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CYBER SHIKSHA
FOR CYBER SURAKSHA

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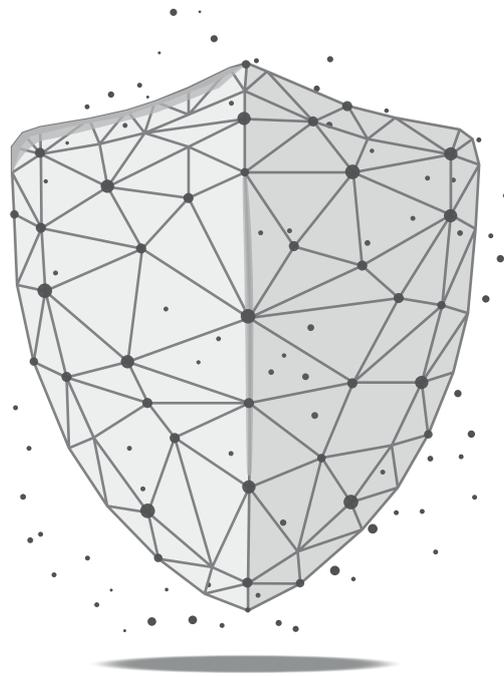
Empowering Youth
Securing Futures
Building a Safer Tomorrow with
Quick Heal Foundation

Executive Summary

CREATING A FUTURE-READY GENERATION FOR
A DIGITALLY SAFE WORLD

The **Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha initiative** is more than an awareness campaign, it is a transformational movement that empowers youth and secures futures. By fostering digital literacy and cyber safety awareness, it is shaping strong, informed communities while nurturing a new generation of young leaders committed to building a cyber secure future.

The **Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha – Earn & Learn** program by **Quick Heal Foundation** is a pioneering effort in youth development, digital literacy, and cybersecurity awareness. As digital dependence grows, many individuals and organizations remain vulnerable to cyber threats due to a lack of awareness. This initiative addresses the gap by training students as Cyber Warriors, equipping them with essential skills in leadership, project management, communication, and teamwork. Through this hands-on approach, the student volunteers are given a platform to become proactive advocates of cyber safety, driving awareness and encouraging a culture of digital security within their communities.

Aligned with the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** - particularly **SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 8 (Promoting Economic Growth and Decent Work) and SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure)**, the initiative promotes capacity building, self-learning, and skill development along with earning opportunities. Engaging both male and female students promotes **gender inclusivity (SDG 5)**, while collaborations with institutions and law enforcement agencies support **SDG 17 (Partnerships for Goals)**.

The project further uplifts students to conduct structured awareness campaigns, mass outreach programs, and cultural engagement activities such as street plays, rallies, and digital campaigns, ensuring maximum reach across diverse demographics. Since its inception, the initiative has impacted over **68.57 lakh individuals across 19 states**, through **5,000+ cyber warriors** in multiple languages reaching aspirational districts, smart cities, and remote villages.

Aligned with key national initiatives and partnerships with **Digital India, Skill India, the National Cyber Security Policy, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), and Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao**, the initiative has developed a future-ready generation of cyber-aware leaders. Cultivating strategic alliances and grassroots engagement continues to drive meaningful change across the nation.

With youth development at its core, Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha is ensuring a digitally secure India, making one empowered leader at a time.

Message from Chairperson

In this digital era, we must transform ourselves and be ready for the future! At Quick Heal Foundation, we believe that true progress is achieved when technology, education, and social responsibility come together. Our commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR) is a promise to create a safer, more informed, and empowered youth in the country.

Cybersecurity is not just a necessity but a shared responsibility. With cyber threats becoming increasingly sophisticated, it is important to train individuals, especially students and young professionals, with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world safely. Through our programs like Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha, we are driving change by promoting cybersecurity awareness, digital literacy, and ethical cyber practices.

Beyond cybersecurity, our goal extends to youth development and capacity building, ensuring that students and young professionals are future-ready. We are dedicated to closing the digital divide by providing access to technology, skill-building programs, and career opportunities, especially for underprivileged communities. By cultivating talent, encouraging innovation, and supporting education, we aim to create a future where every young individual has the tools to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

As we move forward, we invite individuals, institutions, and organizations to join us on this journey of transformation to build a safer, more inclusive, and digitally empowered society.

Anupama Katkar
Chairperson, Quick Heal Foundation

From the Founder's Desk

Technology has the potential to reshape lives, but with this power comes a significant role to play. At Quick Heal Foundation, our mission is to make cybersecurity knowledge accessible to all, ensuring that individuals and businesses are equipped to protect themselves in an increasingly digital world.

Beyond cybersecurity, our CSR initiatives focus on education, skill development, and youth empowerment, where we nurture the youth, as true progress happens when we uplift those around us. By promoting awareness and supporting the next generation of cyber warriors, we are securing the present and building a future where technology is a force for good.

I am proud of Anupama and her team for their dedicated efforts in driving the foundation's vision forward. Her passion for empowering communities and spreading cybersecurity awareness has been crucial in making a real difference.

At Quick Heal Foundation, we believe that true progress is measured not just by technological advancements but by the positive impact we create in society. Through our CSR initiatives, we are committed to cybersecurity awareness, digital education, and skill development, ensuring that individuals, especially those from underserved communities, have the knowledge, and opportunities to build a secure future.

