

CBCI OFFICE FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE
BIENNIAL REPORT OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
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Thrust areas:

1. Following up National Education Policy (NEP) matters: Submitting proposals to MHRD, responding to draft NEP 2016, meeting and presenting proposals to the new 10 Member NEP Drafting Committee.
2. Relentlessly following up the implementation of “All India Catholic Education Policy 2007”, animating, training, evaluating and certifying as this effort alone can help to put our own house in order.
3. Ensuring that all Educational institutions are POCSO and WOMEN’S SAFETY AT WORKPLACE compliant by conducting animation and training programmes across the country in all the 14 Regions.
4. Enabling our Educational Institutions to face the present day challenges by creating awareness, suggesting remedies, providing guidance through visits and meetings at National and Regional levels.
5. Giving Timely Alerts and informing about new developments from the MHRD and matters concerning Education and reporting on activities and events from the CBCI Education office through e-newsletters.

TIME LINE OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OF THE CBCI OFFICE FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

6th April 2016: Initiative taken to promote Secularism and Constitutional and Democratic Values in Children:

CBCI Office for Education and Culture initiated an all India campaign to inculcate in the millions of school children across the country studying in the educational institutions to make a “My India Pledge” during the morning assembly daily to live the secular, democratic and constitutional values enshrined in the Indian Constitutions. This way we would be proactively contributing to the education and formation of the young men and women in upholding and appreciating and living out the constitutional values enshrined within the frame work of our Indian Constitutions. A series of lesson plans to teach the Indian Constitution in schools have been made available. This would be a step to defend the democratic values and shun any type of discrimination and intolerance from the minds of the young people. This would be an investment in promoting unity, integrity and correct form of nationalism and patriotism at a time when these democratic values and constitutional provisions are in a way interpreted differently by people.

8th to 11th April 2016: Training programme for the Norbertines and sisters of St. Joseph’s Convent involved in Education in Jabalpur:

25 Fathers and Sisters involved in the education service in the province of Jabalpur and 60 sisters of St. Joseph’s School Jabalpur participated in the two training programmes conducted by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, National Secretary for CBCI Office for Education and Culture. The training was to ensure that all the education institutions run by the Norbertine Fathers and their co-workers implement the All India Education Policy of the Catholic Church and implement the CBCI Child Protection Policy to make their institutions POCSO 2012 compliant.

14th, 15th April: Programme to train to implement the Catholic Education policy in the diocese of Jammu:

55 participants attended the training programme conducted by Fr. Joseph Manipadam on the 14th and 15th of April 2016 on the methodology of implementing the All India Catholic Education Policy 2007, to the extent of showing tangible signs of implementation so that the institutions can be evaluated and certified. There were about 55 participants both Fathers and Sisters. It was an overnight programme. The Bishop in Charge of Education for the Northern Region Rt. Rev. Ivan Pereira was present right through the programme.

30th April 2016: Seminar by BCI Office for Labour on safeguarding Rights of Children in the Unorganized Sector:

Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary for the CBCI Office for Education and Culture, conducted a session about ensuring the rights of children in our educational services by making our institutions comply with UN Convention on Rights of Children, JJ Act, CBCI Education Policy, RTE and CBCI Child Protection Policy at a

daylong seminar organized by the CBCI Office for Labour. The programme was coordinated by Fr. Jaison, Secretary CBCI Office for Labour. It was an interactive session. About the importance of implementing the Catholic Education Policy there was much discussion after the presentation by Fr. J. Manipadam.

22nd Triennial Conference of Xavier Board of Higher Education in India: 5th to 8th May 2016 at Kodakara in Irinjalakuda, Kerala:

The Xavier Board of Higher Education in India is the Association of Catholic Colleges in India affiliated to the CBCI Education Office. We have 340 Colleges and 5 Universities. Some 240 Colleges were represented at the 4 days' conference held at Sahridaya College at Irinjalakuda in Kerala. During the Conference the Chairman Bishop Rt. Rev. Joshua Mar Ignathios as well as Fr. Joseph Manipadam, of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture, who are ex-officio members took various sessions and emphasized the need to run our colleges and universities according to the policy of the Catholic Church and initiated the process of having all our Higher Education Institutions to be evaluated as to how effectively are we educating according to the Policy of the Church.

5th 6th June 2016: Orientation for 60 College faculties at St. Michael's College, Chertala:

Some 60 participants, all of them College faculties and their Principal Mr. Mathew V. had their orientation and training on the content of the All India catholic Education Policy 2007 and the method of implementation, and initiated them into the evaluation of the implementation task. It was held at St. Michael's College in Chertala, Kerala where most students are from the weaker section of society. The programme was conducted by Fr. Joseph Manipadam. One of the outcomes of this gathering was the determination of the faculties to participate fully in the education mission of the Church and enhance the interest to form students into men and women of character by fully implementing the Catholic Education policy and sharing the vision of the Church in India.

30th June 2016: Training Teachers about implementing the Catholic Education Policy and POCSO 2012:

110 Teachers of St. Mary's School at Panipat, in Utter Pradesh, were trained to implement the Catholic Education Policy and the CBCI Child Protection Policy in the school in compliance with the Government legislation of 2012, "Prevention of Children from sexual Offences Act". The staff members who were present for this interactive session signed a list of DOs and DON'Ts as part of the code of conduct in this regard. The training was conducted by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture.

1st July 2016: Meeting of 20 Educationists to discuss the draft, new National Education Policy 2016

A group of 20 Educationists from various dioceses and Religious Orders met on 1st July 2016, at the Convent of Jesus and Mary in New Delhi to have an informal discussion on the two drafts published by TSR Subramanian and the MHRD towards the new National Education Policy. Fr. J. Manipadam presented the drafts through a presentation and then it was decided that after receiving feedbacks from across the country a few people working in groups, would draft a response paper and present it to the MHRD before 31st July.

