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Member CBCI Office for Edu. & Culture
& Archbishop of Guwahati

**Your Eminences, Graces, Excellencies, dear Fathers, sisters, Brothers,
Greetings from the CBCI Office for education and Culture!**

The long awaited Draft NEP 2019, second version of its kind, came out at the least expected time, a day after the NDA Government had sworn in for a second term when the schools and colleges were in the midst of the summer holidays. It is a long policy in 484 pages in English and 650 pages in Hindi. Two months are given to respond to it before July ends. Within the first fifteen days itself 50000 responses have been received, it is claimed. CBCI Office for Education communicated with the Church Hierarchy, provincials, various education related associations, NCRI, and educationists sending them the draft policy and asking them to study and respond to the MHRD within the time frame given. CBCI Education Office conducted a National Consultation making a critical study of the draft NEP in Delhi and a drafting committee was formed to collate responses from across the country and submit to the Government. CBCI National Office and Regional Offices have also been busy studying the draft policy with a view to make a critical analysis of the same and respond. This policy if implemented as it is, could change the education system in India for better or for worse. It could be a game changer as the policy drafters claim or it could be a total flop if many presumed conditions don't show up and promises not kept as it often happens. There are compromises in it regarding the provisions of the Constitutions regarding the Minority rights, there are violations affecting the Federal character of the nation. There is outright centralization and commercialisation of education and there are even compromises regarding several Supreme Court orders. It is more an administrative policy rather than academic. Obviously so because of the absence of the main stakeholders viz. teachers, students, school / college managements, people from the examination boards etc. who know better the ground realities of the present day education situation. Any way, we have studied it critically and we are doing the bit we are asked to do viz. respond. Obvious question at every meeting conducted in any part of the country studying the draft policy was, " Will our responses make any difference? Will they be at all considered?" Mistrust is in the air. But like good and responsible citizens we have responded and we hope and pray that wisdom prevails and the good of the country and consideration for the future of the millions of children will take the upper hand.

With all good wishes,

Fr. Joseph Manipadam SDB
National Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture
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Programme conducted by CBCI Office for Education & Culture begins drafting work towards the revision of the

“All India Catholic Education Policy 2007” (Minutes of the 1st Drafting Committee meeting on 12th April 2019)

The meeting started at 10.00A.M., 12th April 2019, at the conference hall of the CBCI Centre, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by the Secretary General, CBCI, Most Rev. Theodore Mascarenhas and convened by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture. The meeting started with a prayer led by Sr. Marion Mathew after a moment of reflection on the theme of the love of the forgiving Father. After the opening prayer, Rev. Fr. Jervis D'Souza, the Deputy Secretary General welcomed the participants to the meeting after briefly drawing the attention to some salient features of the Catholic education policy and appreciating the effort now being done to revise the policy with a view to making it more relevant for the present day situation. He also further contributed through his valuable interventions in course of the meeting. After the cordial welcome extended by the Deputy Secretary General, Most Rev. Theodore Mascarenhas, the Secretary General, appreciated the initiative being taken by the CBCI Office for Education and Culture, to update and revise the Catholic Education Policy and in his short orientation address he presented the following significant thoughts:

1. The present “All India Catholic Education Policy 2007” is an excellent policy and we are only trying to update and revise it only to make it more relevant for the times and compliant to the latest legislations, directives from the Church and new teaching and learning trends.
2. What needs to be done is to find out as to how Catholic are our Catholic schools and whether we cultivate in the youngsters a sense of the divine and whether our schools are really places of evangelisation!
3. Our influence in the country is mainly through our schools and so we need to reflect whether we project the correct image of Christ to others as it is an important responsibility we share.
4. The child is the centre of education and in caring for the child we need to comply and implement the national policies and guidelines as well.
5. The present policy is much in favour of the dalits, the tribals and the marginalised but some evaluation of implementation should take place from time to time supported with statistics.
6. Our presence in higher education needs to be more quantitative and qualitative in order to enhance our advocacy and leadership role in education.
7. Regional languages and cultures are dying. Stress on Sanskrit has more implications than meets the eye. But we need to safeguard the land and language of our people and ensure that they are not deprived of it.
8. The education we impart should be inclusive. Poorer children should get the same opportunity. They should never be excluded, but must be given access and enabled to succeed.
9. We must empower our Catholic laity and build up leadership for the benefit of the Church and the country through our educational institutions.





