Independence Day evokes and instills a sense of pride and patriotism in every Indian. The 70th Independence Day was celebrated with great fervor by all at Pravara and was held in the Padmashri Vikhe Patil College of Arts, Science and Commerce college ground. The people of Pravara rejoiced the freedom and remembered the great freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to gift us freedom.

As is well known, this function used to be held on the premises of the PPS. This year, the Executive Chairman took a considered decision to move the venue as PVP is a more central location and thus convenient for students to reach.

Dr. Ashok Vikhe Patil, Executive Chairman, invited Honourable Namdar Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Leader of the Opposition in Maharashtra Legislative Assembly as the Chief Guest of the Independence Day function. The National Flag was hoisted with pride at 8:00 AM against the backdrop of National Anthem played by the band.

The Chief Guest inspected the assembled parade. Later, in an impressive parade, the NCC and Scout Guide troops from PVP college, PPS, PCPS, Sainik School, PKVM, PGEMS and the security detail of PRES enthralled the audience.

The school children participated with eager alacrity and showcased their talent. A few of the memorable performances include the Pyramid formations by the Tiny Tots, Melodious Song performance by Sainik school cadets, Enactment of play by school children, PCPS performance encouraging the student to participate in sports and a mesmerizing performance based on the theme ‘Save Mother Nature’ by PGEMS.

The Hon. Chief Guest in his speech addressed the issues faced today by the people of India and the community of Maharashtra. He stressed on the importance of maintaining peace and tolerance in times of fear and increasing influence of terrorism activities.

The Independence Day celebrations concluded with Gen. Neeraj Bali addressing the audience and thanking the participants and organizers for their efforts who made it possible for such a mega event to happen in Loni. The Event was attended by more than 1000 people working and studying at Pravara.

The Executive Chairman observed that Independence Day celebrations should be open to all in the vicinity and hence the efforts will be made to make the event open for all for the next Independence Day.
116th Padmashri Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil birth Anniversary celebrations was jointly organized by Women’s College of Home Science and BCA and Padmashri Vikhe Patil Arts, Science and Commerce College.

Padmashri Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil was an eminent visionary who promoted education and worked all his life for the uplift of the rural masses. In an effort to continue his good work and to encourage students the society annually felicitates the meritorious students on the auspicious occasion of the Birth Anniversary of the Founder Father.

Dr. Pradeep Dighe, Principal P.V.P College addressed the audience and welcomed them for the celebratory function. Hon. Dr. Shripal Sabnis, Chairman All India Marathi Sahitya Samelan, Pimpadi Chinchwad, Pune graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the programme. He addressed the audience and felicitated the meritorious students and encouraged them to excel in the fields they chose in future. On the auspicious occasion Pravara Tarang College Magazine was released. The programme ended with Dr. N.S Ghatge extending the Vote of Thanks to the guests and audience.
It is a matter of great privilege for me to have joined the Pravara family.

It is obvious to me that as the oldest education society of Maharashtra, there are a number of things that we can take pride in. First, while we are a ‘rural’ society because of our location and bulk of intake, we are hardly rural in infrastructure and our orientation towards education! Thanks to the vision of Balasaheb and the ongoing untiring efforts of our Executive Chairman Dr Ashok Vikhe Patil, our colleges, institutes and schools have infrastructure that most of the educational institutes in urban settings cannot even dream of. Second, our deep and abiding commitment to equality for gender, religions, ethnicity et al has its genesis in a period when this was hardly the accepted norm. Third, our focus on making students employable – through imparting value added training, an extensive skill development program, coaching for competitive examinations, training of future NDA cadets for UPSC test and emphasis on soft skills – is unique in a world where much of the education does not lead to jobs.

Having said that, we are an organization that is ‘work-in-progress’. We are dynamic and ever evolving. To be in Pravara is to shun status quo and embrace change. In the coming weeks and months, many more changes will be unveiled – in areas of research, branding, organizational structure, teaching and non-teaching staff development, and, above all, placements.

Watch this space!
For Pravara our Alumni are our integral part and one of our most powerful asset. We look to them for vital contributions for our success. It is a matter of great pride for us that today Pravara’s alumni are at esteemed positions not only in India but in several countries of the world. They are also our most loyal supporters and have consistently exhibited pride that their alma mater has supported them throughout their journey of life.
As a step towards the Executive Chairman’s Vision of connecting with the alumni, the Pravara Rural Engineering College organized a mega event to gather its alumni of Mumbai under one roof for a joyous reunion and interaction. This alumni meet was organized at Navi Mumbai Sports Association, Vashi, Navi Mumbai on 27th Aug. 2016.