2nd July 2016: Teachers' Training at St. Joseph's School, Greater Noida, U.P:

130 Teachers of St. Joseph's School at Greater Noida, in Utter Pradesh, were trained to implement the Catholic Education Policy and the Child Protection Policy in the school in compliance with the Government legislation of 2012, "Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act". The staff members who were present for this interactive session signed a list of DOs and DON'Ts as part of the code of conduct in this regard. The training was conducted by Fr. Joseph Manipadam and Ms. M. Thomas.

6th, 7th July 2016: Training for Trainers in Patna for Bihar Region for Implementation of catholic Edu. Policy:

30 persons – Education Directors along with a team of 4 others from each of the six dioceses of Bihar participated in the training programme conducted by Fr. Joseph Manipadam and Fr. V. Joseph Raj the Regional Education Secretary. The training was basically about how to implement the Catholic Education Policy effectively in each diocese and get each institution in each diocese to implement the policy and do an evaluation of the effectiveness of implementation. The programme also dealt with making each school POCSO 2012 compliant by implementing the CBCI Child Protection Policy and studied the drafts towards the

new National Education Policy that the Government had brought out. His Grace Archbishop William D'souza gave the key note address and participated in the programme from beginning till end and giving his valuable inputs.

13th, 14th July 2016: Training for Trainers in Lucknow for Agra Region for Implementation of catholic Edu. Policy:

11 out of the 13 dioceses attended the training programme conducted by Fr. J. Manipadam from the CBCI Office for education and culture. Teams from the various dioceses were around 40 in number. The training was about how to evaluate the implementation of the Catholic Education Policy and make all our institutions POCSO 2012 compliant. Fr. Paul Rodrigues was the main coordinator.

16th July 2016: Executive Meeting of the All India Association of catholic Schools at Dwaraka in Delhi:

A full day's meeting of the AINACS took place at AINACS Bhawan in Dwaraka, Delhi. It was basically to discuss about the forthcoming activities and programmes and to discuss details about the next Annual General Meeting to be held later in the year in October.

20th July 2016: Meeting with the members of the United Christian Forum and Association of Minority Schools:

A half day meeting was held with the UCF members and representatives from the Association of Christian schools in Delhi to discuss about the new draft Education Policy announced by the MHRD and to become aware of its content so as to give a response to the Education Department of the Government as it was sought for. The meeting was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, secretary, CBCI office for Education and Culture.

25th July 2016: Meeting with the Executive core team members of the Xavier Board of Higher Education:

A full day meeting was held with the Executivemembers of the Xavier Board of Higher Education at Christ University Bangalore, to discuss about the New Draft Education Policy announced by the MHRD and to become aware of its content so as to give a response to the Education Department. The meeting was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, secretary, CBCI office for Education. During the second half of the day after the presentation of the draft Education Policy by Fr. J. Manipadam, the group went on to formulate the response for the MHRD.

29th to 31st July 2016: National Programme for 90 heads of schools from different dioceses and Provinces;

Three full days' training for 90 heads of Catholics schools was conducted at Nitika Don Bosco in Kolkata by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the Secretary CBCI Office for Education and Culture. The training was on the Implementation of the catholic Education Policy and its evaluation, Child Protection Policy, Basics of schools administration, the new draft published towards the National Education Policy and our response to it and how to deal with the youth of today etc. The logistics of the three days' programme was seen by Fr. K.J. Antony, the secretary, AINACS.

8th August 2016: Conference of Catholic Colleges of Karnataka study draft NEP 2016 at, Bangalore:

Some 90 heads of Catholic Colleges of Karnataka came together on 8th August 2016, to study carefully the new NEP draft brought out by TSR Subramanian and the MHRD. The programme was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Fr. Joseph Xavier, Fr. Pushparaj, Fr. Xavier Alphonse, Mr. Cyriac Thomas and a host of others. The programme was inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Bernard Moras, the Archbishop of Bangalore and others. The programme was held from morning 9.00 A.M. to evening 6.30 P.M. studying the draft policy, debating on issues, studying the various aspects of it in groups and finally a small team of educators drew up a response to be submitted to the MHRD before the 14th August 2016. The meeting brought to light the lurking dangers in the new draft NEP to be taken up to the MHRD. The programme was held at Christ University in Bangalore.

11th August 2016: National Education Policy Draft taken up for study at St. Xavier's campus, New Delhi:

Some 30 Jesuit educationists gathered at St. Xavier's Campus in New Delhi discussed the implications of the draft National education Policy on 11th August 2016 during the evening hours. All the Jesuit priests of Delhi came together. The programme was conducted by Fr. Joseph Manipadam SDB. After the presentation on

NEP, the issue of implementation of the Catholic Education Policy was discussed and a comparative study vis a vis the NEP and the Catholic Education Policy was done.

16th and 17th August 2016: Executive meeting of the All India Association of Catholic Schools:

This meeting was to prepare the Agenda and logistics for the forthcoming AGM of the AINACS slated to take place in Goa in October. The agenda would include the Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy and its evaluation process that is going on as well as the implications of the National Education Policy. It was also pointed out to the Executive members by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture, that the AINACS need to participate in the concerns of the Church in the area of education.

