



NACTA Newsletter

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75th anniversary
of the creation of Pakistan



National Coordinator's Message



Today we reach a significant milestone as we celebrate the diamond jubilee of our independence. It is very likely for our younger generations not to appreciate the sacrifices that were made to achieve this goal 75 years ago and to take it for granted. The diamond jubilee is an occasion to realize this and to pay tribute to those who laid their lives for the safety and security of the nation and continue to do so.

We have been fighting the threats of terrorism and extremism in the society and our struggle will continue till we achieve the ideals of a society based on the values of tolerance and peaceful co-existence.

In the words of father of the nation Muhammad Ali Jinnah, "Democracy is in the blood of the Muslims, who look upon complete equality of mankind, and believe in fraternity, equality, and liberty."

Today we reiterate our resolve to remain steadfast to overcome any challenge facing the nation. May Allah bless us all.

Muhammad Tahir Rai

Hilal-i-Shujaat

National Peace Poster Contest 2021

National Peace Poster Contest is a regular community engagement activity of NACTA. 2nd poster contest on the theme of "Youth 4 PEACE" was held in November, 2021. 1784 posters were received for the contest. Results were announced in a ceremony held at PNCA, Rawalpindi on International Tolerance Day.



Intelligence Coordination Conferences

Intelligence Coordination Conferences (ICC) are regular feature of NACTA to ensure enhanced cooperation, improved coordination, timely exchange of information with all federal / provincial CT agencies and departments. 5 ICCs were held from July, 2021 - July, 2022.

National Counter Violent Extremism Policy (NCVEP) 2022

First National Counter Violent Extremism Policy (NCVEP) 2022, has been drafted after consulting and taking on board relevant and specialized stake holders including Provincial Governments, political leadership, religious scholars, academia, civil society, media and legal fraternity. The objective was to arrive at a framework vis-à-vis violent extremism and to build ownership and legitimacy for counter violent extremism framework.



Radio Series "Aman ki Justujoo"

A radio series titled "Aman ki Justujoo" was broadcast on various topics related to Counter Terrorism, Counter Violent Extremism and Counter Financing for Terrorism from August - October, 2021. The programs were aired from Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Abbottabad, Jhelum, Gujrat, Multan, Rahim Yar Khan & Hyderabad. Recording of the programs was also broadcast by Radio Pakistan from 84 other stations including GB & AJK.

Pakistan Journal of Terrorism Research

NACTA publishes a research journal titled "Pakistan Journal of Terrorism Research (PJTR)" which is a peer reviewed bi-annual journal containing latest research work by renowned academicians and researchers in the field of counter terrorism and extremism. The journal offers a range of perspectives on the challenges pose by terrorism and extremism to Pakistan and beyond. 14



research articles on counter terrorism and counter extremism were published during the year 2021-22 in two issues.

NACTA WATCH

NACTA issues a digital digest titled “NACTA WATCH” through its official website. NACTA WATCH is a compilation of internally reviewed articles written by renowned experts and published in leading national newspapers in the field of terrorism, extremism and police reforms.



Research Collaboration with Various Universities & Think Tanks

To focus on primary research by NACTA it was mandatory to establish effective research collaboration with various universities & think tanks. In this connection QAU, IIU and PIDE and different Think Tanks are taken on board.



Awareness Session on Counter Terrorism and Counter Extremism for Members of KP Provincial Assembly

In July, 2021 an awareness session on Counter Terrorism and Extremism for Members of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Assembly and Government departments was arranged with an objective of engaging major stake holders and decision makers to create awareness about the dynamics of extremism and countering it by promoting tolerance and pluralism. A number of parliamentarians including women and Government officials attended the session.

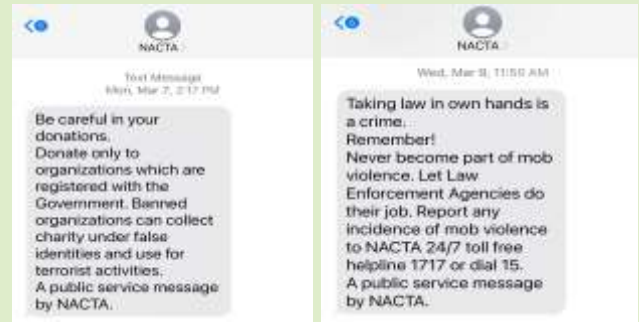


Revised Online National Action Plan Portal

In 2021 Government of Pakistan revised 20 Points National Action Plan into 14 Points Revised National Action Plan (R-NAP 2021). Accordingly, NACTA has developed Revised Online NAP Portal with improved KPIs for data collection. To acquire accurate data, two in house and online training sessions were conducted, wherein more than 30 focal persons along with respective supervisory officers were given hands on training.

SMS Campaign for Karachi residents

An SMS campaign was designed by NACTA to understand knowledge, attitude and perception regarding CVE and promoting peace, tolerance and inclusion among communities. Five key messages were sent to 0.8 million mobile users residing around 13 towns of Karachi in March, 2022.



Awareness Session on Counter Terrorism and Counter Extremism for Members of Sindh Provincial Assembly

NACTA arranged 2nd awareness session on Counter Terrorism and Extremism for Members of Sindh Provincial Assembly and Government departments in November, 2021. The session was designed to provide a platform to policymakers and legislators to identify the gaps and challenges and propose feasible policy solutions to address the issue of violent extremism in Pakistan.



