

Department of Journalism

Activity Report 2020

The Journalism Department's annual academic festival, 'Journo Junction 2020' was organized on the 25th of February. The theme of this edition of the festival was "Dissecting Fake News: Questions on Media and Democracy." The festival began with the inauguration of the annual department publication "Communiqué." This was followed by the Keynote Address by Nikhil Pahwa, the founder of Medianama. He interacted with the students about the current state of media in India and the importance of fact checking in the times of proliferation of new media platforms. This was followed by a panel discussion titled "Fake News: Histories, Political Responses, Political Implications" with Vineet Kumar (Media Critic and Author of "Mandi me Media"), Dr. Sandhya Devesan (Assistant Professor, Jesus and Mary College) and HR Venkatesh (Fact checker at Boom Live and Founder of NetaData). There was also a fact checking workshop conducted by Akhil Ranjan, Fact Checking reporter at AFP (Agence France-Presse) and a Google Certified Fact-check Trainer. Mr. Ranjan explained to students how to debunk fake news articles, videos and images with the use of certain software and plug-ins available to them. Along with the panels and workshops, there were stalls and other attractions that were arranged all over the college by the students of the department. Various competitions such as Open Mic and Bollywood quiz were organized and prizes were distributed. The event came to a close with a performance by the band "Dastaan".

On the of 17th February, 2020, a workshop on "Academic Writing" was organized by the department. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Shivani Kapoor, Assistant Professor, O.P. Jindal Global University. This was particularly useful for Semester 6 students who write a dissertation as part of their course.

A Print Production Workshop was conducted for Journalism (Hons.) students of the fifth semester by Mr. Suman Ghosh, Design Consultant and Assistant Art Director of the national edition of the Indian Express on the 1st of October, 2020. This software training on all aspects of the print software 'In-Design' is a vital component of the Journalism course as it constitutes a part of the paper titled, "Print Journalism and Production".

The department organized a workshop on Adobe Photoshop for the students of photography in Semester 5 on the 23rd of October, 2020. This workshop was conducted by Dr. Naazish, Assistant Professor in the Department of Journalism, Bharati College, Delhi University. This was an online workshop in which the students were explained the difference between editing and manipulating images using the software. The students were taught how to use the basic tools of the software.