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1992-06 CHAIRPERSON: GOVERNING BODY, Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi

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1993-98 EDITOR, ISI Bulletin: A Quarterly Newsletter of Indian Social Institute, New Delhi
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 1995-98 EDITOR, Social Action, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi
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 1995-96: CONVENER: Vidyajyoti Evaluation Committee
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 1995-98: CONVENER: Network of Voluntary Action Network -- Bharat (NOVAN-BHARAT)
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 1996-97: CONVENER: Survey Committee -- Archdiocese of Delhi
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 1997-00 : CHAIRPERSON: Evaluation Committee: Jesuits in Social Action
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PUBLICATIONS:

a) Books:

- 01) 1976 The Christian as a Citizen, The Catholic Union of India, Bangalore
- 02) 1986 Total Revolution: The Final Phase of Jayaprakash Narayan's Political Philosophy, Satya Nilayam Publications, Madras
- 03) 1986 Philosophy and Human Development, (co-editor), Satya Nilayam Publications, Madras
- 04) 1991 Religion and National Integration (co-editor), Infant Jesus Agency, Bangalore
- 05) 1991 Quest for Gender Justice: Liberation Prospects for Indian Women, (Ed.), T.R. Publications, Madras
- 06) 1993 Caste Culture in Indian Church (Chief Editor), ISI Publications, New Delhi
- 07) 1995 CBCI Evaluation Report -- 1995, CBCI Evaluation Committee, New Delhi
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- 09) 1997 Renewal--2000: Survey of the Archdiocese of Delhi -- 1997, Survey Committee, New Delhi
- 10) 1997 Human Rights in Asian Cultures: Continuity and Change (Co-Editor), HURIGHTS OSAKA
- 11) 1998 Fifty Years After Freedom: New Opportunities and Challenges for Voluntary Action in India, (Ed.), ISI Publications, New Delhi.
- 12) 1998 People's Power and Panchayati Raj: Theory and Practice, (Chief Editor), ISI Publications, New Delhi
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- 14) 2000 JESA Evaluation Report - 1999 (Chief Editor), New Delhi 1999

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18) 1998. "The Future of the Indian Church: Reflection and Proposals in the light of CBCI Evaluation", Jeevadhara, XXVIII:166, 1998

19) 2001 "Priestly Formation in India: A Balance Sheet", Indian Theological Studies 38 (2), June 2001

EVALUATION STUDIES:

Between 1994 till date, have carried out over 20 Evaluation Studies, covering Religious Congregations, Dioceses, Communication Centres, Social Action Projects, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), the implementation of Vatican II in the Indian Church, the Formation Pattern in the Seminaries in India and the Youth Commission of the Bangladesh Bishops' Conference.