



# THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

## Seminar on

" Free Speech and Judiciary : Ensuring Independent and Fair Administration of Justice "

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

### <sup>1</sup>PROGRAMME

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<b>REGISTRATION / TEA &amp; COFFEE</b>		<b>09:30 am to 10:00 am</b>
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<b>OPENING SESSION</b>	:	<b>10:00 am to 11:00 am</b>
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<b>Welcome Address by</b>	:	<b>Dr. Anindita Pujari</b> Hony. General Secretary, BAI
<b>Exposition on the theme of Seminar</b>	:	<b>Shri Shyam Divan</b> Senior Advocate & President-Elect, LAWASIA
<b>President's Address by</b>	:	<b>Shri Prashant Kumar</b> President, BAI
<b>Response by</b>	:	<b>Shri Amarjit Singh Chandhiok</b> Senior Advocate & President-Elect, BAI
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	:	<b>Ms. Rachana Srivastava</b> Senior Advocate & Chairperson, BAI Women Lawyers Forum
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<b>WORKING SESSION – I</b>	:	<b>11:00 am to 12:00 pm</b>
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<b><i>Balancing Judicial independence and accountability: should there be limits on the freedom of speech while dealing with the judiciary?</i></b>		
<b>Chair</b>	:	<b>Shri Amarjit Singh Chandhiok</b> Senior Advocate & President-Elect, BAI
<b>Speakers</b>	:	<b>Shri Shyam Divan</b> Senior Advocate & President-Elect, LAWASIA
	:	<b>Shri B.V. Acharya</b> Former Advocate General, Karnataka
	:	<b>Shri Rohit Khanna</b> Managing Editor, The Quint
	:	<b>Shri Amarjit Singh Bedi</b> Joint General Secretary, BAI

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**TEA [12.00 pm – 12.15 pm]**

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<sup>1</sup> Programme is subject to change

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**WORKING SESSION – II** : **12:15 pm to 01:15 pm**

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**Power of Contempt: a shield or a double-edged sword?**

**Chair** : **Shri S.S. Naganand**  
Senior Advocate & Vice President, BAI

**Speakers** : **Shri Jaideep Gupta**  
Senior Advocate & Vice President, BAI

: **Shri Vikas Singh**  
Senior Advocate & President, SCBA

: **Shri Aman Lekhi**  
Former Additional Solicitor General of India

: **Shri Mohan V. Katarki**  
Senior Advocate & Vice President, BAI

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**LUNCH [01.15 pm – 02.15 pm]**

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**WORKING SESSION – III** : **02:15 pm to 03:15 pm**

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**Code of conduct for lawyers when commenting to media in cases they are appearing or are associated with**

**Chair** : **Shri Rajiv Dutta**  
Senior Advocate &  
Chairman, BAI Senior Advocates Forum

**Speakers** : **Ms. Maninder Acharya**  
Former Additional Solicitor General of India

: **Shri (Col.) R. Balasubramanian**  
Senior Advocate

: **Ms. Menaka Guruswamy**  
Senior Advocate

: **Shri Uday Prakash Warunjikar**  
Vice President, BAI &  
Member, Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa

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**TEA BREAK [03.15 pm – 03.30 pm]**

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**Training the Media to Cover Court proceedings: Developing a Collaborative Effort**

<b>Chair</b>	:	<b>Shri Prashant Kumar</b> President, The Bar Association of India
<b>Speakers</b>	:	<b>Shri Vikramjit Banerjee</b> Additional Solicitor General of India
	:	<b>Shri Arunachalam Vaidyanathan</b> Senior Journalist
	:	<b>Prof. (Dr.) Pramod Kumar</b> Indian Institute of Mass Communication
	:	<b>Shri P.V. Dinesh</b> Live Law
<b>Resolution :</b>	:	<b>Dr. Anindita Pujari</b> Hony. General Secretary, BAI
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	:	<b>Shri Yakesh Anand</b> Vice President, BAI

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**TEA**  
**END OF SEMINAR**

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