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Profile

Chahal is a professor of Architecture at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. He holds a B.Arch and PhD from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, and an M.E. (Const. Tech. & Mgt) from Thapar University, Patiala. His PhD research was on “*Understanding Sikh Architecture through Sikh Shrines in East Punjab*”. He is a gold medallist in Bachelor of Architecture and M.E. (Const. Tech. & Mgt).

Chahal is a life member of INTACH and a fellow member of the Indian Institute of Architects. He has more than 33 years of teaching experience and professional experience in architecture. He has authored over 50 research papers in various journals and technical reports for various agencies. He is actively involved in research and institutional consultancy. His nine students have been awarded a PhD, and five are pursuing a PhD under him. His area of interest is Sikh Architecture and Sustainability. He has completed a UGC-sponsored major research project entitled “*Sikh Architecture: The Perception of Space in Architecture and Philosophy*” (2008-2011). He has worked on an INTACH-sponsored Project, “*Listing of old buildings in walled city Amritsar*”. He was the UGC-Special Assistance Programme Coordinator in the Department of Architecture.

He was appointed as a project advisor to the *Punjab Heritage and Tourism Promotion Board* (PHTPB) for conducting an international design competition for Golden Temple Entrance Plaza 2012 and Shri Guru Ravidass Memorial Complex at Khuralgarh, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, 2015. He is the State Technical Support Agency (STSA) Coordinator for preparing Integrated Cluster Action Plans (ICAPs) for Govt of Punjab, Haryana and J&K for the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. He is a member of the Heritage Board of SGPC, Amritsar. He has been a member of the education board of the Indian Institute of Architects for the last two terms, i.e. (2021-25). He was a member of the team preparing various DPRs for the construction, widening and improvement of various roads within municipal limits. Apart from this, he has been a lead team member in designing prestigious projects like the Unity Mall at Amritsar, the Valmiki temple complex at Ramtirath, Amritsar, the District Administrative Complex Amritsar, the Municipal Corporation Office at Amritsar, the Interiors of Guru Ramdass ji International Airport, Amritsar, etc.

He has also contributed as an editorial board member for the Journal of Architectural Research and Development (JARD), the International Journal of Architectural Design and Management, the International Journal of Sustainable Building Technology, and the International Journal of Architectural Heritage.

He has held significant positions, such as Dean of Faculty (Architecture & Planning) at Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar. Dean, Faculty of Physical Planning and Architecture, GNDU; Dean of Faculty (Architecture & Planning) at Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda, Professor In-charge of Construction & Planning, GNDU In-charge of Revaluation Branch, GNDU, Head of the Department, GNDU, Warden Sahibzada Zorawar Singh boys' Hostel No.2, GNDU.