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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## APRIL 2015



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# WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY- GREEN UMBRELLA PROJECT NASI – JUNE 2015





**JUNE 2015**



**Pillai Group of Institutions**  
in association with  
**Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur**

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welcomes all for a yoga session on the occasion of  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA**

Timings - 11.30 am to 12.30 pm

Venue - Assembly Hall, 2nd floor, Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai Campus





# WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY- GREEN UMBRELLA PROJECT NASI- JULY 2015



# SI CONVENTION AT TURKEY – JULY 2015



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QmgJchqKEY#action=share>



# INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY - SADHANA VIDYALAYA FOR THE DEAF – SEPT' 2015





# INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY – CHEMBUR – SEPT' 2015





# INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY – KHANDA COLONY – ON-GOING PROJECT FROM SEPT' 2015





# INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY - RASAYANI





# SOFT SKILL DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM





# FRIENDSHIP DAY – OCT 2015





# FISTFUL OF GRAINS- NASI UMBRELLA PROJECT – OCT 2015





# JOY OF GIVING WEEK – Oct 2015





# SANITARY NAPKIN VENDING MACHINE INSTALLATION- Oct' 2015





# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY- March 2016





# ‘THE SOROPTIMIST EXCELLENCE AWARDS’





# Soroptimist Excellence Awards 2016 to Dr. Armida Fernandez for her exemplary work in the health sector



Soroptimist Excellence Awards 2016  
to Mrs. Farida Lambay for her outstanding  
work in the area of Education.





# Media coverage



**Dr Daphne Pilai**  
Co-Founder, Pila Group of  
Institutions and Chairperson,  
Management Board, Mahatma  
Education Society

**E**ducationist Dr Daphne Pilai believes that at the base of women's empowerment, lies the transformative power of education.

**Tell us about your Pila Group of Institutions and how does it work?**

We have 48 educational institutions under the Pila Group, from Kindergarten (KG) to Post Graduate (PG) programs in seven campuses across Maharashtra - Mumbai, New Mumbai and Raigarh. We have colleges of architecture, engineering, management studies, arts, commerce and sciences, as also schools, international schools, senior colleges, polytechnics and teacher-training institutions. We have two international schools which function under the name of Dr Pila Global Academy where we offer both the international certificate of the University of Cambridge (IGCSE) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) of Geneva.

**What are the success mantras you adhere to?**

Having being in the field for 40 years, there are some mantras that define us. We lay great emphasis on leadership through example. We are very hands-on, very approachable and stakeholders-inclusiveness, that parents, the teaching and non-teaching staff. There are no hierarchies in our institutions.

**What has been the growth strategy you've set for the Pila Group of Institutions?**

From 1906 onwards, we have been taking our existence to the Saint Mary's College of Business and Economics,

# MEDIA COVERAGE

## Towards women empowerment

“SUJATHA SUBRAMAN

**W**omen today have made a mark in every field, shouldering responsibilities like men owing to their multi tasking abilities. In addition, they have managed to strike a balance between their home and career. Yet, there are problems and challenges which they have to face particularly for the women who hail from economically weaker sections of society. Pillai college of Education and Research, Chembur, in collaboration



Girls display placards in support of women empowerment

### SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL BOMBAY CHAPTER

It was founded in 1995 and chartered in 1997 under the leadership of Dr Daphne Pillai, to bring a positive change in the lives of women and girls through education, empowerment and development of their skills and abilities. Currently the members who are teachers from Mahatma Education Society complex, have initiated several steps aimed at upliftment of women and girl child. Some of them include fistful of rice under which they collected rice, pulses which were provided as nourishment to cancer patients. Yoga sessions for under privileged women who work as helpers, ensuring sustainable livelihood opportunities for school dropouts etc.

with Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur Chapter, organized street plays at various venues in the suburb of Chembur to spread awareness about such social issues pertaining to women that prevail in the society.

Students were divided into seven groups and each group performed at different venues like Ambedkar garden, Diamond garden, Chembur station,

post office, K star mall and Sindhi society, which not only attracted the attention of citizens but also won them applause. Through street plays students addressed several burning issues like sexual harassment, girl child education, infant foeticide, dowry and so on. "The main objective of conducting such street plays was to empower women in the society and strive towards gender equality to make the

world a better place to live" stated Principal Sunita Wadikar.

The street plays were organized by Assistant Professors Vinita Desai and Swasti Dhar under the guidance of Principal Wadikar and Dr Daphne Pillai, founder of Soroptimist International, Bombay Chembur chapter. "We gave students some guidelines and they worked on the script" disclosed Vinita Desai.



# MEDIA COVERAGE

CAREER SAVOR



Dr. K.M. Vasudevan and Dr. Daphne Pillai

## SHAPING minds

Educationist Dr Daphne Pillai speaks to **Bhavana Doifode** about providing high quality education to our country's youth and skill-based training to marginalised women.

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## "We started the Adult Literacy Drive for women living in slums."

exchange program - where they are exposed to the workings of Fortune 500 companies like Microsoft, Google, Genentech, Oracle, Paypal etc - to the Saint Mary's College of Business and Economics, California, USA.

Excerpts from our tête-à-tête with her...

