



## **Justice Surya Kant**

Born on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1962 at Hisar (Haryana) in a middle class family. Graduated from Government Post Graduate College, Hisar in 1981. Earned Bachelor's degree in Law in 1984 from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak. Started practicing Law at the District Court, Hisar in 1984. Shifted to Chandigarh in 1985 to practice in the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Specialised in Constitutional, Service and Civil matters. Represented a number of Universities, Boards, Corporations, Banks and also the High Court itself. Earned distinction of being appointed the youngest Advocate General of Haryana on July 7, 2000. Designated as Senior Advocate in March, 2001. Held the office of Advocate General, Haryana till his elevation as a permanent Judge to the Punjab and Haryana High Court on January 09, 2004. Was nominated as a Member of the Governing Body of National Legal Services Authority on February 23, 2007 for two consecutive terms till February 22, 2011. Presently a Member of various Committees of Indian Law Institute – a deemed university under the aegis of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Earned another distinction of standing First Class First in his Master's degree in Law in 2011 from the Directorate of Distance Education, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. Has also organised and attended various prestigious National/International Conferences. Assumed charge of the office of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh with effect from 05<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. Elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. Also, Chairman of Supreme Court Legal Services Committee, w.e.f., 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. Due to retire on 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2027.