

# Google News Initiative

## 'FactWatch'

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**Hello there!**

Welcome to yet another edition of **'FactWatch'**. This edition of the GNI India Training Network's news bulletin brings to you your monthly dose of some of the big stories from the FCW (Fact-Checking World) and also expert opinions on some pressing issues. As you get back to training mode post-elections, we have also collated in the Friends-in-Facts section some fab new tools and resources, just for you! Before you scroll down, don't forget to check out pictures of our champs in action –'Verification Ninjas' who braved scorching

heat to conduct trainings and helped fellow journalists.

Big shout-out to all of them!!

## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

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### ['Facebookalypse': The demise of graph search](#)

Last week, a set of advanced features of Facebook Graph Search stopped working. Read on to know the implications of these changes on OSINT and digital investigations and catch expert advice on the way forward. (*Eoghan Sweeney / Medium.com*)

### [Twitter buys AI start-up to help it fight fake news](#)

Announcing the acquisition, Twitter said in a blog that **Fabula AI** will help it detect network manipulation and "improve the health" of the conversation on its platform.

### [Election done, it was clean-up time for anti-right pages with millions of followers](#)

Top three Facebook pages that were vociferous in their opposition to PM Modi and the BJP deleted nearly all posts from 2019 soon after the party's landslide victory. (*BoomLive*)

### [Sri Lanka to punish misinformation with jail term, fine](#)

Those caught spreading fake news and hate speeches on social media in Sri Lanka could face a five-year jail term and a fine of up to 10 Lakh Sri Lankan Rupees. (*Scroll.in*)

## DON'T MISS!

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### [After pelosi video storm, a zuckerberg 'deepfake' on Instagram](#)

Two weeks ago, Facebook had declined to remove a doctored video in which Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi seemed drunkenly slur in her speech. (*NYT*)

### [A day in the life of a fake news writer](#)

BBC's Simon Oxenham meets a woman from North Macedonia where a small industry of websites publish misleading and inflammatory political articles targeted at US readers. (*BBC*)

### ['Six lessons from my deep-fakes research at stanford'](#)

John S. Knight's (JSK) Journalism Fellow, [Tom Van de Weghe](#) spells out how, in his opinion, should journalists address the growing problem of synthetic media. (*Medium.com*)

## [For majority americans, fake news is a bigger threat than terrorism, says study](#)

Americans do not blame journalists the most for creating made-up news and information, but put most responsibility on them to fix it, the study by the [Pew Research Center](#) reveals. (*The Guardian*)

## FRIENDS-IN-FACTS: TOOLS AND TIPS

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### [OSINT tools for the dark web](#)

OSINT analyst Jake Creps jots down some tools to help you inspect and navigate the dark web with efficiency. ([jakecreps.com](#))

### [Transcrip-o-matic](#)

Chequeado has built this superb tool that automatically transcribes YouTube videos. Try it out now!

### [Planespotting](#)

Tracking aircraft is an increasingly valuable tool in the arsenal of investigators. Check out this in-depth guide by GIJN to ace the tricks.

### [A guide to open source intelligence \(OSINT\)](#)

All you ever wanted to know about OSINT, in this guide written by investigative reporter Michael Edison Hayden for the Tow Center for Digital Journalism.

## NETWORK CHAMPS IN ACTION!!!

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### Fighting the fake:

Despite scorching heat and election overtime, GNI trainers conducted trainings across cities like Mumbai, Varanasi, New Delhi, Lucknow, Agartala, Srinagar, Hyderabad and Jaipur for both journalists and journalism students. Over 300 of them from Amity University, CNBC Awaaz, All India Radio, Doordarshan Kendra and Guwahati University and others learned verification skills at these sessions last month. Do checkout their pictures above! BTW, do you know what's the biggest ask that participants shared with us in their feedback? More time to learn from all of you.

### Learning from the expert:

Last month, GNI trainers attended a webinar organized by the Global Investigative Journalism Network, where online sleuth **Paul Myers**, BBC's online investigation specialist and OSINT trainer spoke to them about using Google and Social Media for Investigation, including digging up information about people. Missed it? Check out all resources he shared on this website [Researchclinic.net](http://Researchclinic.net)

## REALITY CHECK: LATEST FACT CHECKING EXAMPLES

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[Images falsely claim jagan mohan reddy has converted to hinduism](#) (AltNews)

[This is not a childhood photo of Narendra Modi with his mother](#) (BBC)

[Did barack obama watch PM Modi's swearing-in ceremony?](#) (TimesofIndia)

[Did the wife of Abu Dhabi's crown prince carry the ramayana? a factcheck](#) (BoomLive)

[Did Rahul Gandhi's supporters really cry after his election defeat \(AFP\)](#)

[नोट उड़ाने वाले वीडियो का भारत के लोकसभा चुनाव से कोई संबंध नहीं है \(Vishvasnews\)](#)

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