

Prof. K.J. Joseph is one of India's foremost development economists - a scholar whose career has consistently bridged the gap between rigorous academic inquiry and consequential public policy. From his gold-medal-winning undergraduate years at Calicut University to a Ford Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Yale, guided by the eminent Prof. Robert Evenson, his formation combined the best of Indian and global intellectual traditions.

Over 35 years at India's premier research institutions – Centre for Development Studies (CDS) Trivandrum, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) New Delhi, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) New Delhi, and the Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT) – his work has shaped debates in public finance, innovation economics, trade policy, and plantation agriculture.

He has delivered keynote addresses in 38 countries, authored or co-authored 10 books published by Palgrave Macmillan, Oxford University Press, Edward Elgar, Routledge, and Sage, and published over 90 peer-reviewed articles in leading journals including Economic and Political Weekly, Science and Public Policy, and the Seoul Journal of Economics.

Academic Information

Education:

1995–96: Post-Doctoral Fellowship (Ford Foundation), Economic Growth Center, Yale University, Guided by and published with Prof. Robert Evenson

1991: PhD in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University (CDS, Trivandrum). Thesis revised and published by Sage Publications

1985: MPhil in Applied Economics, First Class, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum (affiliated to JNU)

1983: MA in Economics — University Topper & Gold Medallist, Calicut University (Dr John Matthai Centre). First Class, 63.8%

Career

Positions Held

2019-Present: Director & Professor, GIFT, Government of Kerala

2009-2019: Ministry of Commerce Chair Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum

2003-2005: Visiting Senior Fellow, RIS New Delhi

2001-2003: Professor (on deputation), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

1991-2001: Lecturer → Associate Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum