

Report of the meeting with Education Experts

The meeting held on 23rd February 2023 commenced with a prayer by Fr. R. Shinoj. Then Fr. Maria Charles presented the report of the previous meeting of 20th January 2023. After the report, the Chairperson said that thanks to the Taskforce we remain connected to the work that are taken up. He said that we need to develop more and take it to the education minister. He then said that we would have a physical meeting on 14-15 March 2023. We need to be fully prepared before taking the issues to the government. He also mentioned that following up of the three taskforces are very important.

Sr. Teresa informed everyone that the handbooks for Higher Education are prepared. Fr. Paul talked about the legal work he did regarding the protection of Minority Rights and said that there is no national infringement of our rights. He informed that the lawyer said we can contact a lawyer in any court if there are any issues. Fr. Paul said that we should collate the summary of cases in the recent past. We have State level issues, and it is better to sort it out there.

The Archbishop spoke about the Minority Certificate for the schools. It is essential for schools to get a Minority Certificate. He informed that the Minority Affairs Ministry has instructed to get the Minority Certificate from the State. Fr. Sojan said that in 2015 they got the Minority Certificate from the Centre but now no one can bypass the State. Fr. Paul then informed us that now the States are saying they will give NOC. If any State has no Minority Certificate, then the Centre can give it if there is NOC from the State.

Fr. Joseph talked about the process of getting the Minority Certificates. He said that non-minorities are getting Minority Certificate. Fr. Paul said that in the memorandum they have to incorporate Article 29, 30, saying that they are a minority. If we go for 12 A, they say minority not to have. Fr. Shinoj said that there are a number of institutions that are registered under the Minority Community. We are not availing but the Muslim Communities are. We need to apply through the State, and they will give a collecting date for the Minority Certificate. We need to go to the Diocese to collect the date from the State.

The Archbishop said that the Dioceses have problems of their own. They do not respond. We can try once again with the Regional Bishop and Secretaries. The Regional Bishop can be drawn into making decisions. Fr. Joseph said that we should appoint people to go around the country to animate. Archbishop said that there is no communication. There are things to do at the National Level, Regional Level, and Diocesan Level. We need to include the Bishops and ask him to communicate. AINACS has 3000 institutions.

Sr. Adel said that we need visionaries, and lots of money. The Archbishop said that we have a process of collecting data to be sent to the government. Fr. Shinoj said that we can approach CBSE, CISC, and State Board with the help of CRI. The Archbishop then asked if we could prepare a chart for the data with mention of who has given their contributions and how much, who is not

giving (both the data and financial contribution). Does their Diocese have Diocesan Board of Education, data collection, and financial contribution.

Fr. Shinoj then briefed everyone about the Up Skilling program by AINACS which was held on 20th-24th April. The Up Skilling program talked about outcome-based results, AI, Happiness Quotient, and Proper implementation of NEP. Sr. Teresa spoke about the Education Technologies and the new frontline technology that is to be highlighted. Then Fr. Paul suggested to go to different regions for animation and having one Bishop for quality training under security. The Archbishop said that a group of people can be trained, and the TOT can be attended by people from different regions.

It was mentioned that the Catholic Management Institutes can help. The XLRI need to conduct the training programs, and management training programs for church personnel on XLRI campus. Sr. Adel said that besides management, we can ask for Teachers training also, and excellent teachers can help with animation. Fr. Paul informed the participants that many of the schools are going towards corporations. He asked, "What is our Ministry?" Is it professional, or corporate. Is it a Ministry? He also asked if we could take time management principals and include our Christian principals. Fr. Shinoj then said that earlier our Catholic schools were wanted but now we are becoming obsolete. Our standard is not good. Our Values should be.

The meeting went on with the Archbishop saying that there is a little bit of uncertainty. We have hope of rising up to the new era. We need to focus on what we can do to follow up, and we are heading towards something concrete. We can finalize the TOT later. Fr. Charles asked if we could give it to a management institute. Should we include 'Teacher Training Experts'? Should we be inclusive?

The meeting was concluded with a prayer by the Archbishop stating may we turn our challenges into opportunities, may our journey be joyful, may we plan in reality, and may we journey to accomplish what we have undertaken. The Archbishop then gave his blessings.