19th August 2016: Press Conference regarding the Response of the Catholic Church in India to the NEP 2016:

The CBCI response to the draft NEP was already submitted on 29th July 2016. It was very much proactive and at the same time firmly bringing to the notice of the MHRD the areas of concern regarding the Minority Rights, Education of the Poor and the marginalized, the Tribals and Dalits etc. An appointment sought for by the CBCI with the MHRD was not forthcoming so the press conference presided over by the Secretary General of the CBCI and Fr. Joseph Manipadam the National Secretary for the CBCI Office for Education and Culture was to make our suggestions, responses to the draft NEP public to bring it to the notice of the Minister. The press meet was attended by more than twenty media personnel and the matter was published in the print and electronic media the next day. The press was also briefed about how the Catholic Church is making efforts to see that the Catholic schools and colleges run according to the policy of the Catholic Church.

21st August 2016: Catholic Religious of India studies the National Education Policy at Meerut:

Some 40 personnel, Fathers, Brothers and Sisters representing the Conference of Religious in India (CRI) met together for a day on 21st August 2016 to analyze and study the NEP draft and the Catholic Education Policy and the response to the NEP given by the CBCI. The meeting was animated by Fr. J. Manipadam who pointed out the implications of the NEP draft and encouraged that all our educational institutions to implement the All India Catholic Education Policy and participate in the evaluation process.

24th, 25th August 2016: Programme for Heads and managers of Schools at Bareilly Diocese, UP:

80 Heads and Managers of schools belonging to the Diocese as well as the various Religious Congregations had their training and input sessions on the implementation of the Catholic Education Policy and enabled them to move on to do the evaluation of implementation of the Catholic Education Policy in all the educational institutions of the diocese. The Bishop concluded the sessions telling them that it was a mandatory task to be done by all schools whether belonging to the diocese or religious congregations. They have over fifty schools in all. The programme was conducted by Fr. Joseph Manipadam SDB, CBCI Secretary for the Office of Education and Culture. The implications of the draft NEP 2016 announced by the MHRD was also studied and discussed.

29th August 2016: Programme for Heads and managers of Schools at Delhi Archdiocese:

Main issues of the draft National Education policy and its implications on Minority Institutions, Scheduled castes, Tribals, the poor and the rural people were discussed by a group of 15 educationists at the Archbishops' House after a presentation of the issues given by the CBCI National Secretary for Education, Fr. Joseph Manipadam SDB. The Archbishop himself was present for the meeting and addressed the participants. The importance of trying to implement our own All India Catholic Education was also discussed and some parallels as well as contrasting aspects between the draft NEP and the Catholic Education Policy was also considered.

3rd September: Programme for Heads and managers Kerala Private College Teachers' Association:

75 participants, all teachers, principals, Managers of Kerala Private College Teachers' Association of the Mahatma Gandhi University area of Kerala participated in a Consultation regarding the Draft NEP 2016 at

Baselios College auditorium in Kottayam. Fr. J. Manipadam, CBCI Secretary for the Office of Education and Culture was the main resource person, there were also a number of other speakers. The importance of responding to the MHRD regarding the draft NEP based on Catholic Perspective of our own All India Catholic Education Policy 2007 was highlighted. Fr. J. Manipadam stressed the importance of implementing the All India Catholic Education Policy.

9th September 2016: National Consultation of CBCI Regional Education Secretaries and National Education Coordinators of Religious Orders and Representatives of Education Associations across India:

This one day programme chaired by the Chairman of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture, Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios and inaugurated by the Archbishop of Delhi Archbishop Anil J.T. Couto, and convened by the CBCI Secretary for Education and Culture, was attended by some 95 persons from across the country. This meeting made an assessment on the effective way the All India Catholic Education Policy is being implemented in all the Catholic schools in India and the progress of the evaluation of the implementation of the Catholic Education Policy across the country. The two regions that had completed the evaluation viz. Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and the State of Goa which is part of the Western Region and Certificates for all the schools and Colleges of the region that had participated and completed the evaluation. The schools and colleges that had done an excellent work implementing the Catholic Education Policy were awarded “the Pride of the Catholic Church Award”. The awards were given away by His Excellency Rt. Rev. Joshua Mar Ignathios, the Chairman of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture. The second part of the programme was an extensive study and evaluation of the implications of the draft NEP 2016 to enable institutions across the country to respond to the MHRD regarding the NEP before the end of September 2016. We had several resource persons for this part of the programme viz. Dr. G. Pushparaj, Dr. Xavier Alphonse, Rev. Fr. Sunny Jacob, the two Bishops, Mr. John Dayal etc.

11, 12th September 2016: Value Education Training at Ajmer for Teachers:

95 Teachers from the various schools of the diocese of Ajmer received training to teach values to children as this is a priority of the Catholic Education Policy. Values are taught to children through various means especially the value education classes. The training was about how to teach values and how to make this value education classes both appealing and interesting so as to enable children to sustain and live these values. The programme was for two days and it was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam.

24th 25th September 2016; Training for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tarbs Congregation at Bangalore:

30 sisters involved in Education Ministry were given a training programme about the Catholic Education Policy and how to implement this policy effectively in all schools and colleges was the main topic of the programme. The forthcoming new education policy draft was also introduced for study and discussion. The two days’ programme was organized and animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam.

29th Sep to 2nd Oct 2016: Council meeting of the International Association of Catholic Schools in Cebu:

Representing India as a Council member of the International Association of Catholic Schools, Fr. Joseph Manipadam participated in the Council meeting of the International Association of Catholic Schools which is a global association of Catholic schools. The meeting was from 29th Sept to the 2nd of Oct 2016. It discussed the international challenges in education for the catholic Schools in various countries. All appreciated the way in India we have the All India Catholic Education Policy and how it was being implemented and now being evaluated.

