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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Soroptimist Sisters,

Two years ago, I stepped into this role with hope and intention.

What I did not expect was how much this journey would give back to me. Each member of this club has shown me the true meaning of strength, service and sisterhood.

Together, we have worked with dedication and created an impact beyond numbers. This journey has been one of purpose and pride.

I leave with deep gratitude for our shared mission and collective efforts. I pray the club will continue to grow and create meaningful change.

Preeti Pawar
President



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello there,

It has been a privilege to serve as Communication Officer of SIBC for two terms and bring out its annual newsletters.

The year 2025-26 has been eventful for SIBC. Our long-term projects such as Project PANKH and Project Bloom Bold have continued with vigour while flagship project of Adult Literacy has been reimaged.

We are glad to report a legacy project of the year – donation of computers to Don Bosco Stellar Academy.

This newsletter encapsulates the spirit of service and fellowship at SI Bombay Chembur.

Happy Reading!

Smita Dalvi
Communication
Officer



MAY 2025 - April 2026

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FOUNDER PRESIDENT DR. DAPHNE PILLAI AT CSW70



SI Bombay Chembur is proud to share that our Founder President **Dr. Daphne Pillai** was invited as a speaker at two events at the seventieth session of the **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70)** held at United Nations Headquarters in New York in March 2026. This was her 4th invited participation as an official speaker at CSW. Dr. Pillai's contributions in championing women's causes is recognised by the UN, SI, and SIGBI.



Title of the Talk: "Dignity in Every Drop: Water, Hygiene, and Girls' Right to Learn."

On 11 March 2026.

Hosted by Joint Office for Commonwealth Missions to the United Nations: Side Event)
Co-hosted by: Soroptimist International & Commonwealth.

Year 2026 declared as the International Year of Water.



Title of the Talk: "Turning Silence into Justice: Best Practices Against Gender-Based Violence".

On 12 March 2026.

Hosted by Taiwan Coalition Against Violence (TCAV).

DR. DAPHNE PILLAI'S ARTICLE IN SI CSW70 BLOG

Turning Silence into Justice on Gender Violence



I had the privilege to participate in a discussion on gender-based violence at the 70th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70), organised by the Taiwan Coalition Against Violence in collaboration with the Taipei City Government and moderated by Shu-wen Liao, Secretary General of TCAV.

The dialogue reaffirmed a powerful and sobering reality: gender-based violence is a universal challenge, cutting across borders, cultures, and socio-economic contexts. Yet, while its roots lie in deeply entrenched inequalities and power imbalances, its expression varies significantly from country to country.

Gender-based violence in India cannot be addressed unless we confront an uncomfortable truth: much of it is hidden in plain sight. It is embedded in tradition, reinforced by social norms, and often dismissed as “private” or “cultural.”

Violence is not only physical. It is structural, systemic, and deeply normalised.

It begins early. Child marriage continues to deny girls their right to education, autonomy,

and choice, locking them into cycles of dependency and vulnerability. Dowry-related abuse persists in insidious forms, including emotional coercion, financial pressure, and neglect. Son preference and sex-selective practices reflect a society where the value of a girl is questioned even before birth.

Within homes, violence is frequently invisible. Marital rape remains uncriminalised, leaving women without legal recognition of their most basic right: consent. Women’s mobility, finances, and social interactions are often controlled, while psychological abuse erodes their confidence and sense of self. These are not isolated incidents but manifestations of structural inequality.

The burden is even heavier for women at the intersections of caste, class, and community. Dalit and Adivasi women face disproportionate violence, often used to reinforce social hierarchies. Honour-based abuse, acid attacks, and economic exclusion further illustrate how power and patriarchy intersect to silence women.

If we continue to define gender-based violence narrowly, we will continue to

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DR. DAPHNE PILLAI'S ARTICLE IN SI CSW70 BLOG

respond inadequately. The response must be broader, deeper, and more transformative.

