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Third Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial Lecture
on
'Laws and Lives : Journeys into Law's Worlds'



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Speaker
Dr. Anupama Roy
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Friday, March 15th, 2024
Time - 10:30 a.m.

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

Patron
Prof. (Dr.) Devinder Singh
Chairperson

Co-ordinator
Dr. Supinder Kaur
Professor

ABOUT PROF. (DR.) ANIL KUMAR THAKUR

Professor Anil Kumar Thakur (1976 - 2021) was a multifaceted person who excelled in several walks of life. He was an eminent professor, an accomplished academician and a sage counsellor. He was an expert in the field of Law and Economics, Jurisprudence and Constitutional Law. His most remarkable aspect was his leaping optimism and positive attitude under all circumstances. As a person of great expertise and acumen, his advice was eagerly sought in the Department. He was a force to build an intellectual and jurisprudential environment in the Department. He made numerous valuable and enduring contributions to the improvement of the department including the establishment of Debating Society aiming to develop confidence, linguistic abilities and impromptu thinking aspects among the students.

Prof. Thakur was born on 15th March 1976 at Jamshedpur. He completed his schooling in Jamshedpur and graduated in Humanities (Economics Honour) from Shri Guru Gobind Singh College, Sector 26, Chandigarh. He did his masters and doctorate in law from Department of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh. He started his career in teaching as an Assistant Professor in 2004 at Panjab University Regional Centre, Shri Muktsar Sahib and thereafter, joined his alma mater in 2005. During his academic career, he did many publications and participated in many of the National and International Seminars/ Conferences/ Professional Development Programmes. Acknowledging his contributions in the academic field, the Department has honored him with honorary Professorship posthumously. He was thoroughly against artificial intelligence and duplicate professionalism. He was a unique combination of artistic talent and academic brilliance, who is remembered with respect and affection.

ABOUT THE THEME

In recognition of Prof. Anil Kumar Thakur's meritorious services to the Department and in order to perpetuate his memory, the Department of Laws has instituted in 2022 an annual lecture series entitled 'Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial Lectures'. Prof. (Dr.) Virendra Kumar, the mentor of Prof. Thakur was the first keynote speaker in the series of first Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial Lectures which was based on the theme "Ayodhya Rām 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, 2019.

Second Memorial Lecture was delivered by Sh. Daljit Ami, Director, Educational Multimedia Research Centre, Punjabi University, Patiala who shared a good bond with Prof. Thakur and together they initiated lectures in digital mode in pandemic times and the lecture was based on the theme 'Public Institutes in the times of Fake News: Experiences from the University'. In continuation to the series, the Department is organizing its Third Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Thakur Memorial Lecture to pay homage to a brilliant teacher and an eminent legal scholar who left for the heavenly abode untimely which shall be delivered by Prof. Anupama Roy, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Anupama Roy is a Professor in Centre for Political Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi. She holds a doctorate in Sociology from Binghamton University (State University of New York), Binghamton, US, M.Phil in Political Science from University of Delhi, Delhi and both master's and bachelor's degrees from Allahabad University, Allahabad. Dr. Roy had been a Residential Visiting Fellow in the Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Warwick, United Kingdom in 2016. She was also a Key Technology Partner Visiting Fellow at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Technology, Sydney in 2013. She also served as Short Term Guest Professor under the 'A New Passage to India' Programme funded by the DAAD (German Academic Exchange), at the Institute for Political Science and Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Wuerzburg, Germany, to teach a Masters' Course on 'Constitutional Democracy', 2013. She had been a Parson Visitor, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, Sydney, 2012. She has authored more than 50 articles and authored books also. Dr. Roy has been a member of different professional and academic institutions and has also led different research projects.