9th- 12th Oct 2016: All India Association of Catholic Schools Meet in Goa:

Three days’ AGM of the All India Association of catholic schools took place in Goa at Joseph Vaz institute of Spirituality. The 3 days’ programme had resource persons. Fr. J. Manipadam took sessions on the importance of knowing and implementing the Catholic Education Policy and getting each institution evaluated and

certified. The session also dealt with the new draft Education Policy of the Government. The programme was attended by some 550 heads of schools from across India. Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao of Goa and Bishop Elias Gonsalves of Amravati also graced the occasion on different days.

15th, 16th Oct 2016: Training programme for the Staff of St. Mary's Secondary School at Gajraula:

150 staff teaching in schools from some three Catholic schools including the main St. Mary's Secondary school in Gajraula participated in the programme conducted on 15th and 16th October 2016. The programme was about the All India Catholic Education Policy and how it is to be implemented and also about the Rights of Children and the various laws and directives regarding the protection of children. The programme was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam of the CBCI Office of Education and it was attended by some 150 sisters and staff members.

22nd Oct 2016: Sisters of Charity attend training Programme at Punjabi Bhag, New Delhi:

Sisters of Charity who are working in schools in Delhi Province attended a full day programme on the content and method of implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy. There were some twenty of them only and after their training they were also introduced into the evaluation of implementation of the Catholic Education Policy. Issues of Children's Rights were also dealt with by FR. Joseph Manipadam.

26th October 2016: Programme for MSA Sisters of Ajmer Province on Catholic Education Policy:

65 sisters running educational institutions in the Ajmer province of the MSA sisters had a day's orientation programme about the All India Catholic Education Policy and its implementation in the institutions run by them and initiated them towards the evaluation of the same. The day's programme also covered areas regarding implementation of the Child protection Policy and matters dealing with the New National Education Policy draft.

28, 29,30th October 2014 – Governing Body Meeting of the Xavier Board of Higher Education in Bangalore:

Three days' Governing Body meeting of the XBHEI was held at Christ University Bangalore. The matter dealt with during the meeting by Fr. J. Manipadam, ex officio member representing CBCI, Edu. Office included the Catholic Education Policy and its Implementation and the NEP draft from MHRD. The meeting was also joined by the Karnataka Catholic Colleges' Association. There were over 50 participants. The programme was inaugurated by Archbishop Bernard Moras of Bangalore on the first day of the meeting.

4th to 6th November 2016: All India Don Bosco School Principals' Meeting at Guwahati:

During this biennial meeting too Fr. Manipadam presented the urgency to implement the All India Catholic Education Policy and go through the evaluation process that is going on. But much of the focus was also on the NEP draft that was published by the MHRD. Their overall conference also dealt with other matters. There were 180 participants in all.

10th November 2016: Programme for CRI major Superiors at CRI House, Okhla, Delhi:

It was a day's programme for some 20 Major Superiors of the Religious Congregations on the Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy and the draft NEP of the MHRD that was under study and discussion at this meeting animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam.

11th, 12th November 2016: Training Programme for the Notre Dam Sisters at Patna:

Some 80 Sisters involved in Education Ministry had their annual two days' meeting and orientation on the National Education Policy of the Catholic Church and its implementation and evaluation, the new draft Education Policy, the challenges in teaching the digital genext adolescents and the Rights of Children.

17th November 2016: National Rally in Delhi: Joint Action Committee against anti-people NEP:

Some 56 organizations under the umbrella “Joint Action Committee against Anti-People National Education Policy” had a rally from Mandi House to Parliament Street to register their protest against the draft Education Policy which was basically anti-student, anti-teachers, anti-poor, anti-tribal, anti-rural, anti-minority and anti-dalit. The rally and the public meeting at the Parliament street were attended by some 5000 people and the gathering was addressed by speakers from all opposition political parties, Student and teachers’ leaders and members from Civil society. The event was from 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.

18th Nov. 2016: Evaluation of Implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy at Raipur:

30 heads of Catholic schools of Raipur diocese came together to do the evaluation of the implementation of the AICEP 2007, animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam. The programme also looked into the implementation of POCSO 2012 to take steps to make all our institutions POCSO 2012 compliant. The meeting also studied the implications of the draft NEP 2016. It was a day long programme. Fr. Abraham Kannampala, the Regional Education Secretary and Fr. Sebastian, the Diocesan Coordinator for Education organized the logistics for the meeting.

19th November 2016: Programme on POCSO 2012 and Positive disciplining of students at Bhilai, Chattisgarh:

Two hundred and fifty teachers from 6 schools run by the Orthodox Christian Church had training sessions on implementing POCSO 2012 and on Positive Disciplining and making their institutions POCSO compliant at MGM School, Bhilai. The training was given by Fr. Joseph Manipadam and Fr. Abraham Kannampala.

21st Nov. 2016: Evaluation of Implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy at Jagdalpur:

23 heads of Catholic schools of Jagdalpur diocese came together to do the evaluation of the implementation of the AICEP 2007, animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam. The meeting also dealt with the implementation of POCSO 2012 to take steps to make all our institutions POCSO 2012 compliant. The meeting also studied the implications of the draft National Education Policy 2016. It was a day long programme. Fr. Abraham Kannampala, the Regional Education Secretary and Fr. Mathew, the Diocesan Coordinator for Education organized it.

