



# CBCI EDUCATION NEWS LETTER

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**Dear Friends,**

**Once again we are coming out with an issue of the newsletter from the CBCI Office for education and Culture. This is meant to keep you updated with the various activities at the CBCI Office for Education and Culture as well as to keep you in the know of the various events in the education area in the country. There are a few developments taking place:**

- 1. A New Commission has been appointed to draft the NEP after the previous two drafts were objected to and withdrawn by the MHRD. The new Commission of 9 people will take the previous drafts as inputs as the Minister had said earlier.**
- 2. We are almost nearing the completion of the work of evaluation of the implementation of the All India Catholic Education Policy 2007. It is work that was initiated two years ago as we are now into the 10th year of the AICEP 2007. Those schools of the various dioceses and Congregations that are yet to complete this work, kindly get in touch with this National Office or your Regional Education Offices to complete this work and get your certification which may be the only certification about your Minority Status in the days to come.**
- 3. We will be having a National Consultation of all the Regional Education Secretaries and National Education Coordinators of Religious Congregations on the 24th and 25th October 2017 in Delhi to gear up to meet the challenges in education and discuss other matters of concern.**

**Wish you all the best in your various educational activities and events that you are organising in your own institutions and regions and provinces. Let us always reflect the love and compassion of Jesus for the Young in all our educational tasks.**

**With all good wishes and prayers**

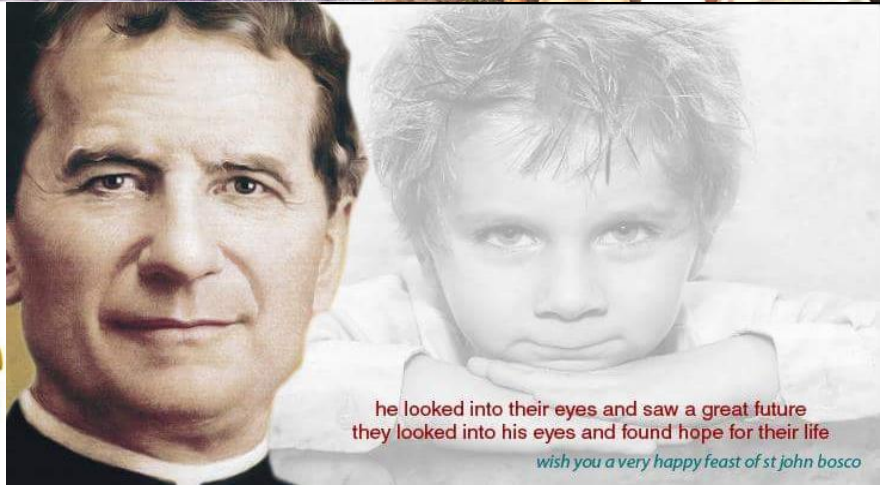
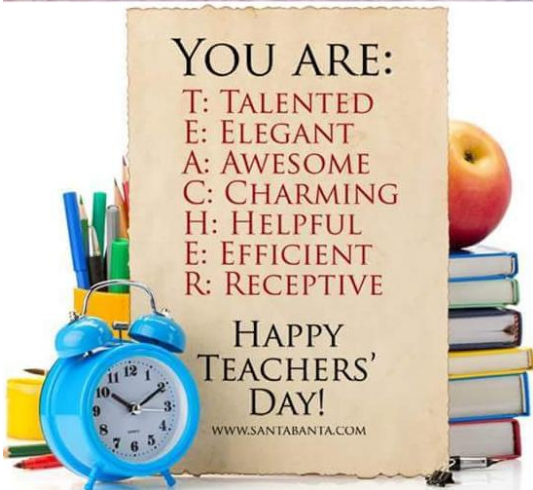
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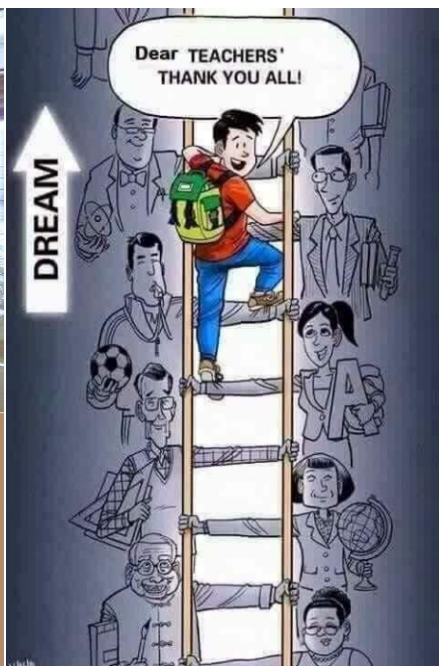
# Happy Teachers' Day from CBCI Office for Education



Catholic Church is the biggest education provider in the world. Jesus the Divine Master said, "Go and teach all nations..." Inspired by this mandate, the Disciples of Christ and the Saints after them continued to fulfil this mission by educating and empowering the young all over the world. In India too we have more than 50,000 educational institutions including Universities, Colleges, Engineering and Medical Colleges, Management Institutes, Schools, Technical Schools, Schools for Special Children etc. For the Catholic Church it is a compelling mission of dedicated service carried out with love & compassion, extending the love and concern of Jesus Christ to young people. On the occasion of Teachers' Day we felicitate our committed and selfless teachers wishing them God's blessings.



