## **WEBINAR ON CYBER CRIME & SAFETY AWARENESS**



Women Development Cell (WDC) of VPM's R. Z. Shah College of Arts, Science and Commerce organized a Webinar on 28th November, 2020 on the topic, **CYBER CRIME AND SAFETY AWARENESS**. Cybercrimes are on a rise and has become an issue of concern. The field of digital technology is constantly evolving and so is cybercrime. There is a need to create awareness about the scourge of <u>cyber</u>crime, especially among the youth who are tech-savvy and use technology the most. Cybercrime has emerged as serious global issue and creating awareness among the entire population especially the youth is of utmost importance. Keeping this in mind, this Webinar was organised in association with **Youth on The Move, a Non-Government Organization** that involves mainly youth and aims to help all the underprivileged sections of the society. The Webinar was conducted in two sessions.

The first session started with Mrs. Kavita Sharma Vice Principal and Convener of the Student Council welcoming the Chief Guest Mr. Pushkaraj Suryavanshi (Senior Police Inspector, Navghar Police Station). Mr Suryavanshi spoke about the internet and how the advancement in cyber space has revolutionized our way of living, making today's day and age an era of enhanced productivity and creativity. As the people are now doing most of their activities online be it work or shopping for necessities due to the COVID-19 outbreak, more and more people are being targeted by cyber criminals as a means to make easy money. These are the contemporary criminals who are always looking for an opportunity to get entry into any system, taking advantage of human error and system vulnerabilities. The Guest speaker discussed in detail about various types of cybercrimes, how people in the world are being targeted on online platforms for theft via online scams or identity theft scams and leaking personal information

through social media platforms etc. Mr. Suryavanshi also narrated a few cybercrime cases from his personal experiences. He then spoke about some of the more common cybercrimes like hacking, data theft, cyber stalking, identity theft and then informed us about ways to keep ourselves safe from such crimes and ways to approach the Cybercrime units if ever such a situation arises.



For the Second session of the webinar we had as a Guest Speaker Mr. Dharmendra Nalawade, a Cyber Security Consultant and Founder of SCTS. In this session the participants were informed about how cyber crimes are carried out and how to identify one. Mr Nalawade spoke in great detail about the most common frauds that are faced by the youth for instance Job frauds, ATM frauds, Identity theft via social media and also harassment faced due to catfishing on social media. He then informed the participants on how to identify such kind of frauds and how to keep ourselves safe in todays virtual age.

Both the sessions were attended by over 100 students to its maximum limit. The talk generated lot of curiosity among the students . Students asked many questions at the end of the talk. On completion of the question & answers session Mrs. Kavita Sharma, Vice Principal and Convener of Student Council and Mr. Rohit Pawar, Founder of Youth on The Move NGO thanked the Guest speakers for sparing their valuable time and imparting valuable knowledge on such an important topic. This event was organised by the Student Council under the guidance of the Convener, Student Council. Student Council coordinators Raj Shinde, Abhishek Chityala, Shreyash Mankar and Komal took initiative and actively involved in organising and conduct of this Webinar . This webinar was well appreciated by the audience and from the feedback forms collected.