23rd to 25th Nov. 2016: Evaluation of Implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy at Raigarh, Kunkuri, Ambikapur:

35 heads of Catholic schools of Raigarh diocese, 95 heads of Schools of Jashpur diocese, 85 heads of schools of Ambikapur diocese, came together at Raigarh, Jashpur and Ambikapur respectively to do the evaluation of the implementation of the AICEP 2007, animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam. The meeting also dealt with the implementation of POCSO 2012 to take steps to make all our institutions POCSO 2012 compliant. The meeting also studied the implications of the draft NEP 2016. Fr. Abraham Kannampala, the Regional Education Secretary and Frs. Herman & Sunil, the Diocesan Education coordinators organized the logistics for the meeting.

December 2016: Evaluation & Assessment and Certification of the Implementation of Catholic Education Policy in Regions and Dioceses that have completed the evaluation of AICEP:

December 2016 was spent mostly evaluating, assessing and certifying the evaluation responses regarding the implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy done by the various Institutions of Dioceses that have already come in by sending their self study reports to the CBCI Office for Education. The dioceses in the Regions of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Chattisgarh have started the work while others, that are part of other Regions that have started the work, are the Dioceses of Gujarat, Bagdogra, Jalandhar, Gorakhpur, and Bijnor. Institutions that have submitted the work are being evaluated and certified. The rest of the dioceses

and Regions are pursuing the work and they are being followed up and further being visited and persuaded to complete the task. It is expected that by the end of 2017 most of the regions if not all, will complete the work as targeted.

Graphic Analysis of the Regions that have completed the work of Evaluation of the Implementation of Catholic Education Policy is being prepared to indicate how many institutions have completed from each diocese of each region. A graphic analysis of the impact of implementation of the Catholic Education Policy in each of the 14 regions is also being prepared. Certificates are being issued to each institution that completes the work.

18th January 2017: Heads of Catholic Schools evaluate the implementation of the Catholic Education Policy:

35 Heads of Catholic Schools belonging to Jalpaiguri Diocese of W. Bengal region came together at Jalpaiguri Bishops' House to do the evaluation of the implementation of the Catholic Education Policy 2007. It was a day's programme animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam. The first half of the day was a session to explain the process and highlight the Salient features of the Catholic Education Policy and the second half of the day was spent in doing the evaluation and submitting the same. A short session was also taken on the implications of the draft NEP.

19th January 2017: College Staff learn and evaluate the implementation of the Catholic Education Policy:

40 College Staff belonging to the Salesian College of Siliguri in W.Bengal region came together at Siliguri to get acquainted and evaluate the implementation of the Catholic Education Policy 2007. It was a day's programme animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam. The programme also dealt with the harmful implications of the draft education policy of the government and the relentless effort made by the CBCI education office and other organizations and political parties to make people aware of its anti-people characteristics and make the Government withdraw the same and begin working towards a new draft.

20th January 2017: 20 young educationists in formation study administrative structure of the Catholic Church and its Education Mission:

20 young brothers in formation who are groomed to be effective educationists in the Don Bosco Congregation were given a day's exposure programme on the administrative structure of the Catholic Church in the world and in India and the importance of the Congregations being united with the mission of the Church. The programme also dealt with the importance of the educational mission of the Church, the salient feature of the Catholic Education Policy 2007 and the process of evaluation of its implication that is going on in all the regions of the Church in India, Concern was mainly to be equipped to take on the educative mission of the Church and work in accordance with the Church's mission and interests.

27th ,28th January 2017: Programme of Evaluation of implementation of Catholic Education Policy in Jharkhand:

400 heads of educational institutions gathered together at the Social Development Centre in Ranchi to do the evaluation of the implementation of the All India Catholic Education Policy 2007. The programme was coordinated by Fr. Herbertus and Fr. Eldefonse from Jharkhand region and animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, CBCI Secretary for Education. The heads of schools who participated were from the educational institutions from the 8 dioceses of Jharkhand. The educational institutions run by the dioceses and by the Religious Congregations took part in the evaluation process. The draft National Education Policy 2016 was also studied during the day.

10th to 12th February 2017: National Seminar for Heads and Managers of Catholic Colleges in India:

Three days' National Seminar was held at the Loyola College in Trivandrum for 73 Principals and Managers of Catholic Colleges in India. The programme was co-ordinated by the Loyola College and the Xavier Board of

Higher Education in India which is an association for Higher Education affiliated to the CBCI Office for Education and Culture. Rt. Rev. Joshua Mar Ignathios, the Chairperson of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture, Rt. Rev. Susai Pakiam, the Archbishop of Trivandrum, Fr. Joseph Manipadam, National Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture and several other resource persons and office bearers of the XBHEI participated in the seminar. All India Catholic Education Policy, Becoming Transformative leaders in Education, The continued efforts at implementing the Catholic Education Policy and participating in the process of evaluating the effectiveness at implementing the Catholic Education Policy were discussed and urged to be followed up.

24th February 2017: Catholic Higher Education Society Meet, at Don Bosco Technical Institution, Delhi:

The day long programme presided over by Archbishop Anil J.T. Couto of Delhi and Archbishop Albert D'souza of Agra was organized by the Catholic Higher Education Society (CHES). Some 120 participants were there to discuss "Ethics in Higher Education" as the main topic. Professor Krishen Mahajan was the resource person for the day. Fr. Joseph Manipadam of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture made the participants aware of the content of the All India Catholic Education Policy and led them towards implementation of the same and move towards an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Catholic education policy in all our Higher Education institutions of the Agra region consisting of the institutions of Delhi, U.P. and Uttarakhand.

24th, 25th Feb. 2017: North East Regional Education Commission Meet at Inspiration, DBI Guwahati:

Seventy participants gathered at the North East Regional Education seminar held for two full days at Inspiration – DBI Centre at Guwahati, Education Directors of the various dioceses and Representatives from various religious congregations participated at the seminar. Bishop Thomas Pullopallil, the Education In Charge of the Region presided over the meeting. Apart from the various resource persons called in to present papers on relevant educational topics, Fr. Manipadam took sessions on the NEP and the implementation of the Catholic education Policy and its evaluation of implementation giving them a road map of completing the evaluation of implementation of the Catholic Education Policy by the end of April this year.