Our Programs bring their vision to life, transforming lives by equipping young minds with essential skills, building resilience, and enabling financial independence. By making cybersecurity an integral part of daily life, we are shaping a future where technology becomes a force for good and an enabler of growth, safety, and opportunity.

Dr. Kailash Katkar
Chairman and Managing Director
Quick Heal Technologies Limited

Dr. Sanjay Katkar
Joint Managing Director
Quick Heal Technologies Limited

Message from Maharashtra Cyber

Since 2017, Maharashtra Cyber has been a proud knowledge partner, working alongside the Quick Heal Foundation to enhance cybersecurity awareness and education. Our collaboration strengthens efforts to reach youth and remote communities through impactful CSR initiatives like Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha, ensuring that no one is left behind in the fight against cyber threats.

With Quick Heal's large-scale engagement, our heroes-cyberwarriors are driving the change, transforming the way cybersecurity education is delivered and empowering communities. Maharashtra Cyber stands firmly with the Foundation in its mission, working together to build a safer and more secure digital future for all.

Mr. Sanjay Shintre
Deputy Inspector General
of Police Maharashtra Cyber (DIG)

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About Quick Heal Foundation

Each step we take at Quick Heal is one towards securing individuals, communities, and society at large. Our initiatives in corporate social responsibility are building a strong foundation for collective progress. They actively involve the beneficiaries, who are encouraged to pass on their acquired advantages to others within their communities.

Several current hurdles to development have been identified by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Through efforts aimed at eradicating extreme hunger & poverty, promoting education, and employment enhancement, vocational training & cybersecurity awareness, we seek to provide innovative and technology-based solutions to these global hurdles. Implemented by the Quick Heal Foundation, each of these initiatives helps ensure a future with a promise of success and security for all.

Vision

 "Securing Futures" – A future, where every individual is empowered to pursue success, with the knowledge that their personal and professional lives are secured.

Mission

- To secure future, by motivating change from within the individuals, communities and societies

- To secure future, by empowering future leaders through technology-driven, innovative solutions

Objective

- To develop the youth of the country through self-development for national progress

- To create a cyber safe nation by spreading awareness about threats in the cyber world

- To encourage a sense of responsible online behavior and adopt digital etiquette

- To educate the community about the identification, mitigation, and reporting of cybercrime

- To equip youth with essential skills, including professional conduct, teamwork, and structured problem-solving, promoting their readiness for future career challenges

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Introduction

The digital economy, projected to contribute 20% of the GDP by 2026, is also increasingly vulnerable to cyber threats. It accounts for 13.7% of global cyber incidents, making it a prime target for attacks. On an individual level, personal devices face an alarming 12 cyberattacks per month on average, highlighting the urgent need for stronger cybersecurity awareness and protection.

₹70,000 crore

is the annual cost of cyber fraud to the Indian economy, according to a recent report.

Scammers often start small, stealing a few hundred rupees to evade law enforcement detection, before escalating to thousands or even lakhs as they manipulate victims over time. This growing threat emphasizes the critical need for widespread awareness and robust cybersecurity measures.

CYBER SHIKSHA FOR CYBER SURAKSHA

An Initiative for Digital Awareness

The Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha initiative, led by the Quick Heal Foundation, is a pioneering initiative dedicated to educating and empowering youth and communities on cyber safety. With the rise of digital threats, this program is crucial in raising awareness about cyber risks, promoting cyber hygiene, and educating individuals on cyber laws and reporting mechanisms.

Collaborating for Impact

By partnering with educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, and industry leaders, the initiative delivers structured training and real-world exposure, fostering a cyber-resilient society.

Earn & Learn:
Building Future Cyber Warriors

A key highlight of this initiative is the **'Earn & Learn' program**, which engages and trains students as **Cyber Warriors**. These young changemakers are empowered to lead the charge in creating a cyber-safe future.

This initiative goes beyond technical knowledge by enhancing their:

Cyber Safety
Awareness

Communication
Skills

Teamwork And
Leadership
Abilities

Project
Management

Incentivize
Sustainable Impact

2024-25: Strengthening Digital Literacy

This year, the program further expanded its reach, aligning with key government initiatives such as:
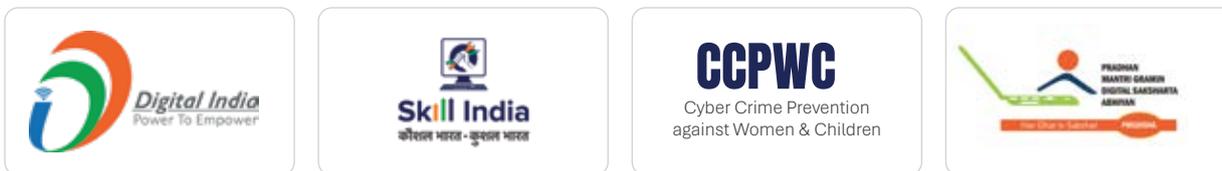
A major milestone was the integration of cybersecurity education as an accredited 2-credit university course, providing students with structured learning and industry-recognized credentials.

