



CBCI EDUCATION NEWS LETTER

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Message from the Secretary,



Greetings from the CBCI Office for Education and Culture!
As we bring out another e-newsletter from the Education Office of the Catholic Church in India we have concerns regarding the new National Education Policy that the Government is working on. We had already sent to all of you, the two drafts that have come out regarding the new NEP. The first draft was from TSR Subramanian Committee that came out at the end of April 2016, and the second draft that came out at the end of June 2016 from the Ministry of Human Resource Development. By now all of you are quite familiar with the content of both the drafts as we from the CBCI Office for Education and Culture have conducted awareness programmes regarding both the drafts in all the 14 regions of the Catholic Church in India. We have also held a number of National level Consultations in Delhi as well as in the various parts of the Country. We have also held National Consultations regarding NEP for the various religious congregations too. We also had awareness programmes regarding the NEP for various Associations of Schools and Colleges that are affiliated to the Education Office of the CBCI as well as for others. A team of Educationists from across the country have compiled responses under the leadership of the CBCI Education Office and submitted to the MHRD on 29th June 2016. Subsequently thousands of responses have gone to the MHRD from various regions, Provinces and institutions and Catholic organizations. We have also met the Education Minister a couple of times and had discussions with him regarding the NEP and registered our objections. We held a Press Conference in Delhi and even rallies have been held in some parts of the country especially in Tamil Nadu. A national rally is expected to be held in New Delhi on the 17th of November when the winter session of the parliament will be in session. It is my earnest request that as many of you who can participate should attend the rally and register our objection to the Government regarding this anti-people NEP draft that has come out. The draft NEP is not just against the Minority but it is against the majority as it is against the interests of the students themselves, teachers, women, the poor, the rural, the SC/ ST, the Dalits etc. So we need to insist that the NEP should not be to control, to centralize, to commercialise and communalise but to empower the youth of this country focussing on inclusive, secular, value based, student friendly and teacher friendly education. Tough times will require tough responses. United response !

With all good wishes

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Programmes conducted by the CBCI Office for Education and Culture: (June to September 2016)

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 which is a rural town in the Allepy Dt. Of 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 Uttar Pradesh, were trained as to how to implement the Catholic Education Policy and how to implement 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 sang 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 and by a few people working in groups, a group of five persons will 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 as to how to implement the Catholic Education Policy and how to implement 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 sang 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. Ms. Mareena Thomas was also one of the resource persons.



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 complaint by implementing the CBCI Child Protection Policy. The third component of the programme was a study of the drafts towards the new National Education Policy that the Government has brought out seeking response. 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.

13, 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. The training ended by 4.00 p.m. on 14th after which some of the institutions in Lucknow were visited.



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



A full day Executive meeting of the AINACS took place at AINACS Bhawan in Dwaraka, Delhi. It was basically to discuss about the forthcoming activities and animation programmes and to discuss details about the next Annual General Meeting that was to be held in October. The venue for the meeting, the agenda, the resource persons and the theme etc were discussed.



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 Executive core members 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 of the Government as it was



sought for. The meeting was animated by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, secretary, CBCI office for Education and Culture. 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 Government.

29,30,31st July 2016: National Training 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 for the 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 drawing up a response to be submitted to the MHRD before the 14th of August 2016. The meeting was indeed useful and timely and brought the lurking dangers in the new draft NEP into everyone's awareness so that necessary response could be made to the MHRD. The programme was held at the Christ University in Bangalore. The Vice Chancellor was also present.



11th August 2016: National Education Policy Draft being studied at St. Xavier's campus, New Delhi



Some 30 Jesuit educationists gathered together at the St. Xavier's Campus in New Delhi to discuss 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. A comparative study also was made vis a vis the NEP and the catholic Education Policy.



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. The draft would be taken up for study and the response of the catholic Schools on both the above topics would be discussed at the AGM for which time was allotted. It was also

pointed out to the Executive members by Fr. Joseph Manipadam, the National Secretary, CBCI Office for Education and Culture, that the AINACS need to participate more in the concerns of the Church in the area of education and contribute to the response to the Government regarding the NEP.



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 and the public. 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 more systematically.



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 21th August 2016 to analyse 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 should implement the All India catholic Education Policy and participate in the evaluation process. The meeting was enthusiastically attended.



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



Some 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 the implementation of the catholic Education Policy in all the educational institutions of the diocese. The Bishop also 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 programme also covered the implications of the draft new National Education Policy 2016 announced by the Education Department of the Government of India.

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 was discussed by a group of 15 educationists at the Archbishops's House after a presentation of the issues given by the CBCI National Secretary for Education, Fr. Joseph Manipadam SDB. The

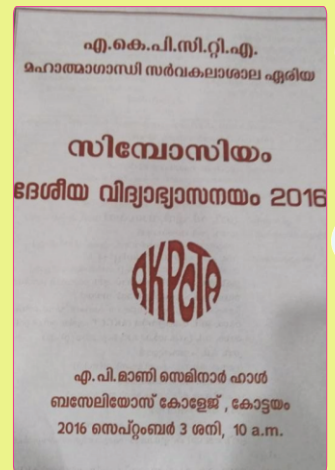


Archbishop himself was present for the meeting and addressed the participants. The importance of trying to implement our own All India catholic Education was also discussed and some parallels as well as contrasting aspects between the draft NEP and the Catholic Education Policy was also considered.

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



Some 75 participants, all teachers, principals or Managers of Kerala Private Colleges Teachers Association in the Mahatma Gandhi University area of Kerala participated in a Consultation regarding the Draft National Education Policy 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 based on our own catholic Perspective of our own All India Catholic Education Policy 2007 was highlighted. Fr. J. Manipadam stressed the importance of implementing our own All India Catholic Education Policy which was our guiding document. It was a full day programme.

Training programmes for Managers & Community Leaders & Staff

1. Emotional Intelligence and Leadership :
2. Skillful Interpersonal Communication at work place
3. 7 habits of Highly Effective People
4. Participatory Management and Interpersonal effectiveness
5. Child Protection Policy based on the POCSO 2012 Bill
6. Method of Implementing the Catholic Education Policy 2007
7. Reasserting and re-establishing the relevance of Catholic schools today
8. Gearing up our Educational Institutions for a challenging today and tomorrow
9. Counseling skills in the digital world for the Generation Next
10. Educational Trends and Teaching Skills
11. How to Make the Service Rules & other basic skills in running a school effectively
12. Games for Growth A unique way to teach values to students
13. Don Bosco's Method of Education The preventive System



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 about 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, were awarded 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 School 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 so as to enable our 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.

