

Report on Training of Trainers (ToT) of NSS Volunteers for Cyber Smart Heroes Programme

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Objectives:

- To orient NSS volunteers on the importance of cyber safety and responsible internet use, especially for children.
- To equip volunteers with knowledge and tools to conduct school-based interventions on cyber security.
- To promote safe digital practices among young students through peer-led awareness initiatives.

Target Audience:

- NSS Volunteers and Programme Officers from Tapesia Campus, Assam Don Bosco University

Number of Participants:

- 29 NSS volunteers
- 6 NSS Programme Officers

Programme Highlights:

The Training of Trainers (ToT) session for the Cyber Smart Heroes Programme was conducted via Zoom in collaboration with Child Rights and You (CRY), Kolkata. Mr. Saptarshi Hazra, Senior Manager – Volunteer Action, CRY began by explaining the critical role of cyber security in today's digital landscape, particularly for children. He introduced the programme framework, including pre- and post-assessment formats for student participants, and discussed legal aspects and internet safety practices through engaging visuals and animations. An open discussion followed, allowing volunteers to ask questions and clarify concepts. The session concluded with the finalization of the next step, which involves the trained volunteers visiting schools to carry out cyber safety awareness activities. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ranjita Chanda, NSS Programme Officer.

Feedback / Impact on Participants:

The orientation provided the volunteers with essential knowledge on cyber hygiene and empowered them to take proactive steps toward ensuring safer digital environments for children. Participants found the session interactive, insightful, and relevant, and felt confident about conducting similar sessions in schools as part of the programme's outreach phase.

Photographs