The meet commenced at 6 PM with the dignitaries assembling on the dais: Dr. Ashok Patil, Executive Chairman, PRES, Shri Satish Khade, President Alumni Association, PREC, Loni, Shri. Sharad Kale, Vice President Alumni Association PREC, Dr. R.S. Jahagirdar, Principal, PREC, Prof. R.R.Kharde, Head of Mechanical Dept. PREC and Prof S.R. Nimbalkar, Alumni coordinator, PREC. The proceedings began with traditional lighting the lamp and paying homage to Honourable Padmashri Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil.

Prof S.M Turkane welcomed the Alumni and briefed them about the upcoming events for the alumni in the year 2016 and 2017.

Dr. R.S. Jahagirdar addressed the alumni and dilated on the developments in the college in the recent years and expounded the future plans for PREC. In his speech, he made the alumni aware of the improved infrastructure, increased number of placement opportunities for the graduates and extensive research activities carried out in college through the formation of study circle groups. The alumni were also informed of the unveiling of Pravara Research Journal recently and plans for the upcoming alumni meet to be held in Loni and New Delhi.

Mr. Satish Khade expressed his views on the overall development of students and requested the alumni to guide the students by visiting the college at least once every year. As the President of Alumni Association, PREC, he took much pride in informing the audience about the marked presence of alumni not only in India but also in the world. He suggested that the alumni of PREC be recognized and presented with awards like ‘The Distinguished Alumni Award’ or ‘PREC Bhushan Award’.

In his key address, Hon. Dr. Ashok Patil welcomed the alumni and introduced the idea of Dr. Abdul Kalam Technology Park. This technological park will be developed with the objective of carrying out Research Activities, Industrial Projects and Case Studies and will aid the rural community by functioning as a research and innovation center. He made the alumni aware of the Skill development Center which will offer 7 full time course and 11 part time courses for the students. He requested the alumni to engage with the development of this Technological Park and contribute towards the same by sharing their thoughts and ideas.

During the event Alumni shared their memories of their time spent at PREC. Mr. Sunit Survase, CEO of Grad Dreams Education Pvt. Ltd., shared how the learning at PREC about HTML programming and use of high speed internet proved to be a turning point in his life. He showed his willingness to contribute toward the Science and Technology Park. He was felicitated by Dr. Ashok Patil in recognition of his appointment as the Special Executive Officer for Government of Maharashtra.

Mr. Chandrakant Kolhe of Genius Infotek Pvt. Ltd, shared his memories at PREC and requested all the alumni to support the students for placement activity. Dr Ashok Patil felicitated Mr. Vilas Thokale, Bureau chief at Press Trust India and Mr. Ajaykumar Landage, Senior Police Inspector at Vashi Police Station. Prof. S. R. Nimbalkar proposed the vote of thanks for the Alumni Meet. It was followed by open discussion with Hon. Executive chairman PRES, Dr. Ashok Patil over a banquet dinner.

This marks the beginning of our major drive to connect with the alumni wherever they may be.
Students of Pravara Kanya Vidya Mandir to represent Maharashtra State in the Subroto Cup Football tournament

Pravara Rural Education Society’s Pravara Kanya Vidya Mandir Under-17 Girls Football Team representing the Pune Division has brought laurels to the rural region of Maharashtra by winning the Subroto Mukharji State Level Tournament at All Saints Football Ground in Bhivandi. The Pravara’s proud team won the final against the Mumbai Division represented by Arya Vidya Mandir, Juhu by 1-0 progressing towards Subroto Cup Football tournament in New Delhi where they will represent the state. Participants from countries like Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Afghanistan and Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka also participate in this tournament. The tournament is slated to be conducted at Dr. Ambedkar Sports Stadium at New Delhi, during the month of September, 2016.

The Pravara Kanya Vidya Mandir (representing PUNE DIVISION) thrashed the Nashik division team to enter the semi-final of the tournament. The girls showed tremendous courage and skill and battered the Aurangabad Division team 5-0 to breeze into the finals. The team capped off a commanding performance by scoring 1-0 against Mumbai division in the finals. This astonishing achievement comes at a time when Indian women have achieved a remarkable feat at the Rio Olympics and made the entire nation proud.
District level boxing competition was held on 30 Aug 16 at Athare Patil Public School, Ahmednagar. In this competition Pd. Dr. V. Patil Sainik School boxers participated with great zeal and zest.

Under 14 year’s category, the school’s boxers grabbed 3 Gold medals, 5 Silver medals and 1 Bronze Medal. In Under 17 year’s category, the cadets won 6 Gold medals, 2 Silver medals and 2 Bronze medals. In under 19 year’s category, they got 8 Gold medals, 1 Silver medal and 1 Bronze medal.

