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Biographical Sketch

John Felix Raj is the Principal and former Rector of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. He also serves as a professor of Economics in this institution. His specialization includes Development Economics, Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization, Public Sector, Disinvestment, Spirituality, Leadership Skills and Training. He received PhD degree in Economics from Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata. He is currently the Managing Editor of Artha Beekshan, the journal published by Bengal Economic Association.

Father Felix Raj has presented papers in many **national and international conferences**. He has lectured in many universities in Europe, US and Canada. He is an educationist, associated with a number of NGOs and engaged in many philanthropic activities. Parivartan and Snegam, NGOs engaged in social and educational activities are his brainchildren. His initiative, "College to Village and Village to College" at St. Xavier's College is a novel effort in education.

He is the Director of The Goethals Indian Library and Research Society and the West Bengal state advisor to All Indian Catholic University Federation.

Fr. Felix Raj has been appointed member of the West Bengal Education Commission by the Governor of West Bengal to prepare a Road Map / Vision Document for 2020 and 2030 for the State's Education Sector from 1st October, 2013.

He is the recipient of

- Two Certificates of recognition – one from the California State Assembly and the other from the Mayor of the City of Fremont, Mr. Bill Harrison, USA for his service to humanity and harmony on February 13, 2015.
- Pratibhu Award on November 4, 2014 for his contribution to education in Bengal. His novel project " College to Village and Village to College" has taken a concrete shape in the Raghampur rural campus of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata from July 2014.
- Banga Bibhushan Award by Govt. 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 in 2008
- Mother Teresa Millennium Award by Mother Teresa's International and Millennium Awards Committee in 2006

Publications

Books (Edited)

- (1986) : Relevance of Christianity in India Today (ed.), Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune.
- (1996) : Memories of a Movement – AICUF in West Bengal 1948–1996, AICUF Publications, Kolkata.
- (2006) : Contemporary Development Economics from Adam Smith to Amartya Sen, (Felix Raj & others), New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata, 2006.
- (2008) : Indian Economy – Economic Ideas, Development and Financial Reforms – Essays in honour of Prof. Raj Kumar Sen, (ed.), Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi.
- (2009) : WTO and Asian Union – Ten Years of WTO, (ed) , Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi.
- (2012) : Disinvestment in India – Trends, Problems and Prospects, , Regal Publishers, New Delhi.
- (2014): Discovery of Bengal: The Jesuit Design, The Goethals Indian Library and Research Society

Referred Journal:

- (2004) : “Globalization and its impact on Tribals in India” in Xavier Research Journal Vol 3, No 1, Jan- April, pp 11-20.
- (2004) : “Liberazione e Partecipazione – Ripensare Percorsi di crescita per il Terzo” mondo, Orientamenti No3 , , pp 44-57, Milan.
- (2005): “Economic Ideas in Arthashastra and their relevance” in Vidyajyoti in vol 69, no7 , July, pp 514-522.
- (2005): ‘Neo-Liberalism , Globalization and Developing Economics’ in Artha Beekshan in Kolkata on September ,2005.
- (2006): ‘Kautilya and Thiruvalluvar : Economic Ideas’ in Economics in Arthashastra edited by R K Sen and R L Basu , Deep and Deep Publications , New Delhi , ,pp 116-141.
- (2006): “West Bengal at the Crossroads” in *Modern Indian Economy: Essays in Honour of Prof. Alak Ghosh*, Ed. By Prof. Rajkumar Sen, Deep and Deep Publishers, ISBN 978-81-8450-331-9.
- (2006): “Bali-India Trade: Modern and Future perspectives”, Chapter 2 in Growth, Development and Poverty Alleviation in the Asia-Pacific (Readings in World

Development) edited by Kartik C. Roy (The University of Queensland, Australia) and Srikanta Chatterjee (Massey University, New Zealand).

- (2007): “Bali – India Trade: Modern and Future Perspectives”, Chapter 2 in Readings in World Development: Growth, Development and Poverty Allievation in the Asia – Pacific (Ed. By Roy Kartick and Chatterjee Sri Kanta), Nova Publishers Pp.& nbsp;7 – 14.
- (2008): “SEZs: Broken Promises in West Bengal”, Social Action, Vol. 58, July– September, ISI, New Delhi, Pp. 283 – 293.
- (2008): “Economic Reforms and Disinvestments of Public Sector Enterprises in India”, Chapter 6 in Indian Economy – Economic Ideas, Development and Financial Reforms”, (ed.) Raj J Felix, Deep & Deep Publications, Delhi, Pp.& nbsp;68 – 100.
- (2009): “WTO and Asia”, Chapter 59 in “WTO and Asian Union – Ten Years of WTO” by Sen Raj Kumar and Raj John Felix (Ed.), Deep and Deep Publishers, Delhi, pp.& nbsp;654 – 668.
- (2010): “West Bengal at the Crossroads”, Chapter 47 in Modern Indian Economy – Essays in Memory of Professor Alak Ghosh by Sen Raj Kumar (Ed.), Deep and Deep Publishers, Delhi, , Pp. 667 – 674.
- (2011): “The Economic Ideas of Thiruvalluvar” and “The Economic Ideas of Arthasastra” are recommended as study/reference materials in Northern University of Illinois
- (2012): “Indian Economy at the Crossroads”, Guest Editorial in Vidyajothi Journal of Theology, Vol. 76/2 February, Delhi.
- (2014): Paper titled ‘Impact of Financial Crisis in Emerging Asia in terms of Trade Potentials’ ‘Procedia-Social and Behavioral Sciences” Elsevier Publication.
- (2015) : ‘A Quest for Value-based Inclusive Growth’ in Artha Beekshan Volume 25, Issue 1, February.

