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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor (November 2020), Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2010-17 PhD in Economics, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.
- 2008-10 MPhil in Applied Economics, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.
- 2006-08 MA in Economics, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana, India
- 2003-06 BA in Economics, Dr. S.R.K. Government Arts College (affiliated to Pondicherry University), Yanam, U.T of Puducherry, India.

POSITIONS HELD

Member Board of Studies, Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology, Kerala

Adjunct Faculty (September 2022 to present), Digital University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Consultant (April 2019 to November 2020), United Nations-ESCAP South and Southwest Asia Office, New Delhi.

Post-doctoral fellow (September 2017 to February 2019), National Research Program on Plantation Development (NRPPD), sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce, Centre for Development Studies, Prasanth Nagar, Ulloor, Trivandrum

Research Assistant (March 2017 to July 2017), Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Research Assistant (September 2016 to January 2017), Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Research Assistant (April 2015 to December 2015), Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Project Associate (June 2010-November 2010), Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

FELLOWSHIPS

CDS-NRPPD Post-doctoral Fellowship 2017

UGC- Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities -2014

ICSSR Institutional Fellowship for the PhD program at Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum

CDS Institutional fellowship for MPhil from the Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

UGC fellowship for master's program at University of Hyderabad during 2006-08

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Teaching

PhD level at GIFT: Indian Economy, Development Economics, Public Finance, Introduction to Economic Theory, Applied Econometrics

MBA at DUK: Managerial Economics, Macroeconomics

PhD supervision:

Sl No	Name of the Scholar	Title of the Thesis	Co-supervisor	Status
1	Ms Lekshmi Prasad	Caste and Formal Credit Market in India: Implications on Financial Inclusion and Welfare	Prof. K J Joseph	Submitted
2	Ms Shagishna K	Influence of Religion-Based Faith on Financial Inclusion in India: Incidence and Implications	Dr Parma Chakravartti	Submitted
3	Ms Athira Karunakaran	Understanding Regional Divergence in India: Role of Institutions, State and Reforms	Dr Zakaria Siddique	Final Stage
4	Ms Divya Kannan	Regional Industrial Performance in India: Trends, Disparities and Determinants	Prof. K J Joseph	Final Stage
5	Ms Vipasha Ray Hajong	Uncovering the Value of Unpaid Labour: National Time Accounting and its Implications on Gender and Social Policies	Dr Zakaria Siddique	Final Stage
6	Mr Joyal P Joseph	Monetary Policy in India - A Subnational Perspective	Dr Santosh Kumar Dash	Ongoing
7	Ms Munawwara Zubair	State-Owned Power Distribution Companies: Performance and Its Impact on State Finances	Dr Anoop S Kumar	Ongoing (Part-time)
8	Mr Shijo Thomas	Digital Payment Systems in India: Its Evolution, Determinants, and Impact	Dr Thomas Joseph Thoomkuzhy	Ongoing

Sponsored Research

- Joint Director, Role of State in times of Pandemic and its fiscal consequences: Evidence from India, ICSSR Major Research Project, Amount Rs 1000000, 2021
- Joint Director, Financing Innovation for a resurgent India ICSSR Major Research Project,

Amount Rs 750000, 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Kerala and the Knowledge economy*. Edited with K J Joseph and P V Unnikrishnan, Concept Publishers, New Delhi, 2024
- *India in the Global Economy: Industry and External Sector Performances*. Edited with Dilip Saikia and Vachaspati Shukla. New Delhi: Bookwell, 2013.