As highlighted by Berthe De Vos-Neven in her reflections on CEDAW, legal frameworks alone are not sufficient unless they are translated into lived realities for women and girls. The gap between rights on paper and rights in practice remains one of the greatest challenges in advancing gender justice.

Education is not just a development priority—it is a strategic intervention against violence.

For nearly three decades, initiatives under The Power of a Second Chance by Soroptimist International of Bombay Chembur have demonstrated how education can disrupt cycles of abuse. Adult literacy programmes have enabled women to reclaim agency, build confidence, and participate in decision-making. Skills training and livelihood opportunities have reduced economic dependency, one of the strongest drivers of vulnerability to abuse.

In today's context, digital and financial literacy are equally critical. Access to technology allows women to connect to support systems, report violence, and participate in the economy. Financial knowledge equips them to make independent decisions, avoid exploitation, and build sustainable futures.

At the community level, awareness initiatives—from street theatre to school-based education on bodily autonomy—are

challenging harmful norms and creating space for dialogue. Legal awareness programmes are transforming women from silent survivors into informed rights-holders.

These interventions demonstrate a critical truth:

Empowerment is both prevention and protection.

When we invest in education, we do more than empower individuals.

We give meaning to global commitments like CEDAW.

We bridge the gap between rights and reality.

And we move from silence to justice.



The article can be accessed here
<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/2026/04/08/csw70-blog-turning-silence-into-justice-on-gender-violence/>



AGM 2026

The Annual General Meeting of SI Bombay Chembur was held on 24th April. President Preeti Pawar chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Secretary Yvette Lee read the minutes of the previous meeting. PAC Celina Joy presented a summary of the projects conducted in the year 2024-25. Treasurer Mamta Patil presented the accounts. Communication Officer Smita Dalvi presented the annual Newsletter.

The Executive Committee for the term 2026-28 was elected. Incoming President Dr. Reni Francis received charge from Ms. Preeti Pawar.

Dr. Daphne Pillai made a presentation and shared her experiences of being a delegate and a speaker at CSW70.

The members enjoyed a lively fellowship along with high tea.



Executive Committee of SIBC for the Term 2026-28

From L-R:

Dr. Celina Joy (PAC), **Ms. Deepika Sharma** (Communication Officer), **Ms. Yvette Lee** (Secretary), **Ms. Mamta Patil** (President Elect), **Dr. Daphne Pillai** (Founder President), **Dr. Reni Francis** (President), **Ms. Preeti Pawar** (Membership Officer and IPP), **Dr. Betty Sibil** (Treasurer).

INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL & UNDERSTANDING

Dr. Daphne Pillai's Interactions with SI and SIGBI Members and CSW70 Delegates, at New York: SIBC Founder President during her visit to the UN and CSW70 had the occasion to interact with several Soroptimists from world over and exchange news and ideas with them.



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

On July 27, **SI Bombay Chembur** celebrated its friendship links, over a zoom meeting, with **SI Bangalore India**, **SI Llandudno UK** and **SI Tunbridge Wells UK**, to get a sneak peek into the "Architectural Heritage" of these regions while reinforcing our friendships. The friendship meet was joined by the members of these four clubs and many from other clubs in India, including **NASI President Nayana Shah** and other NASI board members.





FELLOWSHIP PICNIC AT FRANAV FARMS

The members of SI Bombay Chembur took time out in February for a fun-filled day-long **Picnic at Franav Farms** on the outskirts of Mumbai. They chilled at the poolside and amidst lush green environment of the farm that kept up a steady flow of snacks, food and fresh coconut water.



SIBC AT NASI AGM IN KOLKOTA

Our members from SI Bombay Chembur participated in the NASI AGM held in Kolkata on 28 June. **President Preeti Pawar, Secretary Yvette Lee, PAC Celina Joy, and President Elect Reni Francis** travelled to Kolkata to represent our club. Yvette Lee and Reni Francis who are also on the NASI Board as PAC and Communication Officer respectively, presented their reports in the meeting. The members enjoyed a great fellowship from soroptimists around the country and exchanged ideas. They also gifted handmade cloth bags (made by school children during the WED) to the NASI Board members and host club SI South Kolkata members as token of friendship.



