

Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh is the Founder Vice-Chancellor of National Law University, Delhi established by the Delhi Government in 2008. He was the Founder Vice-Chancellor of NALSAR, University of Law, established by the Andhra Pradesh Government in 1998. He has been there for ten years as the Vice-Chancellor of the well-known premier institution for legal education and research in the country which was rated as one of the Best University in the Country in the year 2008 in 'India Today'. He has been a Vice-Chancellor for over 13 years now.

Born in September 1949 in a reputed and well educated family in Atta Village, Panipat District, Haryana, Prof. Singh on completion of his schooling joined Kurukshetra University for his collegiate education, wherefrom he obtained B.Sc, LL.B and LL.M and Ph.D Degrees. He belongs to the first batch of the Law Faculty. After his Ph.D. Degree he continued at Kurukshetra University as a Faculty member till 1978. He then moved to Maharshi Dayanand University at Rohtak as the founding Faculty and continued there till 1996 in various capacities as Professor, Head, Dean and Proctor. On invitation from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, he served as Professor of Law at NLSIU during 1996-97.

Prof. Singh's contribution in redesigning legal education in the country has been significant while he was a member of the Legal Education Committee of the Bar Council of India. His legal writings span the areas of Jurisprudence, Human Rights, Legal Education, Legal Aid, Personal Laws and Justice Education and has more than 50 research publications to his credit. He has edited two publications one on "Human Rights Education, Law and Society" and the other on "Cyber Space and the Law – Issues and Challenges". He has also authored along with Prof. A. Lakshminath two scholarly publications one on 'Fiscal Federalism – Constitutional Conspectus' and the other on Constitutional Law. Under his guidance several scholars have been awarded Ph.D. Degree and his rich teaching / research experience enabled him to visit and participate in several International Conferences and Seminars and present papers in several countries which include Australia, Brazil, Bhutan, China, Taiwan, South Africa, Cyprus, Canada, France, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Pakistan, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Thailand, USSR, U.K. and United States of America,. He has visited best of law schools in U.K. and USA and interacted with leading legal academics and functionaries of higher judiciary in these countries.

He has association with several national and international organisations in advisory capacities - more important among them being Executive Committee of the National Legal Services Authority, Indian Law Institute, National Police Academy, National Committee in IPR (Confederation of Indian Industries), Indian Society of International Law, Committee of Experts on Law, National Commission for Women, National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, DNA Profiling Advisory Committee (D-PAC), SAARCLAW India Chapter, Commonwealth Legal Education Association. Under his Chairmanship a Committee with the assistance of ILO, Regional Office prepared a draft bill for the "Abolition of the Child Labour" and submitted to the State Government. He served as a member of the DNA Profiling Advisory Committee constituted by the Department of Bio-technology, Government of India to recommend a draft legislation for enactment by the Parliament. Related to this he also served as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Legal Issues and prepared the DNA Profiling Bill. He was also a member of the Shri Soli Sorabjee Committee appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, to draft the New Police Act which was submitted to the Ministry. He is also interested in issues like Corporate Law and Governance and Corporate Social Responsibilities.

He is a **Member of National Committee to administer the “Rajiv Gandhi Advocate’s Training Scheme”** recently constituted by Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. of India. He is also a **Member (part-time) of The 19th Law Commission of India**. He was a member of **Committee for Consultations on the situation in Andhra Pradesh**. He is also a member for the Governing Council of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) New Delhi. He is the Visitor’s nominee in the Academic Council of the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi. He is also very closely associated with the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Delhi. He has also been nominated by the Hon’ble President of India as a member of the Executive Council of Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi.

His achievements and accomplishments while at Rohtak as a Law teacher and researcher earned him the prestigious ‘Excellence Award’ by the Governor of Haryana.

At a **Golden Jubilee Commemorative Special Convocation** of Kurukshetra University Prof. Singh was awarded the **Alumnus of Distinction** for his outstanding achievements in his professional Career by Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India.

The British Council portrayed him as one of the 12 talented, creative and generous spirits who are making an effort personally and through their institutions to ensure their engagement with the U.K, works to mutual benefit. His services to Legal Education has been acknowledged and commemorated by many institutions and educational bodies.