



# REPORT OF THE 14TH MEETING OF CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION SOCIETY (CHES)

NAVA SADHANA, VARANASI  
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The 14th Annual General Body Meeting of CHES and Seminar was held at Nava Sadhana, Varanasi on 18 November 2022 from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm.

The meeting was chaired by His Grace Most Rev. Raphy Manjaly, Archbishop of Agra and New President of CHES. Dr. Geshe Ngawang Samten, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Tibetan Studies, Varanasi was the chief guest of the day. Prof Deepak Mallick, Retired Professor of Banaras University and Former Director of Institute of Gandhian Studies gave the Input session on the theme: "Social Responsibility/concerns in Higher Education". His Grace Most Rev. Albert D Souza, Archbishop-Emeritus of Agra and former President of CHES was the Guest of honour. Rev. Fr. Dr. Francis D'Souza, Director Nava Sadhana was the organizing secretary of the meeting.

The distinguished guests lighted the lamp and inaugurated the seminar at the scheduled time 9.30 am followed by a prayer dance by the students of Nava Sadhana. Rev. Dr Francis D'Souza, organizing secretary and director of Navasadhana welcomed the guests. The governing body members of the CHES presented a bouquet of flower to the guest of the day. Dr. Fr John Chakknatt briefed the vision and mission of CHES and a short history of CHES till date. The chief guest delivered the key note address for the day. He spoke on the substance of education. The president, guest of honour, vice president spoke on the occasion. The inaugural session came to an end at 11.30 am with Rev. Dr Sajan SDB, proposing vote of thanks.

During the inaugural session, Rev. Sr. Irene Gonsalves SRA, a President's Award Winner and Founder of the First INCLUSIVE SCHOOL Higher Secondary School under CBSE Board and Sr. Lima SRA, the present Principal of the school were honored and awarded for their wonderful service in the field of special education. Also all the Ph.D awardees of the region from the last three years were honored with mementos and awarded certificates by the Chief Guest and President. They are Dr. Fr Joseph Kuzhikandathil CMI, Dr. Fr. Jose Manjyil CST, Dr.Fr.Sunny Pulichan CST, Dr.Fr. Johny Purakkatt CMI, Dr.Fr.Sajan SDB, Dr.Mr.Densil Godwin, and Dr.Mrs.Lina Godwin. Dr. Sr. Marion CJ and Dr. K M Valsaraj who guided 15 research scholars were honored with mementos.

The input session started after the tea break at 12.15 pm. Prof Deepak Malic was introduced by Fr. RoyVattakara CST. The input session was over at 1.30 pm with Dr. Sr. Chrisitna RMJ proposing vote of Thanks.

The annual general body meeting of the association was convened at 2.15 pm. The meeting was represented from 14 member institutions with 28 members. It was started with a prayer and welcome. Special welcome was given to the new members – President- His Grace Raphy Manjaly, Governing body members – Fr. Sunny CMI, Sr. Pearl (not present). Minutes of the previous meeting was read and discussed. Rev. Fr Sabu Thomas cmi proposed to pass the report and Rev. Sr. Marion seconded it. Dr. Fr John Chakknatt presented the annual audit report of the society. Rev.Fr Sunny CST proposed to pass the account and Rev. Sr, Lilly MSJ seconded it.



The important points discussed in the meeting were as follows:

1. A Committee for News Letter is constituted consisting of Rev. Fr. Sunny V, CMI (Convener), Dr. K M Valsaraj and Rev. Fr. Sabu Thomas CMI to publish News Letter of the Association twice in a year.
2. A Committee for Journal is constituted consisting of Rev. Fr. Sunny P, CST (Convener), Dr. K M Valsaraj, Dr. Densil Godwin, Dr. Sr. Marion SRA and Fr. Johny Antony CMI to publish a Journal.
3. A faculty development programme (FDP) for two days shall be organized at Christ University, Ghaziabad for the teachers of the Institutions under CHES.



4. It was proposed to prepare a data base consisting of three categories of records of the Catholics of the region –who are guiding the research works, completed the research works and pursuing the research works.
5. It was proposed that the research scholars of the region also can be invited for the meeting of CHES.
6. It was proposed that each institution may prepare one page presentation about their institute and present it in the What Sapp group.
7. It was proposed that the Vision and Mission of the association must be framed and uploaded in the web site.

8. The venue for the next meeting is tentatively scheduled at Jaipur.
9. All the diocesan directors of Education shall be invited for the meeting from next year onwards as there is no separate director appointed for Higher Education.

We also discussed to welcome the institutions in Delhi and Jammu Kashmir to the association for deeper and wider scope for various plans in Higher Education in our region. It was decided that the President will write formally to the Bishops and the concerned persons regarding this matter.

His Grace Archbishop Raphy Manjaly made the concluding remarks. Fr Johny Purakkatt, Secretary thanked each one for making the 14th general body meeting a big success. The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm with tea followed a short Varanasi Darshan with interested members.

Fr Johny Purakkatt CMI  
Secretary, CHES

