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Subject: Panjab University Foundation Day Lecture on 14th October

Respected Madam,

Panjab University, Chandigarh is commemorating its foundation day on 14th October. On this occasion a lecture by Dr Jatinder Kumar Bajaj, founding Director of Centre for policy Studies Chennai and Delhi will be organized at 12:00 noon in the University Auditorium. He will speak on "The University and the Nation". Dr Bajaj is an alumnus of Panjab University, he obtained his graduate, post graduate and PhD degree in physics from PU campus. For his consistent work of national significance, he was conferred The Padma Shri award in 2022 by the President of India. Panjab University foundation day lecture was commenced in 2012. This lecture on 14th October, 2023 is the 9th lecture in this series.

You are kindly requested to do the needful for disseminating this information to all the chairpersons, faculty members, research scholars and students to attend this lecture. Brochure of this lecture is attached herewith for your kind information.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Dr Ravinder Kumar

Member, Colloquium Committee,

Panjab University, Chandigarh

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ANNUAL PANJAB UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION DAY LECTURE 2023

Forms a Part of Monthly Panjab University Colloquium Series

The University and the Nation

SPEAKER: JATINDER KUMAR BAJAJ

Presided by: Prof. (Dr.) Renu Vig, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh



Padma Shri Dr. Jatinder Kumar Bajaj
Director of the Centre for Policy Studies
Chennai and Delhi

ABSTRACT

In this lecture I shall present reminiscences of my long association with the Panjab University and speak about the great expansion of education in India that has happened within my own life-time, and about how much more still remains to be done. I shall also discuss the role of the University in nation-building and reflect on how the University can become an essential and integral part of the fast evolving story of India by carrying out intense micro-level research on the cultural and natural resources and potentialities of the region of Punjab, which now comprises several States and UTs.

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2023

TIME: 12.00 p.m.

VENUE: UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

born on March 21, 1952 in Punjab, Dr. Bajaj earned an M.Sc. (Honours) degree in 1975 and Ph.D. (Theoretical Physics) in 1978 from the Department of Physics, Panjab University, Chandigarh. During his research career in physics, he has worked at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and Bombay and at the University of Madras, Chennai. In 1990, Dr. Bajaj along with a few colleagues founded the Centre for Policy Studies at Chennai with the objective of comprehending India from an Indian perspective. The Centre has produced an extraordinary corpus of work that places different aspects of the Indian situation today in historical and civilisational continuity with our past. In their seminal work, *Annam Bahu Kurvita (अन्न बहु कुर्वीत)*, Dr. Bajaj and his colleagues, poignantly invoke the classical discipline of producing and sharing food in plenty and invite the India of today to reclaim that heritage. In their detailed exploration of the Religious Demography of India, they urge us to be aware of and recover the demographic balance essential for maintaining social harmony and civilizational continuity. Dr. Bajaj has conceived and led programme to prepare micro-level Resource Atlases that graphically document the distinct attributes of the land and people of every district and locality of India. Dr. Bajaj has served and continues to serve as a member of the Governing Councils and advisory Committees of several apex organisations under the Government of India in the fields of education, social sciences and science and technology. For his consistent work of national significance, he was conferred the Padma Shri in 2022.

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