college titled “Kasoti Vivekachi” Dr Narendra Dabholkar Kala Pradarshan.

**Collaboration with St Teresa’s Institute of Education:** The college has an MoU with St Teresa’s Institute of Education, Santacruz. Under the aegis of this MoU, Dr Agnes D’costa our faculty member, conducted a workshop on E Resources Classtools and Conker AI Apps on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2025 for students of St. Teresa’s Institute of Education, Santacruz.

Workshop on use of Flippity and Crosswordlabs was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for students of St. Teresa’s Institute of Education, Santacruz.

A lecture on National Education Policy was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 for students of St. Teresa’s Institute of Education, Santacruz.

Session on Institutional Development Plan on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for faculty of St. Teresa’s Institute of Education, Santacruz.

Prof. Dr Cindrella Dmello, a member of the IQAC, shared her expertise with the faculty of Pushpanjali College during IQAC meetings and during a session on Quality Assurance. **Dr. Cindrella D’mello** conducted an enriching session for the faculty on **25<sup>th</sup> January 2025** on writing effective research papers, equipping them with valuable insights into academic writing. **Dr. Giselle Dsouza** organized a session on **8<sup>th</sup> February 2025** for the faculty members, contributing significantly to their professional development.

**Dr. Cerena Dcunha, Associate Professor at STIE** conducted a comprehensive course from **17<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025** on *English Grammar: Pro-Beginners to Advanced* for the F.Y.B. Ed and S.Y.B. Ed students, strengthening their language proficiency and enhancing their academic skills.

## Streevani Women Development Cell

A session on understanding adolescence and potential risks of age was organized by Vasai-Virar Mahanagar Palika (Mahila- Bal Kalyan Vibhag) was held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Empowering voices of tomorrow, students observed **National Girl Child Day** on **24<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, reaffirming the importance of protecting the rights, education, and dignity of every girl child. The

celebrations continued with **International Women's Day** on **8<sup>th</sup> March 2025**, embracing the spirit of women's empowerment and equality. To deepen this engagement, a competition on **Contemporary Women Social Reformers** was organized for F.Y.B.Ed. students on **10<sup>th</sup> March 2025**, where participants passionately represented eminent reformers such as Aruna Roy, known for her grassroots activism and role in the Right to Information movement, Kiran Bedi, the trailblazing first woman IPS officer of India, and Shaheen Mistry, a visionary educationist. Through their thoughtful performances, the students celebrated the indomitable spirit of modern women leaders, while also drawing inspiration to become catalysts of change themselves



### Vasundhara Environmental Club

#### Van Mahotsav

As part of Van Mahotsav celebrations on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, a tree plantation drive was organized. A special assembly was organized by the students that highlighted the importance of tree plantation where **trees were the Guests of Honour**. The event carried the inspiring theme *“Plant a Sapling, nurture a Forest, and Grow a Greener Tomorrow,”* encouraging students to embrace their role as guardians of nature. The celebration not only highlighted the importance of tree plantation but also instilled in everyone a deeper sense of responsibility towards building a sustainable and eco-friendly future. The event concluded with a reminder that each of us can contribute to environmental preservation. To further spread awareness, students prepared bookmarks with messages about the importance of conservation, aiming to inspire others to take small but impactful actions for a greener future.



## World Water Day

On World Water Day, Ms. Anandita Nunes conducted a meaningful assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 to emphasize the importance of conserving the most vital natural resource—water. The assembly began with a short prayer followed by thought-provoking introduction on the significance of the day, the students prepared an informative presentation on the global water crisis and the urgent need for sustainable water management. Simple yet effective practices were highlighted for water conservation in daily life. It raised awareness about the role of individuals in protecting this resource for future generations. The assembly also included oath taking and interactive activities, making it both educational and impactful, while inspiring everyone to adopt water-saving habits.



