

MS.MEGHA JACOB

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Ms. Megha Jacob is an Assistant Professor in the department.

Her areas of specialisation are Development Economics, Health Economics, Public Finance, Macroeconomics, and Environmental Economics

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. Scholar (Economics: Department of Policy Studies), Teri School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi

M.Sc. Economics, 2013-15, Madras School of Economics (second rank)

B.A.(H) Economics, 2010-13, Sri Venkateswara College, Delhi University

UGC NET (Economics) Qualified

SOFTWARE SKILLS

1. STATA
2. E views
3. SPSS
4. R

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Her research interests include the Economics of Gender, climate change, agriculture, health, education, public finance and local governance. She had worked as an intern in the 14th Finance Commission under the supervision of the Economic Advisor on Fiscal Policy of India in 2014. She is the recipient of **the SAARC Education Award** for outstanding contribution in the areas of Environmental Education (2007). She has worked on several government funded projects for NHRC, Ministry of Labour, NIEPA, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, CSO, GOI

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND EXPERIENCE

2017-Date: Assistant Professor in the department of Economics, Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University; subjects taught include Development Economics, Microeconomics, Money and Banking, Economic Development and Policy, Macroeconomics, Indian Economy and Research Methodology

2015-17: Economist and Research officer with KDS Delhi, a socio-economic research Institute. 1.) Worked on a KDS project on “The Need Assessment and Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation for Backward Grama Panchayat, Tribal Panchayat and Revenue Deficient Municipalities. **Client:** Kerala Local Government Service Delivery Project, Local Self Government Department, Government of Kerala. **Methodology** adopted was mainly a participatory approach. The data and information for this exercise were collected both from primary and secondary sources.

2.) Worked on a KDS project on Study on Human Rights of Transgender as a Third Gender. **Client:** National Human Rights Commission, Government of India. Project Description: This was a national study of National Human Rights Commission covering Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. The study had a sample size of 1000 respondents.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

She was one of the organizers of the Faculty Development Program by JMC in collaboration with TROPICSU, IISER Pune at Jesus and Mary College on 28th January, 2019. She was the School Head girl and vice Head Girl (Loreto Convent, Delhi Cantt) in 2008-10.

Positions Held and Administrative Experience

- Member of All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE)
- Advisor to the Students Council of JMC (2019-20)
- Convenor of the English Debating Society of JMC
- Co-Convenor of the Public Policy Cell of JMC
- Member of the JMC Webinar Organizing Team
- Member of the JMC NDMC team under the information systems
- Member of AICUF from July, 2017-present
- Member of the North-East Society of JMC (since 2021)
- Member of the Puzzle society (since 2019)
- Economics Department's Activities In charge (2019-20)

- Faculty in charge of the Economics Magazine “Contrarian” of Jesus and Mary College (2018-19)
- Member of the JMC NAAC team for Criterion 3 (Research), 2019
- Member of the Research and Skill Development Cell, Department of Economics (2018-19)

Collaborations, Faculty Development Programs and Workshops Attended or Organized

- Participated in the two days FDP on “Emerging Research Methodologies in Social Sciences” organized by IQAC and the Research Committee, Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University on 3rd and 4th May, 2018
- Faculty Development Program and workshop organised by TROPICUSU, funded by International Council for Science (IISER,Pune) at Sri Venkateswara College, Delhi University on “Climate Action Across Curriculum” on 13-14th October, 2018
- Organised the Faculty Development Program by JMC in collaboration with TROPICUSU, IISER Pune at Jesus and Mary College on 28th January, 2019
- Attended a fully sponsored workshop at IISER Pune on 18-19th March,2019 on formulating e-lesson plans for TROPICUSU in collaboration with the UN bodies and other international organizations
- Participated in a two days’ workshop on Tableau Desktop 1: Fundamentals Training organized by Tableau Software, Global Services in JMC on 27th January-28th January 2020
- Attended a four days (10 hours) of Certificate Program on “The Economics of Pandemics” by Dr. Abhinay Muthoo, Dean of Warwick, London (10th-13th April, 2020), organized by Meghnad Desai Academy, Mumbai.
- Organized a seminar by Prof. Indrani Gupta, Professor & Head, Health Policy Research Unit at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi on 28th October 2020 on the topic Health sector’s preparedness to deal with pandemics in India
- She has co-worked towards a teaching and research collaboration between Jesus and Mary College and the Hertie School of Governance, Germany, which had resulted in a seminar at Jesus and Mary College on 2nd March, 2020, on the topic ‘Populism in Europe’ and was delivered by Prof. Mark Kayser, Hertie School of Governance.