Dr. Ashok Patil and Gen. Neeraj Bali congratulated the Team and Instructors for their achievements!!

Open day was held on 28th Aug 2016 In Sainik School. The first unit test papers have shown by teachers to the respective parents. Parents inquired student’s academic progress to the respective subject teachers. The PTM was conducted by commandant of the school Lt Col Niraj Sinha (retd), Principal Mr. Shelke ST and was attended by PTA members comprising of teaching staff & select parents.

Post PTA meet, Commandant addressed all the parents to present the school’s view point, it’s progress and future changes that are likely to be undertaken. The queries raised by parents were addressed and their suggestions welcomed.
Women’s Development Cell of SVIT, Nashik organised a seminar “Financial Management” on 31st August 2016 exclusively for the benefit of girl students at Chincholi Campus. Mrs Kanchan Kasat was invited as the Chief Guest. She has been working for LIC since 2003, is a President of Maheshwari Community and a recipient of Million Dollar Round Table Award in 2007. The Chief Guest was felicitated by Principal of SVIT, Dr. S. A. Patil. Mrs. Kasat shared her valuable knowledge and suggested various innovative ways of investments to empower oneself. The girls from the campus participated enthusiastically and were keen to learn the techniques and avenues of investments. Beautiful rangolis were made by the students to welcome guests. The programme was coordinated by Mrs. Vishakha Gaidhani and Mrs. Tejaswini Aher.

Campus recruitment event was held in Sinnar on 25 August, 2016. Atlas Fine Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. Participated in the recruitment event which was organized by Training and Placement Cell of SVIT under the guidance of Prof. S. V. Londhe.

Managing Director Mr. Shiv Sanwal of the company addressed the students for careers and opportunities in the chemical engineering.

Atlas Fine Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. Sinner, Nashik is a chemical company in the business of manufacturing Flavor, Fragrance, Pharmaceutical and Specialty Chemicals based at Sinner. Established in 1991, Atlas was co-founded by alumni of Rhone Poulenc and ICI who spent years building and scaling world-class facilities in the United States.
“Health Promoting Behavior" workshop at Pravara Central Public School

Centre for Social Medicine of Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences, Loni conducted a workshop on Health Promoting Behavior in collaboration with undergraduate students from Oregon State University and Washington State University for 56 students from IX-XII in PCPS on 12th August 2016.

The topics discussed were Health, Environment, Social Health and Importance of group activity. The students were divided into seven groups each with a mentor. The mentor asked the students to pen down their views on a chart paper. Students took great interest and discussed the issues with enthusiasm. A Quiz about awareness of health in our Country and on the global level was also conducted. Students were encouraged to ask questions, which the mentors answered with care and concern.

The facilitators of the workshop were Ms. Amelia Mohavir, Ms. Taylor Ching, Ms. Hannah Gabrielle Smith, Ms. Jasmine Hammerstad, Ms. Kelseyanne Alexander, Mr. Dang Duong and Ms. Lyndi Rae Petty. The students remarked that it was an excellent workshop and they learnt a lot from it.

INTER SCHOOL SOLO SINGING COMPETITION AT PCPS

Inter School Solo Singing Competition was organized by Pravara Central Public School on 07 September, 2016 at the Gymnasium Hall. The competition was divided into three categories with 36 participants from the following schools: Padmashri Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Sainik School, Pravara Public School, Padmashri Dr. Balasaheb Vikhe Patil International School, Little Flower School, Pravara Girls English Medium School, Kolhar High School, and Pravara Central Public School.

The competition was judged by talented and well acclaimed judges. Actor Mr. Dinesh Harishchandra Bane M.Com GDCA so also a Sangeet Visharad, spoke to the students and explained the necessity of facial expressions whilst singing and how and which song to select for a competition. The second Judge also a Sangeet Visharad, Mr. Amol Dattara Badak, spoke about nuances of music and sang a melodious number for the participants. The competition gave out a variety of songs, which kept the audience glued to their seats.

Pravara Central Public School won the trophy as it was judged the best amongst all the participating schools. Medals and certificates were awarded by the judges of the competition.
Pravara Rural Education Society organized a 3 day workshop from 25th August 2016 to 28th August 2016 for the teachers of English medium schools. The venue for the programme was Pravara Central Public School. The workshop was divided into seven sessions. The Resource persons were Dr. Vasantha Thomas and Mr. Arun Thomas from TIPPING POINT. In the inaugural address by Mrs. Neeti Bali, Director of English Medium Schools, she explained that this would be a good platform to encourage teachers for activity based teaching and for inter school teachers interaction. She also thanked the organizers for the effort they had taken in making the workshop great success.
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