



Kuttiyil Mathew Joseph (born 17 June 1958) is a judge of the **Supreme Court of India**. Earlier he was the Chief Justice of **Uttarakhand High Court**.^[1] Before his appointment as Chief Justice of the High Court of **Uttarakhand** on 31 July 2014, he had served as a Judge of **Kerala High Court** for more than 9 years.

Joseph was born in [Kottayam, Kerala, India](#) on 17 June 1958 to [Justice K. K. Mathew](#) and Ammini Tharakan. His father [K. K. Mathew](#) was a judge of the [Supreme Court of India](#), and chairman of tenth Law Commission. He completed his secondary education from [Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kochi](#) and [New Delhi](#). Later he joined [Loyola College, Chennai](#), and [Government Law College, Ernakulam](#) for graduation and further studies.^{[1][2][3]}

He enrolled as an Advocate on 12 January 1982 and started practicing in [Delhi High Court](#). Later he shifted his practice to [High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam](#) in 1983. Thereafter, In 1986 he started independent practice and specialised in civil, constitutional and writ matters.^[1] He served as [amicus curiae](#) for a case that decided *whether a Christian father under an obligation to maintain his minor child*^[4] just before being elevated to the [High Court Bench](#).

He was appointed as the Permanent Judge of [Kerala High Court](#) on 14 October 2004. On 18 July 2014, the President of India had appointed Joseph as the next [Chief Justice of Uttarakhand](#), on recommendation of then CJI [Rajendra Mal Lodha](#). On 31 July 2014, he was sworn in as the 9th Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court at [Nainital](#).^{[2][5][3]}

A bench headed by Justice Joseph had quashed the imposition of President's Rule in 2016 by the [Narendra Modi](#) Led BJP government in the state of Uttarakhand.^[6] While being a judge at the Kerala HC, a Bench comprising Justice Joseph ordered demolition of Kapico resorts constructed illegally on Nediathuruthu Island in Alappuzha district.^[7]

During February 2017, [Justice J. Chelameswar](#), a judge of the Supreme Court [Supreme Court of India Collegium](#), has recorded a strongly worded dissent note for not elevating Justice K.M. Joseph to the Supreme Court of India. "Justice Joseph is an outstanding judge with impeccable integrity and the most suitable judge for elevation to the Supreme Court", Chelameswar wrote. "By not elevating a highly competent judge like Justice Joseph, the collegium was setting an unhealthy precedent", he added in the note.