After the keynote orientation address by Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, the participants who included representatives from Religious Orders, Diocesan Clergy, CRI, AINACS, Xavier Board of Higher Education and AIACHE, South Asia / International Delegates for Education dealing with both higher Education and School education, introduced themselves.

All the CBCI Office Secretaries as well as Fathers working for Caritas were invited but only the CBCI Offices for labour, SC/BC and Tribal Affairs were represented. In fact invitation was sent to All Bishops and Regional and Diocesan Secretaries and all provincials to be part of the drafting committee, it was reported, but only a couple of people really volunteered and have been included and the others have been selected and requested to be part of this important committee.

After the self introduction by all present, Fr. Joseph Manipadam guided the participants into an interactive study of the existing All India Catholic Education Policy 2007, with the help of a ppt presentation and stopping from time to time for comments, clarifications and suggestions from the participants. During such interactive study session mention was made regarding the need for a revision of the policy at this time as several legislations had come into effect after 2007 viz. the RTE, Pocso 2012, Women's Safety at Workplace Bill 2013. There had been also been important directives from the Church viz. "Laudato Si" of 2015 on the care of the environment, "Education Today and Tomorrow, a compelling passion" with its 16 challenges for schools and 6 challenges for Higher education from the world Conference on Education by the Sacred Congregation as well as by OIEC. Mention was also made regarding the targets in the area of education set by various political parties in India.





The challenges posed by the new teaching- learning patterns were also discussed viz. App based learning, On-line tuitions, Assessment based assessment, Home schooling, introduction of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics into the learning curriculum by examination boards etc.

Some suggestions regarding studying the education systems in Finland and USA and involving international and national level experts were also raised but even as such efforts could be used, it was reminded that we were by no means trying to bring out a new education policy of the church but only revising and updating the existing one to make it comply with the new legislations and directives of the Church and new teaching-learning patterns.

However some pertinent considerations made were: regarding the need to move from administration to animation, to question whether we are new schools in old buildings, to strengthen our ability to execute and implement our policies and directives, look into mechanisms to train our staff regarding our policies and educative mission and spirituality, look into our assessment, appraisal and feedback systems, studying our educational methods and charisms, focussing more on being more compassionate than only enforcing discipline, how to accept and train more Catholic staff in preference and introducing more diversified streams of studies in higher education





Way Forward:

After lunch, various methodology of moving ahead with the work in hand was considered and it was decided that the participants be divided into smaller groups that will study the assigned chapter of the policy along with the various responses that have been received from across the country and consulting whoever is suggested or required, for the next two months, meeting in groups as many times as required, present the revision / changes proposed by the group in the next general meeting that has been fixed for the 6th July 2019 at the CBCI Centre at 10.00A.M. The Groups made and the chapter assigned were as follows:

1. Chapters 1 and 2: Sr. Sherine, Fr. Sunny Jacob, Bro. Mani
2. Chapter 3: Fr. Devasagaraj, Fr. Nicholas, Sr. Robancy, Sr. Lalita, Sr. Rani
3. Chapter 4 (a), (b),: Sr. Janet, Mr. Manoj Mathew
4. Chapter 4 (c), (d), (e),: Sr. Marion Mathew, Fr. Joseph Puthenpura
5. Chapter 5: Fr. Jacob Karamakuzhy, Fr. Sabu Joseph, Fr. Benny Jose, (Mr. John Peter)
6. Chapter 6: Fr. Maria Charles, Fr. M.J. Davis, Fr. Jose Stephen, (Fr. Kennedy)

The participants met in groups for ten to fifteen minutes and planned further course of action to meet and study in groups fixing time and place etc. after which the day's programme was concluded with a note of gratitude to one and all.





Teachers' Orientation Programme for 500 staff members of six Catholic Schools of Dimapur in Nagaland

On April 24th, 2019, teachers from some six catholic Schools of Dimapur in Nagaland came together for the annual teachers training programme. There were some 500 teachers including sisters, Lay people and Principals. The schools they represented were: Holy Child High School, Assisi Higher Secondary school, St. Clare Higher Secondary school, St. Paul Higher Secondary school, Holy Cross Higher Secondary school and Don Bosco Higher Secondary School. It was an orientation cum training programme animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture on the theme : Profile of a Catholic Teacher. The day long programme dealt with the basic qualities needed for a teacher, Teaching respecting and promoting the rights of children, Imparting value based teaching in today's context of eroding value systems and the need to depart from conventional schooling towards innovative and scientific method of teaching using proper educational methods especially in the pre-primary and the primary school stages. The programme was presided over by Fr. P.J. Thomas, the Parish Priest, Fr. P.G. Joshua, Principal, Don Bosco School and Fr. Philip, Principal of Holy Cross School. During the interactive sessions that followed each of the presentations on the above mentioned topics, current problems and challenges met by the staff related to the topics were also discussed.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Topic : "Profile of a Catholic School Teacher"

