

CALL FOR REGISTRATION

A Two-Day National Workshop on **Counter-Terrorism Awareness in India** **Through People's Participation**

Organized by

Centre for International Politics, Organisation and
Disarmament (CIPOD)

School of International Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

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Who can Register

Objective

Who can Register for Participation:

- **Youth:** University and College Students
- **Academia:** Teachers, Researchers, and Academic Professionals
- **Intelligential:** Civil Society Representatives, Human Rights Activists and NGOs
- **Policy Makers:** Law enforcement officials and security experts
- **Media:** Media Professionals and Social Media Influencers
- **Community:** General Public Interested in National Security Awareness
- **Security Professionals:** Security Personnel, Armed Forces, Police Personnel, etc.

Objectives of the Workshop

- To enhance awareness among responsible citizens about the nature, causes, and consequences of terrorism in India and the world.
- To sensitise citizens, more students, and community leaders about their role in national security.
- To promote and facilitate cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the public in counter-terrorism initiatives.
- To discuss and tackle contemporary challenges such as cyberterrorism, digital radicalisation, and fake news as tools of extremist propaganda.
- To build a network of informed citizens across communities capable of identifying and reporting potential threats responsibly to appropriate authorities.

THEMES/SUB-THEMES of the WORKSHOP

Day 1: Essence of Understanding Terrorism and National Security

- Evolution and different forms of Terrorism in India and the World
- Cross-Border Terrorism and India's Internal Security Challenges

Day 2: Community Awareness and Public Engagement

- Public Awareness as a Tool for Counter-Terrorism
- Role of the Agents and Agencies to Respond Positively (Security Personnel: Police, Court, etc)
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- Role of Intelligence and Policing in Counter-Terrorism
- Digital Radicalisation, Online Extremism, and Youth Vulnerability
- Case Studies: New York 9/11, Mumbai 26/11, Uri, Pulwama, Pahalgam, Lal Quilla and Recent Global Terror Trends
- Awareness & Unawareness on Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Measures: **Questionnaire and Interactions** among Participants and Narration of Personal Experiences

- Role of Media and Social Networks in Promoting Counter-Narratives
- Civic Responsibility on Counter Terror: Reporting, Vigilance, and Cooperation
- Public Connecting with Institutional Mechanisms: NIA, NSG, and State Police Initiatives
- The Risk of Threats Involved: Call for Public Unity as a Counter-Terror Narrative
- **Roundtable**: “Becoming Eyes and Ears of the Country” – Citizen Partnership for Security (opinions of participants)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Last Date for Registration: **24 August 2026**

Communication to the selected Candidates: **By 26 August 2026**

**No
Registration
Fee Required**

Register for the Workshop using the following Google Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbNxWjFLMxqkaD4yO4B_dZcZnvD4l8vQLZIZwzKyOk_9_zpA/viewform?usp=header

CONCEPT NOTE

‘Terrorism’ continues to be one of the most powerful challenges to India’s internal security, national integrity, social and political harmony, and overall National Security. Despite significant transformation in counter-terrorism mechanisms and security infrastructure, the dynamic nature of threats demands a whole-of-society response. Against this backdrop, the proposed National Workshop on “*Counter-Terrorism Awareness in India through People’s Participation*” seeks to promote public participation (as a counter-terrorism measure) in safeguarding the nation against terrorism through awareness, vigilance, resilience, and community cooperation. People’s participation, or Jan Bhagidari, was highlighted as a key component of the “Whole-of-Nation” approach (or civil-military fusion) and the “Whole-of-Society” approach used during the 2025 counter-terrorism operation known as ‘Operation Sindoor’. A “Whole-of-Society” approach to defeating terrorism is a strategic framework that integrates government, civil society, the private sector, and local communities to address both the symptoms and root causes of violent extremism.

A decade back, while addressing a rally in Lucknow on the occasion of Vijayadashami on October 11, 2016, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasised the need for people’s participation in spreading awareness

against terrorism through *Jan Bhagidari*. He said, “If all of us keep our eyes open and pay close attention to the activities of terrorism, they will not succeed in their designs”. Earlier, in February 2015, while addressing an International Ramayan Mela and highlighting issues of crime against women, Modi invoked an idea from Ramayana when he urged people to act like *Jatayu*, a demigod vulture who not just tried to save *Sita* but also informed *Rama* about her kidnapping by *Ravana*.

Meanwhile, in February 2026, the government of India brought India’s Counter Terrorism Doctrine, known as *PRAHAR* (Policy for Response Against Hostile Activities and Radicalism), which is the country's first comprehensive, codified national counter-terrorism strategy. It shifts the security apparatus from a reactive model to a proactive, “whole-of-society” framework, directly integrating public participation into national security to combat modern hybrid warfare. *Jan Bhagidari* was used to describe the seamless integration of civil administration, public participation, and the Armed Forces. The same was also reiterated later by the Home Minister of India, the Defence Minister, the Army Chief, and the National Security Advisor.

This two-day workshop aims to deepen understanding of counter-terrorism and sensitise/aware citizens, especially youth, educators, civil society actors, and media professionals, about their proactive role in national security. It will explore the concept of *Jan Bhagidari* (people’s participation) as envisioned by the Government of India, highlighting how collective awareness and civic responsibility can strengthen counter-terrorism frameworks as an effective measure. Through expert lectures, case studies, interactive sessions, and panel discussions, participants will gain insights into how citizens can act as vigilant partners in identifying, reporting, and preventing potential threats.

As motivated by PM Narendra Modi’s vision, this workshop ultimately aims to create a network of informed and vigilant citizens—the “eyes and ears” of the nation—who complement institutional counter-terrorism efforts by promoting awareness, resilience, and cooperation. By integrating public participation with security initiatives, the workshop aims to contribute toward building a safer, stronger, and terror-free India.

Outcome & Resource Persons/Experts

Expected Outcomes

- ✚ Effective public understanding of terrorism and counter-terrorism efforts.
- ✚ Strengthened collaboration between citizens and security agencies.
- ✚ Development of educational and outreach materials for awareness campaigns.
- ✚ A resolution or action plan to promote community-based counter-terrorism awareness programs.
- ✚ Creation of a network of “Citizen Security Volunteers” for local vigilance and cooperation.

Resource Persons

- The workshop will invite eminent experts and practitioners, including:
- ✚ Officials (present and former) from the Indian Army, NIA, NSG, and RAW
 - ✚ Academics and researchers in security and strategic studies
 - ✚ Representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the local Police Department
 - ✚ Representatives of Civil Society Groups and NGOs
 - ✚ Journalists and media analysts specialising in terrorism and conflict reporting

WORKSHOP CONVENOR

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