15th March 2017: National United Christian Forum (NUCF) discuss NEP, UCC, JJ Act:

A detailed study of the draft and its implications of the Draft National Education Policy, the Uniform Civil Code and the Juvenile Justice Act was done by the representatives from the various Churches at the Bible Bhawan in New Delhi. Senior Academicians and Lawyers were the resource persons. Fr. J. Manipadam of the Education and Culture office of the CBCI was one of the Chair Persons moderating the session and in drafting the Action plan for the Church and for the Government. Around 42 persons from across the country participated in this national meeting representing the various Christian denominations.

1st and 2nd April 2017: Education Workshop at St. Joseph's School, Gwalior:

30 sisters involved in Education ministry from the Bhopal Province of the CSST (Holy Cross) Sisters had their two day's workshop on the 1st and 2nd of April 2017. It was animated by Fr. J. Manipadam, of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture and Fr. Anil CMI from Bhopal. The programme was on the topic of All India Catholic Education Policy and Education for Transformation of the Individual and Society. The focus was on the importance of implementing the Catholic Education Policy and doing an evaluation of the effectiveness of the implementation of the Policy in their own institutions.

6th, 7th April 2017: National Competitive programme for young talented school children at Mumbai:

Two days programme was held on the 6th and 7th April at the Bombay Stock Exchange Centre for around 1000 people who included school students, their teachers and Parents of Children on Finance Management and Space Technology. Students who had cleared their 1st level (local) and second level (regional) events on the two themes were allowed to participate at the national level event held in Mumbai. The programme was

organized by the Bombay Stock Exchange and Eduheal Foundation. Fr. J. Manipadam from the CBCI Centre presided over the event and animated the student, parent, teacher gathering of around 1000 persons of the importance of the Catholic Education Policy and the urgency of running the schools according to the Policy of the Catholic Church so as to make the students, parents and school personnel accountable in carrying out education according to the Gospel values and value systems catering to holistic education and spiritual and moral education.

27th to 30th April 2017: Council meeting of the International Office for Catholic Education in Beirut:

Four days of the Council meeting of the International Office of catholic Education was attended. There are 30 members who met together discussing matters of concern in the area of education across the Globe. A presentation of the Indian education scenario was also done. For the last three years India has also been selected to be in the council of this International Organization of Catholic Education.

12th, 13th May 2017: Diocesan Education Commissions of Bengal Region meet in Kolkata:

45 participants representing the various dioceses of Bengal participated at the meetings held at the Seva Kendra in Kolkata, The meeting was to get the diocesan educational institutions to participate in the evaluation of implementation of the catholic Education Policy. Matters regarding the present education scenario in the country was also taken up along with Protection of Children from abuse and safety of Women at Work place etc. The programme was coordinated by Fr. Joy Cyprian, the Regional Education Director for Bengal. Fr. Joseph Manipadam was the animator and other resource coordination and logistics were worked out by Ambrose Rajan Paul.

20th May 2017: Executive Committee meeting of the All India Association of Catholic Schools in Delhi:

A day's meeting of the executive committee of the "All India Association of Catholic Schools" took place at the AINACS Bhawan at Dwaraka More, in Delhi on 20th May 2017. It was attended by Fr. J. Manipadam as ex officio member representing the CBCI Office for Education as AINACS is affiliated to the CBCI Education Office. The meeting discussed mainly the forthcoming AGM of the association.

11th June 2017: Motivational Programme for School students to care for the Environment at Siliguri:

A day's Cycle marathon was organized in collaboration with Deepak Cycle company, to spread the awareness and involve participation of students to care for the environment and protect the earth our common home as a response to the Holy Father's call through "Laudato Si" and as a response to the SDG. The cycle rally and the events that followed at the Bengal Safari Park at the Sukna forests were flagged off and presided by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, National Education Secretary of the CBCI.

21st June 2017: Apostolic Nuncio takes a briefing on the Education Office of the CBCI and AINACS:

On 21st June 2017, Fr. Joseph Manipadam along with Bro Thomas Thanickal called on the Apostolic Nuncio at 12.30 p.m. and briefed him on the initiatives being taken by the CBCI Office for Education regarding the Catholic Education Policy, the steps being taken to ensure Children's protection and safeguarding of their rights and about the situation of the numerous Catholic Educational institutions in the 14 regions of the country. The meeting which lasted 40 minutes was followed by more sharing on the activities of CBCI Education Office at lunch.

7th July 2017: Meeting of the Diocesan Education Directors of Western Region, at Sarvodaya, Mumbai:

35 participants along with Bishop Elias of Amravathi, the Regional Education Incharge, participated in the day long programme conducted by Fr. J. Manipadam and Fr. George Athaide, the Regional Education Coordinator and other resource persons regarding making Catholic Education an event of Faith Formation for catholic Students and Value education for all by implementing the salient features of the Catholic Education Policy and participating in the evaluation of effectiveness of implementation of the All India Catholic Education Policy. There was also a session on Education to love. The meeting was presided over by Bishop Elias.

9th July 2017: National Consultation of Private School Association at the Constitution Club, New Delhi:

Some fifty various associations of Private schools in India came together at the Constitution Club in New Delhi to discuss their concern regarding the present socio-political scenario. Their concern was to give uninterrupted and value based education to children without being prevented to do so by adverse government policies and procedures. They wanted the Catholic Church to play a vital role in this effort.

