



BRICS Seminar on Misuse of Internet for Terrorist Purposes and the Role of Digital Forensics in Terrorist Investigation

13-14 April 2021



National Investigation Agency (NIA) organised a two-day virtual Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa (BRICS) Seminar on the “Misuse of Internet for Terrorist Purposes and Role of Digital Forensics in Terrorist Investigations” on 13-14 April 2021.

The seminar was inaugurated by Union Home Secretary Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla on 13 April 2021.

BRICS countries during the 3rd Counter Terrorism Working Group (CTWG) at White River, South Africa had agreed to establish five sub working groups dedicated to enhancing debates over specific challenges on counter-terrorism front. Thereafter, at the 4th CTWG meeting in Brazil, India was given the Presidency of the sub-working group on “Misuse of Internet for Terrorist Purposes” for one year.



During the seminar, 40 experts from the five BRICS countries deliberated upon technical sessions including ‘Exploitation of Social Media as an Arsenal’, ‘Dark Web and Anonymizers’, ‘Emerging Technologies and Artificial Intelligence’, ‘Cryptocurrency and Virtual Assets: Vulnerability of Privacy and Online Stealth’, ‘Equipping Law Enforcement Agencies: CT Investigations’ and ‘Digital Forensics’ to deal with such challenges. In addition, two panel discussions on engaging multiple stakeholders from both public and private sectors to tackle the misuse of internet and enhancing international co-operation to effectively tackle the exploitation of the Internet by terrorists for their nefarious activities, were also held.

The delegates of the seminar appreciated the fact that in the current milieu of breakneck technological innovations and ever evolving digital landscape, the challenges pertaining to prevention, control and prosecution of the terrorist misuse of internet are immense. It was emphasised that it is only through expedient international co-operation and seamless sharing of good practices in tackling this menace that we can create a safer and secure environment for the citizens of BRICS countries as well as the whole world.