SOROPTIMIST EXCELLENCE AWARD 2026

conferred on Dr. Nandita Shah

SI Bombay Chembur was privileged to confer the Soroptimist Excellence Award 2026 on **Dr. Nandita Shah, Co-founder and managing trustee of Akshara Centre**, a not-for-profit women's organisation and resource centre working for empowerment of women and girls. Their action is three-pronged: Changing hearts and minds of young women and men, Impacting public attitudes, and collaborating with government bodies to ensure gender justice.

The award ceremony took place on 23rd February at Pillai University Campus at Panvel. The award was presented to her at the hands of Dr. Daphne Pillai, our founder president. The award carried a trophy, a citation and a donation by SIBC to Askhara Centre.



SDGs SERVED THROUGH PROGRAMME ACTION



**PROGRAMME ACTION:
2025-26**

**Legacy Project:
“Bridging Possibilities
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Project Bloom Bold

Project ASHA

16 Days of Activism 2025

National Conferences

Miscellaneous

Celebration of UN Days

LEGACY PROJECT 2025-26

“Bridging Possibilities Through Digital Literacy” Donation of Computers

SI Bombay Chembur is happy and proud to execute a legacy project -- **“Bridging Possibilities Through Digital Literacy”**—in which we donated four computers to **Don Bosco Stellar Academy** for their digital literacy project for under-served women in the poor communities they work with.

The young women at the academy will be taught softwares like Tally, Advanced Excel, GST simulations etc. using these high end computers.

The function was held on 2nd March 2026 at Don Bosco Nerul. Members of SIBC led by our **President Preeti Pawar** attended the function.

The installation of four computers of high-end quality was inaugurated by our founder President **Dr. Daphne Pillai** and **Father Barnabe D’Souza** of Don Bosco Development Centre.



Project PANKH 2025-26

Based on the resounding success during previous two years, SIBC embarked upon conducting the **3rd annual cycle of our Project PANKH** – a series of workshop for the teachers and students of the municipal school, **Gyanjyoti Savitribai Phule Shala**, Podi 2, New Panvel for the overall holistic development of the school.

It was launched on 14 August 2025 with a small ceremony at the school and a set of activities.

This is a collaborative effort with Pillai Institute of Management Studies and Research, in which the student and teacher volunteers along with members of SIBC visited the school on a weekly basis **between August 2025 and March 2026** and offered **workshop sessions** designed with a focus on improving literacy and language skills, teaching craft skills, awareness on personal development, and personal safety measures.

The closing session served to consolidate the learning outcomes of the entire program. Students demonstrated improved confidence in solving mathematical problems and actively participated in language-based activities.

The Project “PANKH” Initiative has made a meaningful impact on the lives of over 105 students of the school.



POWER OF A SECOND CHANCE: FINANCIAL LITERACY SESSIONS

Under the banner of our flagship project of Adult Literacy, **'Power of a Second Chance'**, a week-long workshop on **Financial Literacy** was delivered to women from low income families in March 9-14.

Certificates were awarded to all participants at the successful conclusion.

The aim was to equip women with essential financial knowledge and practical skills for everyday life. Through these sessions, participants gained an understanding of basic banking, savings, budgeting, and responsible financial planning. The program sought to build confidence and encourage women to become financially aware and self-reliant.



PROJECT BLOOM BOLD 2025-26

Project Bloom Bold, initiated last in last year, was relaunched in August 2025 as the SIBC's long-term initiative aimed at promoting awareness and education among adolescents. The project consists of a series of interactive sessions focusing on puberty, menstrual hygiene and the concepts of safe and unsafe touch. It was kickstarted at Chembur English High School.

Over the following months, sessions were organized for students from other schools in Mumbai and Raigad district. In addition to Chembur English High School, the programme was conducted at Gyanjyoti Savitribai Phule Podi Shala and MES's HOCL School.

