

National Commission for Women partners with Facebook and Cyber Peace Foundation to conduct Digital Literacy Programme in Panjab University

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Chandigarh, 18th June, 2018 : We believe that when we share information and connect, that's when we achieve extraordinary things. Integral to people's interest in connecting and sharing, and our mission of giving people the power to build community, is that people feel safe to connect in meaningful and profound ways.

Progressing our partnership with Facebook and Cyber Peace Foundation, we launched the first training module at Panjab University . The inaugural training workshop for 200 women is the first in a series of training workshops under our Digital Literacy Program. The interactive session hosted in English and Hindi, provided training on safe and responsible use of the internet, social media and email and enabled trainees to differentiate between credible and questionable information.

Mrs. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson (I/C), National Commission for Women said, "We are delighted to see the digital literacy program rolling out and unfolding immense opportunities for young women, giving them access to technology and freedom to express. We have observed worrisome trend of growing cyber-crime and this effort from Facebook and Cyber Peace Foundation will help ensure that participants feel safe and secure on the internet and can pursue professional goals as well."

Ankhi Das, Public Policy Director - India, South & Central Asia - Facebook, said "We are committed to equipping women to express themselves freely. Equal and strong presence from women is pivotal towards building stronger communities and growing economies. That's why we remain committed and invested through our products, policies and community education programs to create a safe space for women to communicate and share."

Vineet Kumar, Co-Founder & President, Cyber Peace Foundation said, "In our experience with specific citizen groups across the country, we have found that lack of cyber awareness is one of the biggest factors affecting digital lives today. This has paved the path for people to be afraid of technology and the internet, which should not be the case. People need to be aware, empowered and educated about the cyberspace in order to really make its use to its true potential."

About Cyber Peace Foundation:

Cyber Peace Foundation is a civil society organisation and think tank of cybersecurity and policy experts. CPF is involved in Policy Advocacy, Research and Training related to all aspects of Cyber Peace and Cyber Security. Key areas of its work are in Technology Governance, Policy Review and Advocacy, Capacity and Capability creation and building through partnerships with various government organisations, academic institutions and civil society entities. Cyber Peace Foundation was formed with the vision of pioneering cyber peace initiatives to build collective resiliency against cybercrimes and global threats of cyber warfare.