Additionally, corporate partnerships have provided students with:

- **Enhanced industry exposure**
- **Practical learning opportunities**
- **Real-world cybersecurity experience**

Cultural Outreach: Cyber Awareness Through Tradition

Cyber Warriors have reached thousands by conducting awareness programs during major festivals like G**anapati Utsav, Navaratri,** and **Dahihandi**. But what made these **efforts truly impactful**?

Folk dances, street plays, and skits with timeless methods of storytelling are used to spread the crucial message of cyber safety. By weaving cybersecurity awareness into cultural heritage, the program ensures that messages resonate deeply with diverse audiences, making cybersecurity education engaging and relatable.

Cyber Smart Villages: Protecting the Vulnerable

In remote villages, the '**Cyber Smart Village**' initiative is creating digital sanctuaries, empowering individuals once vulnerable to cyber threats. Parents are no longer just protectors but active warriors, ensuring their children navigate the digital world safely.

Despite challenges like Infrastructure limitations, Transportation struggles, and Natural calamities, these cyber warriors remain undeterred, driven by a mission larger than themselves.

Inclusivity:
No One Is Left Behind

The program ensures marginalized groups such as:

- **Transgenders**
- **Street Vendors**
- **Rickshaw Drivers**
- **Traffic Police**
- **Bankers**
- **Health Workers**
- **Hotel Staff**

...are informed, equipped, and empowered to combat digital threats. This initiative acts as a complete shield to protect everyone from cybercrime.

Competitive Spirit: Pushing Boundaries

This time, to increase engagement and excitement, a competitive format was introduced, challenging warriors to think outside the box and push their limits. This not only boosted participation but also encouraged innovation in cybersecurity awareness initiatives.

Execution Process

1 Identification of institution

2 Orientation session at Pune for club officers

3 Round 1 - Volunteer selection & training

4 Club inauguration

5 Core activities

6 Monitoring & Evaluation

7 Report submission

8 Round 2

9 Award ceremony
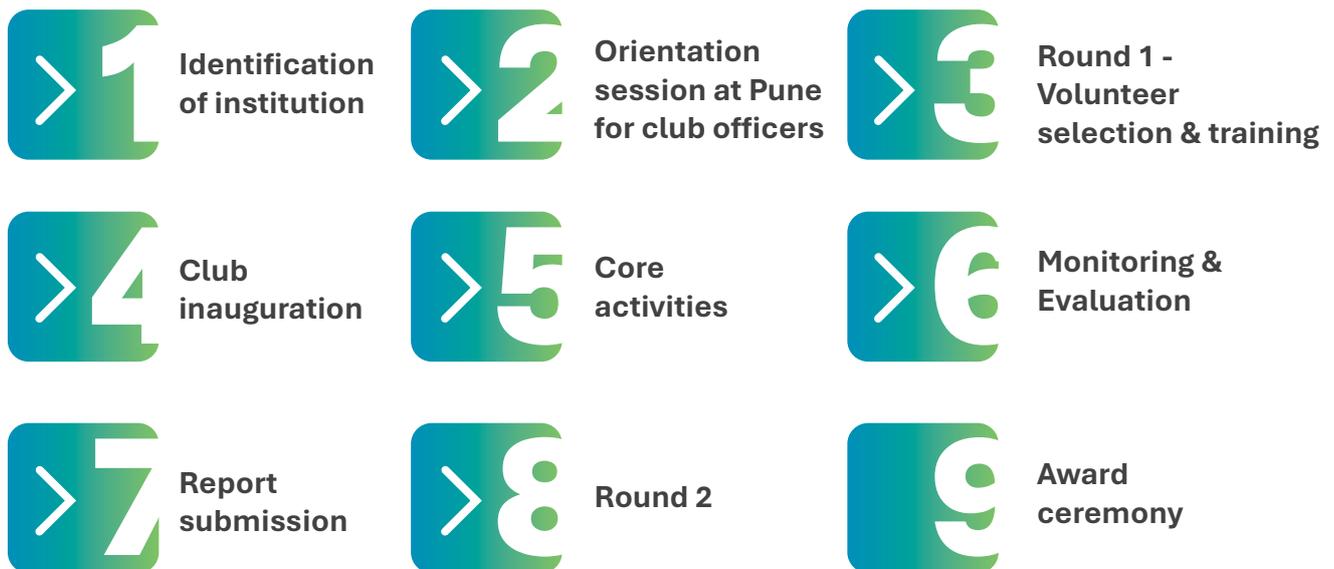
Identification of Partner Institutions

Identifying institutional partners for the Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha project involves selecting new institutions committed to promoting cyber awareness. Partnerships are established based on their willingness to join this project, engagement levels of students and faculty, and alignment with the project's objectives. Institutions with outreach potential are prioritized to maximize impact and are selected through meetings with their authorities.

Orientation Session at Pune

During the orientation program in Pune, teachers and club officers are briefed on the roadmap, timeline, and guidelines for conducting both online and offline activities. Experts engage them in interactive induction sessions, encouraging them to present their strategies to top the leaderboard. Inspired by Swami Vivekananda's teachings, they are motivated to lead with purpose and find success through this initiative. The "Good to Great" mantra became their driving force, reinforced daily with Vivekananda's thoughts shared via WhatsApp groups. This induction provided clarity on processes, helping them carve their path to achieving targets effectively.