Through these sessions approx. 650 students were reached and sensitized to these crucial aspects of adolescent health, safety and well-being.



NATIONAL CONFERENCES

SI Bombay Chembur collaborated with Pillai College of Education and Research, Panvel, to organise two national conferences in online mode in the month of October.

Good Health and Well-being

The first one on **14th October** had the theme - **“Good Health and Well-being”** and it aimed to create awareness about the importance of physical and mental health, and to promote holistic well-being among Educators, Research scholars and student-teachers. Our member **Dr. Sally Enos** was the convener of the conference and **Dr. Celina Joy, PAC** gave an introduction to Soroptimist International to the participants.

Mahatma Education Society's
PILLAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & RESEARCH,
NEW PANVEL
(AUTONOMOUS)
(Re-accredited (2nd Cycle) at 'A+' Grade by NAAC)

in collaboration with
Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur
Organizes
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING
14th October, 2023
ONLINE MODE

OUR SPEAKERS

Dr. Almeida Fabian
MBBS, DNB
Professor,
Wingyang Consulting Clinic, Editor
Forum Hospital, Madhav (W)

Mrs. Varsha Gorey
M.Sc., B.D
Dietitian - Aarohi Hospital,
New Mumbai

AGENDA

10:00 to 10:30 am - Inaugural Session
10:30 to 11:45 am - First Session by Dr. Almeida Fabian
12:00 to 1:15 pm - Second Session by Mrs. Varsha Gorey
1:15 to 2:00 pm - Lunch Break
2:00 to 5:00 pm - Research Paper Presentation

Join us in building a healthier and more balanced world as we explore the vital connection between physical health, mental well-being, and holistic growth in today's fast-paced era. Together, let's create spaces that nurture emotional, intellectual, and a positive state of mind.

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Gender Equality in the Current Era

The second conference was held on **16th October** on the theme of **“Gender Equality in the Current Era”**, to serve as a platform for reflection, dialogue, and the dissemination of research on Gender Equality in today's digital and diverse world. Ms. Shruti Nair was the convener of the conference and SIBC President Ms. Preeti Pawar welcomed the delegates.

Mahatma Education Society's
Pillai College of Education and Research
Plot-1, Sector 8, Khanda Colony, New Panvel
NAAC Re-accredited 'A+' in the 2nd Cycle
(Autonomous)

in collaboration with
Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur
Organizes
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CURRENT ERA
(SDG 5 GENDER EQUALITY)

This conference aims to initiate critical conversations, promote advocacy, and inspire action towards achieving equal rights and opportunities for all genders.

October 16, 2023

OUR SPEAKERS:

Mrs. Dolly James
Convener,
Nagpurva Centre, Nagpur,
Topic: Gender Equality,
Inclusivity & Empowerment

Ms. Yvette Lee
Convener & Social Worker,
Mahatma Education Society's Group
of Institutions,
Topic: Gender Based Violence in the
Digital Space: Understanding and
Addressing Online Violence

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Join us in fostering a more inclusive and equitable world, as we delve into the evolving narratives of gender and identity in today's era.

Mode: Online - Platform: Google meet
Scan & Register Now to Attend!
Be part of a powerful dialogue on Gender Equality in the Current Era.

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16 DAYS of ACTIVISM 2025

SI Bombay Chembur observed '16 days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence' between November 25 to December 10, in collaboration with several Institutions of the Pillai Group.

In 2025, the UN Women's theme was "End digital violence against all women and girls", calling for accountability and safety in tech spaces.

The events and programmes ranged from sessions by expert speakers on legal awareness, street plays, rural area outreach, seminars on digital violence etc.

Adv. Deepali R. Bohra (Practicing Advocate at Mumbai High Court) emphasized the evolving nature of cyber-crimes, shared real-life case examples, and elaborated on relevant laws such as IT Act provisions, cyber safety guidelines, and reporting mechanisms.



