

## TOP NATIONAL EDITOR SIDDHARTH VARADARAJAN POINTS OUT GROWING INFLUENCE OF DIGITAL MEDIA



On February 2, 2023, Siddharth Varadarajan, Founding Editor of The Wire, addressed the CAJ students on the state of Indian media. He elaborated on the growing influence of digital media spaces across India. He expressed concern about the official attitude towards free speech. He said that the strengthening of democracy requires the strengthening of the free press. "Some Hindi language television channels have programs calculated to polarize Hindus and Muslims," he said. He answered questions raised by more than ten CAJ students. He encouraged students to develop specialized knowledge in niche domains to create an impact in journalism. He stressed the need to face the challenges of a newsroom in order to emerge as a valuable person in any news media organization. Students and faculty members from the Viscom stream also participated in the interaction. The students said they got a full spectrum view of Indian media after attending the 90-minute program.

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