Here, Quick Heal Foundation's intervention plays an important role in transforming students into young leaders by equipping them with essential skills and real-world exposure. Through specialized training in Pune, students gain corporate exposure, where experts train them in soft skills, adaptability, and experiential learning. This hands-on experience enables them to tackle real-time challenges with confidence, showcasing resilience and problem-solving abilities. The initiative not only refines their research and employability skills but also shapes them into catalysts for positive change, making a lasting impact in their communities.

Round 1

Volunteer Selection & Training

Volunteers are carefully selected by teachers and club officers through interviews and mock sessions to ensure their suitability for the role. Their training, conducted using AV materials provided by the Quick Heal Foundation, covers session delivery in schools, impact activity execution, and structured reporting. They are also guided on adhering to timelines and following QHF guidelines, ensuring effective implementation of the initiative.

Club Inauguration

At eight key locations, Cyber Warrior Clubs were officially inaugurated, appointing leadership roles such as Club President, Secretary, Community Director, and Media/PR Director. Each officer was entrusted with specific responsibilities to ensure structured execution, effective reporting, and widespread outreach.

To maximize efficiency and impact, Warriors were organized into dedicated committees, each led by a designated officer. During the inauguration ceremony, Ms. Anupama Katkar, the Chairperson of Quick Heal Foundation, personally awarded badges to club officers, honoring their dedication and leadership. This symbolic moment instilled a deep sense of pride and responsibility, inspiring them to lead by example and tackle cybersecurity challenges with confidence.

Additionally, Cyber Warriors received their official badges, marking their induction into the initiative and reinforcing their vital role in supporting and developing a cyber-safe society.

Core Activities
Presentations in Schools/Colleges

Cyber Warriors have broken barriers to spread cyber awareness in schools, even in the most remote areas. Braving heavy rains, waterlogged roads, and inaccessible terrains, they walked long distances to ensure that students received essential education on cyber safety. In schools without projectors or PA systems, they relied on creative methods like role-playing, storytelling, and interactive discussions to simplify complex cyber threats and make learning engaging. Through these experiences, they honed their communication and audience engagement skills and also developed leadership qualities by guiding their peers and managing sessions independently. Their ability to adapt, persuade, and inspire has impacted thousands of students while strengthening their own confidence and resilience. These young changemakers are shaping a safer digital future for all.

Impact Activities

Cyber Warriors took cybersecurity awareness beyond classrooms, conducting impact-driven initiatives in public spaces during festive seasons and large gatherings to maximize outreach. By engaging crowds with interactive activities, live demonstrations, and real-life case studies, they transformed cyber safety education into an engaging and memorable experience.

We believe that one-to-one engagement creates a deeper impact. By guiding individuals on essential security measures such as two-factor authentication, privacy settings, and location controls, Cyber Warriors ensured that every person they interacted with could immediately enhance their digital safety.

Their commitment extended to community-based programs, where they tailored awareness sessions to address the digital risks faced by diverse groups—including factory workers, self-help groups (Bachat Gat Mahila), ASHA workers, Anganwadi Sevikas, and farmers. By stepping into unreachable and often overlooked communities such as transgender individuals, garment workers, and bakery workers, they bridged the digital divide and empowered vulnerable populations with practical solutions to prevent financial fraud, phishing attacks, and online exploitation.

Beyond public outreach, Cyber Warriors recognized the need for parental awareness and launched the "**Parent as a Warrior**" initiative. Through this program, they educated parents about screen time risks, child-targeted cyber threats, social media pitfalls, and mobile security best practices, ensuring that families were equipped to safeguard their children in the digital world.

These experiences deepened the Warriors' understanding of social realities, exposing them to the challenges faced by marginalized communities and strengthening their sense of social responsibility. By engaging, educating, and empowering people from all walks of life, Cyber Warriors have emerged as changemakers, ensuring that digital safety knowledge reaches every corner of society.

Mass Activities

Cyber Warriors harnessed the power of mass outreach initiatives to capture public attention and drive cyber awareness through street plays, exhibitions, flash mobs, rallies, and human chains. By combining creative storytelling, engaging performances, and real-life scam scenarios, they turned festivals like Dahihandi, Ganapati Utsav, and Pandharpur Waari into powerful platforms for cybersecurity education.

Their impact reached rural communities through Gram Sabhas, which played a key role in establishing "Cyber Smart Villages." In these villages, local residents became proactive in identifying and mitigating online threats. This initiative aligns with the 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan,' which empowers rural citizens by training them to use computers and digital devices (such as tablets and smartphones), send and receive emails, browse the internet safely, access government services, search for information, and make digital payments.

Additionally, they also leveraged national observances, day celebrations, and large public gatherings to reach diverse audiences, ensuring that cybersecurity awareness was embedded in everyday life.

Cyber Warriors' agility and quick thinking enabled them to seize unexpected opportunities. For instance, during an Anganwadi workers' protest, they stepped in to educate participants about fraudulent messages exploiting government schemes like "Ladki Bahin Yojana", helping prevent scams targeting vulnerable communities.

These collective efforts not only empowered thousands with essential cyber safety knowledge but also demonstrated how youth-driven innovation, creativity, and collaboration can play a transformative role in building a digitally secure society.

