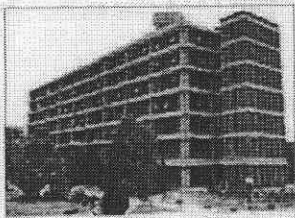


## India Meteorological Department Foundation Day Award Ceremony 2012



Founded in 1875 the India Meteorological Department has a charted an eventful and cherished journey to its 137<sup>th</sup> year. The relevance of its services has remained as poignant as it was at its inception. It has, but, spread and enlarged in applicability with increasing sophistication of means of production in society - Weather and Climate being major factors influencing them.

Even though the idea of commemorating the day of the then chief executive taking first charge is as recent as 2008, the event has etched out a permanent place for itself in the busy calendar of the organization. The award ceremony is an essential component. The organization felicitates its meritorious members in the different Groups – A, B, C & MTS for their work during the year 2011. It also selects its best offices of the year under the categories of Regional Meteorological Centers, State Meteorological Centers and Upper Air Observatories. The criteria for selecting the best Forecasting centers is based on overall accuracies of its Public Weather, Aviation, Cyclone warning and Agrometeorological Forecasts issued during the year 2011. The best Upper Air Station is the one which has the least number of failed upper air soundings.

This year the biennial Mausam Award for the period 2008-09 is also being given on this day.

The Department arranges Painting Competitions and Quiz contests every year to raise awareness of Meteorology among school children. Prizes are given to the winners on this occasion.

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Born on 29 December 1932 in a village in central Kerala. Dr Joseph had his college education in Madras University from where he took Master's degree in Physics in 1953 at the age of 20. He worked as a lecturer teaching Physics at SB college, Changanasserry (Kerala University) for four years and in 1957 joined India Meteorological Department (IMD). Four years of teaching Physics at SB college, Kerala University (1953-1957) followed by thirty-two years in the India Meteorological Department, working in Geomagnetism, operational Weather Prediction, Aviation Meteorology and Cyclone Warning and as a teacher of Tropical Meteorology and Weather Prediction

After retirement from IMD in 1989 took up various assignments in India and USA – Visiting Scientist at Universities of Colorado and Hawaii, USA, Visiting Scientist, Indian Institute of Science and Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research both at Bangalore, Visiting Faculty at the Space Application Centre at Ahmedabad and UGC Visiting Professor in Atmospheric Science. Currently Professor Emeritus at the Department of Atmospheric Science, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) and Associate Scientist and Member of the Advisory Board of Nansen Environmental Research Centre India (NERCI).

His academic qualifications include Master's degree in Physics (Madras University); Ph.D. in Atmospheric Physics (Poona University); Advanced level training in Meteorology and Weather Prediction.

He is a Fellow of Indian Meteorological Society, President of Ocean Society of India and member of American Meteorological Society.

**Prof P.V. Joseph is felicitated by the India Meteorological Department in recognition of is valuable service rendered to the Department and contributing to its development, growth and image in a significant manner**