Journal Articles

- Mohan R, Kakarlapudi, K K, & Ramakumar, R (2026) GST Reform, Consumption Behaviour and Revenues Across Indian States, *Economic and Political Weekly*.
- Joseph, K. J., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2025). The Prosperity Paradox: Devolution Conundrum for the Finance Commission. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 60(18).
- Prasad, L., Joseph, K. J., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2024). Towards Inclusive Finance in India: A comparative analysis of achievements, disparities and implications. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 59(48).
- Joseph, K. J., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2023). In Search of a More Innovative Innovation Index for India. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 58(29).
- Joseph, K. J., Kakarlapudi, K. K., & Arun, Thankom. (2021). Reconciling higher productivity with innovation paradox: Mode of learning and innovation in India's manufacturing sector. *Innovation and Development*, 11(2–3), 323–342.
- Joseph, K. J., Kakarlapudi, K. K. & Joseph, Akhil (2021). Deindustrialization and innovation under globalization: An analysis of India's catch-up. *Nova Economia*, 30.
- Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2020). Whether technology orientation matters for skill-biased wage inequality? Evidence from Indian Manufacturing under Globalization. *Labour and Development*, 27(2).
- Joseph, K. J., Zhang, L., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2018). The Dragon turns around, and the Elephant moves forward: Inequality in China and India under Globalisation. *Millennial Asia*, 9(3), 235–261.
- Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2012). Agricultural Growth Deceleration in India: An Enquiry into Possible Explanations. *Journal of Regional Development and Planning in India*, 1(1).

Journal Articles under review/R&R

- Prasad, Lekshmi, Kakarlapudi, K K & Joseph, K J (2026) The Progress of Financial Inclusion in India: Does Caste Composition Matter? With Lekshmi Prasad, Revise and Resubmit *Millennial Asia*
- Karunakaran, A, Kakarlapudi, K K & Siddique Z (2026) Do Federal Transfers Stimulate Regional Economic Growth? Evidence from India under review, *Millennial Asia*
- Joseph, J, Dash, S.K., & Kakarlapudi (2026), Does a Uniform Monetary Policy exert a heterogeneous impact at the subnational level? Evidence from India, under review in **Empirical Economics**.

- Shagishna K and Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2026). Does Religious Faith Affect Financial Inclusion? An Empirical Analysis of Access and Deepening in India with Shagishna, K, under review,

Chapters in Books

- India's fiscal federal compact and agenda 2047 with K J Joseph, The Hindu Publications
- Co-evolution of Global Economic Landscape and Innovation System Perspective: Plausible Future Directions with KJ Joseph & Lakhwinder Singh in Bengt-Ake Lundvall, KJ Joseph, Rasmus Lema, Erika Kraemer-Mbula (Eds) *In The New Handbook of Innovation Systems and Developing Countries, Edward Elgar Publications (forthcoming) 2026*
- Kumar, A. S., Kakarlapudi, K. K., & Renjith, P. S. (2025). Has GST contributed to price convergence among Indian states? In K. R. Shanmugam (Ed.), *India's public finance and policy challenges in the 2020s*. Springer
- Joseph, K. J., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2024). Innovating out of the COVID-19 pandemic: Whither developing countries? In L. Singh & K. J. Joseph (Eds.), *Reimagining innovation systems in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic*. Routledge.
- Joseph, K. J., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2019). Export and employment conundrum in India's manufacturing sector. In S. Chaturvedi & S. Saha (Eds.), *Manufacturing and jobs in South Asia*. Springer.
- Joseph, K. J., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2014). Innovation and development in India: Changing paradigms and trajectories. In A. Goyal (Ed.), *Oxford handbook of Indian economy in the 21st century*. Oxford University Press.
- Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2013). Trade liberalisation and employment in India's manufacturing: An analysis of trends and patterns. In D. Saikia, K. K. Kakarlapudi, & V. Shukla (Eds.), *India in the global economy: Industry and external sector performances*.
- Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2012). Agricultural growth performance in the post-reform era: A critical assessment. In D. Saikia (Ed.), *India after liberalisation: Performance and challenges*. SSDN Publications.

Working Papers

- Joseph, K. J., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2025). *The Income Distance Paradox: Devolution Conundrum for the Finance Commission*. Gulati Institute of Finance & Taxation.
- Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2022). *Employment Impact of COVID-19 in Kerala: Is There a V-shaped Recovery?* GIFT Discussion Paper Series, No. 09/2022.
- Dash, S K., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2022). *What explains interstate variation in GST collection?* GIFT Discussion Paper Series, No. 02/2022.
- Joseph, K. J. and Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2019). *Setting the Prices Right? An Empirical Analysis of e-auction in Cardamom*. NRPPD Discussion Paper Series – 59.