Online Outreach

Cyber Warriors maximized their outreach by leveraging online platforms to educate communities on cyber safety. They launched an interactive online quiz, "**how much do people know about cyber safety?**" to assess and enhance public awareness, encouraging individuals to test their knowledge of cybersecurity. To deepen engagement, they actively promoted the download of a comprehensive cyber safety booklet, offering essential guidance on identifying, mitigating, and reporting cyber fraud.

Social media became a powerful tool in their efforts, with students showcasing their creativity on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube to spread awareness in an engaging manner. They also launched podcasts featuring experts from legal, law enforcement, and psychology backgrounds, providing deep insights into the mindset of cybercriminals and the psychology of victims.

To further simplify complex cybersecurity concepts, student-led creative teams produced short, animated videos that explained cyber threats in a visually compelling and easily understandable way. Widely shared across social media, these videos helped make digital safety a mainstream conversation, empowering people to navigate the digital world securely.

Monitoring & Evaluation

Quick Heal Foundation coordinators ensured smooth execution by conducting live visits during presentations to assess quality and engagement. They also gathered teacher feedback post-session to evaluate the impact and guide students on improving their delivery. Outreach data was regularly updated by students, compiled by club secretaries, and stored on Google Drive for verification by QHF. Based on these evaluations, students earned performance points, which contributed to final award assessments, ensuring fair recognition of efforts.

Report Submission

After completing the project, all participating institutions compile and submit the final report using the prescribed Excel templates, ensuring data accuracy and completeness. Supporting documents, including session photos, feedback videos, and official letters, are uploaded to the designated Google Drive folder for verification and evaluation. This data helps assess impact, recognize top performers, and determine award recipients in the Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha Awards. Upon successful report submission, students receive stipends based on their outreach efforts.

Second Round

Content Creation and Promotion

The second round for the top 10 qualifiers was conducted through a YouTube activity, where teams created videos on assigned cybercrime topics. Each team collaborated with experts like cyber police, psychologists, lawyers, bankers, and cybersecurity professionals to provide in-depth insights. The videos were uploaded on Quick Heal Foundation's YouTube channel, and teams were tasked with promoting their content. Winners for "Cyber Smart Club" and "Best Club Overall" were selected based on views, likes, subscribers, and overall engagement, ensuring widespread cyber awareness and impactful digital outreach.

Awards

 The Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha Awards 2025 celebrated the outstanding contributions of Cyber Warriors, teachers, principals, and institutions in promoting cyber awareness and digital safety. **Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan,** graced the event as the Chief Guest, alongside Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of PAH Solapur University, Dr. Prakash Mahanwar, and DIG of Police, Mr. Sanjay Shintre, as Guests of Honor. The ceremony was well coordinated by the entire management team of the Quick Heal Foundation, recognizing excellence in leadership, outreach, innovation, and impact. Winners were selected based on performance evaluations, engagement metrics, and dedication, reinforcing the spirit of youth empowerment and collective action for a cyber-safe future.

Outcome

Students underwent a remarkable transformation, embodying the mantra "**Good to Great**" by developing self-motivation, ownership, community engagement, and crowd management skills. Through continuous interaction with the Quick Heal Foundation team, weekly club meetings, and practical execution of tasks, they learned corporate etiquette, structured administration, documentation, reporting, and adherence to timelines. These experiences instilled in them a strong sense of responsibility, presence of mind, and leadership qualities. More importantly, they found pride in serving society, realizing the power of their contributions in making the digital world safer for all.

Our Key Highlights

01 | **Youth Leadership Development**
Through initiatives like club activities and community outreach, the program nurtures future leaders who understand societal challenges and work toward resolving them.

02 | **For the Community, By the Youth**
Engaging students in meaningful outreach to serve diverse communities.

03 | **Empowering Grassroots Communities**
Reaching remote and underserved areas ensures that every citizen, regardless of location, is equipped to tackle cyber threats.

04 | **Cultural Engagement in Cyber Awareness**
Using cultural activities like rallies, street plays, and human chains to spread awareness.

05 | **Reaching the Unreachable**
Conducting programs for marginalized groups, including transgenders, street vendors, rickshaw drivers, vegetable vendors etc.

06 | **Engaging Organized Sectors**
Reaching out to gram panchayats, traffic police, bankers, health workers, and hotel staff.

07 | **Festive Awareness Programs**
Utilizing public gatherings during festivals like Ganapati Utsav, Navaratri, and Dahihandi for impactful awareness drives.

08 | **Cyber Smart Village**
Extending cyber education to rural areas, transforming villages into cyber-safe hubs.

09 | **Parent as a Warrior**
Involving parents in awareness campaigns to strengthen community-wide cyber safety.

10 Expanding Online Awareness

Engaged over 2.5 lakh people through interactive online initiatives, including a self-assessment quiz to assess personal vulnerability and downloadable booklets offering practical insights into common cyber threats, along with step-by-step guidance on identification, mitigation, and reporting.

11 Overcoming Challenges

Successfully navigating obstacles like infrastructure limitations, transportation issues, and natural calamities to achieve project goals.

12 Economic Empowerment

Students utilized their stipends to support their families, pay college fees, and meet medical expenses.

