

The Safer Internet Day 2019 in Nepal

ChildSafeNet, as the focal organization in Nepal, celebrated the Safer Internet Day for the first time in Nepal, together with its partner organizations, in February 2019. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. ChildSafeNet extends its sincere thanks to all supporters, collaborators, partners, volunteers and team members.

The Safer Internet Day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet. Join us in promoting safer internet for children and young people. Get involved to play your part!

To mark the day, ChildSafeNet organized an event at Labim Mall, Lalitpur, with a slogan, "Together for a Better Internet". The entertaining and informative event was organised to promote safer use of the internet and to raise awareness on cyber safety among children and young people. ChildSafeNet, a specialized organization working to protect children and young people online, is the focal organization for the Safer Internet Day in Nepal.

For celebration of the Safer Internet Day 2019, ChildSafeNet had set up a stall at the Computer Association of Nepal (CAN) Info-Tech 2019 to promote safer internet for children and young people, as a part of celebration of the Safer Internet Day 2019 in Nepal. The biggest IT event of Nepal was organized from 29 January to 3 February 2019 in Kathmandu. At the Info-Tech, ChildSafeNet conducted a paperless survey on social media usage, in collaboration with Digital Broadcast Initiative - Equal Access. The survey was conducted by ChildSafeNet volunteers, using ten tablet computers. Moreover, ChildSafeNet reached directly more than 50,000 people with cyber safety messages

As a part of the Safer Internet Day 2019 celebration, ChildSafeNet, conducted a half-day workshop on cyber bullying with 26 grade 7 and 8 students of Blue Bird Secondary School, Satdobato, Lalitpur on 13 February 2019. At the workshop, students shared their views on protecting children from cyber bullying with specific roles of children, parents, teachers and other duty-bearers (government, police, NGOs, etc). Inputs from children will be used to develop an anti-cyber bullying policy of Blue Bird Secondary School. Students discussed about differences between offline and cyber bullying. Some students shared about their experience of being bullied. Besides, some students shared their experiences as bullies.

The Safer Internet Day 2019 was celebrated in Nawalparasi on February 5, 2019 with the slogan of "Together For A Better Internet" in collaboration with Youth for change Nepal, Better Nawalparasi and Jagriti Child and Youth Concern (JCYCN). Organizer of the programme, Deepak Sharma said, "The programme was organized to raise awareness among teenagers and youth about cyber crimes and misuses of the internet." According to the president of Youth Nepal Raju Chapagain, students and teachers from Bhimsen Secondary School, Prithvi Secondary School and Sakala Secondary School participated in the programme.

Participants of the programme shared information on making the internet safer and protecting children and young people from online abuse and exploitation. During the programme, 300 school students pledged for safer use of the internet, by signing on a banner with a title, "I am committed to use the internet safely".

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