FISTFUL OF GRAINS 2025-26

SIBC in September collected grains - rice, dal, sugar totaling to more than 120kg contributed by staff and students of PCER, Chembur. The foodgrains were distributed to 75 inmates of a girls orphanage and 100 families residing in Tilak Nagar and Chembur West.



PROJECT ASHA 2025-26

Project ASHA is our recurring programme in which every year we help micro-financing women entrepreneurs from the marginalised communities to assist them in setting up their micro-scale businesses.

To our contribution, we received generous top ups by our member Namita Kafaliya and from IWFCI – International Women’s Federation of Commerce and Industries, India National Chapter.

We donated Rs. 5,000/- each to four women, variously engaged in beautician start-up, vegetable vendor, vada pav selling, and fruit business. In a humble ceremony at Don Bosco Nerul on 2nd March.



Empowering Girls

International Day of the Girl Child

SIBC organised a seminar titled "Girls on the Frontline: Leading Change, Shaping Futures" on October 11, 2025 to observe "the International Day of the Girl Child 2025". The theme for the day was - the girl I am, the change I lead: Girls on the frontline of crisis.

The Resource Person was Adv. Aarti Jeevan Patil who spoke about gender equality while highlighting how gender bias continues to affect women even before birth.



Workshop: "Girls in AI and Automation"



A week-long workshop **"Girls in AI and Automation,"** was jointly organized by Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur (SIBC) and **Society of Women Engineers, Pillai College of Engineering** affiliate (SWE PCE).

Between 25-31 May, young women from several schools in panvel immersed themselves in cutting-edge sessions on artificial intelligence, automation, and emerging technologies, gaining hands-on experience and invaluable mentorship.



INITIATIVES FOR HEALTH & WELLBEING

TD Vaccination Drive

SIBC on 25 February organized a TD (Tetanus–Diphtheria) Vaccination Drive for students of classes IV and XI in collaboration with the Government Public Health Department at MES HOCL School, Rasayani.



Mini-Thon

a Minithon for youth was organized in Rasayani on 27 February, 2026, to raise awareness about women's health. It was flagged off with 150 enthusiastic participants following a warm and guidance session by 'Khelo India' coaches and athletes.



Training for Self-Defence

“Fearless You: A Self Defence Training Session for Women” was organized on 24 September for students in Rasayani to empower them with practical self-defence and confidence building strategies. The Resource Person for the workshop was Mr. Subhash Patil (Raigad Taekwondo Association) and his team.



Blanket Donation Drive

We collected small donations to purchase new blankets for distribution among the poor and homeless communities. On 28th November, the members reached out to street dwellers around Chembur. On 8th December, the members travelled to Kundewahal, an Adivasi village near Panvel and distributed blankets to the elderly and children who had gathered in the local school.



FUNDRAISING

Jumble Sale 2025

Our annual fundraiser, the popular **Jumble Sale** was a runaway success this year too, held at Chembur English High School on 14th October. Visitors from nearby communities were treated with bargain shopping and Mehndi stalls. Our Founder president Dr. Daphne Pillai inaugurated the same and was managed by our members with volunteers from Pillai College of Education.



Daan Utsav

SIBC organised a Sales Carnival titled, 'Daan Utsav' at Pillai Campus in Panvel on 11th November. The students guided by our members put up stalls of various nick-knacks, food etc. as a mela. The profits of the sale, Rs. 21,855, was donated by them to SIBC for its social service initiatives.

