

Detailed report : Cyber Crime Awareness and Digital Forensics Legal Literacy Programme conducted at Vidyasagar Auditorium, Barasat Municipality Complex by Brainware University in collaboration with the West Bengal State Legal Services Authority and the District Legal Services Authority, North 24 Parganas, on 7th January ,2026, aimed at creating awareness on cyber offences, preventive measures, digital forensics, and available legal remedies through structured visual presentations and interactive sessions.

Introduction

In furtherance of its mandate to promote legal awareness and digital safety, a Cyber Crime Awareness and Digital Forensics Programme was organized on 7th January,2026 at Vidyasagar Auditorium , Barasat Municipality Complex. The programme was jointly conducted by Brainware University, in collaboration with the West Bengal State Legal Services Authority (WBSLSA) and the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), North 24 Parganas. The initiative was undertaken to sensitize students and participants to the growing incidence of cybercrime, the significance of digital forensics in contemporary investigations, and the legal remedies available to victims, thereby strengthening legal literacy in the digital domain.



Programme Proceedings

The programme commenced at 11:00 am with a welcome address by the Dean Dr Kaushik Banerjee, School of Law, Brainware University, who extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries, faculty members, and participants. The Dean formally introduced the esteemed guests and invited them to the dais. This was followed by a felicitation ceremony, conducted by the Dean to honour the distinguished dignitaries for their contributions to the judiciary and legal services.

The felicitation ceremony commenced with the honouring of Shri Shyamal Gupta, former District Judge, as the first dignitary. This was followed by the felicitation of Shri Shantanu Jha, District Judge, North 24 Parganas, as the second dignitary. Subsequently, Shri S. Arnab Ghosal, Member Secretary, West Bengal State Legal Services Authority, was felicitated. Thereafter, Smt. Poonam Singhi Deputy Secretary of the State Legal Services Authority and Mr. Nurjaman Khan, Secretary of District Legal Services Authority, North 24 Parganas was accorded felicitation.





Expert Addresses and Awareness Sessions

Shri Shyamal Gupta delivered an address on behalf of the West Bengal State Legal Services Authority, focusing on the legal framework governing cybercrime and the importance of public awareness. He shared illustrative anecdotes highlighting the role of the West Bengal State Legal Services Authority and emphasized the importance of legal awareness among laypersons regarding their rights too. Drawing from his professional experience, he referred to various cases encountered during his legal career, including matters relating to cybercrime, to demonstrate how legal mechanisms and institutional support provided effective remedies to affected individuals. This was followed by an address by Shri Shantanu Jha, District Judge, North 24 Parganas, who emphasized the importance of digital forensics in judicial proceedings.

Presentations, Interactive Session and Workshop

An audio-visual PowerPoint presentation was conducted by the Law interns at West Bengal State Legal Services Authority elucidating various forms of cybercrime, preventive measures, and available legal remedies. This was followed by an interactive legal awareness session aimed at

fostering active participation among the attendees. During the interactive session, students raised queries regarding the procedure for contacting the West Bengal State Legal Services Authority and shared their personal encounters with cybercrime. Representatives of State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal addressed these concerns by explaining the modes through which illicit images may be circulated and emphasized the critical importance of social media awareness and digital protection in contemporary times. They further highlighted the potential misuse of digital content and outlined preventive measures to safeguard personal data. Additionally, an intern of the West Bengal State Legal Services Authority demonstrated the process of enabling encryption settings on mobile devices to enhance digital security and prevent unauthorized tracking.



Conclusion

The Cyber Crime Awareness, Cyber Crime and Digital Forensics Programme was successfully conducted through collaborative efforts of Brainware University, the West Bengal State Legal Services Authority, and the District Legal Services Authority, North 24 Parganas. The programme significantly enhanced awareness on cybercrime, digital forensics, and available legal remedies, thereby contributing meaningfully to cyber legal literacy. In an era where artificial intelligence and advanced technology increasingly function as tools for cyber

offences, the initiative underscored the importance of remaining informed, vigilant, and updated with evolving digital risks and legal safeguards.