Resource Person

REV. FR. JOSEPH MANIPADAM SDB,
(Secretary, CBCI Office for Education & Culture)

Date: 26th April 2019

Venue: Holy Cross Auditorium





CBCI Office for Education and Culture consults the AINACS Regarding Revision of the Catholic Education Policy



As response regarding the study and contribution by way of suggestions towards the Revision of the All India Catholic Education Policy was not easily forthcoming, from Associations attached to the CBCI Office for Education and Culture, namely AINACS and the Xavier Board of Higher Education, Fr. J. Manipadam has been looking for every opportunity to get them involved in this process. He had involved them at the national Education Convention in November 2018, sought suggestions from them and invited them to be part of the drafting committee etc. The Executive committee of the Xavier Board of Higher Education assigned a session at their meeting and contributed some suggestions, while the Secretary General of the AINACS sent some suggestions. The NCRI's response also was very minimal although they had been invited to the national Consultation and included in the drafting committee.





The participation and presentation of the concerns and initiating some triggering thoughts regarding the need for the revision of the Catholic Education Policy and evoking suggestions at the daylong training programme for some AINACS members at POC in Ernakulam on 4th May 2019, by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, using the very short time given to him was an attempt to get them involved in the process, even though the meeting called by AINACS was poorly attended. The meeting had just about 50 members and some of them left after lunch time. However the Education and Culture Office of the CBCI is making all out effort to get the Associations like the AINACS, the Xavier Board and the NCRI involved and interested in the concerns and activities of the Catholic Church in India especially in the field of education. Efforts are on to make them come out of the maintenance mode and move towards a mission mode and participate in the mission of the Church as just getting stuck with the routine meetings like the annual Executive meetings and General Body meetings will not sustain their relevance.

THE NATIONAL FINALE OF “CBCI EDUCATION MASTERMINDS” NATIONAL QUIZ

Delhi, 15th May 2019:

“CBCI Education MasterMinds” national quiz was launched at an in-house inaugural function at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India centre in New Delhi on 22nd September 2018 and in the subsequent months it was launched at the various national and regional level meetings and meetings of educational associations affiliated to the CBCI education office, in the various regions of the country. The newly launched national quiz was well received and the initiative taken by the Catholic Bishops Conference and its Education Office, well appreciated. The Executive partners of the quiz The Franciscan Solutions under the direct supervision of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture, started working at it - preparation of brochures and other publicity materials, launching of websites and Apps for the social media, contacting the Catholic Schools in all the 174 dioceses and looking out for sponsors and appointing and working along with the well known quiz master of professional repute and excellence namely Aditty Nath Mubayi and his company Quiz craft Global Knowledge Solutions etc. The quiz would be conducted at three levels: local level, regional level and national level.





The inaugural version of the quiz, powered also by “Extra marks” finally began with the local level competitions in the individual schools across the country only by December 2018, and subsequently moving on to the Regional rounds and completing it in all the 14 regions of the country only by the end of April 2019. The national Finale of the quiz took place on 15th May 2019 at the Sacred Heart cathedral's Diocesan Community Centre auditorium in the heart of the capital city, New Delhi.

At the national Finale event, after the initial formalities of welcoming the participants and the dignitaries, in the inaugural address, Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the National Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture elaborated on the sum and substance of this national quiz and its purpose as follows: “Welcome to the “National Finals” of the “CBCI Education MasterMinds” quiz, here at the Sacred Heart Cathedral campus, New Delhi. Although this version of the quiz started at the tail-end part of the scholastic year, the subsequent versions of this quiz “CBCI Education MasterMinds” will start in July and finish by November. So the next version of this quiz will start in July 2019.



