

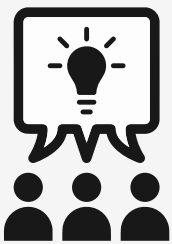
Fact Shala tip sheets on news and information literacy



Critical thinking is, in many ways, central to stop the spread of misinformation. It involves carefully analysing the information in front of you, without the help of tools and techniques.

CRITICAL THINKING IS ABOUT THE ABILITY

- To analyse information from different perspectives
- To compare it with similar information
- To evaluate information critically
- To conclude objectively
- To decide what to believe and what not to



HOW DOES CRITICAL THINKING HELP?

- Empowers you to sift between information and misinformation
- Enables you to recognize misinformation when you see it
- Helps you to evaluate contents of an information piece in front of you
- Makes you responsible citizens, who stop misinformation from spreading further
- Arms you with ability to take evidence-based decisions.



ENHANCING YOUR CRITICAL THINKING

- **Check your biases:** Are you inclined to believing something because of your bias?
- **Become an Independent Thinker:** Question the narrative being presented to you. Take an independent view
- **Be aware:** Being aware helps you take a studied, balanced view of any information. Lack of awareness eventually leads to disinformation.
- **Slow down:** Unless you are completely sure of the information, don't rush to share it. Do your due diligence before you decide to share.



Remember, in the absence of traditional tools and techniques for fact-checking, Critical Thinking is your weapon to combat disinformation.