

**WORKSHOP FOR PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGES ON ADJUDICATING
TERRORISM CASES (P-1283)
19th & 20th February 2022
Tentative Program Schedule**

SESSION	THEME
19TH FEBRUARY 2022 (SATURDAY)	
SESSION 1 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Laws Relating to Terrorism Cases ❖ Important facets of Indian law (substantive and procedural), concerning terrorism related cases. ❖ Differences between ordinary criminal laws (substantive and procedure) and laws specifically governing terrorism and terrorism-related cases; peculiarities and significance of the latter. <u>10:30 AM – 10:45 AM</u> Discussion/Q&A
SESSION 2 10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Framing Charges and Unique Features of Terrorism Trial ❖ Framing appropriate charges and ensuring adequate defense for the defendant in terrorist trial. ❖ Discussion on charging provisions in the UAPA Act, as well as the burden of proof under the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 & special burden requirements under terrorism laws. <u>11:15 AM – 11:30 AM</u> Discussion/Q&A
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Break
SESSION 3 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Case Management in Terrorism Cases & Offences Against National Security ❖ Methods of effective case management including judicial leadership, mastery of the record and law by the judge, the ability to setup a pre-trial conference quickly and adequately. ❖ Use of a continuous trial, witness management, and the use of courtroom technology for improved organization. <u>12:30 PM – 12:45 PM</u> Discussion/Q&A
SESSION 4 12:45 PM -1:15 PM	Fair Trial ❖ Concepts and mechanisms enabling a judge to ensure fair trial in spite of inherent difficulties in a terrorism trial. ❖ Ensuring a speedy trial, open v. in-camera courtrooms, and subconscious bias. <u>1:15 PM – 1:30 PM</u> Discussion/Q&A

20TH FEBRUARY 2022 (SUNDAY)

SESSION 5 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Evidence, Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) and Extradition <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Introduction to the complex process of assessing evidence in terrorism cases.❖ The MLAT process, how to access evidence from foreign sources, and impact of confidentiality.❖ Procedures and steps to acquire relevant evidence from international sources. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>10:30 AM - 10:45 AM</u> Discussion/Q&A</p>
SESSION 6 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	Digital Evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Collection, preservation, chain of custody of digital evidence.❖ Insight into valuable skills for trial judges when tasked with assessing relevance and admissibility.❖ Case law Jurisprudence on admissibility of electronic evidence. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:15 AM - 11:30 AM</u> Discussion/Q&A</p>
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Break
SESSION 7 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Judicial and Courtroom Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Importance of providing security to all stakeholders in the justice delivery system.❖ Role of judge as a facilitator in preparation & implementation of security plan, including witness protection measures, continuous monitoring and supervision of execution of security plan throughout trial. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>12:30 PM - 12:45 PM</u> Discussion/Q&A</p>
SESSION 8 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM	Managing Media in Adjudicating Terrorism Cases <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Difficulty in managing media attention in a high-profile terrorism case.❖ Timely access to accurate information of court proceedings to enhance transparency and public confidence.❖ Strategies to regulate conduct of the proceedings, maintain decorum, prevent distraction, and ensure safety of courthouse personnel. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>1:15 PM - 1:30 PM</u> Discussion/Q&A</p>

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