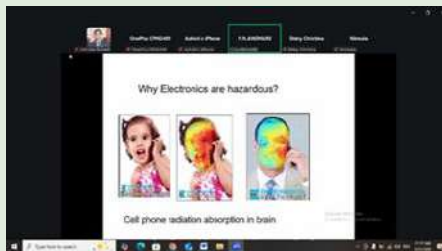


Newspaper Drive

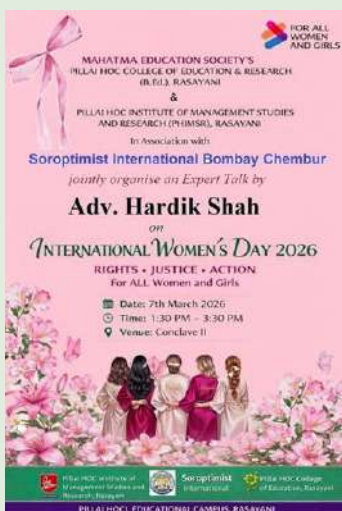
Newspaper drive collection at Mahatma School of Academics and Sports, Khanda Colony - Rs. 7588.

A newspaper collection drive was carried out in schools of Panvel and valuable Rs. 12,820/- were raised by selling them in raddi. Kudos to PAC Celina Joy who coordinated the drive.

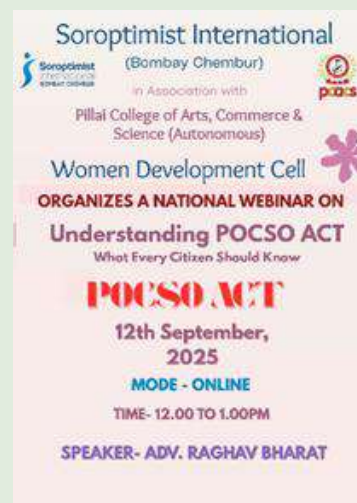
Expert Talks



In an online talk on 21 February, Ms. Kalpana Andhare from Stree Mukti Sanghatana elaborated on the harmful effects of improper disposal of electronic devices on soil, water, and human health.



On 12 September, we organised a Webinar on POSCO ACT. The speaker for the event was Adv. Raghav Bharat. On 07 March, a session by Adv. Hardik Shah on Rights and Justice for Women and Girls.



A Seminar titled “Whispering Change: Revolutionizing Menstrual Hygiene” was organized on 23 August for young college girls in Rasayani. The seminar was conducted by our Club Secretary Yvette Lee.



Dr. Daphne Pillai was a co-speaker at the NASI webinar on 27 November organised for mentoring of the clubs in India for fruitful functioning. Dr. Pillai spoke on the subject of ‘Leadership Skills’ .

CELEBRATION OF UN DAYS: 2024-25

SI Bombay Chembur observed the following UN Days in collaboration with various schools and colleges in different campuses of Mahatma Education Society

- World Environment Day**
- International Day of Yoga**
- International Justice Day**
- International friendship Day**
- International Organ Donation Day**
- 'Fistful of Grains' - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and World Food Day**
- International Day for the Girl Child**
- International Women's Day**

CELEBRATION OF UN DAYS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2025

SI Bombay Chembur celebrated World Environment Day by engaging with school children of HOCL School and Chembur English High School. We conducted activities such as skits, tree plantation, making and distributing cloth bags and poster-making competitions.



CELEBRATION OF UN DAYS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA 2025

SI Bombay Chembur celebrated International Day of Yoga in collaboration with Pillai Group of Institutions. Yoga and Surya Namaskar sessions were organised for the students of Pillai HOC college of Education and Research, Pillai College of Education & Research, New Panvel, as well as for junior college students of Chembur English High School.



CELEBRATION OF UN DAYS

International Women's Day 2026

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Distribution of Utility Hampers
 A 'Utility Hamper Distribution Drive' was carried out for women residing in Marouli Village, Chembur. It contained essential items that can assist them in their daily lives, with an aim to spread awareness about women's dignity, well-being, and empowerment.

Campaign for Menstrual Hygiene at Tara Village School

An MHM session was held for the students of Bhanuben Pravin Shah School in Tara Village, aiming to break social taboos and promote healthy practices among young girls. sanitary pad kits were distributed to all participants.



