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Use the digital world as a platform for positive change

Head Boys and Head Girls from schools across the Northern Division were reminded that ethics is not something you simply learn — it is a way of life, embedded in daily choices.

These were the sentiments of Mr. Uwate Biutanaseva, Manager Investigations - West/North at the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC), during his closing remarks at the 2025 Young Leaders Seminar – Northern Division, held at the Labasa Civic Centre.

Speaking on the theme "Empowering Young Leaders through Digital Literacy for Anti-Corruption," Mr. Biutanaseva described the seminar as both inspiring and eye-opening.

"You all came here as young leaders still forming your views about leadership and responsibility," he said.

"You now leave as empowered ambassadors of integrity, equipped with not only knowledge, but also a renewed sense of duty to uphold ethics, values, and transparency—especially in this digital age."

He emphasised that digital literacy is no longer optional but essential.

"It enables us to detect misinformation, demand accountability, and use technology responsibly to expose and prevent corruption."

Mr. Biutanaseva also warned of the dangers of unethical online behaviour, noting that even small acts like spreading false information contribute to a culture where corruption can thrive.

"Ethics is reflected in the choices you make every day—standing up against cheating, reporting misconduct, and using digital platforms responsibly," he said.

"Be the leaders who use the digital world not as a distraction, but as a platform for a tive change."

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To conclude the two-day seminar, Mr. Biutanaseva presented certificates to the students, marking the start of their journey as ethical digital leaders of tomorrow.

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