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Biographical Sketch

Rev. Father Dr. John Felix Raj, SJ (born in 1954) is a Jesuit of the Calcutta Province of the Society of Jesus. A dynamic personality, he is the Founder-Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Economics of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata; the former Rector (1996-2002), Vice-Principal (1997-2009), and Principal (2009-2017) of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. He also teaches Economics in this renowned institution.

Father is an educationist, administrator and a philanthropist. Besides educational initiatives, he is also the Founder-President of SNEGAM, an NGO that provides quality education to underprivileged children and promotes the education of female children. His initiative "College to Village and Village to College" at SXC and SXU Kolkata, is a novel effort in transformative education.

Dr. Raj is the Director of The Goethals Indian Library and Research Society. He was a member of the West Bengal State Education Commission. He was also the Vice-President and Secretary of the Bengal Economic Association.

His selfless work in the field of social development through education has made him the recipient of fourteen awards including Banga Bibhushan and Siksha Ratna from Government of West Bengal. Dr. Felix Raj is a prolific writer and has authored and co-authored nine books. He has also published numerous papers and articles in journals and newspapers.

Areas of Specialisation and Research Interests

Dr. Raj's specialization includes Development Economics, Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization, Public Sector, Disinvestment, Spirituality, Leadership Skills and Training.

Responsibilities Held

From 1984 to 2016 – Professor of Economics, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

From 1996 to Present – Director and Secretary, the Goethals Indian Library and Research Society

From 1996 to 2002 – Rector, St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata

From 1989 to 2017 – State Director, All India Catholic University Federation, West Bengal Unit

From 2005 to 2008 – Council Member, International Economic Association

From 1997 to 2009 – Vice-Principal, St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata

From 2009 to 2017 – Principal, St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata

From 2011 to 2016 – Vice-President, Bengal Economic Association

From 2005 to 2011 – Secretary, Bengal Economic Association

From 2009 – 2017 – President, SXC Alumni Association

From 2008 – 2015 – Trustee, International Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata

From 2005 to Present – President, SNEGAM Social Welfare and Resource Society, Kolkata

From 2007 to 2013 – Board of Governors, XLRI, Jamshedpur

From 2013 to Present – Member, Board of Governors, Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar and St. Xavier’s University, Bhubaneswar.

From 2017 to present – Vice-Chancellor, St. Xavier’s University, Kolkata.

Awards and Achievements

Father Raj is the recipient of fourteen awards:

- Xavier Ratna Award for his service to education, presented by the Xavier Institute of Engineering, Mumbai on January 11, 2020 in Mumbai.
- Rotary Award for Excellence by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan on March 7, 2020 at Conclave, Kolkata.
- Hall of Fame Award presented by the Institute of Certified Management Accounts (ICMA), Australia on December 16, 2019 at SXUK during an international Conference on "Frontiers of Accounting".
- Educationist of the Year by Sankalp 2019 Education Award Forum, presented on September 1, 2019 at JW Marriott, Kolkata.
- Mother Teresa Ratna conferred by the International Mother Teresa Award Committee on August 26, 2019 at ICCR, in Kolkata.
- Nihil Ultra Award for Excellence 2018 conferred by St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.
- Leadership in Institutional Excellence Award in 2017 from Calcutta Management Association, at Hotel Hindustan International.
- Siksha Ratna Award by the Government of West Bengal on 5 September 2016.

- Banga Bibhushan Award by the Government of West Bengal in 2014.
- Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad Memorial Award by West Bengal Board of Madrasa Education in 2013.
- Lifetime Achievement Award by Core Sector Communiqué in 2011.
- Mahdeolal Saraogi Award by Rotary Club of Kolkata in 2008.
- First CAB Community Development Award by Catholic Association of Bengal (CAB) in 2008.
- Mother Teresa Millennium Award by Mother Teresa's International and Millennium Awards Committee in 2006.

Fr. Raj has authored and co-authored ten books and has presented papers in many national and international conferences and has also lectured in many universities in Europe, US and Canada.

Publications

Books Authored:

1. Relevance of Christianity in India Today (ed.), (1986) Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune.
2. Memories of a Movement – AICUF in West Bengal 1948–1996, (1996) AICUF Publications, Kolkata.
3. Contemporary Development Economics from Adam Smith to Amartya Sen, (Felix Raj & others), (2006) New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata, 2006.
4. Indian Economy – Economic Ideas, Development and Financial Reforms –Essays in honour of Prof. Raj Kumar Sen, (ed.), (2008), Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi.
5. WTO and Asian Union – Ten Years of WTO, (ed.) (2009), Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi.
6. Disinvestment in India – Trends, Problems and Prospects, (2012), Regal Publishers, New Delhi.
7. Discovery of Bengal: The Jesuit Design, (2014), The Goethals Indian Library and Research Society.
8. Indian Economy – A Visionary Perspective, (ed.) (2015), Regal Publishers, New Delhi.
9. Emerging Issues on Inclusive Growth, Business and Environment, (ed.) (2016), Regal Publishers, New Delhi.
10. WAVES – Story Bank, (2020), St. Xavier's University, Kolkata Alumni Association (SXUKAA).

Visit www.goethals.in for Fr. Felix Raj's papers and articles.

H.E. Governor M.K. Narayanan succinctly summarizes the qualities of Father Felix Raj in the following words:

“...Till date I was under the impression that administration and piety were his qualities. I now realize that behind the gentle eminence lies the shrewd and sharp intellect accompanied by burning desire to contribute to nation’s development. Fr. Felix Raj is hence a true icon not only for those who have gone through or will go through the portals of St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata but also for those who study in other competent institutions as well.

He has demonstrated that classrooms are not solely intended to impart knowledge but in equal measure to inspire the students to search for truth and arrive at their own conclusions. I am sure that St. Xavier’s College would be richer with the presence of someone like Fr Felix Raj as Principal....”

H.E. M.K. Narayanan

24th Governor of West Bengal (2010 – 2014)

(In his speech on September 11, 2012 at SXCK)