



Capacity Building Workshop on Media Literacy

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The 'Digital Age' has enabled access to diverse sources of knowledge at a mouse click. However, it has also created unprecedented challenges and structural changes in the news industry. In the absence of any gatekeeping entity, journalists and media educators everywhere are grappling with a deluge of speculative and sensational content in news making, which is further amplified by echo chambers and trust networks. In such a situation, verification/ fact-checking platforms are the need of the hour in order to navigate the distorted and fear-mongering information circulating on traditional media, and social media platforms.

In this context, CUTS International under the initiative titled *Support for Women Journalists in Countering Misinformation and Disinformation in the Indo-Pacific Region* supported by the US Consulate, Kolkata organised a series of webinars and Capacity Building Workshops in metropolitan cities. Cluster-based small workshops in tier 2 and tier 3 cities are also being organised for all genders in East and North East India in the current phase of this project.

The workshop in Agartala, Tripura aims to train media professionals from local media houses to discern and respond to deceptive, biased or false news and to combat disinformation across borders. They will be able to share insights and learn from experts about a variety of methods to counter all forms misinformation/disinformation and encourage professional and responsible journalism in the Indo-Pacific region.

The workshop will feature training sessions and discussions on the following issues:

- Tools and techniques for Fact- Checking
- Debunking distorted information and the Role of Responsible Journalism
- Network building among journalists

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