This quiz has been the brain child of Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, the Secretary General of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India and it is being realised by the Education Office of the CBCI and executed by the Franciscan Solutions, a renowned IT company and conducted by a the well known professional quiz master, Mr. Aditya Nath Mubayi and his team and the main sponsor being “Extra marks”.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of India is the Governing Body of all the services done in this country by the numerous Catholic Institutions be it educational, health care or in the field of Social Service. In the educational sector alone we have more than 54 thousand educational institutions of which around 30 thousand are formal schools like the ones in which you study. Other educational institutions are Technical schools, special schools, schools for street children, vocational training institutions, skill Training Centres etc. It may be good for you to know that Catholic Church is the one single organization that runs maximum institutions to empower the poor and the marginalized and differentiated section of society.



In the Educational sector alone we are empowering some 5 crores of students at a time with the participation of 27 lakh teachers. The Education Office of the Bishops' Conference is headed by Most Rev. Thomas D'Souza- Archbp of Calcutta and two other Archbishops- John Moolachira of Guwahati and Andrews Thazhath of Trissur.

This quiz is meant to give the awareness that all of you have a common identity as you are studying in Catholic schools. Whether you are studying in a St. Joseph's school or Little Flower School or St. Mary's school, or St. Columbas's school or Jesus and Mary School or Don Bosco or St. Xavier's or whatever, you are all studying in a Catholic School run according to the Catholic Education Policy.

This quiz, unique of its kind, launched to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Catholic Education Policy, apart from General Knowledge, deals also with values in life, Constitutional content, Democratic ideals, the Rich Indian Culture, true Nationalism, National integration, secular values, Social justice and qualities of the heart.

Let this CBCI Education MasterMinds Quiz as well as the event of today be a celebration of Catholic Education In India. Catholic education is nothing but bringing the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to young people. Jesus said, "let the children come to me, the kingdom of heaven belongs to them". Catholic Education is inclusive, it empowers the poor and the marginalised; apart from its academic excellence, it is holistic, it respects the rights of children, the rights of the girl child, transforms the individual and society and it cares for the environment and answers the needs of its stakeholders.

I want to thank all the Catholic schools across the country for giving such whole hearted support to this venture of launching a National Quiz for all schools run by the Catholic Church. I extend my Special thanks to the 30 thousand students, along with their parents and Principals and teachers, who have participated in the quiz competition from more than 400 schools in spite the delayed start this year. Let me finally wish all the students who are here coming from all over the country, all the finalist, and the Franciscan Solutions and the Quiz master and his team the best of luck for the day."





Monsignor Soosai Sebastian said the opening prayer invoking God's blessing on the events of the day and the Chief Guest of the day Most Rev. Theodore Mascarenhas, Secretary General of the Catholic Bishops' Conference blessed the Gathering before the dignitaries lighted the ceremonial lamp to inaugurate the Finale of the first ever “CBCI Education MasterMinds” national quiz. In his message to the participating students and their parents and guests and friends gathered in the hall, Bishop Theodore encouraged



the young students recalling an episode from his own life as a student pointing out that their winning or losing really did not matter but that they were all of them champions who had succeeded much in having successfully completed the local rounds and the regional rounds and reached the national final stage. Facing the life with competence and love was of essence he said, as he further wished them well and congratulated each and every one of the participants and those involved in organizing the event.

Among the 250 strong audience consisting of Fathers, Sisters, Teachers, Parents and friends, who witnessed the event the following were the dignitaries:

Most Reverend Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, Secretary General, CBCI Centre, was the chief guest.

Special guests were: Rev. Fr. Soosai Sebastian, Vicar General, Delhi Archdiocese, Rev. Fr. Jervis D'Souza, Deputy Secretary General, CBCI, Rev. Fr. Devasagayaraj, Secretary, CBCI Office for Schedule Castes/Backward Classes, Rev. Fr. Joseph Manipadam, National Secretary, CBCI Office for Education & Culture, Dr. Bro. Thomas Thanickal, National General Secretary, All India Association of Catholic Schools and other Fathers and Sisters from the various CBCI Offices, Mr. Ranu Francis, Managing Director, Franciscan Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Rajeev Francis, CEO, Franciscan Solutions Pvt. Ltd.,

The quiz partners present were: Mr. Aditya Nath Mubayi, Founder, Quizcraft Global Knowledge Solutions, Mrs. Mudita Mubayi, Director, Quizcraft Global Knowledge Solutions, Mr. Kamran Akram and Mr. Mahendra, Production Managers, Mr. Rishabh Arora and Mr. Kartikeya, AGMs Sales, Extramarks, Mr. Gajanan Mali, Founder & Director, Ten News, Media Partner.





