

## Press Note

Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur in association with Mahatma Education Society's Pillai group of Institutions organized a WALK on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to observe two international days declared by United Nations viz. the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (November 25) and World Human Rights Day (December 10). Over 300 students, faculty and staff of the Pillai Campus enthusiastically participated in the Walk carrying colourful posters, placards and banners. The Walk commenced from Dr. K M Vasudevan Pillai Campus, Panvel and completed a four km route ending at Mahatma School of Academics & Sports, Khanda Colony at 4:15pm.

The Walk was flagged off by Dr. Daphne Pillai, (Founder-Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur and Secretary – Mahatma Education Society's Management Board) at 3 pm on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Speaking at the event, Dr. Pillai said, "Violence against women is one of the biggest forms of abuse of human rights. People should be sensitized on the alarming rise of atrocities towards women. The youth should be made aware of the effects of such gender based violence."

United Nations leads 16 Days of Activism from 25th November to 10th December against Gender-Based Violence campaign, which aims to raise public awareness and mobilize people everywhere to bring about change. The theme of the campaign for 2017 is "**Leave no one behind: end violence against women and girls.**"

This event by the Pillai students and Soroptimists helped create awareness on the issues of gender equality, human rights and all kinds of violence, especially against women and girls.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vasudevan Pillai, CEO of the Pillai group of institutions said, "It is heartening to see both boys and girls actively participate in such events which highlights the ill effects of violence against women and raises various issues of human rights".

### Brief history of Soroptimist International Bombay Chembur

Soroptimist International is an organization that works for the welfare of women and the girl child. This organization has a general consultative status with ECOSOC (Economic & Social Council, United Nations). Dr. Daphne Pillai is the founder of the Chembur unit of Soroptimist International in Mumbai. Few of the Club members are employed at Mahatma Education Society in various capacities and are actively involved in all the social service initiatives of Mahatma Education Society.

### **Brief history of Mahatma Education Society**

Mahatma Education Society was established in 1970 with the aim of bringing about social and economic change through the proactive personal development of every child that came into its fold. Under the helm of our visionaries, Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai and Dr. Daphne Pillai the trust has grown from a single school into a multi-institution, multi-location group delivering quality education at all levels. Today MES runs 48 institutions in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai all affiliated and accredited with competent authorities in the field of education like the University of Mumbai, AICTE, NAAC, IBO, etc.

### **Brief history of Dr. K M Vasudevan Pillai's Campus**

The Dr. K. M. Vasudevan Pillai's Campus situated at New Panvel was started in 1998 and has gained a lot of accolades for its world class infrastructure, teaching practices and learning environment which is on par with the latest in education practices and is designed to impart education that empowers students to pursue a globally challenging career. In addition to excelling in academics, students are encouraged to explore their multidimensional talents through the various college festivals conducted at the Campus.