## World Wildlife Day

On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025, a special assembly was conducted by Ms. Sana Qureshi on World Wildlife Day, beginning with a prayer service that set a thoughtful tone for the occasion. This was followed by a presentation highlighting the importance of protecting biodiversity and conserving endangered species. The assembly emphasized the need to preserve wildlife habitats and inspired students to contribute towards safeguarding nature for a sustainable future.

## Eureka Science Club

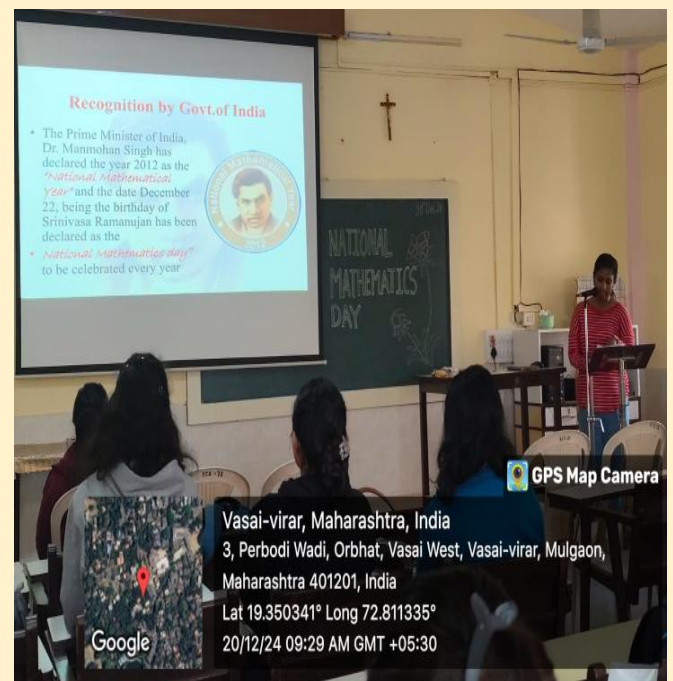
On the occasion of **National Science Day**, the **Eureka Science Club** conducted a special assembly under the guidance of Dr. Sheetal Chaudhari faculty Incharge of Science Pedagogy. on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 that began with a tribute to Dr. C.V. Raman, whose groundbreaking discovery of

the *Raman Effect* earned him the Nobel Prize and continues to inspire generations of scientists. The celebration revolved around this year's theme, *"Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for Viksit Bharat,"* emphasizing the pivotal role of young Indian researchers in shaping the nation's scientific progress. To make the event engaging and interactive, students organized science-based games and quizzes, creating an atmosphere of curiosity, enthusiasm, and appreciation for the spirit of innovation. The students visited the Nehru Planetarium for a field trip to explore the world of scientific learning.



### Pushpaganit Mathematics Club

**Pushpaganit Mathematics Club** celebrated **National Mathematics Day** on **21<sup>st</sup> December 2024** with the vibrant theme *"Mathemagic – Acknowledging the Magical Presence of Mathematics in Our Daily Lives."* to honour the legacy of the mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan. The event began with an enlightening talk about Ramanujan's life, his extraordinary contributions to mathematics, and his journey as a self-taught mathematician. The celebration highlighted the beauty and relevance of mathematics beyond textbooks, as students creatively designed and conducted fun, interactive games that showcased how numbers and patterns influence everyday experiences. The event not only deepened mathematical appreciation but also made learning an enjoyable and memorable experience.



An engaging game - Fun with Maths was conducted, which encouraged students to solve mathematical puzzles and riddles. This interactive activity not only showcased the practical applications of mathematical concepts but also fostered a sense of excitement and curiosity about the subject among everyone.

### Visit to a local bank

On 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025, under the guidance of Ms. Steffi Colaco, faculty incharge of Maths Pedagogy, a bank visit to Thane District Cooperative Bank Ltd., Naigaon (W). The visit emphasized on the utility value of Mathematics. It provided students with firsthand insights into banking operations, financial schemes, government initiatives, and the importance of insurance in financial planning. Together, these initiatives not only broadened students' academic horizons but also equipped them with valuable professional skills.