Article Publications (Published in Edited Books)

- (1984): “Christian – Marxist Dialogue in India - Relevance of Christianity in India Today, JDV, Pune.

- (1988) “Robert Antoine - The Indologist”, in Jesuit Presence in Indian History, Anand Amaladass(ed), Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, Anand, Gujarat.
- (2006): “Kautilya and Thiruvalluvar: Economic Ideas”, Chapter 8 in Economics in Arthasastra (Ed.) Sen Raj Kumar and Basu Ratan Lal), Deep and Deep Publishers, New Delhi, Pp. 116 – 141.
- (2008): “Economic Reforms and Disinvestments of Public Sector Enterprises in India”, Chapter 6 in Indian Economy – Economic Ideas, Development and Financial Reforms”, (ed.) Raj J Felix, Deep & Deep Publications, Delhi 2008, Pp. 68 – 100.
- (2009): “WTO and Asia”, Chapter 59 in WTO and Asian Union – Ten Years of WTO “ by Sen Raj Kumar and Raj John Felix (Ed.), Deep and Deep Publishers, Delhi, 2009, Pp.654 - 668.
- (2010): “West Bengal at the Crossroads”, Chapter 47 in Modern Indian Economy – Essays in Memory of Professor Alak Ghosh by Sen Raj Kumar (Ed.), Deep and Deep Publishers, Delhi, 2010, Pp. 667 – 674.
- (2011): “Father Gerard Becketts and the AICUF”, Chapter IV in Babu – His Life and Mission, by Fr. Albert Huart (Ed), Pp 79 – 93, GILRS, 30 Mother Teresa Sarani, Kolkata.
- (2012): “Globalisation and the Plight of Tribal Communities”, Indian Economic Development, Contemporary Issues, Bhattacharya, D. N. (Ed), Regal Publications, New Delhi, Pp. 263 – 281.
- (2014) : ‘Analytical Issues in Trade, Development and Finance- Essays in Honour of Biswajit Chatterjee’, Springer India. ISBN 978-81-322-1649-0.

Articles in Newspapers / Bulletins

- (2005):“A Mantra for Development –I” (cover story) India Currents , Pp 26-31, 2nd October, 2005, Delhi & “ A New Mantra for Development –II – Growth with Trust”, India Currents , pp 33-39, 9th October, New Delhi
- (2007):“Global Realities and Radical Spirituality”, Bulletin of the R.K. Mission Institute of Culture, January, Pp.& nbsp;18 – 23
- (2008):“Asia is One” – The Statesman, Kolkata, 18 March.
- (2012):“The Core of Spirituality”, The Indian Currents, Delhi, 30 March – 6 April.
- (2012):“More Reforms, Less Jobs”, Indian Currents, 05 – 11 November, New Delhi.

- (2013): “Towards Inclusive Growth - I : Distorted Development”, Indian Currents, 14-20 October, New Delhi.
- (2013): “Towards Inclusive Growth - II : Distorted Development”, Indian Currents, 21-27 October, New Delhi.

Invited talk/ Paper Presented

International Level

- (2003): “Bali-India Trade: Modern and Future Perspectives”, at Bali Islands in an International Seminar organized by International Institute of Development Studies, Australia during 26th – 29th December.
- (2004): “WTO and Asia”, at St. Aquinas College, Colombo in an International Seminar on Ten Years of WTO in Asia, organized by IIDS, Kolkata during 25th – 28th November.
- (2005): “Globalization and Developing Economies the issue of Trust and Honesty”, in the World Congress of the International Economic Association, at Marrakech, Morocco during 29th August – 3rd September.
- (2007): Asian Model of Economic Development, series of talks delivered at Assumption University, Bangkok during 20th – 25th October.
- (2008): Special Lecture at International Economic Congress, Istanbul, Turkey during 25th – 29th June.
- (2011): “Indian Economy A Catholic Perspective” , special lecture at The school of Social and Media Culture, Torun, Poland

National Level

- (2007) : A Two-Day Workshop to the staff members at St. Joseph’s College ,Darjeeling on Autonomy from 11th to 12th April,2007.
- (2008): “The World Stands in need of Peace and Harmony” at Ramkrishana Mission, Golpark on 23rd February.
- (2008): “Globalization and Plight of Tribals”, at the International Indigenous People’s Conference organized by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai during 4th – 6th April.

- (2011): “Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore: The Visvakavi”, Endowment Lecture delivered at Satya Nilayam Institute of Research, Chennai on 2nd December.
- (2014): “Rethinking Development as Liberation”, R. N. Sen Memorial Lecture at the Annual Conference of Bengal Economic Association organized by Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata on 15th February.
- (2015): “A Quest for Value –Based Inclusive Growth”, Valedictory Address at the Annual Conference of Bengal Economic Association organized by Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Kolkata on 22nd March.

National/International/Local Conference/ Seminar attended:

- International Seminar (IIDS) on Ten Years of WTO in Asia, Columbo, Sri Lanka in November,25-28,2004
- International Economic Association, World Congress, Marrakech, Morocco in August29-September 3,2005
- A two-day Workshop to the staff members at St. Joseph’s College, Darjeeling on Autonomy from 11th to 12th April,2007
- International Indigenous People’s Conference at TISS in Mumbai from April4-6,2008
- 29th Annual Conference of Bengal Economic Association at North Bengal University during 6-7 th Feb, 2009
- UGC Sponsored seminar on “Challenges and Opportunities in Commerce Education a New Paradigm” held at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous) Kolkata, on 2nd May, 2009.
- Mid Year BEA seminar” held at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous) Kolkata, on 6th September, 2009
- UGC Sponsored seminar on “Governing Business in the 21st Century Opportunity and Challenges” held at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous) Kolkata, during Nov20-Nov21, 2009.