13 Advocacy for Change

Empowers participants to become advocates for cybersecurity, driving positive social change within their communities.

14 Nation Building

Contributes to a resilient and informed society by reducing cyber threats and supporting a culture of digital security.

15 Holistic Development

Combines digital safety education with soft skills like communication, public speaking, and empathy, preparing youth for personal and professional success.

16 Encouraging Ethical Behavior Online

Promoting values like responsibility and integrity in digital interactions fosters a culture of trust and security in cyberspace.

Media coverage

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Cyber Warrior Club inaugurated at Priyadarshini College of Engineering

The Quick Heal Cyber Warrior Club of **Priyadarshini College of Engineering** (PCE), was inaugurated recently. The event was attended by guests **Anupama Katkar**, chairperson of Quick Heal Foundation, **Ajay Shirke**, associate director QHF, **Vivek Nanoti**, director engineering LTJSS and **Shrikrushna Dhale**, principal of PCE. The inaugural function was also attended by teacher coordinators **Prof Bhagyashree Dharaskar** and **Prof Priyanka Padmane**. During the ceremony, badges were distributed to the newly appointed Cyber Warriors of PCE, who have been selected to lead the 'Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha' initiative. The initiative, is being propelled in collaboration with Maharashtra cyber police department. The Quick Heal Cyber Warrior Club consists of **Alhan Siddique** (president), **Trushna Gandhare** (secretary), **Harsh Ratthe** (community director) and **Harshal Borkar** (PR/media director) and dedicated cyber warriors. Vote of thanks was proposed Siddique.

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Outreach

No. of states	03
No of institutions	33 (28 Colleges, 5 Universities)
No. of cyber warriors	780
	Male:278 (36%), Female:502 (64%)
	FY: 98, SY: 333, TY: 253, PG: 28
Marginalized	344 (47.6%)
No. of teacher coordinators	51
No. of schools reached	2324
Taluka	162
Districts	30
	Aspirations Districts 4 (Nandurbar, Dharashiv, Jalgaon, Washim)
	Smart Cities: 9 (Mumbai, Greater Mumbai, Thane, Amravati, Solapur, Nagpur, Kalyan-Dombivli, Pune, PCMC)
Presentations	4925
Medium of communication	English, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Kannada, Urdu
Students sensitized	9,87,219
Impact activities	2933
Impact outreach	2,10,126
Mass activities	66
Mass outreach	1,17,696
Total offline outreach	**13,15,041**

Online Outreach:	**2,54,838**

Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha through Associate Partners

The Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha initiative, in collaboration with the Cummins India Foundation, successfully engaged Cummins employees in spreading cyber awareness. Through this partnership, over 5,840+ students from 27 schools in Pune were educated on cyber threats, online safety, and digital hygiene. Employees conducted interactive sessions, workshops, and awareness programs, empowering students to navigate the digital world safely. This initiative showcased the power of corporate social responsibility (CSR) and employee engagement in building a cyber-aware generation.