### Seminar at Hansraj Jivandas College of Education

The students of Mathematics Pedagogy participated in a seminar-cum-workshop hosted by Hansraj Jivandas College of Education, titled *"From Chalkboards to Chatbots: Teaching Math in a Changing World – For Mathematics Educators."* Facilitated by Ms. Chaitali Mehta, the workshop provided an engaging experience, offering insights into the integration of AI in mathematics classrooms and hands-on activities that highlighted innovative approaches to teaching and learning.



### Rucha Literature Club

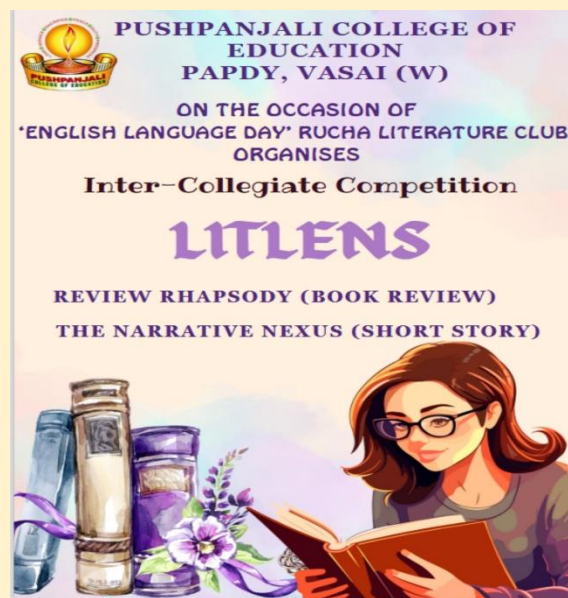
#### World Poetry Day

The students of English Pedagogy celebrated World Poetry Day on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 under the guidance of Sr Delicia Fernandes, faculty incharge of English Pedagogy, with creativity and enthusiasm. The assembly, planned by Fr. Akhil along with fellow students, highlighted the rich legacy of great poets and their timeless contributions to literature. Adding a lively touch to the

celebration, fun and interactive games like *dumb charades* were organized, where students enthusiastically guessed poems based on the enactments of their peers. The event not only deepened appreciation for poetry but also made the day engaging and memorable for all.

### LitLens

On the occasion of English Language Day in April 2025, our college organized *LitLens*, an intercollegiate competition held online that celebrated the power of language and expression. They showcased their literary talents in two events—Review Rhapsody (Book Review) and The Narrative Nexus (Short Story)—where creativity, critical thinking, and storytelling skills were beautifully displayed. The competition received an overwhelming response from various colleges, making it a vibrant platform that not only highlighted the richness of English literature but also encouraged collaboration and exchange of ideas among students from diverse institutions.



**Hindi Diwas** was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024. A special assembly was conducted by Ms. Khushi Mandoli highlighting the historical significance of Hindi and its role as a symbol of national pride and identity. A quiz competition was conducted, engaging students in an interactive and enjoyable way to test their knowledge of Hindi literature, grammar, and prominent authors.



**International Mother Language Day** was celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 to promote linguistic diversity and raise awareness about the importance of preserving native languages. The assembly conducted by Ms Bliss Dsouza, began with a brief introduction, emphasizing the historical significance of this day. An informative video was shown that highlighted the global diversity of languages, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding endangered tongues and promoting multilingualism.



**Marathi Bhasha Diwas** celebrated on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Ms. Alisha Karanje began with an introduction to the significance of this day, which honours the contributions of renowned Marathi poet Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar (Kusumagraj) and promotes the pride and cultural importance of Marathi language and literature. A lively cultural segment followed, where students performed a traditional Marathi dance, celebrating the vibrancy of Marathi folk music and dance forms. The performance beautifully showcased the cultural depth and artistic expressions native to Maharashtra.



