



**Report on**

**Workshop on Digital News Verification & Techniques**

Date: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023.

Venue: Room No. C-108, C Block, K.R. Mangalam University.

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Students of SJMC

Resource Person: Mr Nimish Kapoor, Senior Scientist, Vigyan Prasar & Data Leads

Coordinators: Mr Ritwik Ghosh & Ms Aditi Agarwal

Organized by: School of Journalism and Mass Communication in collaboration with

KEIC Number of Participants: - 40

On Friday, September 22, 2023 School of Journalism and Mass Communication in collaboration with KEIC, K R Mangalam University, Gurugram, organized a workshop on Digital News Verification & Techniques with an objective for creating and transferring knowledge regarding the digital paradigm, which started at 10 AM in room C108. The invited expert of the workshop was Dr. Nimish Kapoor, a Senior Scientist and Science Communicator from Vigyan Prasar, Govt. of India. The event commenced with a warm welcome of the guest by the Dean of SJMC, Prof. Dr. Neeraj Khattri. During the workshop, Dr. Kapoor covered various aspects of digital news verification. He emphasized the importance of data-driven storytelling for journalists and highlighted the vast amount of data available online. Dr. Kapoor also shed light on the usage of tools and techniques to verify data, as well as methods to analyze and authenticate large datasets and documents. The workshop equipped attendees with essential abilities, skills and knowledge digital news, enabling them to be responsible and produce more accurate, data driven content in the digital age.

The students were then taken through various digital verification techniques in practical sessions. They learned how to use reverse image search to check the original source and date of pictures. They were also taught to verify videos and check for editing or manipulations.

Important tools like web archives, social media analytics tools and fact-checking websites were demonstrated. Students were given hands-on practice in tracing fake news sources and

busting false narratives. They were also shown how to contact original posters or witnesses to cross-check stories.

In the end, students worked in groups to fact-check recent viral claims related to politics, health, crime etc. Their findings were presented and discussed with the expert. The workshop helped in building student capacities for responsible digital journalism. It emphasized the importance of verification before publication in the online news ecosystem. The students found the practical learning very useful.