**What are your work mantras?**

Having being in the field for 40 years, we lay great emphasis on leadership through example. We are very hands-on, very approachable to all our students, their parents, teaching and non-teaching staff.

**Tell us about the Mahatma Education Society (MES).**

The Mahatma Education Society is a trust under the Pillai Group which runs 48 educational institutions across Maharashtra. We have colleges of architecture, engineering, management studies, arts, commerce, science etc.

**Tell us about the numerous projects you have initiated and implemented for the upliftment of women.**

We started the Adult Literacy Drive for women living in slums. We've also started a range of learning options. For younger girls, we initiated several skill development programs - from beauty care and hairstyling, to desk-top printing skills, catering and hospitality. We also help the girls become entrepreneurs by negotiating with banks for loans for them.

**Give us a little insight into your family.**

My husband Dr K M Vasudevan Pillai is the visionary and founder of the Pillai Group of Institutions. We have three children - our eldest son Priam is currently the COO of the MES, Pillai Group of Institutions. Our daughter Minerva is the co-founder of US Bionics, a company in California, USA. Our youngest son Pranav is the Deputy CEO of MES, Pillai Group



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**How do you strike a balance between your personal and professional life?**

Family time is precious and we make sure that no matter how pressing our individual commitments may be, we have at least one meal together. We also make it a point to take a vacation together at least once a year. Reading and travelling are also excellent restoratives.

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# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

## NMCL Team Mumbai

**M**ahatma Education Society's Pillai group of Institutions observed International Day of Yoga in association with Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur, 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. Yoga experts, Mr. Ashish Samarth and Mrs. Deepika Samarth from Vyaana Yoga Centre conducted the 90 minute session. A series of separate programmes for students, faculty and non-teaching staff are being planned in the next few days to commemorate this important day. The event was a grand success with around 40 women attending the session. The yoga experts spoke about the various health issues of women and the importance of making time for oneself and for exercise to remain fit and healthy. A series of yogasanas and breathing techniques was practiced during the session. The participants wholeheartedly participated in all the exercises and felt very relaxed after the 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."



## Readers Problems

We live in sector 10 and would like bus no. 49 service to be continued properly. It is erratic. It should ply at least during peak hours. If it is not getting sufficient response, may be it can be diverted via another route but please don't stop the service.

B) There are open manholes.

C) The road leading to the bus stop from Shelter Park to the main road i.e. Expressway has a whole lot of garbage piled up

D) If one wants to go to Bandra one has to go to the CBD Bellapur bus depot to catch a bus. Can the service not be extended to Kharghar?

Also the auto rickshaw situation is pathetic from CBD Bellapur. The auto rickshaw drivers do not go by meter but charge whatever they want upto Kharghar. Can a metre not be introduced? It is the same from Kharghar station.

Check your answer in next week

issue. Please do keep sending us your queries and all the answers will be published in next week publication.

We will do our best to solve it and get the answers from the concern department.

keep sending us on our email id.

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# INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS



# Dr. Daphne Pillai was invited to speak at the 20<sup>th</sup> Soroptimist International Convention in Turkey



# AWARD NOMINATION

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Gmail - SIGBI Best Practice Award



Namrata Saxena <namrata.s.saxena@gmail.com>

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## SIGBI Best Practice Award

2 messages

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**Pat Ash** <blackpat308@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 21, 2015 at 9:15 PM

To: yvettelee85@gmail.com, namrata.s.saxena@gmail.com  
Cc: barbara dixon <barbara.dixon5@btinternet.com>

Dear Yvette and Namrata

I am delighted to inform you that SI Bombay Chembur are one of the 3 clubs nominated for a SIGBI Best Practice Programme Award for Advocacy/lobbying for your work on access to literacy for all. (PFRF #37032)  
If you are able to send a photo related to any of your work on this we would be able to display it on screen at the SIGBI Glasgow Conference in November. The winner for this category will be announced during Conference between 3.20pm and 3.40pm on Saturday 7th November 2015.  
If you have a club representative at Conference could you let me know and could they make themselves known to one of the stewards so that they can join the other nominees at the front of the auditorium.  
If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to ask.  
Congratulations on your nomination and for the outstanding work you have done to achieve this.  
With best wishes

—

Pat Black

Assistant Programme Director ECOSOC (UN)

Joint Secretary, SI Scotland South Region

Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland [www.sigbi.org](http://www.sigbi.org)

**Women inspiring action, transforming lives**

Club: [www.sigbi.org/edinburgh](http://www.sigbi.org/edinburgh)

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**Namrata Saxena** <namrata.s.saxena@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 22, 2015 at 9:34 AM



# **Dr. Daphne Pillai and Dr. Celina Joy** were invited to speak at the Soroptimist International Club San Francisco



# SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL BOMBAY CHEMBUR

**YEAR 2015 -16**

- **15 PROJECTS:** educate, empower, enable
- **INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITIONS:**
- Dr Daphne Pillai – Panel speaker at the 20<sup>th</sup> SI Convention – Turkey
- **SIBC NOMINATIONS FOR SIGBI BEST PRACTICE PROGRAMME AWARDS**
- Dr Daphne Pillai and Dr Celina Joy – speaker at SI club San Francisco
- **Media recognitions:** Savvy, Times NIE, Navi Mumbai Cityline



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