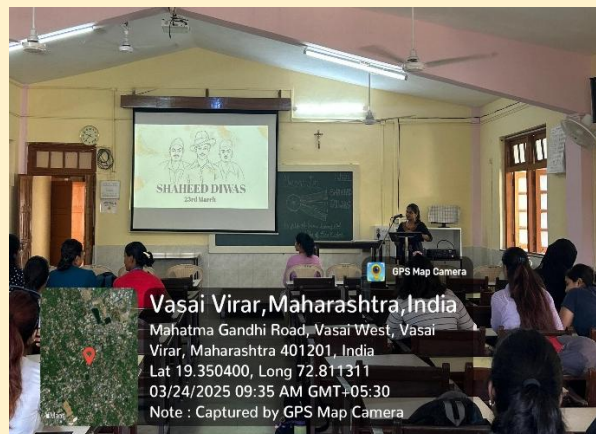
**World English Day**, also known as English Language Day, is celebrated every year on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of the English playwright and poet William Shakespeare. The students of English pedagogy under the mentorship of Sr Delicia Fernandes, hosted a special programme to highlight the significance of the English language, its global influence, and its role in communication, education, and culture.



### **Itihaas History Club**

The **Itihaas History Club** organized meaningful celebrations to honor significant national events and leaders. On **24<sup>th</sup> June 2025**, the students visited Vasai Fort, walking through its strong stone walls observing and learning about its history. On **30<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, *Martyrs' Day* was solemnly commemorated to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi and countless freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the nation. The club conducted a special assembly for *Bal Gangadhar Tilak Smruti Diwas* on **1<sup>st</sup> August 2025**, recalling the enduring legacy of a leader who ignited the flame of

independence. Further, on **6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**, the death anniversary of *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar* was observed with deep respect, acknowledging his immense contribution as the architect of the Indian Constitution and a champion of social justice. Through these observances, students were inspired to uphold the values of democracy, justice, and patriotism.



### Immensa Commerce and Economics Club

**Immensa Commerce Club** organized a range of enriching activities in 2025, designed to blend theoretical knowledge with practical exposure. On **24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**, students conducted a session on **Central Excise Day**, highlighting the role of CBIC, the history and significance of excise duty, and its contribution to national development. On **15<sup>th</sup> March 2025**, they observed **Consumer Rights Day** through an engaging session and a skit on unfair trade practices, emphasizing consumer rights and responsibilities. On **21<sup>st</sup> June 2025**, seminars were conducted on innovative teaching methodologies—such as case study, project-based and blended learning, and the constructivist approach—encouraging teachers to move beyond traditional lectures. On **24<sup>th</sup> June 2025**, under the guidance of Ms. Sanika Asolkar, faculty incharge of Commerce Pedagogy, a **bank visit** to Thane District Cooperative Bank Ltd., Naigaon (W) provided students with firsthand insights into banking operations, financial schemes, government initiatives, and the importance of insurance in financial planning. Together, these initiatives not only broadened students' academic horizons but also equipped them with valuable professional skills.



## Anweshan Research Cell

**Action Research:** A series of lectures was organized by our faculty members to orient and guide students to Research in Education. Ms. Sonia Bombacha and Ms. Steffi Colaco conducted these lectures on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 and elucidated the different types of research, steps in Action Research, review of related literature and use of digital repositories like Shodhganga and Google Scholar. Faculty members guided students to create research tools and plan for action research. All students carried out Action Research on pertinent issues in their respective internship groups under the guidance of the faculty members. Dr Sheetal Chaudhari guided students who carried out the research entitled ‘Study of Impact of Social media on the mental health and well-being of School students.’ Ms. Steffi Colaco mentored a group of students who conducted a study on the awareness about Indian Knowledge Systems with respect to health: Knowledge of Indian Medicine, Yoga and Balanced diet. Ms. Sonia Bombacha guided students conducting research on the topic ‘Exploring the ecological footprint of upper primary students in a selected school in Vasai. Ms. Sanika Asolkar guided students on the topic ‘Creating awareness regarding cyber security among students of a selected Junior College.’ Research Paper Presentations were organized on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 where students presented papers based on research conducted. The deliberations helped to gain insights regarding the topics investigated.



