

World Day against Trafficking in Persons

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- **Title of the Programme- “Use and Abuse of Technology”**
- **Organised by- Department of Women and Child Development & Social welfare, Govt. of West Bengal in Partnership with UNICEF**

- **Brief report:**

The advancements of technology and social media create opportunities to keep people safe, informed and connected. The Director of Child Rights and Trafficking, Smt. Nilanjana Dasgupta, Mohammad Mohiuddin, Chief, UNICEF Office of WB, CID officer explained how human traffickers trick people with fake job offers and promises and then exploit them for profit by taking advantage of online technologies for every step of their criminal activities.

In technical session, Psychologist Saheli Ganguly discussed about the use and addiction of internet, mobile games among children and young adults. From 2019, the percentage with home internet access among 3-18 years old was increasing in Asia. The Joint Secretary of Cyber Security Centre and Excellence, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Das highlighted the current infodemic which enable and amplify the human trafficking, cyber bullying, frauds and other cybercrimes. Traffickers create fake websites or post advertisements on legitimate employment portals and social networking websites. The internet provides easy access to a much larger group of potential victims because traditional, physical and geographical limitations no longer exist. The Dept. of IT & Electronics, Govt. of West Bengal also published a book (both printed and digital version) to aware the people and how the police department save the people from cybercrime.

Dr. Sashi Panja, Minister in Charge, Department of Women and Child Development & Social welfare, Govt. of West Bengal address the role of the academic institutions and teachers to sensitize the students from being affected by cybercrimes, human trafficking and others. Professors from different colleges like Bethun College, Lady Brabourne College, Manindra Chandra College, Presidency University, Calcutta University also participated in the programme. Dr. Sanchita Sanyal participated in the panel discussion, Dr. Poulami Khan and Smt. Arundhati

Ganguly from Asutosh College interacted with the above-mentioned dignitaries on how we can spread awareness among our students to keep them safe in this evolving world and use of technology for their better future.

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