

EDUCATION FOR BRIGHTER FUTURE



Dr. Vasudevan Pillai giving away cash award to a student for scoring the highest marks in the exam

Dr.K.M.Vasudevan Pillai, Secretary and CEO of Mahatma Education Society, stressed upon the students to sincerely study and dedicate themselves to the cause of education, for the betterment of tomorrow. While addressing a large number of students on the occasion of the felicitation and award-giving function held at the Night Degree College, Chembur, in the evening of Wednesday, 4th August, he praised the efforts of the students who scored the highest marks in the exam, without attending any coaching classes, but due to their hard work and regular attendance in the college, they achieved this honour. Dr.Pillai, then, handed out the first best student a cash award of Rs.1000/-. Other four students received a cash award of Rs.500/-each. Dr.Pillai emphasised on the role of education in the society for the unlimited growth, prosperity, and to ultimately remove the poverty from the country. The coaching classes cannot impart good education, due to lack of individual attention, but in our Night College, our first and foremost aim is to educate every individual student through personal attention and care, he added. Education is the core necessity of the society and therefore, the state government charging the commercial rate for the electricity to educational institutions is highly unjustified. He urged the students to strongly put up a representation and persuade the government that the education is a community welfare project and it is not a commercial organisation. Hence, the electricity should be provided at the concessional rate to the educational institutions. He thanked the students for gathering in such a large number and wished them all the best. Principal Dr Padma Rangan mentioned how Dr.Pillai worked hard for the growth of education. In order to get good education by learning in this college, she called upon the students to attend the classes unflinching, even if they are little late.

Because if they miss lectures, they will be poor in subjects and, as a result, the poor performance in the exam. How important is education, to learn about this, she directed the students to read Dr.Pillai's "EduNation", one of the finest books for empowering oneself, which is kept in the library. Executive Director and Prin. C.Y. Kulkarni proudly mentioned that the success of our T.Y.B.Com students is a great achievement, because they have surpassed thousands of day college students by their superb performance. These achievers of our college have proved that if the Night College students get good teachers to teach and guide, and if they have the fire to excel with proper time management, no adversity, whatsoever, can prevent them from achieving their goal, he added. Appreciating the achievements of the successful students, he reminded the current batch of T.Y.B.Com students that they are not invited here just to clap but to get an **INSPIRATION FROM THOSE SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS TO REPEAT THEIR PERFORMANCE**. If the pass-outs and the students of the current batch really want to become achievers, he advised them that they should make the best possible use of very valuable resources God has gifted to every human being. These four resources are, Dr.Kulkarni explained, four 'Ms': The first 'M' is the Mind. The second 'M' is Mangat that is the Wrist. The third 'M' is Mati, that is the Buddhi -- the intelligence -- and the last 'M' is the Mother, that is the Help. Dr.Pillai, Exe Dir. Kulkarni, Prin. Dr. Padma Rangan and Vice principal Prof C.M. Varma, who occupied the dais, were earlier welcomed and presented with the bouquets by the students' council members. The function rounded off with a happy note.



The students who scored highest marks in the exam along with teachers and staff members.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL FORMATION

The students' council of Mahatma Night Degree College was officially inaugurated on Saturday, 7th August, at 06:30 p.m. and each member of the council was introduced to the students. Their area of representation was also intimated to the students. The General Secretary and others addressed the students and requested their co-operation for a smooth functioning of the academic, curricular and co-curricular activities. The student leaders from each class offered their best support and co-operation.

The students' council of Mahatma Night Degree College was formed as per the University norms and regulations on 31st July, for the current academic year.

Ms. Kajal Yadav Roll No. 189 from S.Y.B.Com. B Division was elected as 'General Secretary' of the students' council.

The other Members are:

- 1) Santosh Shinde.
- 2) Ritesh Chilukapillai.
- 3) Kanchan Singh.
- 4) Subhash Sutar.
- 5) Sangeeta Darekar.
- 6) Narendra Panchal.
- 7) Pankaj Dandage.
- 8) Rekha Nagarkar.

The Principal and staff members congratulated each of them and reminded them of their roles and contributions expected. For a disciplined functioning in the areas of academic curricular and co-curricular activities. All the students' council members promised their best performance.



Principal Dr. Padma Rangan with the G.S. & other members of the Students' Council.



FRIENDSHIP DAY



After the official inauguration of the students council of MNDC, the first day of celebration was organized on the same day. The students celebrated the day in the respective classes, as accommodating all of them in a hall was not possible, as the auditorium is not ready for use. The programme started at 7 p.m. and concluded at 8:45 p.m. The classrooms were decorated and the music system was allowed to operate in low volume. There were games, cultural activities and prize distribution in each class. The students themselves generated sufficient fund towards contribution to meet the expenses including refreshment. They enjoyed the event to the hilt. The Principal and Staff members appreciated the students' council members, especially, the Cultural Activities Staff In-charge Ms. Anaya Kavishwar and the students representative Ms. Kajal Yadav for organizing the celebration in a very disciplined manner and the best time management.



INDUCTION CEREMONY

On the 21st June, Monday, Mahatma Night Degree College of Arts & Commerce organized the Induction Ceremony for the first year degree students.



Induction Ceremony - F.Y.B. Com.
Principal & Staff Members of the Night Degree College Orienting the Freshers.

The Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Padma Rangan and all the teaching staff members were present to welcome the freshers. The Principal, in her key note address, underlined the method of functioning of the college. She encouraged the employed students to keep up their 'earn and learn' strategy by enjoying the exemption in attending the first lecture, if necessary. Also, each teacher briefly detailed the methodology of teaching, tutorial project works and the co-curricular and extra curricular activities.

TEACHERS URGED TO DEVELOP CHILDREN'S HIDDEN TALENT

If teachers can motivate themselves and dedicate their time to the development of the intelligence level of children, then only will the children become educated in true sense., declared Dr.K.M.Vasudevan Pillai, the CEO and Secretary of Mahatma Education Society. The teachers play a very vital role in the development of the child's skill, emphasising on the role of a teacher as a master craftsman in the class, he added. Addressing the assembly of teachers on the occasion of the 64th Independence Day in the school premises, Dr.Pillai appealed to the teachers to change their usual style of teaching and embark upon a new system that gives more time to children for ' thinking process ' and open up their talent. There may be only two periods a day and major time may be spent in 'interaction' with the children to develop their skill . What is more important is that the children's skill must be developed in the field of writing, reading, communication, and short story writing, advised Dr.Pillai adding that each child must be paid attention and proper guidance given. He also urged the teachers to do away with the routine time table because, one can not transfer knowledge in a short period . Expanding on the knowledge-driven subject , he said the teachers should teach the children, how the water and electricity are produced, and underline the importance of Solar Power technology. About the education system in India, he regretted that the central government's faulty policy to promote only the higher secondary education , ignoring the primary one as it falls under the state govt subject. He wondered how could a child go to higher secondary without doing the primary schooling. Our Constitution needs to be changed in this regard .No nation can ever become a developed or call itself a developing nation, if it does not educate its children, opined Dr. Pillai. Speaking about the wide-spread corruption in the country and how our country is ruled, he revealed to the astonishment of every one that only about 4120 politicians rule our country, with 1core 87lakhs Govt.employees, who work for these politicians

and whose salary bill comes to 2200 crore per day, then, where is the money for social welfare activities and for education of people, when such an astronomical amount of money is spent after the politicians. Lastly, Dr.Pillai thanked the teachers for listening to him attentively.

N.S.S. PEACE RALLY

The Peace Rally was organised by the University of Mumbai on 6th August at Azad Maidan. The Mahatma Night Degree College participated in the programme with their 75 N.S.S. volunteers. It was a great event when the volunteers from all colleges took an oath that would stand for a peaceful India, and never allow another Hiroshima-Nagasaki happen.



The NSS Peace Rally - Azad Maidan, Churchgate.

VIEWPOINT

NIGHT COLLEGES FOR ALL AGES

What is 'plus' in you or with you? A challenging answer for this question is the deciding factor of students' bright career and future. And what is that expected 'more'? No doubt, additional qualification in academic and technical areas. The Night Colleges can set a platform to achieve both of these in a competitive manner, with no age bar. The full time course offered in our Night College can be successfully completed, spending a part of evening as free time. The day is spared for doing full time additional courses, or to have a job experience. The Night Degree College students thus become B. Com plus. The work culture they possess help the college to improve the results and other activities. The college feels a great pleasure in the reverse order of 'Earn and Learn' instead of 'Learn then Earn'. We are very proud of our passed out students who could reach the executive positions just because of that 'plus' they achieved through this college. We congratulate each of them on their victory on this occasion of 25th anniversary of this college. The working class youth can take advantage of our Night College, where quality education is imparted, and make their career brighter.

INDEPENDENCE DAY



The NCC cadets saluting the Chief Guest
Mrs Nimisha Gunjekar

On 15th August, the NCC wing and the NSS unit of our College jointly organised a few programmes. The NCC cadets from first and second year were in position as pilots to clear the way for the Chief Guest, for the National Salutes and the Guard of Honour. All the cadets were in excellent turn out. There were twelve cadets on duty for the entire morning, some other cadets in civil dress flashed the flags of various institutions functioning in the chembur campus.



The Chief Guest hoisting the National Flag

Mrs Nimisha Gunjekar was the Chief Guest for the day and she hoisted the national flag. The heads of each institution took their positions to hear their flags at the time of the flag hoisting ceremony. The NSS volunteers also presented a patriotic song. The march past, the National salute and the Guard of Honour performed by the NCC cadets impressed everyone gathered on the occasion. That neatly rounded off the parade session by our Night Degree college and the NCC cadets. Overall, the programme was highly successful and infused a sense of national pride in everyone.

AWARENESS ON BLOOD DONATION

Prior to the planned blood donation camp, which was scheduled on 28th August, an awareness lecture was organized in our college on 25th August. The purpose was mainly to remove the misunderstanding on the blood donation. A delegation from the Rajawadi Municipal Hospital, Mr. Ashok Devere Patil, conducted awareness lectures in each class. The students were highly motivated and showed a positive approach towards donating the blood. After each session, there was a question hour. During the question hour, the students cleared their doubts and anxieties and seemed to be determined in donating the blood.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP



A doctor supervising the blood donation

The NSS units and students together organised a blood donation camp with the theme of "Flood blood" and "save and be safe". No doubt, the awareness session brought out the better results. About 160 students were willing to donate the blood. In all, 101 donors were there for donating the blood, but unfortunately 40 of them were found unfit due to the low percentage of haemoglobin. However, the camp was successful and had both the teaching and non-teaching staff members, donated the blood. The blood bank authorities distributed refreshment for the donors. The camp was concluded after a vote of thanks was proposed by the principal Dr. Padma Rangan.

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