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(b.1940) JOY IS A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC, A MANAGEMENT EXPERT, AN ACCLAIMED AUTHOR & A POET.

He did formal studies and research on Industrial Engineering (Institute of Industrial Engineers, USA), Business Management (Chartered Management Institute, UK), Accountancy (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK), Project Management (PMI, USA), Political Science (Madurai Kamaraj University, India), Public Administration (Madurai Kamaraj University, India), and Law (Annamalai University, India).

Joy is the author of Macmillan Publishing Company's bestselling books 'Total Project Management, the Indian Context' and 'Handbook of Construction Management', which are professional guidebooks and higher education textbooks in engineering, architecture, and business management, throughout the country and abroad. These have gone into 14 to 15 reprints between 1993 and 2010. Major English Dailies including The Hindu and The Hindustan Times have called them "the firsts of their kind in the world". The Business Standard said that Total Project Management, the Indian Context? "... is a mine of experience to explore". The Statesman has said that these books fill a gap that existed in India in the management of project planning and implementation. The Indian Express, The Financial Express, Business Today, Telerama (journal of The Institution of Engineers, India) and many other business and professional journals have praised these books in their reviews. In the review of Total Project Management book, the India Government body National Productivity Council's publication Productivity has stated that the Organizational Behavior and Personal Commitment models created and published by Joy in Chapter 14 of this book puts him in the front line of behavior experts with Maslow, Herzberg, McGregor, Argyris and Alderfer, and in the Indian management context a step above these world leaders of behavioral science and organizational behavior. The World Bank has commented that "Dr. Joy's book on Total Project Management is a considerable achievement". Senior American authors have substantially quoted from this book. An example is John M. Nicholas Herman Steyn's book Project Management for Business, Engineering and Technology, Principles and Practice. Almost all Indian Universities' 'A' grade engineering colleges, schools of architecture and top class management institutes have prescribed these books, mostly at master's and research levels. Madras University has prescribed Joy's Total Project Management even for M.Com. (Banking) programme.

Joy writes articles and book reviews for The Hindu, The Hindu Business Line, The Business Standard, The Economic Times, The Financial Express and Gulf News (UAE). Several Indian and foreign literary magazines in English often carry his poems. He has won several awards, one of which is a crown displayed since 1994 in the anthropology section of the Government Museum at Egmore in Chennai city. This he won at an international poetry competition held in South Korea. He has 4 collections of poems to

his credit. The first collection *The Final Goal* was published by Writers Workshop, Calcutta. It was reprinted by Writers Club, Madras. The second collection *For a More Beautiful World* was first published by Writers Club Chennai and its second edition was brought out by Poetry Time Publications, Berhampur. The third collection *Forced Smiles* was published by Writers Club. All these three collections are presently out of print. His fourth collection titled *Beyond Many Bends* (ISBN - 978-81-908586-0-1) published in the year 2009 by Poetry World Publications carry 70 of his good selected poems of later years.

Dr. G.S. Balarama Gupta, the then Professor & Chairman of English Department of Gulbarga University published in the year 1991 a book titled *P K Joy the Man and the Poet* ([ISBN 81-7159-006-3](https://www.amazon.in/dp/81-7159-006-3)) which is a collection of review articles and critical essays on Joy's poems. It is available from JIWE, Gulbarga, and from Amazon Books, USA. Joy was the founder-convener of Writers Club, Madras, with more than 300 members from different states. It was very active in the 1980s with monthly poetry reading sessions and a monthly publication called *The Indian Writer*. He had been Co-Editor of *Poetry Time* quarterly (Berhampur) edited by Laxmi Narayan Mahapatra, and Associate Editor of 'Kavita India', (Muzaffarpur), edited by Dr. A. Chitranjanjan Sahay & A. Priyamvada Sahay. Also he has served as Editorial Board Member / Associate Editor of the international poetry journals *Crosscurrent* (New Zealand) edited by Dr. Norman Simms, *Bitterroot* (New York) edited by Menke Katz, *Reflect* (Norfolk) edited by W.S. Kennedy, and *The Plowman* (Ontario, Canada) edited by Tony Scavetta, besides that of a few Indian journals as listed on another page. Till the demise of Prof. Nissim Ezekiel, Joy was an Executive Committee Member of The P E N India Centre. Joy was the Coordinator General of the Xth World Congress of Poets held at Bangkok in 1988 and the XIth Congress held in Cairo in 1990. He visited several countries to promote these events.

Joy is a Free Mason of four decades' standing. He spends substantial parts of his time and resources for serving and up-lifting the less-privileged fellow-humans.

On the professional side, Joy has rich and varied top business management experience covering different sectors of industry and trade, spread over several countries. He has held high posts in multi-national corporations. He had been an empanelled consultant to The World Bank, The Asian Development Bank, UNDP, and The Islamic Development Bank. As a visiting professor he teaches at a few technical universities and management institutes. He is a life member of the quasi-government body The Indian Society for Technical Education. Joy handles also counseling and dispute resolution. Joy is a Life Member of 'The Indian Council for Arbitration' as well as the FICCI's Panel of Arbitrators for Alternate Dispute Resolution.

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