

## Workshop on Cyber Safety

The workshop on cyber safety was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 by Mr Rakshit Tandon an Expert to Cyber Crime Unit of Uttar Pradesh Police at Agra and Cyber Crime Cell of Gurgaon, Haryana Police, a Visiting Faculty-Lecturer at DR. B.R. Amedkar Police Academy - Moradabad (U.P) , Haryana Police Academy - Madhuvan, Karnal , Police Radio Training School, Indore , CDTs ( Central Detective Training School) Chandigarh and Ghaziabad.

The workshop was held over 5 hours and addressed the Cyber Congress and the students of classes 8<sup>th</sup> ,9<sup>th</sup> ,10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> regarding various points of importance while using the social media.

The sessions for classes 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> covered pertinent points regarding cyber safety starting from the minimum age that is necessary to be able to get on to social media and then covering the potential risks of online behaviour with regards to mediums such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat to name a few. He guided the students on ways to beware of cyber bullying and to not become prey to cyber pranks and informed the students regarding the laws pertaining to cyber bullying in India. He shared the startling statistics relating the number of cases of cyber bullying reported and the extent of the danger posed by them.

The session for class 11th, while also covering the above, was approached with a different mindset. Since these students are allowed by the school to have social media profiles, they were encouraged to become more mindful of their online behaviour and the content they share. He also imparted information to the students regarding conducting safe online money transactions and the necessary steps to be taken to protect the social media accounts by hackers and crackers. Sir suggested ways to create difficult to be cracked passwords. They were acquainted with information regarding the potential hazards of 'open profiles' on social media, which gives free access to their photographs and personal information to strangers. He also pointed out the threats caused by the cloud internet and app permissions which get access to the most personal information which if hacked can pose serious security threat.

The sessions were extremely engaging and children asked questions and gained clarity on whatever queries they had in their mind. Many children also reported bullying cases which will be taken up by the Cyber Congress in coordination with Rakshit sir.