12th July 2017: Meeting with Mr. Alphons Kananthanam, Member NEP Drafting Committee Member at CBCI:

An hour long meeting of the CBCI Secretary General, Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas and Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary – CBCI Office for Education with the Member of the newly constituted Drafting Committee for NEP, Mr. Alphons Kananthanam took place. Main concern raised was that the Minority rights of the Catholic Church should not be compromised so that we can continue to impart quality Catholic education for all and take care of the education for the poor and the marginalized without unnecessary interference and control by the Government. It was pointed out that when the Government started this work of drawing up the NEP two years ago the Church had submitted to MHRD proposals & suggestions towards the NEP and when the first draft had come out the Education office of the CBCI also presented its responses and the earlier draft was withdrawn due to objections raised. Request to the new Drafting Committee was to safeguard the Constitutional Minority Rights.

17th July 2017: One day Meeting for heads of schools of Purnea Diocese at the Pastoral Centre, Purnea:

About 30 Heads of schools along with the Vicar General attended the meeting conducted by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary CBCI Office for Education and Culture presided over by Bishop Angelus. The animation was about the implementation of the Catholic Education Policy so as to ensure that the students attending the Catholic Schools get not only the best academic excellence but they are also helped to nourish their Faith and grow up with values in life so as to become responsible citizens who are morally sound and able to transform their own life and society with a compassionate heart and an eye for social justice.

19th, 20th July 2017: Chairman Bishop's Visit to CBCI Office for Education and Culture, New Delhi:

Rev. Joshua Mar Ignathios visited the CBCI Office for Education and went through the various activities of the office and examined its functioning. He also visited along with the Secretary, Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the community of Don Bosco Provincial house in Delhi and viewed the newly constructed wing of the Don Bosco Technical School, Okhla and the new CNC machines that have been installed.

22nd July 2017: Meeting the Provincial Education Co-ordinators of the Montfort Brothers in Delhi:

It was a one day programme for all the Provincial Education Coordinators of the Montfort Brothers at the Montfort School at Ashok Vihar, in Delhi. Fr. Manipadam briefed about the current education scenario in the country and insisted on implementing the All India Catholic Education Policy so as to ensure that the Catholic students are assisted in their faith formation and all the other students are empowered with values in life.

30th July 2017: Executive Meeting of AINACS and Private School Owners' meeting at FICCI, New Delhi:

The AINACS executive meeting was attended by Fr. J. Manipadam and it was basically to plan for the forth coming Annual General Body meeting in the first days of October 2017. This meeting was held at AINACS Bhawan in Dwarka. While the meeting of the Private School Owners' meeting was held at FICCI at New Delhi.

It was attended by one of the Office Staff Br. Subas Tirkey who represented Fr. J. Manipadam. This meeting was to discuss ways and means of facing the various challenges posed by the Government that was trying to control and commercialize education in favour of the rich and the industrialists. It was a day's meeting at both the places.

10th to 12th August 2017: 3 days' Training for the Carmelite Sister Principals of the Central Province at Pune:

75 Sister Principals and managers of schools of the Central province of the Carmelite sisters had three days of training programme at the Jesuit Provincialate, Sanjeevan in Pune. The in house training was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture on the topic of the Catholic Education Policy and its implementation and evaluation of the same. The sessions also covered about the importance and method of teaching value education and faith formation of students. Other current issues in education were also covered. It was three days of interactive sessions of intense learning.

16th - 17th August Executive meeting of the AINACS at Montfort School, Chennai:

All the executive members of the AINACS (All India Association of Catholic Schools) had the meeting at Montfort school, in Chennai to plan for the forthcoming Annual General Convention which is the 50th of its kind. The meeting was planned in such a way that the AGM will emphasize the importance of making Catholic Education relevant and imparted according to the policy of the Catholic Church and ensuring that teaching is done to form values and convictions in all students and catholic Children given opportunity to nourish their faith.

25th -26th August: Salesian Educators of Delhi Province meet at Don Bosco, Aleknanda, New Delhi:

All the Salesian Fathers involved in Education ministry from the Province of Delhi for two days, 25th and 26th of August 2017 at Don Bosco, Aleknanda, for intense training on the basic skills in running the school and on the necessity of educating in accordance with the Policy of the Catholic Church and the charism of Don Bosco. The 2 days' of training was animated by a team of personnel including Fr. J. Manipadam of the CBCI Office for Education. Importance of teaching values and taking care of faith formation of Catholic Students were stressed.

3rd Sept. 2017: Forum for Minority Schools of Delhi met at the CBCI Centre:

50 heads of Minority schools met at the CBCI Centre to be guided and animated by the Secretary General of the CBCI and Fr. J. Manipadam. They were mainly vexed by the government's interference into the running of Minority Schools and Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas and Fr. J. Manipadam facilitated their discussion along with a team of lawyers as to how to meet the challenges and educate children guarding our Minority rights and educating them with value systems and forming their character and convictions. It was just a day's programme.

9th, 10th September 2017: General Body Meeting of the Xavier Board of Higher Education in Hyderabad:

200 participants, all heads of colleges attended the Annual General Body meeting of Xavier Board of Higher Education. Here again apart from studying the impact of the new education policies of the present Government, Fr. J. Manipadam stressed the importance of implementing the All India Catholic Education Policy of 2007 in order to be effective in reaching out to the poor and needy and giving relevant education on behalf of the Catholic Church. He encouraged all institutions to participate in the evaluation of the same that is in progress.

