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**Father Dr. John Felix Raj, SJ** (born in 1954), a Jesuit of the Calcutta Province of the Society of Jesus, is the Vice-Chancellor of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata and former Vice-Principal, Rector and Principal of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. He also teaches economics in this renowned institution.

**Specialization:** Dr. Raj's specialization includes Development Economics, Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization, Public Sector, Disinvestment, Spirituality, Leadership Skills and Training. He is an educationist, administrator and a philanthropist.

Father is an educationist, associated with a number of NGOs and engaged in many philanthropic activities. Snegam, an NGO, engaged in social and educational activities in India is his brainchild. His initiative, "College to Village and Village to College" at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata is a novel effort in education.

He 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.

### **Awards:**

He is the recipient of:

- Nihil Ultra Award for Excellence 2018 conferred by St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.
- 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 nine books and has presented papers in many national and international conferences and has also lectured in many universities in Europe, US and Canada.

### **Book publications:**

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.

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**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)

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