Research Publications (INTERNATIONAL/ NATIONAL)

- 1.) Megha Jacob and Jacob John ,*Empowerment of Marginalized Communities and Tourism: Case Study of Theyyam Dance*, in Bindi Varghese (ed.)*Evolving Paradigms in Tourism and Hospitality in Developing Countries*, Apple Academic Press , New Jersey 08758 USA. 2018
- 2.) Megha Jacob and Jacob John, *Local Governments and Public Health Delivery System in Kerala: Lessons of Collaborative Governance*, Cambridge Scholars Press, London, ISBN No. : 9781443899284. 2016
- 3.) Megha Jacob, *Economic citizenship of Dalits in India*, siddharth books, ISBN : 9789386928047. 2017
- 4.) Megha Jacob, *Entrepreneurships and Startup Programmes: Opportunities in Travel and Tourism*, Atna, J Tour Stud, **12**, 2, 51-65, ISSN 0975-3281. 2017
- 5.) Megha Jacob and Jacob John ,*Dalit Art Forms and Tourism Promotion: Case Study of Theyyam Dance*, Atna, J Tour Stud, 10, 2 , 1-15 ISSN 0975-3281. 2015
- 6.) Jacob John, Megha Jacob, Naveen Joseph Thomas, *Dynamics of Finances of Private Higher Educational Institutions in India* (NIEPA). 2020
- 7.) Contributed to **IISER, Pune and TROPICSU**, International Council of Sciences, an **e-lesson** on “**Shadow Prices and Market Prices**” in the workshop at IISER Pune on 18-19th March,2019 and published in July 2019
<https://tropicsu.org/lesson-plan-carbon-pricing-shadow-and-market-prices/>

Panelist & Papers Presented at Conferences

- Panelist at an international online symposium on New Education During Pandemic 2020 (July 10,2020), South Asia Research Center, Soka University, Japan
- Presented a paper titled “Public Health Delivery System & Local Government Institutions in India: Experiences from Covid-19 Response” at Soka University

Projects undertaken

As a Research Officer at KDS Delhi (Full time and Part time) I have worked on the following projects:

Details of the Project	Funding Agency	Date of completion
Education of children of migrant workers and RTE Act, 2009	NIEPA	2015
Inter-regional migration from Eastern states to Kerala: a socio-economic analysis	Ministry of Labour	2016
A study on Human Rights of Transgender as a Third gender	NHRC, Government of India	2017
Documentation of the Governance Arrangements in Non part-9 areas of North Eastern states	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	2018-19
Economic Development and Income Generation through Panchayats in Rural Areas	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	2018-19

Study on Finances of Private Higher Educational Institutions in India	NIEPA	2019
A study on Social Security and Human rights of Migrant Workers in India	NHRC	2020
Feasibility study on community guarantee/mutual credit guarantee scheme	SIDBI	2020

Other Reports and Papers

1. “An Integrated Assessment of Ecosystem Change and Human Well Being in the Region of Karukachal, Kerala- using Game Theory” at the Madras School of Economics (2014) under professor Dr. Zareena Begum.
2. Presented paper on “Self Help Groups and Economic Development” at Arthiki (2013), the Economics fest of Madras School of Economics
3. Conducted a study on “Contingent Valuation of the Guindy National Park” under Professor Dr. Sukanya Das at Madras School of Economics. (2014)
4. **14th Finance Commission**, Economic Advisory Board (June 2014 - July 2014): Interned under Dr. Pinaki Chakraborty and worked on the following projects using time series:
 - a. Fiscal Space of Chhattisgarh
 - b. India’s Direct Taxation System
 - c. International Comparisons of Tax Policies and trends
5. a.) Part of a research study on “**Effectiveness of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Health Care System in the State of Kerala**”. The study was sponsored by Planning Commission of India (2011-12).
 - b.) Part of a research project on “**Development of an Appropriate Methodology and Framework for creating a Database of Self-Help Groups**”. This project was sponsored by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, CSO, GOI (2010-11).