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Event Report

Report on the Workshop on Understanding and Debunking Fake News Durgapur, Weste Bengal- August 24, 12-2 PM

Venue- Durgapur Regional Centre, NSOU

Date- 24th August, 2022

Trainer- Joydeep Das Gupta, GNI Training Network

Objective of the Workshop

1. To train the participants on how to understand the nature of fake news
2. How to debunk fake news
3. To train the participants regarding the application of various free online tools to debunk the fake news or any misinformation shared on social media.

Workshop Report

Digital platforms offer amazing prospects but also a lot of difficulties. It has been harder and harder lately to tell which news sources are reliable and which are not. There are numerous discussions about fake news and its repercussions. Few organisations have, however, put up an efficient training programme to teach people how to assess information and double-check facts. The ability to distinguish between trustworthy and false media messages needs to become second nature for citizens to be able to participate in the media successfully and confidently curate their media consumption.

Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, School of Humanities, Netaji Subhas Open University(NSOU) in association with Google News Initiative (GNI) DataLEADS organised a workshop on Understanding and Debunking Fake News. The workshop was conducted at Durgapur Regional centre, NSOU on 24th August, 2022 by Google News Initiative trainer and a media professional, Shri Joydeep Das Gupta. Arijit Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication was the coordinator of the workshop. About 20 students took part in the workshop.

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*Supporting
journalists and media
educators across
India in their fight
against misinformation*

Date: 24th August 2022
Time: 12 noon to 2pm
Place: Durgapur, West Bengal

 **#GNIINDIA2022**



JOYDEEP DAS GUPTA
Editor, News Sense
Trainer, GNI India Training Network

Dr.Md. Intaj Ali, Assistant Professor of English, School of Humanities, welcomed the participants to the workshop.

Shri Joydeep Das Gupta, Editor, News Sense and Trainer, Google News Initiative Training Network, opened the workshop by introducing the concept of fake news and media literacy. He explained that fake news is a symptom of a sick society and has bad implications. He asked the participants to use common sense to defend themselves against any sort of fake news.



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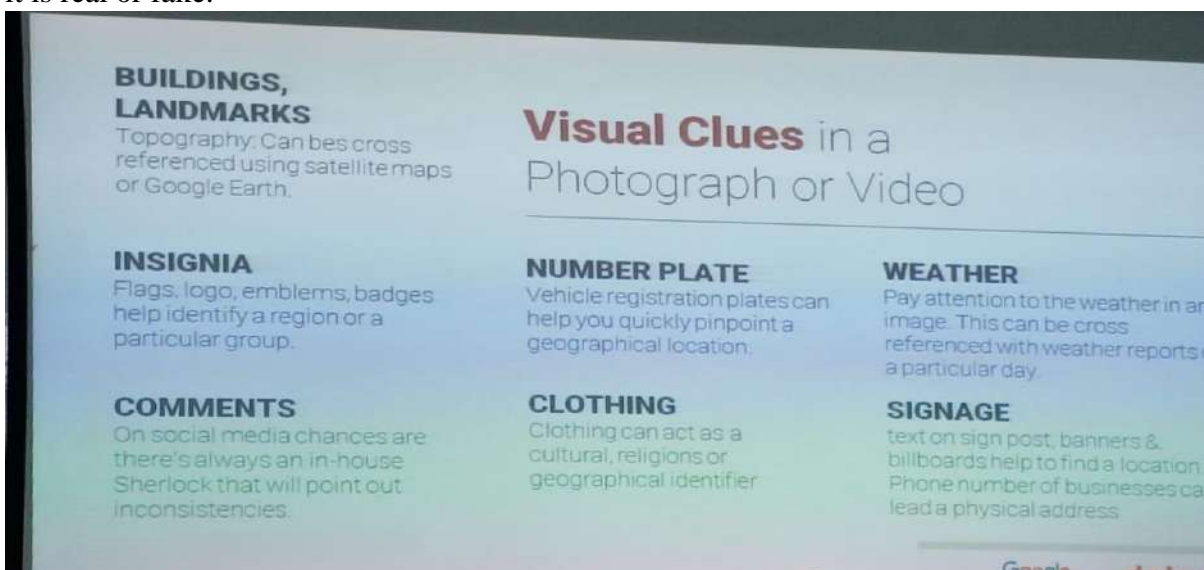
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It was indeed a great learning for the participants as Mr. Joydeep Das Gupta gave tips for video verification. Some of them discussed were:

- Always download the videos you are fact checking
- Archive the URL of posts that include the video
- Use your YouTube, Facebook, Twitter like search engines
- Search with the text of the message often leads you to the video on other platforms.
- If the reverse image search suggestion is not helpful type in key words.
- Reverse image search + keywords= powerful verification tool

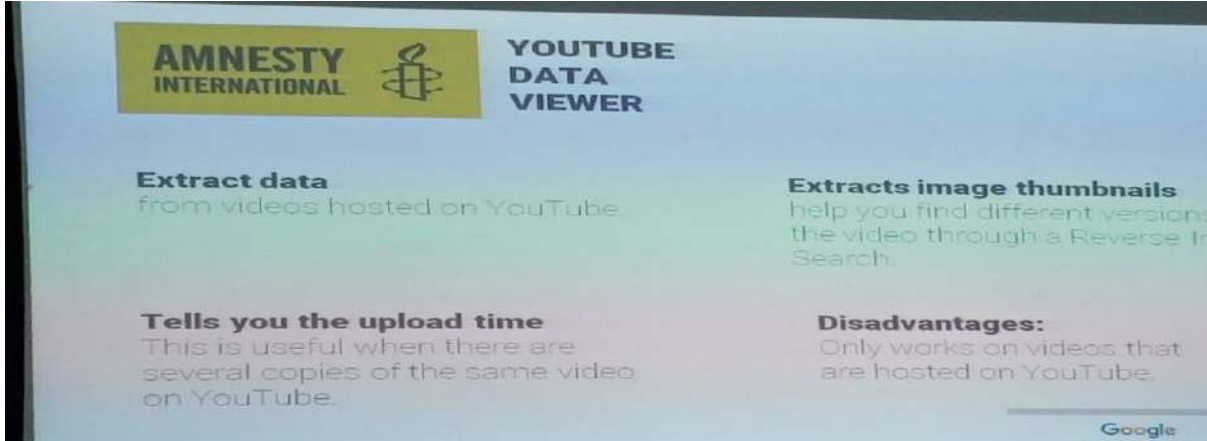
He asked the participants to look for visual clues in a photograph or video to identify whether it is real or fake.



He also depicted the use of various free online tools to debunk the fake news or any misinformation shared on social media.

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He signed off his lecture by giving a task on fake news for the attendees.



The workshop concluded with a question-and-answer session, followed by the vote of thanks by the Coordinator, Arijit Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication, School of Humanities, Netaji Subhas Open University.

Report prepared by: Arijit Ghosh, Assistant Professor of JMC

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