## One day workshop on "Whatsapp -Best practices against fake information"

IQAC in collaboration with NASSCOM foundation organized one day workshop on "Whatsapp Best practices against fake information" on 9th April, 2019 with NASSCOM Asst. Director Mr. Saurabh Madan as the resource person for the workshop. Nearly 150 students and staff members attended the workshop. In this workshop students were encouraged to be mindful about forwarding rumors and how users can report problematic content to fact checkers and law enforcement. The workshop began with IQAC convenor Dr. Kusha Tiwari introducing the format of the workshop which consisted on one interactive session with Mr. Madan and his team followed by presentation on Whatsapp best practices. The workshop ended with discussion with the participants. After this, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal SLC gave welcome address and told the participants how they need to be wary of forwarded messages that are misleading, they must not send messages without verifying the content of the message. Mr. Saurabh Madan began by talking about how Whatsapp which is owned by Facebook is on the of the most popular messaging apps globally. At the same time, it is also listed as a leading app that is used to propagate misinformation, propaganda and fake news. He then talked about the tools available at Whatsapp that help the individual protect his/her privacy on Whatsapp. He introduced the participants to Whatsapp setting features that can help individuals control the inflow and outflow of information through the Whatsapp forum. He further talked about how people must review facts before sharing information, how fake news goes viral and photos, audio recordings and videos are edited to mislead people. It is the duty of the responsible individual to inform the sender if the information that they have sent is incorrect. He further added that severity of fake news crisis and its impact is forcing government to consider regulations that put the accountability for spreading fake news and

misinformation on the media and app platforms. In the end, he encouraged students to join hands to help curb misinformation and also motivated students to register at <u>www.Mykartavya.nasscomfoundation.org</u>. The discussion was very fruitful and addressed pertinent concerns around social media evils. The participants were hugely benefited from the workshop and appreciated the efforts of the organizers.

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