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SESSION 2:

HARVESTING SUSPECT NEWS AND DECODED FAKE NEWS

HARVESTING SUSPECT & DECODED NEWS

Guidelines and techniques for harvesting

- What is Harvesting?
 - Sourcing/grabbing the Suspect/Fake News just before or at the initial stage of propagation.
- Techniques of Harvesting
 - Identify the frequent and common source FB Pages, Websites, twitter accounts etc. for suspect news and decoded versions.and keeping track of these URLs.
 - Checking on known debunking websites

HARVESTING SUSPECT & DECODED NEWS

Role of global players

- Global players formulating policies to address the issue
- **WhatsApp**
 - Main source of suspect news.
 - Very prone to suspect news.
 - Is seriously addressing it – planning to come out with a feature to identify suspect & fake news
 - <https://www.businesstoday.in/technology/news/soon-have-an-app-to-highlight-fake-news-on-whatsapp/story/280784.html>
 - <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/experts-working-on-app-to-flag-fake-news-on-whatsapp/articleshow/65186888.cms>
- Although **Facebook** is also working on it but haven't explicitly announces it yet as to what and how.

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Most common fake news source Websites

WEBSITES:

<http://www.fakingnews.com>

<http://www.theindiansatire.com>

<http://www.theunrealnames.com>

<http://www.farzinews.com>

INTERNATIONAL WEBSITES:

[<https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/dont-get-fooled-by-these-fake-news-sites/>]]

This has a list of around 22 website

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Most common Decoding/Debunking Websites

WEBSITES:

<https://www.boomlive.in/>
<http://factchecker.in/>
<https://www.altnews.in/>
<https://factly.in/>
<https://www.hoaxorfact.com/>
www.SMHoaxSlayer.com
<https://www.opindia.com/>
<https://thelogicalindian.com/>
<https://www.firstpost.com/>
<https://www.thebetterindia.com/>
<https://www.thequint.com/>
<https://www.newslaundry.com/>
<https://scroll.in/>
<https://thewire.in/>

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Samples and Exercises



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SESSION 3:

INTRODUCTION TO BASIC PRINCIPLES AND TOOLS FOR
DECODING FAKE NEWS

DEBUNKING FAKE NEWS

Guidelines for debunking

- Tracing the source & its reliability
- No assumptions!
- Your language:
 - should not have any negativity.
 - No strong or harsh words.
 - No bias, should try to be very neutral.
- Google it!
- Reverse image search.

DEBUNKING FAKE NEWS

Sourcing the Fake News; Debunking Methods & Tools

- Finding source of the message/news – backtrack to the URL. (best option: Google)
- Techniques & Tools:
 - **Text News** – directly Google the news, intelligently, to get the source
 - **Photos :**
 - Google - Reverse image options
 - Google - “Visually Similar Images”
 - Also check on <http://www.tineye.com> – look for oldest.
 - **Videos:**
 - Checking for suspect parameters – low res., shaky, location, situation, etc.
 - Google screenshots

DEBUNKING FAKE NEWS

Decoding/Debunking Samples

- Sample 1: Guatemalan Lynching video for Bang. girl
- Sample 2: Modi making girl say “Pappu”
- Sample 3: Muslims responsible for 95% rapes in India
[<https://www.altnews.in/were-muslims-responsible-for-95-of-rapes-in-2016-as-claimed-on-social-media/>]
- Sample 4: Shocking child sacrifice in Rajasthan
[<http://www.hoaxorfact.com/crime/shocking-child-sacrifice-in-rajasthan-village.html>]
- Sample 5: Indian Army burning houses
[<https://www.altnews.in/video-of-an-accidental-fire-circulates-in-pakistan-as-indian-army-burning-houses-in-kashmir/>]
- Sample 6: (Religion)