

## *Workshop Participants*

# Policing during the Pandemic

Perspectives on changing roles of law enforcement in South Asia during the COVID-19 health crisis



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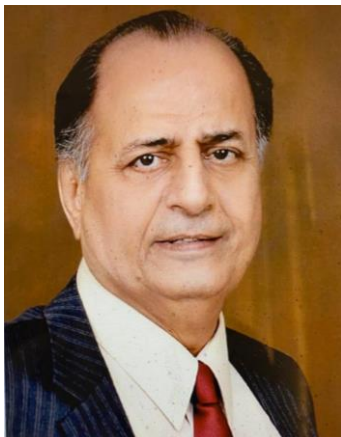
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