CELEBRATION OF UN DAYS

Soroptimist International Bombay Chambur (SIBC)
 in collaboration with
 MES's Pillai College of Education and Research (Autonomous),
 Chambur
 &
 Regional cum State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation
 organizes a session on the occasion of
WORLD ORGAN DONATION DAY

13th AUGUST **WORLD ORGAN DONATION DAY**

Date & Time
 23rd August, 2025 10:00 am
 Venue: Room No.401
 PCB, Chambur

"Give the gift of life. Donate an organ today. PLEASE!"

Soroptimist International Bombay Chambur
Soroptimist Welfare Association
 In collaboration with
 MAHATMA EDUCATION SOCIETY'S
PILLAI HOC COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & RESEARCH
 NAAC Accredited

Organizes a Yoga session on the occasion of
International Yoga Day

Resource Person: Ms. Pradnya Pawar

Date: 21st June 2025 • Time: 3:06 p.m.
 Venue: Assembly Room, Ground Floor, B.Ed.

Mahatma Education Society's HOCL School
 Rasayani
 in collaboration with
Soroptimist International Bombay Chambur
 &
Rotary Club of Patalganga
 celebrates
Van Mahotsav
 Sapling Plantation Drive at HOCL Playground
 1st July, 2025, 11.30am

Soroptimist International Bombay Chambur (SIBC)
 in collaboration with
 MES'S Pillai College of Education and Research, Chambur (Autonomous)
 celebrates
World Environment Day
 5th June 2025
 Theme : Ending Plastic Pollution

"Plant trees, save the future."

Soroptimist International Bombay Chambur
 in association with
Pillai University
 welcomes
Soroptimist Excellence Award Winner 2025
Dr. Nandita Shah
 Co Founder & Co-Director
 Akshara Centre

For the observance of
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

DATE & TIME: 23rd FEB 2026
 1:45 PM

VENUE: CONCLAVE 1, 2nd FLOOR,
 PILLAI CAMPUS, PANVEL

Organized by Women Development Cell

Soroptimist International Bombay Chambur (SIBC)
 in collaboration with
 MES's Pillai College of Education and Research (Autonomous),
 Chambur
 Organizes
Fistful of Grains

Join us to contribute the items like Dal, Dal, Moong Dal, Masoor Dal, Sugar and Rice to the needy.
 Distribution will be done at 12:00am
 @ Chambur Signal,
 Eastern Express Highway

On
25th September, 2025

"SHARING FOOD WITH THE NEEDY IS THE SIMPLEST ACT OF HUMANITY."

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Organize a seminar titled
"Girls on the Frontline: Leading Change, Shaping Futures"
 to observe
 The International Day of the Girl Child 2025
 Theme: The girl I am, the change I lead: Girls on the
 frontline of crisis

Date: Oct 11, 2025 Time: 10:30 a.m. onwards Venue: Conclave II

MAHATMA EDUCATION SOCIETY'S
 PILLAI HOC COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND COMMERCE
 IN ASSOCIATION WITH
Soroptimist International Bombay Chambur
DAAN UTSAV
 23rd NOVEMBER 2025
 TIME: 12:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
 VENUE: STAY AREA G & P

YOUR JOY BECOMES SOMEONE'S HOPE.
 ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY

A Social Service Committee Initiative

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Organizes a Seminar titled
"Whispering Change: Revolutionizing Menstrual Hygiene"

Date: Aug 23, 2025 Time: 1:00 p.m. onwards Venue: Conclave I

Did You Know?

Maharani Chimnabai II (1872 – 1958) was a queen and the second wife Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad of the princely state of Baroda, Gujarat, British India.

She is the author of the treatise ***The position of Women in Indian Life (1911)***, and was the first president of the All India Women's Conference (AIWC) in 1927–1928, as well as the president of the National Council of Women in India in 1928–1937.



One of her most notable achievement was to establish "**Shree Chimnabai Stree Udyogalaya**", a professional training institute for women. Founded in 1914, it continues to function till date.



Source:

Wikipedia and 'Changemakers - The Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary Women in the Bombay Presidency' -- exhibition at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS)

