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# Cyber Sakhi supported by the Dosti House – The American Library Of U.S.

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Date: January 3<sup>rd</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup> 2025

Time: 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Location:

#### Day 1:

Dosti House- US Consulate General, G Block BKC, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400051.

#### **Day 2:**

PTVA's Institute of Management, Room no.101. Chitrakar Ketkar Marg, behind M L Dahanukar College, Gujarati Society, Vile Parle East, Vile Parle, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400057.

Platform: Offline

No. of participants: 10

# Day 1: 3rd January 2025

On 3rd January 2025, **Responsible Netism** supported by the Dosti House, the American Library of the U.S Consulate in Mumbai, organized **Cyber Sakhi training program**. It is a social purpose organization committed to the cause of women and child online protection and safety, and cyber-wellness.

**Cyber Sakhi** is an initiative to empower **350 young girls** (10 each from 35 Mumbai Colleges) as 'friends of the internet", equipping them to protect themselves and their peers from cyber risks and promote cyber safety in them. They also build cyber distress by providing counseling, psychological support, technical support and legal guidance, to the victims of cyber-crimes.

The speakers for this program:

- Sonali Patankar, Founder & CEO Responsible Netism
- Unmesh Joshi, Co-Founder & COO Responsible Netism

The session offered understanding of the landscape on **Cyber Violence and Laws**, covering the following key areas:

#### 1. Types of Crimes

- Hacking
- Impersonation (Fake Account/Fake Profile)
- Misinformation (Fake News)
- Cyber Bullying
- Cyber Stalking
- Photo Morphing
- Sextortion
- Revenge Porn
- Child Online Grooming
- Cyber Terrorism
- Online Sexual Harassment
- Age-inappropriate content
- Casual Dating
- Selfitis
- Verify Strangers

#### 2. Cyber Safety Tips:

Sharing essential online safety tips to protect against threats like online sexual harassment, social media fraud, economic offences, and matrimonial fraud. Stay alert, cautious, and proactive for children and adults alike.

#### 3. The Screen Time Recommended for individuals according to their age?

- Under 2 years:
  - No screen Exposures
- Between 2 to 4 years:
  - o 20 minutes in 24 hours: Content should be selected by parents
- Between 4 to 6 years:
  - o 40 minutes with adult monitoring
- Between 6 to 12 years:
  - o 60 minutes Max
- 13+ years:
  - o 2 Hours Max

#### 4. Legal Age on Social Media

- Legal age on to have an account on social media platforms:
  - o 13 years Facebook/ Instagram / Snapchat / YouTube/ Reddit/ Discord
  - o 16 years WhatsApp.



**CYBER SAKHI'S** 

# Day 2: 4th January 2025.

#### 1. Age-Appropriate Games

• Discussion Led by: Unmesh Joshi

#### • Key Topics:

- o Games are categorized by age based on content like violence, language, sexual themes, and more.
- o Platforms that handle this categorization:
- o PEGI.info (Pan European Game Information)
- o ESRB.org (Entertainment Software Rating Board)
- o In India, PEGI.info is primarily followed for determining age restrictions.

#### 2. Cyber Crimes and Punishments

• Discussion Led by: Unmesh Joshi

#### • Key Laws Discussed:

- o POCSO Act: (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences)
- Sections 13, 14, and 15 outline punishments, including life imprisonment for child abuse and exploitation.
- o POSH Act: (Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace)
- o Enforces workplace safety against harassment.
- o DPD Act: (Digital Personal Data Protection Act)
- o Covers the protection of personal data in the digital sphere.
- o Case Study: Cambridge Analytica
- A major data privacy scandal involving the misuse of Facebook user data for political campaigns.
- o Data was harvested from millions of profiles without consent and allegedly influenced elections like the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.
- o Highlights the importance of data privacy regulations.

# • Cyber Terrorism:

o Punishment: Severe penalties, including life imprisonment or the death penalty under the IT Act and IPC sections related to terrorism.

#### Youth Involvement:

- o Many young people were radicalized online by extremist groups.
- o Some joined such groups and are now trapped in conflict zones like Syria, facing exploitation or even death.

# 3. Cyber Sexual Crimes

- Discussion Led by: Sonali Patankar
- Key Points:
  - o IT Act Sections:
    - Section 75B: Covers publication and transmission of obscene material.
    - Section 77B: Relates to penalty for breach of confidentiality.
    - Section 78B: Addresses violations related to pornography and other cyber offenses.

# o Sexual Harassment Includes:

- Showing pornography without consent.
- Any form of online harassment (messages, stalking, threats).
- All these acts come under the IT Act, which ensures strong legal frameworks for punishment.



#### 4. POCSO Act in Detail

- Focus Areas:
  - o Sections 13, 14, and 15:
    - Deal with child sexual abuse.
    - Life imprisonment as the highest punishment for offenders.
    - Aim: To provide children a safe and protected environment.

#### 5. Responding to Victims

- What Can Be Done:
  - o Listen empathetically and without judgment.
  - o Guide them to report the crime to proper authorities.
  - o Help them access emotional and legal support systems.

#### 6. Case Study Game

# • Activity Details:

**o** Groups were formed, and each received a slip describing a cybercrime scenario.

#### • Tasks:

- o Discuss how the case should be handled.
- o Identify the emotional and legal actions required.

#### • Presentation:

- o Three members from each group presented their findings and solutions.
- o All ALLYN girls actively participated, presenting confidently and representing the college exceptionally well.

The session ended on an insightful and interactive note, emphasizing practical problem-solving and teamwork.

# Glimpse of the Event:



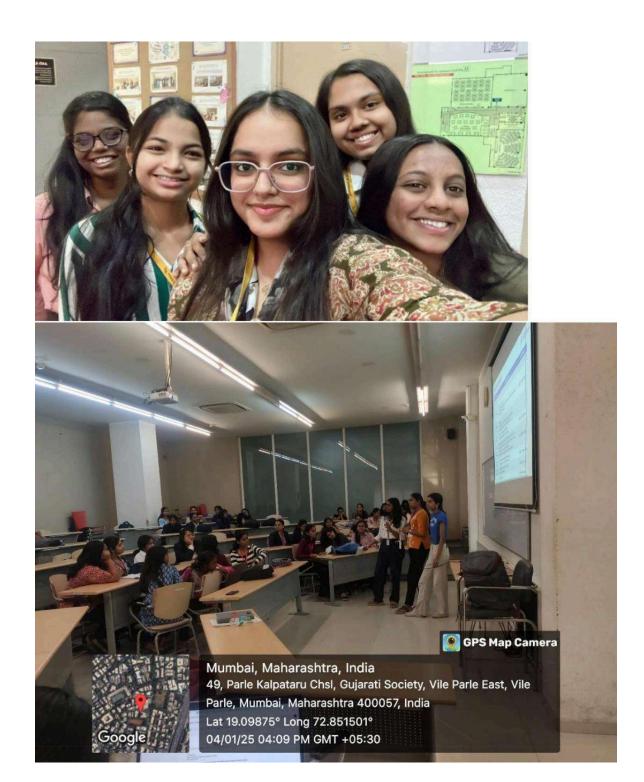


Addressing Psychological Support to the case





Addressing technical support to the case given



Addressing legal Guidance to the case given



**Providing Counselling Support to the cases given**