### Electoral Literacy Club Activities

On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024, district officers representing SVEEP (Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation), Election Commission of India, conducted a session where they presented statistics on voter representation in Vasai-Virar and emphasized the active role of youth in strengthening democracy. The program concluded with a pledge to be responsible citizens and active participants in voting.

As part of the Electoral Literacy Club, a slogan-writing competition on the importance of voting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Students of S.Y.B.Ed creatively expressed the value of electoral participation.

A special assembly was held by the student council of 2024-26 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 batch to highlight the significance of voting on the occasion of National Voters Day.



### Pushpajyot Placement Cell Activities

As part of the preplacement activities, Dr. Agnes Dcosta- Faculty In-charge of Placement Cell, empowered students through hands-on guidance in crafting compelling application letters, building standout resumes, and entering placement interviews with confidence, while alumnus Mr. Gavin Dsouza—now teaching at Nahar International School—demonstrated how to harness LinkedIn to expand job-seeking opportunities. Building on this momentum, the 2024–25 academic year saw a dynamic **Campus Placement Programme** featuring esteemed institutions such as Thakur Bhagwanidevi Musafir Public School, Seth Vidyamandir, CBSE High School, and Rustomjee Cambridge International School (IGCSE), whose representatives conducted on-campus interviews and recruitment. The initiative offered students a valuable platform to exhibit their strengths and secure teaching positions—and earned widespread acclaim for effectively bridging the gap between education and employment.



### Participation in Faculty Development Programmes

| Title of the Programme                                                                                                            | Attended by                                                                                                 | Dates                                                 | Organizing Institutions                                               |
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| One-day National webinar on plagiarism prevention, integrating research ethics and reference management for scholarly excellence. | Sr Delicia Fernandes                                                                                        | 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024                          | SICES Degree College of Arts, Science, and commerce, Ambernath        |
| Webinar on recent trends in e-Learning                                                                                            | Dr Cynthia D'costa<br>Dr Sheetal Chaudhari<br>Ms. Sonia Bombacha<br>Ms. Steffi Colaco<br>Ms. Sanika Asolkar | 9 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024      | SNDT Women's University, DET                                          |
| National Level Seminar on Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education: Building Equitable Pathways for all learners".                | Ms. Steffi Colaco                                                                                           | 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025                         | Mahatma Education Society's Pillai College of Education and Research. |
| Multidisciplinary International Conference Bhartiya Dnyan Parampara (IKS)                                                         | Ms. Sonia Bombacha                                                                                          | 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2025                        | Organized by Gonsalo Garcia College of Education                      |
| FDP on NEP-2020: Orientation & Sensitization                                                                                      | Ms. Sonia Bombacha<br>Ms. Steffi Colaco                                                                     | 14 to 22 February 2025                                | Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (UGC)                      |
| One Week online Pre-Ph.D. Course in "Research                                                                                     | Ms. Steffi Colaco                                                                                           | 22 <sup>nd</sup> February -4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 | Organized by the 'Research and                                        |

