

## PRESS NOTE

Odisha Police organised a one day capacity building training programme for officers of Odisha Police on 'Investigation of Terror related cases' in collaboration with National Investigation Agency (NIA) on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 at Conference Hall of Police Bhawan, Bhubaneswar. Senior officers of the rank of DySP and Inspector from districts across Odisha participated in the training programme. Sh Y. C Modi, IPS, DG NIA was the Chief Guest for the inaugural function. Sh BK Sharma, IPS DGP Odisha was the guest of honour. Apart from DG NIA, senior officers of NIA and Odisha Police including Sh S. K. Upadhyay , IPS, ADG CID CB Odisha, Sh G. P Singh, IPS, IG NIA, Sh G. Upadhyay, IPS, IG EOW, CID CB, Sh Praveen Kumar, IPS, DIG NIA were present on the occasion.

Opening the Inaugural Session, Sh S. K. Upadhyay , IPS, ADG CID CB Odisha welcomed DG NIA, DGP Odisha and other senior officers as well as the participants to the one day programme. He introduced the participants to the senior officers from NIA who would be engaging them on different aspects of investigation of terror related cases.

An overview of the course was presented by Sh G.P.Singh, IPS, IG NIA.

DGP Odisha addressed the gathering and stressed on the need for professional investigation in prosecuting terror criminals, especially LWE. Odisha Police has successfully investigated the case of Sabyasachi Panda, a Maoist Cadre and one case ended in conviction. The process needs to be taken forward. He also emphasised on effective financial investigation.

DG NIA Sh Y. C Modi, IPS, in his Chief Guest's address presented the worldwide menace of terrorism, latest developments in the area and risk factors faced by India. Outlining the importance of professional and scientific investigation and thorough knowledge of laws in dealing with such cases including UAP Act, Sh Modi encouraged the participants to make the best use of the sessions by senior officers of NIA.

Sh G Upadhyay IPS, IG EOW CID CB Odisha proposed the vote of thanks for the inaugural function. He thanked all stakeholders for making the function start off on a good note.

The first session of the Training Programme was headed by Sh S Praveen Kumar, IPS, DIG NIA. He introduced the NIA organisation and Terror Crimes and terror groups in India and latest amendments in NIA Act (2019) in his session.

Sh S Rahul, IPS, SP NIA introduced some of the best practices in investigation of terror crime cases in India, leading to detection and conviction.

Sh Arjun Ambalapatta, PP, BO NIA Kochi discussed about the legal regime and International Best Practices for Terror crime investigation and Investigation abroad.

The next session was handled by Sh Jyotiraditya and case studies on terror funding and investigation of FICN cases were discussed.

An exclusive session on details of investigation abroad, extradition, MLAT&LR were discussed by Sh Arjun Ambalapatta. This was followed by a case study on appreciation of evidences by Sh S Rahul, IPS.

Winding up the proceedings of the day, Sh S. K. Upadhyay , IPS, ADG CID CB Odisha gave his closing remarks. He stressed on the need for proper appreciation of evidences and use of scientific aids, cyber forensics for successful investigation. He noted that investigating officers should keep themselves abreast of the legal provisions for achieving high conviction rates.

The programme was co-ordinated by Sh. A.N. Sinha, IPS, DIGP CID CB Odisha, Sh Sudhanshu Mishra, IPS, SP CID CB and Sh Rahul P R, IPS, SP STF, CID CB. It was a significant effort in capacity building of Odisha Police to face the emerging challenges of Terror related crimes.

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