

Brief Bio / Profile of Professor M.A. Kalam

Dr. M.A. Kalam was the founding Head of the Department of Social Work at Tezpur University, Assam, while he was Professor of Eminence there. He is currently Visiting Professor, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad. He was founding Dean (Administration and Regulatory Affairs) and Professor of Anthropology, at Krea University. He was also Professor and Head of Department of Anthropology, and Chairperson (Dean) School of Social Sciences, University of Madras.

Dr. Kalam was Rockefeller Resident Fellow at Duke University, Human Rights Fellow at Harvard University, and Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellow at the London School of Economics. Besides, he was Visiting Professor at Universities in France, as also at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.

Dr. Kalam's doctoral research was on Family and Land Tenure among the Coorgs (Kodavas) in Karnataka. He has undertaken anthropological fieldwork in England, the USA and France, as also in Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Dr. Kalam has been a consultant to ministries of the government of India, DANIDA, and NACO. Currently he is on the Board of Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation.

He was Governing Council Member of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). He also served as a Member of the Expert Group on Diversity Index, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

Dr. Kalam continues to publish extensively, not just academically, but also in newspapers / news portals and periodicals.