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| Methodology in Social Sciences”                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                     |                                                  | Development Cell’ of Hansraj Jivandas College of Education    |
| International Multidisciplinary Conference on Various Approaches and Current Issues in Higher Education (Online) | Ms. Sonia Bombacha<br>Ms. Steffi Colaco                                                                                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2025   | Government College of Education, Yavatmal                     |
| Navigating the draft NCTE Regulations 2025 challenges and opportunities                                          | Sr Delicia Fernandes<br>Dr Cynthia D’costa<br>Dr Sheetal Chaudhari<br>Ms. Sonia Bombacha<br>Ms. Steffi Colaco<br>Ms. Sanika Asolkar | 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2025                       | Society of Innovative Researchers and Academicians (SIRA)     |
| International webinar on The Educator’s Tool Kit: Upskilling for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Classrooms             | Ms. Steffi Colaco                                                                                                                   | 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 | Smt. Kapila Khandvala College of Education (Autonomous)       |
| Draft NCTE regulations 2025: Quality Imperatives for teacher education                                           | Sr Delicia Fernandes<br>Dr Cynthia D’costa<br>Dr Sheetal Chaudhari<br>Ms. Sonia Bombacha<br>Ms. Steffi Colaco<br>Ms. Sanika Asolkar | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2025                      | Organized by Pillai’s College of Education, Chembur           |
| “From Teacher to Facilitator- Changing Role of Faculty under NEP 2020                                            | Sr. Delicia Fernandes                                                                                                               | 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                      | SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce.           |
| Building Strong Online Presence- Skills and Techniques for Research and Publication Activities                   | Sr Delicia Fenandes<br>Dr Sheetal Chaudhari<br>Ms. Sonia Bombacha<br>Ms. Steffi Colaco<br>Ms. Sanika Asolkar                        | 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                      | St. Teresa’s Institute of Education & Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan’ |
| Understanding and Implementing UGC NET paper I                                                                   | Ms. Sanika Asolkar                                                                                                                  | 24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> April 2025    | Royal College of Science and Commerce                         |

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| National Seminar on “New Binary System of Quality Assurance by NAAC”. Insights, awareness and documentation in Higher Education | Sr. Delicia Fernandes                                                                                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025     | Shri P.L Shroff College of Arta and Commerce, Chinchani.                                  |
| Teacher’s Orientation Programme- By Fr Joye Thomas                                                                              | Dr Cynthia D’costa<br>Dr Sheetal Chaudhari<br>Ms. Sonia Bombacha<br>Ms. Steffi Colaco<br>Ms. Sanika Asolkar     | 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025   | Organized by Pushpanjali College of Education                                             |
| Teacher’s Orientation Programme -By Fr Vijay Lopes                                                                              | Sr. Delicia Fernandes<br>Dr Cynthia D’costa<br>Dr Sheetal Chaudhari<br>Ms. Sonia Bombacha<br>Ms. Sanika Asolkar | 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025   | Organized by Pushpanjali College of Education                                             |
| National Webinar on “Desinging Research Study”                                                                                  | Sr. Delicia Fernandes                                                                                           | 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 | Research cell of Nirmala Memorial Foundation College of Commerce and Science (Autonomous) |

### Papers Presented by Faculty

| Name of the faculty  | Name of the article/ paper                                                         | Month and Year | Name of the Book/ Journal     | Publisher       |
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| Sr Delicia Fernandes | Title: Use of Technology in teaching-learning process by Secondary School Teachers | August 2024    | -IJRAR<br><br>Vol 11, Issue 3 | IJ Publications |

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|                    | Title: Study of the impact of social media usage on Student-Teachers.                                  | December 2024 | IJCRT                                                                                                             | IJ Publications                 |
| Ms. Sonia Bombacha | Effectiveness of MOOC to generate awareness about Indian Knowledge System                              | Feb 2025      | International Journal of Advance and Applied Research<br><br>ISSN No: 2347-7075                                   | P. R. Talekar                   |
|                    | To Study the awareness of Indigenous Knowledge System among B.Ed. students.                            | March 2025    | Multidisciplinary International Research Journal<br><br>Various Approaches and Current Issues in Higher Education | Aadhar Publications             |
| Ms. Steffi Colaco  | A Study on the use of Multiple Intelligences by Secondary School Teachers to foster Holistic Education | Feb 2025      | PCERP Seminar Proceedings<br><br>Book 23<br><br>ISBN No:978-81-964882-5-3                                         | Pillai Publications             |
|                    | A Study on the Effectiveness of Knowledge Management Practices among B.Ed. students                    | March 2025    | Multidisciplinary International Research Journal<br><br>Various Approaches and Current Issues in Higher Education | Aadhar Publications             |
|                    | Perception of Student-Teachers on the use of AI Tools for Learning: A Mixed-Method Study               | March 2025    | Scholarly Research Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies                                                          | Amitesh Publication and Company |