Non-Referred Publications

- Varughese, Aswathy R., Kakarlapudi, K. K., & Sumalatha, B. S. (2024). Kerala's Development Paradigm: Are there any blind spots? *Kerala Economy*, 5(1).
- Hajong, Vipasha Ray & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2023). Recent Trends in Female Labour Force Participation. *Kerala Economy*, 4(2).
- Joseph, Joyal P. & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2023). Rising inflationary pressures in Kerala. *Kerala Economy*, 4(2).
- Joseph, Jerome & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2023). Six years of GST: An interstate analysis. *Kerala Economy*, 4(2).
- Prasad, Lekshmi & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2023). Gender disparity in financial access and use.
- Joseph, Joyal P. & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2023). Trends in fuel prices. *Kerala Economy*, 4(4).
- Dash, S. K., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2022). Kerala's GST performance in a comparative perspective. *Kerala Economy*, 3(1-3).
- Lekshmi, P. & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2022). Credit withdrawal during the pandemic: The emerging trends in Kerala's credit deposit ratio. *Kerala Economy*, 3.
- Karunakaran, A. & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2022). India's external sector: A strong revival after COVID-19. *Kerala Economy*, 3(1).
- Joseph, K. J. & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2022). Kerala's manufacturing sector during COVID-19: Implications for policy. *Kerala Economy*, 3(1).
- Lekshmi, P. & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2022). Global Agenda of Financial Inclusion: Where does India stand? *Kerala Economy*, 3(4).
- Renjith, P. S., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2022). Drivers of Inflation during COVID-19: Kerala in a comparative perspective. *Kerala Economy*, 3(4).
- Hajong, Vipasha Ray & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2022). Gender budgeting for women-led development. *Kerala Economy*, 3(4).
- Kakarlapudi, K. K. & Shagishna, K. (2022). COVID-19 and Unemployment: How does Kerala compare with other states? *Kerala Economy*, 3(4).
- Renjith, P. S., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2021). Taming the Prices During the Pandemic: Further Exploration. *Kerala Economy*, 2(1), 24-28.
- Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2021). India's External Sector during COVID-19. *Kerala Economy*, 2(4-5), 105-107.
- Kakarlapudi, K. K., & Renjith, P. S. (2021). Food Prices and Inflation during the Pandemic: Kerala remains an exception? *Kerala Economy*, 2(8-9), 36-41.
- Rakshit, A., & Kakarlapudi, K. K. (2020). Labour Law Exemptions: Will the bitter pill heal? *Kerala Economy*, 1(3), 8-11.

- Kakarlapudi, K. K., & Renjith, P. S. (2020). Taming the Prices During the Pandemic. *Kerala Economy*, 1(4), 31–35.

MEDIA ARTICLES

- [States paying price of fiscal decentralisation](#), *Financial Express*, 24 April 2026 (with K J Joseph)
- [What Kerala's first elderly budget signals](#), *Financial Express*, 13 February 2026 (with K J Joseph and Ashkar K)
- [Why some states struggle to attract investment](#), *Financial Express*, 07 January 2026 (with K J Joseph)
- [Employment guarantees to VB-G-RAM-G: A federal promise with State funding](#), *Business Line*, 31 December 2025, (with Aswathy Rachel Varughese)
- [Why Kerala looked beyond the stats to tackle extreme poverty](#), *Financial Express*, 6 November 2025, (with K J Joseph and Aswathy Rachel Varughese)
- [Making GST 2.0 work for states, citizens](#), *Financial Express* 25 September (with K J Joseph)
- [A Budget that rides on hope](#), *Business Line*, 11 February 2025 (with Aswathy Rachel Varughese)
- [Granular GST data will yield major policy lessons](#), *Business Line*, 26 November 2024 (with Santosh K Dash)
- [Devolution Conundrum for Finance Commission](#), *Financial Express* 05 July 2024 (with K J Joseph)
- [GST needs reforms, state govt must have their say](#), *Hindustan Times* 11 June, 2024 (with K J Joseph)
- [Contrasting Horizons: India's Economic Growth and the Rural Reality Check](#), *Financial Express*, 19 December 2023 (with Aswathy Rachel Varughese)
- [Fiscal consolidation has begun too soon](#), *Business Line* March 15, 2022 (with Santosh K Dash)
- [A case for Extending GST compensation](#), *Business Line*, June 22, 2022 (with Santosh K Dash)
- [NET needs tightening](#), *Odisha Post*, December 23, 2019 (with Santosh K Dash & Balakrushna Padhi)