13th-14th September 2017: Heads of Catholic Schools of UP and Utterkhand, meet at Varanasi:

210 participants, all heads of schools and colleges attended the Annual General Body meeting of the meeting of UP and Utterkhand educational institutions meet at Varanasi on 13th and 14th September 2017. Apart from studying the impact of the new education policies of the present Government, Fr. J. Manipadam stressed the importance of implementing the All India Catholic Education Policy of 2007 in order to be effective in reaching out to the poor and needy and giving relevant education on behalf of the Catholic Church.

1st to 3rd October 2017: All India Catholic School Association's AGM at Chennai:

650 participants, all heads of schools of the All India Association of catholic Schools attended the Annual General Body meeting at Montfort School in Chennai from 30th September to the 3rd of October 2017. The Conference had several resource persons discussing on Modern Trends in Education. At the conference again apart from studying the impact also of the new education policies of the present Government, Fr. J. Manipadam stressed the importance of implementing the All India Catholic Education Policy of 2007 in order to be effective in reaching out to the poor and needy and giving relevant education on behalf of the Catholic Church. He encouraged all institutions to participate in the evaluation of the same that is in progress across the country. He also stressed on the importance of teaching values to all children and ensuring faith formation for catholic students. The meeting was presided over by Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios, the Chairman of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture. Other Bishops who attended the programme were Archbishop George Anthonysamy of Chennai and Archbishop Abraham of Nagpur.

9th to 11th October 2017: Visiting and giving away the Certificates to the North Bengal School:

The schools that participated in the evaluation of implementation of the All India catholic Education policy and received the "The Pride of the Catholic Church" award were visited by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, National Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture to give away the certificates. He took the occasion also to insist to the staff and students of the institutions about the importance of educating children according to the Policy of the Catholic Church ensuring value education for all and nourishing the faith of the Catholic students.

20th, 21st Oct 2017: Heads of Educational Institutions meet at the Bishop's House, Nagpur:

60+ Principals and Managers of schools of the Nagpur Archdiocese had two days of training programme at the Archbishops' House in Nagpur. The in house training was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture on the topic of the Catholic Education Policy and its implementation and evaluation of the same. The sessions also covered the other important matters regarding the NEP of the Government and method of teaching value education and faith formation of students. Other current issues in education was also covered. It was two days of interactive sessions of intense learning. Archbishop Abraham Viruthakulangara was present right through.

24th, 25th Oct. 2017: National Education Consultation of Regional Secretaries and Education Coordinators of Religious Orders in Delhi:

120 Regional Education Coordinators and National Education Coordinators of Religious Orders met for a national Education Consultation at Navjivan Renewal Centre, 4 Raj Nivas Marg, Delhi on 24th and 25th Oct 2017. Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios, the Chair person of the CBCI office for Education and Culture, Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, Member – CBCI Office for Education and Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, the Secretary General of the CBCI were present and gave their inputs as well. Among the many things considered was also the National challenges faced in the field of Education due to the changes in Government Policies. Fr. Joseph Manipadam made an appraisal of the implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy by each of the regions and Dioceses of the Country and discussed a road map to complete the task. The importance of Value Education and faith formation also was stressed. There was an interactive session with the Minister Mr. Mr. Alphons Kannamthanam who is also technically one of the Drafting Committee members of the NEP draft

that is being drafted. The certificates for those who completed the evaluation of the All India Catholic Education Policy were also given out. Some 2000 certificates were handed over to the Regional Education Coordinators for the institutions from their respective regions.

2nd, 3rd 2017: Heads of Educational Institutions meet at the Pastoral Centre, Ajmer:

55 Principals and Managers of schools of the Diocese of Ajmer had two days of training programme at the Pastoral Centre in Ajmer. The in house training was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary, CBCI Office for Education on the topic of the Catholic Education Policy and its implementation and evaluation. The sessions also covered other important matters regarding the NEP, method of teaching values, faith formation etc.

17th to 19th November General Meeting of the Catholic Council of India at Bangalore:

Educational concerns were also discussed at length through a report from the Education Office of the CBCI by Fr. J. Manipadam as well as at the Panel discussion session and at the Group discussion session of the 14th General Assembly of the Catholic Council of India held at St. John's Medical College auditorium in Bangalore. Matters concerning the implementation of the catholic Education Policy, care of the poor and marginalized children and Value education for all children and faith formation for Catholic children etc. made part of the presentation, discussion and the Final Statement that evolved.

2nd, 3rd December Programme for sisters working in the Schools the CMC Sisters of Jalandhar Province:

40 sisters, all of them working in Educational Institutions of the province of the Jalandhar had a two days' training cum animation programme conducted by Fr. J. Manipadam and on 2nd and 3rd of December 2017, at Jalandhar in Punjab. The matters dealt with during the sessions were: Implementation of the Catholic Education Policy and the evaluation of the indicators of implementation, care of the poor and the marginalized, value education for all students, Faith formation of the Catholic students, current concerns regarding education in the country etc.

4th Dec. 2017: Meeting with the new Drafting Committee for the National Education Policy at UGC:

At 2.30 p.m. on 4th December, 2017, Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, the Secretary General of the CBCI and Fr. Joseph Manipadam, National Secretary – CBCI Office for Education and Culture and Fr. David met the new 10 member Drafting Committee that was drafting the new National Education Policy at the UGC in Delhi and presented the suggestions and proposals from the Catholic Church. During the hour long interaction with Dr. K. Kasturirangan, the Chairman of the Committee and the others attentively listened to the proposals and promised to implement some of them. Among the many proposals presented by the team from CBCI were suggestions like simplifying the Minority certification process, allowing a Catholic Education Board, allowing an Accreditation Body for colleges by Xavier Board of Higher Education and establishing a Central Catholic University etc.