



## DEPARTMENT OF LAWS, PANJAB UNIVERSITY

*Organises*



### FIRST PROF. (Dr.) ANIL KUMAR THAKUR MEMORIAL LECTURE

*Titled*

**"Ayodhya Ram Janmabhumi- Babri Masjid Lingering Conflict:  
A Critique of Its Resolution By  
The Constitution Bench of The Supreme Court in  
M. Siddiq V. Mahant Suresh Das" (AYODHYA CASE 2019)**



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**Prof. (Dr.) Raj Kumar**  
*Vice Chancellor*  
*Panjab University*



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Prof. (Dr.) Virendra Kumar**  
*Eminent Jurist & Professor Emeritus (Law)*  
*Panjab University*

**Wednesday, April 27th, 2022**

**Time - 12:00 PM**

**Venue- Moot Court Hall, Department of Laws, Panjab University**

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**Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh**  
*Chairperson*  
*Department of Laws, Panjab University*

**Prof. (Dr.) Supinder Kaur**  
*Coordinator*  
*Department of Laws, Panjab University*

# About Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur

Late Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur was one of the eminent Professors of Department of Laws and was expert in the field of Constitutional Law, Law and Economics and Jurisprudence. He was a force to build an intellectual and jurisprudential environment in the Department. The way he used to be persistent to inculcate the feeling of lawhood among the students is beyond appreciation. His most remarkable aspect was his leaping optimism and positive attitude under all circumstances. He made significant contribution in the department by establishing the Debating Society in the Department.

Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur was born on 15th March 1976 at Jamshedpur. He completed his schooling in Jamshedpur and graduation in Humanities (Economics Houour) from Shri Guru Gobind Singh College, Sector 26, Chandigarh. After that he took admission in the LL.B. Course in the Department of Laws at Panjab University, Chandigarh in the year 1997 and passed out in 2003 after completing his Masters in Law. He did his Ph.D. in "Human Rights Jurisprudence and Right to Development". He started his journey as an Assistant Professor in 2004 at Regional Centre Shri Mukatsar Sahib. He joined the Department of Laws, Panjab University in 2005 as an Assistant Professor. He was serving as an Associate Professor and due for his Professorship in September, 2021, when he left us untimely due to COVID pandemic on 19.12.2021. During his academic career, he gave wonderful publications and became part of many of the national and international seminars/ conferences/ professional development programs. He was a popular teacher and a true researcher. He was thoroughly against artificial intelligence and duplicate professionalism. A great human being, an amazing family man, a social worker, a poet, a deep thinker, a law abiding citizen, a favorite student of Prof. V. Kumar, emotional, compassionate, helper, problem solver, debater, an excellent speaker expert in his field, a part of various association legal and social and a friend of friends. His department pays homage to him via few gestures on his name and keep him alive for ever among his students and law fraternity.

# About the Theme

The Department of laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh is organising its first **Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Memorial Lecture** to pay homage to a brilliant teacher and an eminent legal scholar who left for heavenly abode untimely. The memorial lecture will be an annual feature of the department.

The First Memorial Lecture is based on the theme "Ayodhya Ram Janmabhumi-Babri Masjid Lingered Conflict: A critique of its resolution by the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in M. Siddiq v. Mahant Suresh Das 2019. The lecture is a close and critical analysis of the Supreme Court judgment on the Ayodhya dispute that has been criticized as much as it has been praised for how it has brought about the closure of a long conflict. We the students and faculty at department of laws are blessed to have Prof. (Dr.) Virendra Kumar sir as the first keynote speaker in the series of first Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial lecture which is going to be an annual feature onwards in the department. Prof. Virendra Kumar and Prof. Anil Kumar Thakur shared an adorable and intellectual teacher-student bond for long and it's going to be forever. Sir, you being the keynote speaker in this series means receiving more blessings from a Guru by his disciple. You being an eminent jurist and a learned scholar are an asset to the department of laws. We are grateful to you sir for accepting our invite rather expressing your wish to initiate this series.

## Minute to Minute Programme

12:00 - 12:05 P.M. - Formal and Floral welcome by Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh

12.05 - 12:15 P.M. - Sharing of the CV of Prof. (Dr.) Virendra Kumar by Ms. Manisha

12.15 - 1.00 P.M. - Lecture by Prof. (Dr.) Virendra Kumar

1:00 - 1.05 P.M. - Vote of thanks by Prof. (Dr.) Supinder Kaur

1.05 P.M. - Lunch