

Department of Economics

Illustrious Alumni



Malcolm Sathiyathan Adiseshiah, an Indian development economist and educator, was awarded Padma Bhushan by the Government of India for his outstanding services to the country in 1976. UNESCO has instituted 'The Malcolm Adiseshiah International Literacy Prize' from 1998 in recognition of the outstanding contribution he made to education and to literacy in particular.

R. Venkataraman, an eminent political personality, was the eighth President of the Indian Republic from 1987 to 1992. He was the Vice President of India for a period of three years before he got elected as the President. Venkataraman was a member of the Indian National Congress and held a number of ministerial berths, including Union Finance Minister and Union Defence Minister.





Dr. Chakravarthi Rangarajan, a distinguished economist, was the member of the Upper House of the Parliament, the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India and Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council. He is, at present, the Chairman of the Madras School of Economics, Chennai. The Government of India awarded him the Padma Vibhushan Award, India's second highest civilian award, in 2002. He served as a Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 1982 to 1991. Later, he served as the Governor of the Reserve

Bank of India from December 22, 1992 and December 21, 1997. After demitting that office, he took charge as the Chairman of the Twelfth Finance Commission. From 2005 onwards, he was the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council. In August 2008, he resigned as the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council and was nominated as a member of the Rajya Sabha. He resigned from the Rajya Sabha in August 2009 and was re-appointed as the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council.

Dr. Govindasamy Viswanathan, an educationist, is the founder and Chancellor of Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) in India. He served as the Member of Parliament and Member of legislative Assembly, Dr.GV founded Vellore Engineering College in 1984 at Vellore. He envisaged that this institution would offer world-class education to students who would in turn create an indelible impact on the society. The engineering college that started with an intake of 180 students in 1984 has evolved as a university with two campuses. Over 25,000 students are enrolled in 53 undergraduate and postgraduate programs with nearly 16,000 residing on the campus. It attracts students and professors from all over the world. It houses more than 1000 international students on campus. He was elected to the Tamil Nadu legislative assembly as an Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam candidate from Anaicut constituency in the 1980 and from Arcot constituency in 1991.



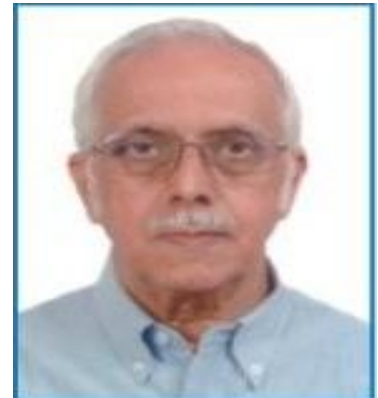
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Dr C. Chandramouli has served the State and Central governments in various capacities as Collector, Commissioner Corporation, Director of Census Operations, Secretary (IT), Commissioner Tourism, Secretary (Personnel & Administrative Reforms) and Secretary (Planning). He has served as Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India, and was instrumental in publishing Census, 2011. He was awarded the President of India Silver Medal for his commendable work for Census of India 2011.



A V Balakrishnan, a former civil servant, was a member of the Indian Economics Association. He has been a keen observer of developments in Indian economy over the years and has published papers on various aspects of applied economics.



Dayanidhi Murasoli Maran is an Indian politician and one of the prominent members of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam party. He was elected thrice as a Member of Parliament to Lok Sabha from Chennai Central constituency during the 2004 general elections, 2009 general elections & 2019 general elections.



T. M. Selvaganapathy is an Indian politician. He was a member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, elected from Tiruchengode constituency in 1991. He was also Minister of Local Administration during Dr. J. Jayalalitha Government between 1991 and 1996. In 1999-2004 he was elected as Member of Parliament to the 13th Lok Sabha from Salem Constituency. Other positions he held includes Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House June 2010, Member of Rajya Sabha August 2010 onwards, Member, Committee on Railways from September 2010 onwards, Member, Committee on Government Assurances, Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Agriculture August 2012 onwards, Member, Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests. Originally a member of Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam party, he joined Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam in August 2008.

N. R. Sivapathi is an Indian politician and incumbent member of the Tamil Nadu legislative assembly from Musiri constituency.





P. J. Joseph is a Member of Legislative Assembly and the leader of the Kerala Congress Party. He represents the Thodupuzha assembly constituency. He has held ministerial positions in the Government of Kerala.

Srinivas Danda has served in the IRS for 26 years with global exposure. Worked in various regions of India with large teams and actively involved in managing large and diverse groups of people globally. At present, he is working in Hyderabad.



P. Selvaganesh IRS started his career in Nagpur as the Assistant Commissioner of Income



Tax and later as Deputy Director – Investigation at Tirunelveli. For 5 years, he served as the Additional Director of Income Tax in Madurai with additional charge of Coimbatore and Chennai. He was posted to Chennai as Additional Commissioner of Income Tax – at the Headquarters, looking after Administration, Vigilance, the Tax Deducted At Source (TDS) wing and finally International Taxation. By the end of 2012, he was promoted as the Commissioner of Income Tax and

posted at Thiruvananthapuram, where he functioned for three financial years. In June, 2015 he took up the position of the Competent Authority & Administrator of the Smugglers & Foreign Exchange Manipulators Act (SAFEMA) and the Narcotics & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

Dr. Shailendra Gajanan, Professor of Economics, has been serving as the Chair of the Division of Management and Education, University of Pittsburgh, U.S.A, since 2013 and is the program director for the economics program. He has been a faculty liaison and advisor for the Pitt in India Study Abroad program in 2007 and 2016 and has been instrumental in fostering an exchange program with Heilbronn University, where he has taught twice.



Dr. Mani Chacko is a management consultant with over 15 years of experience in some of the world's largest organizations. Mani has worked in China, India, UK, and USA. His areas of expertise include best-practice identification, financial planning, and legal and regulatory compliance. He is currently serving as the Director & Vice President at OptumInsight India Private Limited.





Shanthanu Bhagyaraj is an actor in Tamil film industry. Following his father's footsteps, Shanthanu, started his career in films from 2008. He worked as an assistant director for a film.



Nandini R Nair is an officer of the Indian Revenue Service (IRS) and she is currently posted as Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Chennai.