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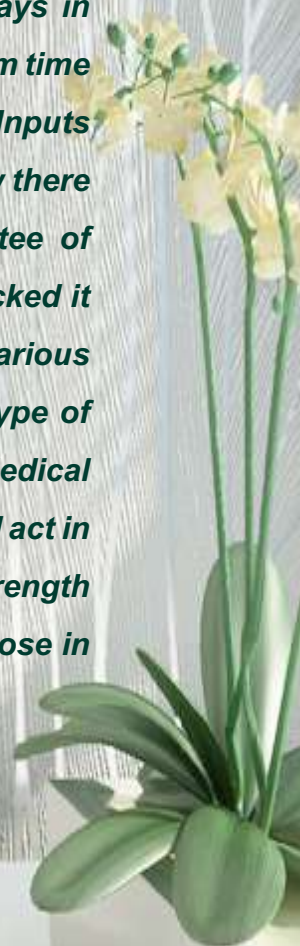


Dear Friends,

**Happy Easter** to each and every one of you.

*Joyfully I present the Easter issue of the e-newsletter from the CBCI Office for Education and Culture. As you know very well things are not too encouraging in the Education area as more and more restrictions and interferences from the Government are being experienced in different ways in different states. I have kept informing the Church leadership and all of you from time to time about the various developments. The draft Education Policy, "Some Inputs to the Draft NEP" has been withdrawn as assured by the MHRD, but as of now there has been no initiatives from the MHRD to form a new Drafting Committee of Educationists or a new Draft as was promised. Two weeks ago we had checked it with the MHRD Office. In the mean time some things are being imposed in various states : Sanscrit, Yoga, learning outcomes for elementary classes, NEET type of entrance for all Higher Education areas, taking over also counselling for Medical College admissions etc. just to mention a few. We need to be very vigilant and act in time to safeguard our Constitutional rights. May the Risen Christ be our strength and protection and may He shed His divine light and enlightenment to all those in authority and on all of us.*

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*Christ  
our Lord is  
Risen Today!  
Alleluia-*



*Happy Easter!*

*Easter is not just an isolated event of Jesus rising from the dead. It is a daily celebration of God's infinite love for us, by which He has enabled each one of us to rise above the natural, the ordinary, and the worldly to a life higher than the human, the material and the temporary. The commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus is at the same time an invitation and a call to a grace filled and divine life*

*Have a great Easter*



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## REPORT OF PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY THE CBCI OFFICE FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE

**3rd to 8th Feb 2017: Training about the All India Catholic Education Policy and Indicators of its Implementation:**

5 days of intense training about the Mission of Education of the Catholic Church and the "All India Catholic Education Policy 2007" was given to 25 young men preparing to enter into the education mission of the Church. The content of the Catholic Education Policy, its salient features and the methodology of implementation, how to show positive indicators of implementation and how such effective implementation can be evaluated in order to fulfill the teaching mission of the Church were the topics dealt with during the 5 day programme conducted by Fr. Joseph Manipadam and his team at Umiam in Shillong. It was a residential programme of intense study and discussion and interaction.



**9th Feb 2017: Visit to Mar Evanios Vidya Nagar, St Mary's School & the Jesuit Education campuses at Trivandrum in Kerala:**

A day was spent visiting the main Catholic Education Campuses in Trivandrum to gauge the extend of effectiveness of the Catholic Education in Kerala known for the outstanding educational services rendered by the Catholic Church. The St. Mary's Secondary School at Pattom caters to almost twelve thousand boys and girls from families of poor and below average financial backgrounds. The school is an aided school where teachers salaries come from the Government. Yet it is a school of excellence with commendable learning outcome and good examination results. The Mar Evanios Vidhya Nagar has institutes from Kindergarten to University level studies, Medical College, Engineering College and Management Institute, Technical Institute etc all in one campus where study and discipline are taken very seriously. Other institutes visited were Jyoti Nivas Secondary School run by the Ursline sisters and the St. Xavier's College at Thumba and the Loyola School and College at Srikaryam run by Jesuits who are well known for their valuable and commendable contribution in Education.





### 10th- 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. Rev. Fr. M.K. George was the main person at the Valedictory function. 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 on "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 to towards a methodological implementation of the same and move towards an evaluation of the effectiveness of the implementation 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. The programme ended by 4.00 p.m.





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

Seventy participants participated 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

