

# Online Knowledge Transfer Series

## Report on Lecture #7 “Social Engineering & Cyber Psychology”

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School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) at IGNOU, New Delhi organized Lecture #7 titled “**Social Engineering & Cyber Psychology**” on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Ms. Sanjana Rathi & Ms. Anupama Basrur were the resource persons of the day. Ms. Sanjana Rathi is a TATA scholar holding M.A degree in Political Science Security & Diplomacy from Tel Aviv University, & MSc.Degree in Management of Information Systems & Digital Innovation (MISDI) from London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE). Ms. Anupama Basrur is Certified CyberPsychology Counsellor and conducts Workshops on Online Safety Management for educators, students and parents.

Prof. Sandeep Singh Rawat, Coordinator (KTS), first expressed his appreciation for the invaluable guidance of our esteemed Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, and the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Uma Kanjilal, in facilitating this online knowledge transfer series. Further, Prof. Rawat extended a warm welcome to all the participants. The session commenced with Prof. P.V. Suresh, Director - SOCIS providing an introduction to the distinguished resource persons, Ms. Sanjana Rathi & Ms. Anupama Basrur. He also conveyed sincere gratitude to Maj Gen (Dr) Bipin Bakshi, Executive Director of Cyberdiplomat, for his crucial involvement in facilitating this knowledge transfer session.

Both the experts delves into the intersection of Social Engineering and Cyber Psychology, exploring the intricate dynamics that influence cybersecurity in the digital age. The session examined various techniques, including phishing and impersonation, shedding light on the psychological triggers that make individuals susceptible to such attacks. By understanding the psychological intricacies involved, this lecture empowered organizations to develop more resilient cybersecurity strategies and mitigate risks posed by evolving threats in the ever-evolving digital landscape.

**Social Engineering & Cyber Psychology: Insights from Ms. Sanjana Rathi & Ms. Anupama Basrur during the session.**



A total of 120 participants from various regions of India and abroad actively engaged in the session. The Q&A segment proved to be a valuable opportunity for participants to acquire deeper insights into the subject matter. In closing the event, Prof. V.V. Subrahmanyam of SOCIS proposed a vote of thanks. He offered his thanks to our esteemed Honorable Vice Chancellor - Prof. Nageshwar Rao, and Pro-Vice Chancellor - Prof. Uma Kanjilal, for their timely guidance in organizing the online knowledge transfer series. Special thanks were extended to our resource person, Ms. Sanjana Rathi & Ms. Anupama Basrur, for graciously accepting our invitation and delivering Lecture #7, titled “**Social Engineering & Cyber Psychology**”. Furthermore, Prof. Subrahmanyam expressed appreciation to all participants, as well as faculty members from other schools. The feedback received for the webinar was overwhelmingly positive.

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