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Reflections on a multifarious career

Speaker : Dr. Jatinder Kumar Bajaj

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Date : 7 March, 2024

Time : 11:00 a.m.

Venue : Seminar Hall, Department of Physics

Abstract



Padma Shri Dr. Jatinder Kumar Bajaj
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Dr. J. K. Bajaj shall reminisce about his days in the Physics Department of Panjab University long ago in the 1970s and reflect on his multifarious career that led him from an M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics to explorations that required studies in philosophy, economics, demography, history and geography, etc., with the motivation to understand diverse facets of the current situation of India. His explorations earned for him the position of Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research and fetched him the coveted Padma Shri and Gyana Ratna of the Panjab University.

About the Speaker

Born in Punjab on March 21, 1952, Dr. Bajaj obtained his M.Sc. (Hons) degree in 1973 and Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics in 1978 from the Department of Physics at Panjab University, Chandigarh. Throughout his career, he conducted research at prestigious institutions such as the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur and Bombay, as well as the University of Madras in Chennai.

In 1990, Dr. Bajaj co-founded the Centre for Policy Studies in Chennai, aiming to provide insights into India from a native perspective. The Centre's extensive body of work delves into various facets of contemporary Indian society, emphasizing its historical and civilizational roots. Notably, in their influential publication "Annam Bahu Kurvita". Dr. Bajaj and colleagues advocate for a return to traditional practices of food production and sharing. Additionally, their research on Religious Demography urges attention to maintaining demographic balance for social harmony and cultural continuity.

Dr. Bajaj has spearheaded initiatives to create micro-level Resource Atlases, visually documenting India's districts and localities. He has also contributed to numerous governmental advisory bodies in education, social sciences, and science and technology.

Recently he was the Chairman of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). He was conferred the Padma Shri award in the year 2022 in recognition of his service as a renowned History and Policy Scholar specialization in the study of Indian Society.