

EVENT FORMAT

1. Event Banner - (h*w): 300*350 (Pixels)



2. Event Title: Industry Workshop Session on Cyber Safety & Fact-Checking: Awareness in the Digital Age

+ Event Types- Industry Training Session

3. Event Date and year (Ex-1st Jan 2023): 09/02/2026

4. Event brief description – 200 words

The workshop focused on spreading awareness about cyber safety, fact-checking, misinformation, and digital responsibility in the modern communication ecosystem. Organized under Project SHIELD, an India Today Fact Check initiative, the program aimed to educate students about online frauds, scam psychology, digital manipulation, and preventive cyber safety measures. The session emphasized the importance of media literacy, critical verification skills, and responsible digital behavior for safe participation in the digital world

5.Event Detailed Description- Max 500 words

Date: 09/02/2026

AI Building, SMCS, Galgotias University

The School of Media and Communication Studies (SMCS), Galgotias University, organized an Industry Workshop Session titled “Cyber Safety & Fact-Checking: Awareness in the Digital Age” on 9th February 2026 under Project SHIELD, an initiative by the India Today Fact Check Team. The workshop aimed to create awareness among students regarding cyber frauds, misinformation, and digital safety practices in today’s increasingly connected online environment.

The session was conducted by Mr. Bal Krishna, Senior Journalist and Head of the Fact Check Team at India Today Group. Bringing extensive professional experience in investigative journalism and digital verification, he delivered an insightful and practical session on cybercrime awareness and responsible digital engagement.

During the workshop, Mr. Bal Krishna discussed several common forms of cyber fraud prevalent in India, including OTP theft, phishing attacks, fake customer-care scams, identity fraud, malicious links, and financial frauds carried out through digital communication platforms. A major highlight of the session was the explanation of the emerging “digital arrest” scam, where fraudsters impersonate police officers or government authorities to intimidate and psychologically manipulate victims into transferring money or sharing confidential information.

Through real-life case studies, visual demonstrations, and interactive discussions, students gained practical exposure to how online scams are planned and executed. The speaker emphasized how scammers exploit fear, urgency, panic, and lack of awareness to deceive individuals. He encouraged students to remain vigilant while interacting online and stressed the importance of fact verification before trusting or sharing digital information.

The workshop remained highly interactive throughout its duration. Students actively participated in discussions and raised several questions during the live question-and-answer session. Their enthusiastic participation reflected growing awareness and curiosity regarding digital safety and cybercrime prevention. To reinforce the learning outcomes, a quiz competition was also organized during the session, and selected participants were recognized as “Fact Champions” for their active engagement and awareness.

The workshop proved highly beneficial for students by strengthening their understanding of cyber safety, digital literacy, and fact-checking practices. It equipped participants with practical knowledge and preventive strategies to identify online threats and navigate the digital world more safely and responsibly. Overall, the session was educational, impactful, and highly relevant in the present digital communication era.

6. Pictures /Photos/Image

Format – JPEG

Photo Size-(h*w): 300*350 (Pixels)

+ Add name of the pic also (Max 100 words)

7. Mentor Name – Dr. Tasha Singh Parihar

8. Department Name –School of Media and Communications

9.SDGs Linked with images-

+ Add the SDG logo also (MANDATORY)



10.No of Registrations (Numerical data): 50

11.No. of Attendees (Numerical data)

Internal – 50

External – NA

12. Event Outcome

1. Engagement:

Students actively participated in interactive discussions, real-life case study analyses, the live Q&A session, and the cyber safety quiz, demonstrating strong interest in digital literacy and online safety practices.

2. Educational Impact:

The workshop enhanced students' knowledge of cyber security, fact-checking techniques, and misinformation prevention by providing practical strategies to identify online frauds and promote responsible digital communication.

13.Social media Poster - (h*w): 400*1900 Pixels –Not Available



