

Global leaders call for digital literacy at Bharat Summit 2025

HYDERABAD, DHNS: Stating that misinformation threatens democracy, global leaders gathered in Hyderabad to participate in the Bharat Summit 2025, calling for digital literacy and strong cyber laws.

The two-day summit, which began on Friday, hosted a session titled 'Facts vs Fiction: Countering Disinformation', bringing together global policymakers, digital experts, and political leaders to confront the growing crisis of misinformation and disinformation in the digital age.

Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh talked about the erosion of democratic values due to unchecked disinformation.

"The timing of the Bharat Summit is crucial. Today, tech companies control global narratives and encroach upon citizens' rights. I've been a personal victim of deepfakes and fake news. Words I never said were attributed to me. Hatred is being amplified at the click of a button," Singh said.

The session was attended by Matthew William Faulding, Labour Party, UK; Ramkarpal Singh, Member of the House of Representatives, Malaysia; Dr Malu Ravi, Congress MP; Luis Blandon; and senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh.

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri stressed that "what is illegal offline must be illegal online," outlining the EU's policies on digital literacy, media regulation, and public education. She urged young citizens to critically assess where and how their information is sourced.