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- Presented a paper titled “ Goods and Service Tax in India: Reforms, Revenue Implications and Impact” at the International Conference on Reforms in the Indirect Taxes and Implications for the Indian Economy, organised by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, 8 April 2026.
- Presented a paper titled “Sub-national GST Revenue Performance in India: Trends and Determinants” at International Conference on “Socio-Economic Impacts of GST in India: Introduction, Reforms, Consumption Patterns, and Fiscal Federalism, Organized by Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, held on March 28–29, 2026
- Presented a paper titled “Sub-national GST Revenue Performance in India: Trends and Determinants” at 4th Annual Conference on Public Finance and Policy, organized by the

Madras School of Economics, 24-25 March 2026

- Delivered a special lecture on Union Budget 2026-27, organized by St Joseph University, Bangalore on 12 March 2026
- Presented a paper on “Sub-national GST Revenue Performance in India: Trends and Determinants” at the National Conference on Socio-economic Implications of GST: Introduction and Reforms, Organised by Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR), Ahmadabad, 6-7 March 2026
- Presented a paper on “Does Fintech Deepen Financial Inclusion? Cross-Country Panel Evidence” at Annual Conference on Finance and Markets 2026, organised by Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, February 26 - 27, 2026
- Panelist at TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE, on The GST Conundrum: Unravelling Impacts on Economy and Society, Organised by The Institute of Economic and Social Change, Bangalore, 25 and 26 February 2026.
- Presented a Paper titled "Do Federal Transfers Stimulate Regional Economic Growth? Evidence from India?" at the conference on Kerala and the World Economy, organised by the Centre for Development Studies, 10-11 March 2025
- Paper presented ‘The Impact of Fintech on Financial Inclusion: Cross-country Evidence’ at International Conference on Global FinTech Ecosystem and Fintech Enabled Trade in Services organised by the University of Essex, the United Kingdom, 22-23 July 2024
- Presented a Paper titled "Six years of GST in India: Has it improved tax revenue collection?" conference on Kerala and the World Economy, organised by Centre for Development Studies, 18-19 March 2024
- Presented a paper titled, “Does on the Job Training Matter? The effect of training on productivity and wages in India?”, Organised by 69th Annual Conference of Indian Society for Labour Economics held at University of Hyderabad on 29-31 March 2024.
- Paper presented ‘The Impact of Fintech on Financial Inclusion: Cross-country Evidence’ at 20th Anniversary Globalics International Conference organised by Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, 11-14 October 2023
- Presented a paper titled ‘*What explains interstate variation in GST collection?*’ At the conference on the Impact of GST on the Indian Economy organised by NIPFP, New Delhi, on 28-29 November 2022.
- Presented a paper titled, “Employment impact of COVID-19 in Kerala: Is there a V- shaped recovery?”, Organised by 67th Annual Conference of Indian Society for Labour Economics held at IIT Roorkee on 11-12 April, 2022.
- Presented a paper titled, “Employment impact of COVID-19 in Kerala: Is there a V- shaped recovery?”, The International Conference on the State of Employment in Indi- Problems and Prospects held at Goa Institute of Management (GIM) Goa, 10-11 May 2022.
- Presented a paper titled, “Employment impact of COVID-19 in Kerala: Is there a V- shaped Recovery?”, Organised by Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA) on January 29, 2021.
- Presented a paper titled, “Mode of Interaction, technological learning and regional inequality: Chinese Experience”, Organised by Govt. Mahaveer College, Petlawad on January 18, 2021.

