Report on Guest Lecture September 3, 2024

Report on Guest Lecture: "Recent Trends in IT and Management, Cyber Security"

Speaker: Mrs. Mrunal Abhishek Dahale (Founder and Director) NetLeap IT Training & Solutions Bits & Bytes Services.

On September 3, 2024, Agasti Institute of Management, Computer Application and Research, Akole hosted an enlightening guest lecture by Mrs. Mrunal Dahale on the topic of "Recent Trends in IT and Management, Cyber Security." The session was well-attended by students, faculty, and IT professionals who sought to gain insights into the rapidly evolving fields of information technology and cyber security.

Objective of the Lecture

The primary aim of the lecture was to provide a comprehensive understanding of current trends in IT and management, with a special focus on cyber security. As organizations become increasingly digital, the importance of cyber security in protecting valuable data and ensuring smooth operational processes cannot be overstated.

Key Highlights of the Lecture

1. Emerging Trends in IT and Management

- Mrs. Mrunal Dahale discussed the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) into business processes. She emphasized how AI can enhance decision-making, streamline operations, and lead to better resource management.
- The concept of "Digital Transformation" was a focal point. Mrs. Mrunal Dahale explained how organizations are adopting cloud computing, big data analytics, and Internet of Things (IoT) to drive efficiency and create new business models.
- The shift towards hybrid work models was also highlighted. Mrs. Mrunal Dahale shared strategies for managing remote and in-office employees effectively, emphasizing the role of digital tools in maintaining productivity and collaboration.

2. Importance of Cyber security in Today's World

- Mrs. Mrunal Dahale stressed the urgency of cyber security measures, especially in light of rising cyber-attacks. She provided real-life examples of cyber breaches to illustrate how data vulnerabilities can severely impact an organization's reputation and financial stability.
- The speaker elaborated on the latest developments in cyber security, including zero-trust architecture, multi-factor authentication (MFA), and encryption. These techniques are essential in protecting sensitive data against unauthorized access.



- She also discussed the concept of "Cyber Resilience," emphasizing that organizations should not only focus on preventing cyber incidents but also be prepared to respond to and recover from them.

3. Best Practices and Recommendations

- Mrs. Mrunal Dahale recommended that organizations should regularly update their cyber security protocols to align with emerging threats. She suggested investing in employee training to ensure that staff are aware of potential cyber risks and can recognize phishing attacks and other security threats.
- She also highlighted the importance of compliance with data protection regulations, such as GDPR, and stressed the need for companies to maintain clear policies on data handling.

4. Interactive Session

- Following the lecture, Mrs. Mrunal Dahale opened the floor to a Q&A session. Participants raised questions about practical applications of cyber security in small businesses, career opportunities in IT management, and how AI and ML can be used to enhance security.
- Mrs. Mrunal Dahale provided insightful responses, encouraging students and professionals to stay updated on industry trends and consider specializing in cyber security due to its growing relevance.













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