Wall Murals in Islamabad

To promote the message of peace, tolerance and resilience building, street art was organized in December, 2021 at Islamabad Model College for Girls (IMCG) F/10-2. Students from various universities of Islamabad painted the wall with slogans and pictures of peace & tolerance. Mr. Touseeq Haider concluded the activity and distributed the certificates amongst the participants.



Vice Chancellor's Conferences in Quetta and Peshawar

Two VC's conferences were held in Peshawar and Quetta, in March and May, 2022 respectively. The aim was to develop a set of policy recommendations for sustained peaceful environment at educational institutions, resulting in the formulation of training modules for the university management to keep the campuses safe.



Media Campaign “DIL WALON KA DES”

NACTA, UN Women Pakistan and European Union joined hands to launch a communication campaign “DIL WALON KA DES” on electronic, print and social media to promote the role of women in peacebuilding process in society in March, 2022.

Media Campaign “HUM SAB KA PAKISTAN”

In April, 2022 a public awareness campaign was launched through TV and social media platforms to promote the message of peace, tolerance, safer charity and interfaith harmony. The campaign comprised of testimonials and shout out messages from celebrities and community influential people to help propagate NACTA's message.



IVR Audio Drama Campaign for Southern Punjab

In southern Punjab, 150,000 mobile users residing in surrounding areas of 21 union councils and 7 universities of the region were reached through IVR audio dramas on themes of safer charity, tolerance and inclusion, mob violence and online hate speech. The campaign was launched in March, 2022.



NACTA Radio Show “Naw e Sahr”

In continuation of public awareness efforts, second broadcast campaign titled “NACTA Radio Show Naw e Sahr” was launched in newly merged districts of KPK. The series was recorded specifically in Pashto language by engaging resource persons from specialized areas. This 26-program series was launched in May, 2022.



Salamati Fellowship

Salamati fellowship is a leading residential program on theme of peace building, tolerance and inclusivity. More than 200 peace agents belonging to different religious and cultural backgrounds participated in 08 different sessions.



Meeting of Expert Working Group on UNODC Sub Programme iv

A meeting of Expert Working Group, was held in NACTA under chairmanship of National Coordinator. UNODC Sub Programme iv) Preventing and Countering Terrorism was approved during the meeting. Under the 4-year programme, Law Enforcement Agencies and other relevant stakeholders will be trained.



Multi Agency Workshop on use of Forensic Evidence in CT Cases

Multi Agency Workshop on use of Forensic Evidence in CT Cases was organized at Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) Lahore from 26-29 July, 2022. 16 participants from provincial CTDs, Forensic Science Labs, FIA CTW and NACTA participated. The aim of the workshop was to establish understanding of the crime scene integrity particularly protection, collection, preservation and processing of physical evidence for further scientific analysis among Investigators.



Workshop on Presenting Forensic Evidence during Terrorism Trails for Prosecutors

A workshop on presenting Forensic Evidence during terrorism trails for Prosecutors was organized at Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) Lahore from 02-05 August, 2022. 19 Prosecutors from all provinces participated. Focus of the workshop was upon difference between circumstantial and physical evidence and to ensure better understanding and relevance of forensic evidence in criminal proceedings on part of Prosecutors while pursuing Counter Terrorism cases in court of Law.

Workshop on Use of Internet for Terrorist Purposes

A workshop on use of Internet for terrorist purposes for Provincial CTDs, FIA and NACTA was organized at CTD Sindh HQ, Karachi on 03-05 August, 2022. 18 participants from all stakeholders attended the workshop. Aim of the workshop was to enhance the skills and knowledge of the investigators in Countering Terrorism during the phases of investigation to understand the legal and practical aspects of cases involving use of internet by terrorists.

Pakistan Action to Counter Terrorism (PACT) Project Sindh Chapter

Pakistan Action to Counter Terrorism (PACT) Project Sindh Chapter was launched by NACTA in collaboration with UNODC and EU in 2020 with a focusing on the capacity building of the prosecutors, judges and the investigators. The project closed in 2021.



Visit of the Director EC of SCO-RATS to NACTA Hqs.

The delegation was briefed on contribution of NACTA to counter terrorism & extremism. The Director acknowledged the efforts of the Authority in addressing the issue and formulation of country's first CVE Policy and appreciated the effective efforts of Pakistan to counter extremism in all its manifestations.

Review Meeting of the Implementation of the National Action Plan

NACTA oversees the review of the implementation of the National Action Plan. NC NACTA briefed the stakeholders regarding the current status of R-NAP along with shortcomings and recommendations.



Training Session on MLA

NACTA in collaboration with Financial Monitoring Unit and other stakeholders conducted training session on MLA and guidance for international cooperation on 19th May 2022 at Islamabad.

CT Helpline 1717

This help line is operative round the clock. Telephone lines are dedicated for receiving complaints / information about cases / incidents pertaining terrorism, extremism and CT / CVE.

Information received is immediately disseminated to concerned SFs / LEAs for timely response. 374722 calls have been received from January-June, 2022 and 6 FIRs have been registered.