

Queries on hacking, unfit cops mark Times NIE meet

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Chandigarh: Times NIE organised the Times NIE Newsmakers Meet 2019-20 at the traffic and security lines auditorium, Sector 29, here on Tuesday. Shashank Anand, SSP, traffic and security, UT; Jaswinder Singh, DSP, UT, and Gurcharan Singh from cyber detective training institute, Chandigarh, answered the questions of school students on the occasion. The meet was organized in association with Chandigarh Police, Bullseye and Pioneer Education.

Around 200 'school reporters' from NIE member schools participated from the Tricity in the meet. Curious students asked many questions from the SSP and cyber expert regarding hacking, corruption among cops, traffic challans, unfit cops and exemptions for cops at toll plazas.

Samridhi, a student of St Xavier's School, asked the SSP traffic, "Is increasing fines for traffic offenses the last solution?"

Replying on this, the SSP sa-

id the data showed that since the new MV act had been implemented, the number of offences have decreased in the city. Besides increasing the fine, suspension of licences and provision of imprisonment was also added in the Act.

Another student asked the SSP why cops, politicians and other VIPs were exempted at toll plazas in the country? "There are certain exemptions which have been given to cops by the government of India and the one at toll plaza is one of them. Sometimes, cops could be following criminals or going to serve court war-



One of the 'student reporter' being awarded at the meet

rants in other states and they have to move fast. If cops are on official duty they are exempted, but if cops are going in their private vehicles, he has to pay toll," he replied.

While addressing the students, Gurcharan said excess use of social sites on mobile phones by teenagers are making them more vulnerable to cyber crime. He told the students that if they were being blackmailed by cyber criminals, they should re-

port it to their parents, teachers and police.

During the newsmaker meet students were shown two pictures clips on cyber safety, how to drive and walk safe on the roads. On the basis of these clippings, 'budding journalists' were told to write a news report in 150 words. Later, 10 students were declared star correspondents from the news meet. They are Naaz Ansari of Class VIII, Gurukul Global, Manimajra, Arushi Joshi of Class IX, Ankur School, Sector 14; Arnav Gupta of Class VIII, Sky World School, Sector 21, Panchkula; Brahmleen Kaur,

Class XI, St Xavier's School, Sector 44, Chandigarh; Avi Khurana, Class VIII, Yadavindra Public School, Sector 51, Mohali; Ridhi Thapar, Class VIII, Saupins School, Sector 9, Panchkula; Amit Pant of Class VIII, CRB Public School, Sector 7, Chandigarh; Vishal Chauhan of Class IX, DC Model School, Sector 7, Panchkula; Nikhil Sharma of Class VI-II, Vivek High School, Sector 70, Mohali and Samiya of Class IX, Anees School, Kharrar.

Later, Shashak also gave prizes to 11 youth reporters who had contributed in Times NIE edition for the academic year 2018-19. These students are Shreya Parti, Class XI of PML SD Public School, UT; Aman Pathak of DAV Public School, Sector 15, UT; Guralam Dhillon, Pavit Sohail and Manraj Nijher of St. John's High School, Sector 26, Chandigarh; Bhayvya Gulati and Krishna Sethi of Bhavan Vidyalaya, Panchkula; Sahil Dhiman, Holy Child School, Morni; Harsh K Lamba of Learning Path School, Mohali, Ananya Kamboj of Vivek High School, Mohali; and Hunar of Carmel Convent School, Chd.

