

'Cybersecurity still considered a luxury, not necessity'

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Pune: Inspector General of Police (cybersecurity) Brijesh Singh on Thursday said that given the pace at which digital technology is penetrating our lives, ensuring robust cybersecurity for their digital interactions should be a top priority for individuals.

In his message for the trophy unveiling for the 2018 edition of Cy-Fi Karandak, a unique competitive festival of one-act-plays to raise cybersecurity awareness. The event was held at the police commissioner's office in association with Maharashtra Cyber and renowned theatre group 'Theatre Academy', building up to the grand finale on December 16.

"Unfortunately, we still see a lot of people who consider cybersecurity to be a luxury rather than a necessity. We believe this novel initiative is a great way of making the masses aware about the level of threat that they face today and how to best manage their digital se-



curity to defend themselves against it," he added.

Managing Director and CEO of Quick Heal Technologies Kailash Katkar said, "While Indians ensure adequate security against threats in the physical world, they still tend to take digital security very lightly. This is extremely problematic, as we have started living our lives just as much in the digital world as we do in the physical realm. Any failure to defend against cyber threats in the digital sphere gives cybercriminals the opportunity they need to compromise sensitive informa-

tion and conduct unethical activities with a malicious intent. Awareness is, therefore, the need of the hour."

He further added, "Through the latest edition of Cy-Fi Karandak, we aim to educate users about the digital threats they face, their severity, and how to best defend themselves against an ever-evolving threat landscape."

President of Theatre Academy Prasad Purandare said, "Art is one of the biggest change drivers in society and has been employed, time and again, to make people aware of new



AWARENESS: (From left) SP Maharashtra (Cyber) Sachin Pandkar, MD and CEO of Quick Heal Technologies Kailash Katkar and President of Theatre Academy Prasad Purandare while unveiling the trophy of 'Cy-Fi Karandak 2018' on Thursday.

CY-FI KARANDAK 2018

➤ Announced in August 2018, the second edition of Cy-Fi Karandak has received an impressive response from across Maharashtra. Over 100 teams sent in entries to participate at the event, while Theatre Academy, under the leadership of its president and renowned theatre artist Prasad Purandare, hosted the auditions at regional centres of Pune, Mumbai, Aurangabad, Kolhapur, Goa, and Nagpur. The grand finale of 'Cy-Fi Karandak 2018' on December 16 will be hosted at 'Sakal Lalit Kalaghar' and will be graced by several distinguished luminaries.

ideas and developments. By partnering with Cy-Fi Karandak, we aim to drive a much needed change in public perception about the need for cybersecurity

We are confident that the thought provoking acts on display at the grand finale will raise awareness about the threat landscape and cybersecurity."