### **Faculty as resource persons**

Faculty members are often invited as resource persons to share their expertise, experience, and insights to enrich the learning environment, thus fostering academic growth and professional development. Research (autonomous). Sr Delicia Fernandes is member of CDC of St Teresa's Institute of Education, Santacruz. She has been the member of the Academic Audit team for the institution. Dr Sheetal Chaudhari has offered her expertise as paper setter and moderator for examinations conducted by autonomous colleges. Dr Sheetal Chaudhari and Dr Agnes Dcosta were members of syllabi revision committees for Smt K.K College of Education and Dr Agnes Dcosta is on the Academic Council of Pillai's College of Education and Research (Autonomous). She is also member of IQAC and CDC of St Gonsalo Garcia College of Arts and Commerce. She is a member of Curriculum Development Committee of St. Teresa's Institute of Education and a member of the Management Committees of two schools in Vasai.

Dr Agnes Dcosta was resource person for the following programmes

- (i) Workshop on Outcome Based Education for Principals & Teachers organised by H J College of Education and Research on 19th October 2024.
- (ii) Three workshops on Creating E portfolios, E discussion forums, and Learning Management System (LMS) were conducted for M.Ed students of Dept of Education, University of Mumbai in February 2025.
- (iii) Workshop on E Resources Classtools and Conker AI Apps was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2025 for students of St. Teresa's Institute of Education, Santacruz
- (iv) A session on 'Elements of writing in Research' was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 for participants of the Research Methodology Course organised by Pillai's College of Education and Research
- (v) Workshop on use of Flippity and Crossword labs was conducted on 8 March 2025 for students of St. Teresa's Institute of Education, Santacruz
- (vi) A lecture on National Education Policy was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 for students of St. Teresa's Institute of Education, Santacruz
- (vii) Session on the topic 'Positive Practices in Student and Parent Engagement' on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for teachers of St.Xavier's ICSE School, Manickpur
- (viii) Session on Institutional Development Plan on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for faculty of St. Teresa's Institute of Education, Santacruz
- (ix) Session on Parenting Skills for parents of Pre-schoolers on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Nazareth Convent School, Vasai

(x)Workshop for youth animators on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 organised by Yuvadarshan, Vasai

Dr Agnes Dcosta offered her expertise at the Research Advisory Committee meeting organised by Smt.K.K College of Education, Autonomous Santacruz. She was also paper setter and moderator for examinations conducted by two autonomous colleges in Mumbai.

### **Faculty News**

On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024, we bid a heartfelt farewell to our beloved head peon, Mr Domnic Colaco, whose years of dedicated service and unwavering commitment will always be remembered with deep respect and gratitude.

On 6th February 2025, Ms. Steffi Colaco successfully registered for her Ph.D. at *Smt. Kapila Khandvala College of Education (Autonomous)*.

Ms. Sanika Asolkar cleared her SET examination on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and NET examination on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025 marking an important academic achievement.

Ms. Serena Gonsalves cleared her SET examination on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

On 10th June 2025, our Principal, Sr. Delicia Fernandes, suffered the irreparable loss of her beloved mother. We offer her our deepest condolences.

The academic year 2024–25 has been an inspiring journey marked by growth, accomplishments, and meaningful learning experiences. With a seamless integration of curricular and co-curricular activities, the college has remained steadfast in its vision of “*Education for the Life of the World.*” As we look back on the milestones achieved, we also look ahead with renewed hope and determination to scale even greater heights. The knowledge gained and experiences shared this year will serve as a strong foundation for future progress, fostering an environment that nurtures potential, sparks innovation, and strengthens the spirit of community.