Students of the Year .....  
To the world you may be just a teacher but to your students you are a HERO!



On this day we salute all those teachers who daringly face the challenges of life in order to impart education to children living in remote areas of the country facing challenging situations in life daily.



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

**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 is also 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 & logistics worked out by Fr. Joy Cyprian, Resgional Education Coordinator for Bengal.





## 20th May 2017: Executive Committee meeting of 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 about the forthcoming AGM of the association.

## 11th June 2017: Motivational Programme for 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.

## 17,18th June 2017: International Conference on SDG 4 at the India International Centre, New

Some 300 participants from all over India and abroad participated at the International Seminar on SDG4, Education for all at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The two days' Conference was inaugurated by the Vice President of India and the valedictory function was presided over by the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. The seminar had very eminent speakers from the Ministry of India as well as from Unicef. The event was organized also to commemorate the bicentenary of the Royal Rescript of 17th June 1817, by the Royalty of Travancore, Kerala which stated that "all children will be educated at the expense of the State" which was a kind of precursor of the present "Right to Free and Compulsory Education Bill". CBCI Education participated in it.





**19,20th June 2017: Visit to the Director for Education and some catholic Institutions in Punjab:**

Two days were spent in Patiala and Ambala in Punjab to meet Fr. John Bosco, the new Diocesan Education Coordinator of Shimla- Chandigarh diocese to discuss matters regarding the evaluation of implementation of the All India catholic Education Policy by the institutions of the diocese. Visited also some educational institutions of Patiala and the new Don Bosco Institution near Ambala.



**21st June 2017: Apostolic Nuncio takes a briefing on the situation of CBCI Education Apostolate:**

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 regarding the situation of the numerous Catholic Educational institutions in the 14 regions of the country. The meeting which lasted 30 minutes was followed by informal sharing on the CBCI Education Office and its activities during the lunch as well. The Nuncio showed great interest in the Education Ministry and expressed his desire to be kept informed of everything especially whenever there would be a national level meeting in Delhi.





**7th July 2017: Meeting of 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, Delhi:**

Some fifty various association 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. K.J. Alphons , Member NEP Drafting Committee Member at CBCI: Delhi:

A meeting that lasted an hour and fifteen minutes was an initial meeting of the CBCI Secretary General, Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas and Fr. Joseph Manipadam, National Secretary – CBCI Office for Education with the Member of the newly constituted Drafting Committee to draft the new National Education Policy of India, Mr. Alphons Kananthanam. Main concern raised was that the Minority rights of the Catholic Church should not be compromised so that we can continue to impart value based and quality education for all and take care of the education for the poor and the marginalized without unnecessary interference and control by the Government. It is to be noted that when the Government started this work of drawing up the NEP two years ago the Church had submitted to the Minister for Human Resource Development proposals and suggestions towards the NEP and when the first draft had come out the Education office of the CBCI had also presented its responses and the earlier draft was withdrawn due to objections raised. Now a new drafting Committee is formed to draw up a new and more acceptable draft of the National Education Policy.



## 17th July 2017: 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. The participants did an evaluation of the way they are running their own schools vis a vis the catholic Education Policy 2007. Purnea and Katihar are situated in quite a remote area in Bihar





## 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 presided over the meetings of NEG-FIRE an educational NGO. 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,**

The AINACS executive meeting was attended by Fr. J. Manipadam and it was basically to plan for the forthcoming 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 commercialise education in favour of the rich and the industrialists. It was a day long meeting at both the



**Training programmes for Managers & Community Leaders & Staff**

**Training Programmes for Students / Youth**

1. Education to Integrity
2. How to study and How to prepare for Examinations
3. Education to Emotional Maturity
4. How to face Interviews, Group discussions and master other soft skills
5. Public Speaking Course and debating skills
6. Is stress real and how to beat the stress
7. Motivational programmes for Youth
8. Youth Retreats



**Go through the topics mentioned above and get in touch with Fr. Joseph Manipadam SDB, Secretary, Office of Education and Culture, CBCI. (09733021677)**