



**DEPARTMENT OF LAWS, PANJAB UNIVERSITY**  
*organizes*



**Second Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial Lecture**  
*Titled*  
**Public Institutes In The Times of Fake News: Experiences  
From The University**



**Chief Patron**  
*Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig*  
*Officiating Vice Chancellor*  
*Panjab University*



**Speaker**  
*Daljit Ami*  
*Director*  
*Educational Multimedia Research Centre*  
*Punjabi University, Patiala*

**Wednesday, March 15th, 2023**  
**Time - 11:00 a.m.**

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

**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 Honour) 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. Acknowledging his contributions in the academic field, the department has honored him with honorary Professorship posthumously. He was a popular teacher and a true researcher. He was thoroughly against artificial intelligence and duplicate professionalism. He was a great human being, an amazing family man, a social worker, a poet, a deep thinker, a law abiding citizen, emotional, compassionate, helper, problem solver, debater, an excellent speaker expert in his field, part of various legal and social associations and a friend of friends. His department pays homage to him via few gestures on his name and trying to keep him alive for ever among his students and legal fraternity. We miss him a lot.

## **ABOUT THE THEME**

The Department of laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh is organizing its second Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Memorial Lecture to pay homage to a brilliant teacher and an eminent legal scholar who left for heavenly abode untimely. Sh. Daljit Ami is the keynote speaker of the lecture. Together they initiated lectures in digital mode in pandemic times and shared a good bond with each other. Prof. (Dr.) Virendra Kumar sir, the mentor of Prof. Anil Kumar Thakur was the first keynote speaker in the series of first Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial lecture which was 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. In addition to the memorial lecture, the department has also made Prof. Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial National Debate Competition, an annual feature of the department.