- Presented a paper titled, “Innovation System Meets Solow Residual: Mode of Learning and Productivity in India’s Manufacturing Sector”, Organised by 17th GLOBELICS International Conference on 17th GLOBELICS International Conference on November 3- 5, 2021.
- Presented a paper titled “Institutional Innovations and Financial Inclusion: Evidence from Commercial Banking Sector in India” at 14th International Conference on Public Policy and Management, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, August 22-24, 2019.
- Presented a paper titled “Innovation-productivity paradox in India’s manufacturing: An analysis using innovation system perspective” 5th International Conference on South Asian Economic Development Faculty of Economics, South Asian University, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi February 22-23, 2019.
- Presented a paper titled “Inclusive Innovations for Agricultural Development An Analysis of Access and Use of Kisan Credit Card in India” at 16th GLOBELICS International Conference, 24-26th October, ACCRA 2018
- Presented a paper titled “Technology-productivity conundrum in India’s manufacturing under globalization A Preliminary exploration using innovation system perspective” at MSE Silver Jubilee conference on Technology and Development, Chennai 11th August, 2018
- Presented a paper titled “Turnaround in China’s Inter-regional Inequality in Development? Exploring the role Education” at 2nd International Conference on Innovation in Education, organized by Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, Tianjin, China during May 25-27 2018
- Presented a paper titled “The role of institutional innovations in financial inclusion: Evidence from India’s Banking Sector” 4th International Conference on South Asian Economic Development Faculty of Economics, South Asian University, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi February 22-23, 2018
- Presented a paper titled “Trade Liberalisation and Industrial Performance: Case of Electronics in India and China” at International Conference on Innovations, Trade and Development’ organized by Centre for Development Economics and Innovations Studies (CDEIS), Punjabi University, India and Planning Commission Chair, Punjabi University during November 25-16, 2016.
- Presented a paper titled “Technological Innovations and Agricultural Credit in India: Impact of Kisan Credit Card on Agricultural Credit” at Third IndiaLICS International Conference on Innovation and Sustainable Development organized by Centre for Development Studies, 16-18 March 2016.
- Presented a paper jointly with Prof. K J Joseph titled “Regional inequality in technological Learning Capability in China Innovation System Perspective” at the Third IndiaLICS International Conference on Innovation and Sustainable Development organized by the Centre for Development Studies, 16-18 March 2016.
- Session Chair and Discussant at 11th GLOBELICS international conference organised in Ankara, Turkey during 11-13 Sep 2013
- Participated and presented a paper titled “Innovation and Development in India: Changing Paradigms and Trajectories” at 11th GLOBELICS international conference organised in Ankara, Turkey during 11-13 Sep 2013
- Attended PhD Workshop and Presented at the First International Conference on Development and Innovation in the Emerging Economies Organized by Centre for

Development Economics and Innovations Studies (CDEIS), Punjabi University, India and Planning Commission Chair, Punjabi University during November 16-18, 2012

- Attended “Summer School in Development Economics” at Bangalore, jointly organised by Azim Premji University and Institute for New Economic Thinking, during 9-16 July 2012
- Participated and presented a paper titled “The Impact of Technological Change on Wage Inequality: Evidence from Indian Manufacturing” at 9th GLOBELICS international conference organised in Buenos Aires, Argentina during 15-17 Nov 2011
- Participated and presented a paper titled “Skill-Biased Technology and Wage Inequality”: Evidence from Indian Manufacturing under Globalisation at 52nd Annual Conference of Indian Society for Labour Economics held at University of Dharwad, Dharwad, Karnataka on 17-19 Dec, 2010
- Participated in the international seminar on “Innovation and Development under Globalisation: BRICS Experience”, jointly organized by Centre for Development Studies and Federal University of Rio de Janeiro during August 19-21, 2009.

Coordination/Leadership

- Co-coordinator, International Conference on Rethinking Public Finance for Emerging Development Challenges, Jointly Organized by Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation and Madras School of Economics during 18-21 March 2025
- Academic Convener, Kerala Economic Conference 2025, 14-16 February 2025
- Coordinator, 20th Anniversary Globelics International Conference, organized Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation and Madras School of Economics during 11-14 October 2023
- Coordinator, GIFT Seminar Committee (2022-2025), Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation.
- Convener, GIFT Academic Committee (2021-2014), Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation.
- Faculty Representative, GIFT Executive Committee (2024 to present), Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- STATA, E-views and PC-Give

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: Applied Economics, Science and Public Policy, Economic and Political Weekly, South Asia Economic Journal, Millennial Asia, Innovation and Development and Odisha Economic Journal, Prajnan,

MSc Thesis Examiner: Madras School of Economics, Chennai

PhD Examiner: Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

REFERENCES

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