Proceeding to the Finale of the national quiz, the following were the participants of the two categories who were the Regional winners:

Region	School	Location	Category	Participants
Qualified from the 14 Regions: (Category 2= Senior; Category 1 = Junior)				
Bihar	Carmel E.M. School	Buxar	Category 2	Vijay Krishan Rai, Palak Rai
Bihar	St. Mary's School	Samastipur	Category 1	Aditya Raj
Jharkhand	Little Flower School	Jamshedpur	Category 2	Shounak Goswami, P.Srivastava
Jharkhand	Little Flower School	Jamshedpur	Category 1	Anmol Singh, Rohit Verma
Northern	St. Xavier's School	Delhi	Category 2	Amogh K. Umesh, D. Shandilya
Northern	St. Joseph's H S School	Baramulla	Category 1	Solheen Seher, Irtika Akbar
Telugu	Atkinson H. School	Vijayawada	Category 2	P. Kommu, Gowtham Potla
Telugu	St. Mary's H. School	Secunderabad	Category 1	Kyati S. Pillai, Y.S. Kartikeya
Tamil Nadu	Petit Seminaire H.S.S	Pondicherry	Category 2	Bharathi B, Elankumaran R.
Tamil Nadu	Petit Seminaire H.S.S.	Pondicherry	Category 1	S. Sanjeev, S. Kamesh
Odisha	St. Thomas C. School	Balasore	Category 2	R. Khandelwal, Arnab Dolui
Agra	St. Mary's School	Jajpur	Category 1	Aryan Pati, Adisha Deo
M.P.	Campion SS School	Bhopal	Category 2	Vinamra Mandal, Tanmay Sinha
Agra	St. Paul's SS School	Udaipur	Category 1	Hardik Bagora, Garv Mogra
Western	Mt. St. Ann H School	Telegaon, Pune	Category 2	Jaydeep Kulkarni, Om Gawade
Western	St. George's School	Malad, Mumbai	Category 1	Vikram Patkar, Mann Shaikh
Kerala	St. Patrick's Academy	Angamali	Category 2	Pranoy Giri, Noel Bovan
Kerala	Carmelgiri E.M. School	Malappuram,	Category 1	Anjana Jose, Niranjana R.
Karnataka	Bharath Matha School	Koppa	Category 2	Nivedita Tiwari, Albin Jose
Karnataka	Shati Sadan H. School	Hubli-Dharward	Category 1	S. Hulimani, S. Honnagoudar
Bengal	St. Xavier's School	Purulia	Category 2	Anurag Singh Deo, Sourav Jyoti
Bengal	Auxilium C School	Bandel	Category 1	Soumyosree Mal, Ishani M.
Chhatisgarh	Gyanodaya H School	Jagdapur	Category 2	Shubham Nahak, H. Dewangan
Chhatisgarh	Carmel School	Ambikapur	Category 1	Sparsh Agarwal, Aditi Agarwal
North Eastern	Don Bosco H School	Tezpur	Category 2	Dhritiman Sawarni, Prakritish D.
North Eastern	St. Francis De sales S	Dhemaji	Category 1	D. Konwar, Leena Upadhyay
Agra	St. John's School	Jaunpur	Category 2	A. Viswakarma, Aditya Soni
Agra	St. Joseph's Academy	Gaziabad	Category 1	U. Shukla, Sarthak Sharma

WILD CARD ENTRY (List.1)

Tamil Nadu	Good Shepherd School	Chennai	Category 2	Maria Sheryl, Kavya R.
Agra	St. Joseph's Academy	Dheradun	Category 2	Sejal Gupta, Parth Semwal
Western	Campion School	Grtr. Mumbai	Category 1	S. Srivastava, D. Bhattacharya
Bihar	Montfort SS School	Bgaha	Category 1	Nilotpal K Gupta, J. R. Nayak

WILD CARD ENTRY (List.2)

Delhi	Sahoday Sr S School	Delhi	Category 2	D. Chowdhary, D. Tharini
Delhi	Sacred Heart SS School	Chandigarh	Category 1	Khyati Garg, Saumya Dhote
Agra	St. Joseph's School	Grtr. Noida	Category 1	Aanabil Hazra, N. Maheshwari





There were four semi final rounds of on stage quizzing for both the Junior and Senior categories (8 teams each) in between which snacks were served during a break. After the semifinals there was the grand Finale of the quiz for those selected from the semi final rounds for both the Junior and Senior categories on stage. There were 8 teams for the Junior Final and 8 teams for the Senior Final of the quiz. At the end of the day the National winners from the Junior Category 1 were: Vikram Patkar and Mann Shaikh from St. George High School (Malad) Greater Mumbai. The National winners from the Senior Category 2 were: Anurag Singh Deo and Sourav Jyoti from St. Xavier's School, Purulia.



