

'Fake news weaponised'

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The menace of unverified content, threat of its weaponisation, the ease with which it fans hatred, and the role of legal reforms and technological checks and balances to combat disinformation, were key areas of focus at another panel discussion at the Bharat Summit in Hyderabad on Friday.

The discussion on 'Fact Vs Fiction: Countering Disinformation' saw Thanisa-

ra Ruangdej, CEO and co-founder, Punch Up and WeVis from Thailand, speak about how geo-political actors, and political entities deliberately weaponise fake content.

Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh expressed concern over the relative ease with which hate was being spread. "Today, tech companies control global narratives and encroach upon citizens' rights. I have been a personal victim of deepfakes and fake news," he said.