

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
Department of Forensic Science
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM
CYBER CRIME AWARENESS

Academic Year	: 2025-26
Department /School Name	: Department of Forensic Science (SOS)
Event Title	: Cyber Crime Awareness, Belgaon Dhaga
Event Date	: 23/02/2026
Time	: 10:00 AM – 01:00 PM
Duration in Days	: One Day
Mode of Conduction	: Offline
Visit Coordinator	: Mr. Abhishek Rai
Participants	: Students of B.Sc. Forensic Science, Sem IV

Purpose of Visit:

The Department of Forensic Science, School of Science, Sandip University, successfully organized a Community Engagement Program on 23rd February 2026 at Belgaon Dhaga for the students of Second Year B.Sc. The program was conducted as a part of the academic curriculum and social responsibility initiative of the university, with the objective of connecting students with the community and encouraging their active participation in addressing real-life societal issues. This outreach activity was specially designed to sensitize students towards rural challenges while enabling them to apply their academic knowledge for public awareness and welfare.

The primary objectives of the program were to develop a sense of social responsibility among students, enhance leadership qualities, improve teamwork and coordination skills, and promote civic sense and ethical responsibility. The program also aimed to create awareness among

village residents, Zilla Parishad members, and school students about the growing threat of cyber crimes and digital frauds, which are increasingly affecting rural populations due to rapid digitalization and smartphone usage.

The program commenced in the morning under the guidance and supervision of faculty coordinators. Students actively participated in organizing and conducting a Cyber Crime Awareness Campaign within the village. They educated the community about various types of online scams, including OTP scams, where fraudsters trick victims into sharing one-time passwords; YouTube fake links and social media frauds that redirect users to malicious websites; email phishing scams designed to steal personal and banking information; digital arrest scams in which criminals impersonate law enforcement officials to extort money; and electricity/light bill scams where fake messages threaten disconnection to induce immediate payment. Students clearly explained how cyber criminals operate, the psychological tactics used to deceive victims, common warning signs of fraud, and essential preventive measures such as not sharing OTPs, verifying official communication, avoiding suspicious links, and reporting incidents to the cybercrime helpline 1930.

In addition to cyber awareness, students interacted with local residents and school students, emphasizing responsible digital usage, safe online behaviour, and the importance of digital literacy. They encouraged community members to verify information before making payments and to guide elderly and less-educated individuals about online safety. The interactive sessions allowed villagers to ask questions and share their experiences, making the program practical and community-centered.

A significant number of S.Y. B.Sc. students actively participated in the event along with faculty coordinators, demonstrating discipline, cooperation, enthusiasm, and dedication throughout the program. The activity provided students with valuable real-world exposure beyond classroom learning, helping them understand grassroots-level challenges and strengthening their communication and interpersonal skills. It also fostered empathy, community bonding, and confidence in public speaking.

Overall, the Community Engagement Program proved to be a meaningful and enriching experience for both students and the local community. The villagers appreciated the initiative taken by the Department of Forensic Science and expressed gratitude for spreading awareness

about cyber threats that directly impact their daily lives. The program successfully fulfilled its objective of combining academic learning with social responsibility and community service.

Key Highlights of the Visit

During the Community Engagement Program at Belgaon Daga, students were actively involved in spreading awareness and interacting with the rural community.

- To create awareness among village residents, Zilla Parishad members, and school students about rising cyber crimes and digital frauds.
- To educate the community about various scams such as OTP scams, YouTube fake links, email phishing, digital arrest scams, electricity/light bill scams, and other online financial frauds.
- To explain the working pattern and psychological tactics used by cyber criminals to deceive victims.
- To provide practical guidance on preventive measures, safe digital practices, and the importance of not sharing personal or banking information.
- To promote digital literacy, responsible internet usage, and awareness about reporting cybercrimes through official helplines.
- To enhance students' communication skills, leadership qualities, teamwork, and sense of social responsibility through direct community interaction.





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