The National Runners up from the Junior Category 1 were: Anmol Singh and Rohit Verma of Little flower School, Jamshedpur and the National Runners Up from the Senior Category 2 were: Shounak Goswami and Priyanshu Srivastava also from Little Flower School, Jamshedpur.

The winners were entitled to get two years of free education in the same school, trip to Singapore, Tablets and on line App based coaching from Extra Marks. The winners and Runners up were also handed over the Trophies and gift vouchers. So also the Regional coordinators and schools that enrolled maximum participants from each diocese/ Regions were entitled to receive awards. The award ceremony was graced by Monsignor Soosai Sebastian, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Delhi, Fr. Joseph Manipadam SDB, the National Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture, the Quiz Master, Mr. Aditty Nath Mubayi and others. After the award ceremony and words of appreciation and vote of thanks, announcement was made that the second version of the quiz "CBCI Education MasterMinds" would begin by July this year. As the participants and guests dispersed lunch packets were distributed as also it was time to sign the message wall and take selfies before leaving the Sacred Heart Cathedral venue.



22nd May 2019: CBCI Office for Education and Culture awards Don Bosco Alaknanda with "The Pride of the Catholic Church" award:

Don Bosco Alaknanda, Delhi receives the "Pride of the Catholic Church" certification from the Education office of the Bishops' Conference of India at the farewell function for Fr. Babu Varghese as he finishes his term as Rector and Principal. The award and certification was done after evaluating and processing the Self Study Report on the functioning of the school submitted to this office by the Principal.



2nd to 8th June 2019: Executive Council, General Body Meeting and World Congress of OIEC (International Office of Catholic Education in New York) :

As a council member of OIEC, Fr. Joseph Manipadam attended the Executive Council meeting and the General Body meeting as well as the World Congress from 3rd to the 8th of June at the Fordham University in New York. The concluding session on the 8th of June was at the UN Headquarters in New York. The theme of the Congress was Education Si which considered the relevance of catholic education in the world and the steps to be taken to maintain its on going relevance. At the General Body meeting of OIEC, Fr. Joseph Manipadam was elected as the Vice President for the region of Asia. The world Congress was attended by 600 persons among whom were also 16 Bishops from across the worlds and representative to the UN from Vatican and Most Rev. Vincenzo Zani from the Sacred Congregation for Education.





13th June 2019: Animation Session for the Heads of schools of Salesian Province of Delhi:

Some 30 Heads of schools of the Salesian Province of New Delhi had their two days of refresher and training programme at Don Bosco Alaknanda where Fr. Joseph Manipadam, Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture took a session on the revision of the All India Catholic Education Policy and the reasons for the revision after 11 years. He also gave them the first insights regarding the new Draft National Education Policy 2019, that had been published by the Government of India for which responses and suggestions had been sought for.

20th June 2019: National Consultation of Education to respond to the MHRD regarding the Draft NEP 2019:

40 Educationists from across the Country had a day long colloquium and consultation on the Draft NEP 2019 brought out by the Government. Fr. J. Manipadam presented an expose of the Draft followed by Fr. Sunny Jacob S.J. Presenting a critical analysis leading towards a conversation on the content of the draft Policy. Then a drafting committee was selected to draw up an appropriate response to be sent to the Government. The meeting was Presided over by the Interim Secretary General and Vice President 1 –CBCI, Most Rev. Joshua Mar Ignathios, HCBCI and Chaired by His Grace Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, Chairman of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture. Other eminent persons at the meeting were Msgr. Soosai Sebastian, V.G. Delhi Archdiocese, Fr. Jervis D'Souza, Deputy Secretary General CBCI and several Provincials and Educationists. The meeting was convened by Fr. J. Manipadam SDB, National Secretary for Education, CBCI





29th June 2019: Awareness Programmeregarding the Draft NEP 2019 at St. Michael's School, Karl Bagh, Delhi:

Programme for 80 staff members of St Michael's School Delhi on the Draft NEP and other matters was conducted on 29th June 2019 by Fr. J. Manipadam. It was an interactive session presided by Fr. Sabu, the Principal of the school and the two Vice Principal – Sisters. The programme was from 8.A.M. to 12.30 p.m.