## Outreach:

Schools	Students sensitized
27	**5840+**

Outreach

Gujarat
10,592

Maharashtra
12,54,238

Karnataka
55,553

West Bengal
500
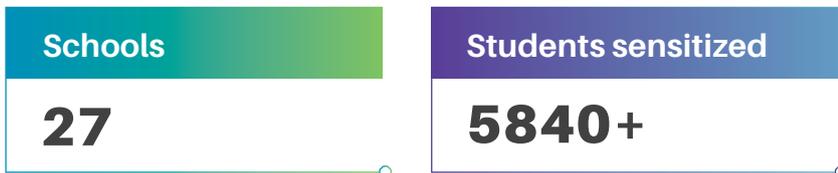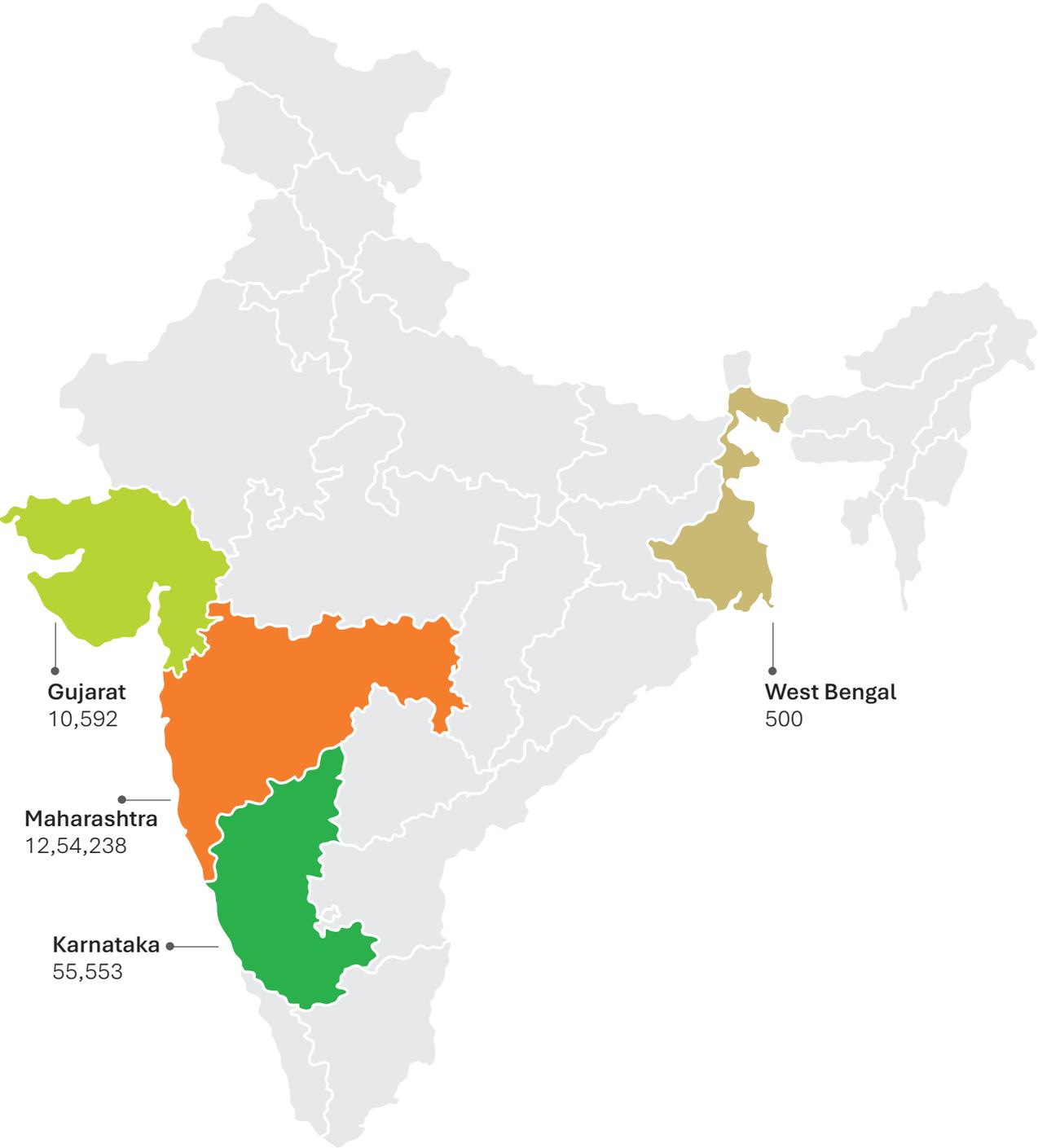
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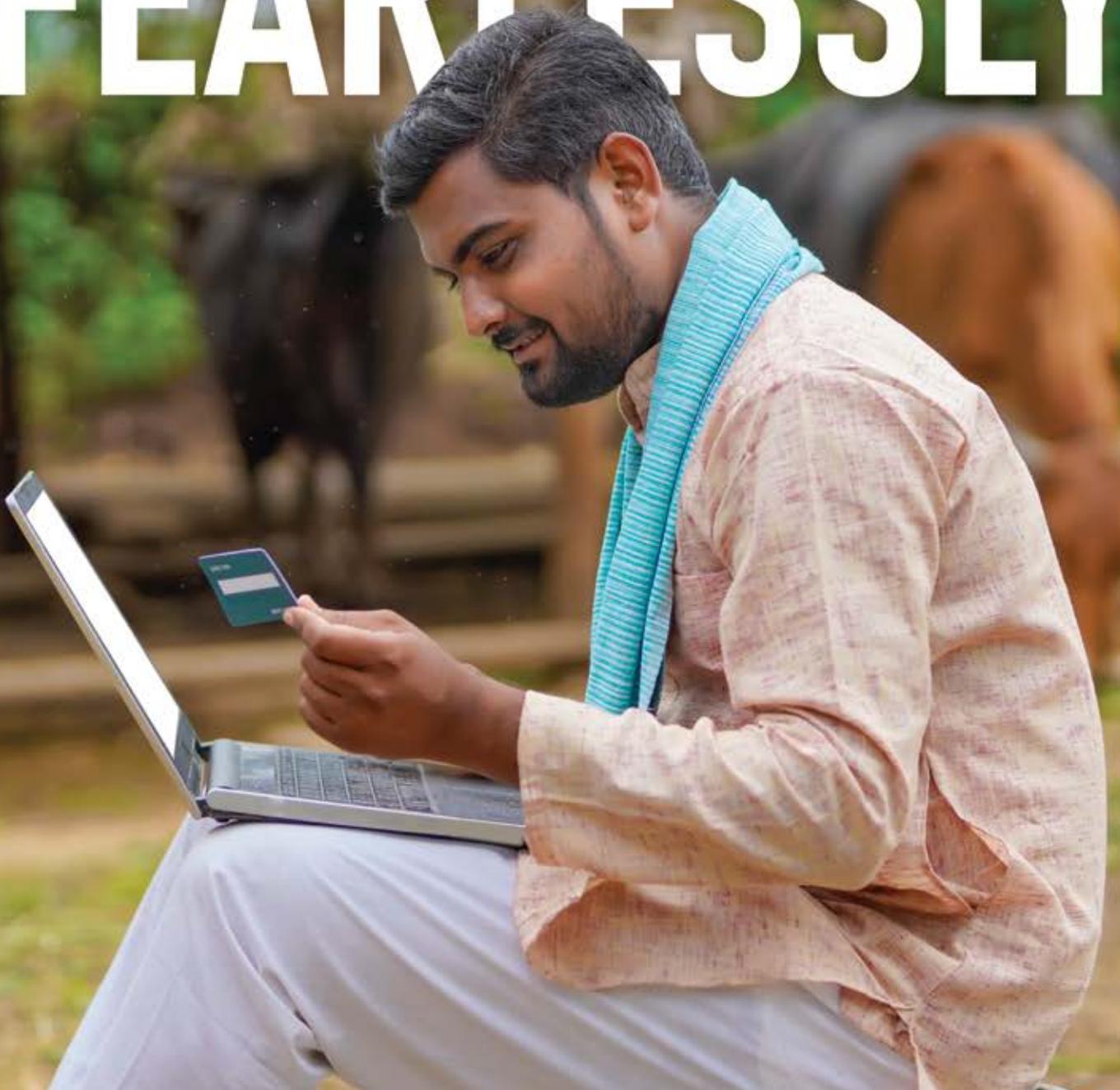
Earn & Learn (Indirect)

The Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha project was also conducted indirectly in association with CYDA and Srijan Ek Soch at Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), and Guwahati (Assam), following a similar approach as in Maharashtra. Through these partnerships, students were trained as Cyber Warriors, spreading cyber awareness in schools, colleges, and communities. Awareness sessions, impact activities, street plays, and rallies were conducted to educate people about cyber threats, online safety, and digital hygiene. The initiative also reached marginalized communities, ensuring cyber awareness for all. Monitoring and evaluation were carried out to track engagement, participation, and impact, reinforcing the mission of building a cyber-secure society nationwide.

Outreach:

| No. of states:	No. of people reached:
03	**1,34,006+**

Street Plays

"Power Play on Cyber Safety Awareness" was conducted in public places and educational institutions in Faridkot (Punjab), Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir), and Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) to spread cyber awareness engagingly and interactively. These performances used traditional storytelling techniques to educate people about common cyber threats, online scams, and digital safety measures. By incorporating real-life cyber fraud scenarios, emotional narratives, and interactive dialogues, the plays effectively captured the audience's attention and made cybersecurity education more relatable. Conducted in bustling marketplaces, schools, and colleges, these street plays reached large and diverse audiences, ensuring maximum impact. This initiative highlighted the power of performing arts in driving social change, reinforcing the message that awareness is the first step towards cyber safety.

Outreach:

No. of States	No. of police stations covered	No. of people reached
03	37	54,000+

Total Outreach

Jammu & Kashmir
15,714

Punjab
21,495

Assam
42,452

Uttar Pradesh
42,427

Madhya Pradesh
16,800

Gujarat
10,592

Maharashtra
12,54,238

West Bengal
500

Chhattisgarh
49,127

Karnataka
55,553

Outreach:

No. of States
10

Total Outreach
15,08,898

The Future of Cyber Safety & The Way Ahead

Under the visionary leadership of Mrs. Anupama Katkar, the Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha initiative has empowered youth, transformed lives, and significantly advanced cyber awareness. By engaging students as Cyber Warriors, the program has bridged the digital divide, reaching remote villages, marginalized communities, and diverse sectors of society.

Built on a customized experiential learning model, the initiative combines mentorship, leadership development, and real-world exposure, equipping students with critical problem-solving, communication, and management skills, thus preparing them to be future-ready professionals.

Through presentations, impact-driven activities, mass outreach programs, and digital campaigns, our Cyber Warriors have educated millions on cyber hygiene, fraud prevention, and digital safety. Initiatives like **Cyber Smart Village** and **Parent as a Warrior** have extended cybersecurity awareness to grassroots levels, ensuring long-term impact. By aligning with national missions such as **Digital India, Skill India,** and the **National Cyber Security Policy**, the initiative plays a vital role in nation-building and digital empowerment.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on expanding outreach, enhancing training methodologies, and leveraging technology-driven solutions to strengthen cyber resilience. The dedicated focus and commitment of students, teachers, institutions, and corporate partners have been important in shaping a cyber-safe India. Their collective dedication will continue to inspire and drive meaningful change in the years to come.

Together, we are raising awareness and igniting a movement to build a safer, stronger, and cyber-aware future for all.

Testimonials

Principal

Dr. Akhilesh Peshwe

Dharampeth M. P. Deo
Memorial Science
College, Nagpur

Since 2017, we have been a proud part of this project, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity. As an institution, this initiative has greatly benefited us, allowing us to extend learning beyond the classroom.

Our students have gained immense value through interactions, enhancing their personality development, confidence, and overall growth. We have seen a remarkable transformation in them as they acquired knowledge and shared valuable insights with others. Additionally, the program has instilled essential project management and event-handling capabilities in our students which will serve them well in their future careers.

We sincerely appreciate the financial support provided by the Quick Heal Foundation. Many of our students come from economically challenged backgrounds, and this support has made a significant difference. The Earn & Learn program has not only eased their financial burden but also motivated them to pursue their education with greater determination. This initiative has truly made life easier for them, and we deeply thank Quick Heal Foundation for its support.

Teacher

Harshita Vachhani

Pratibha College,
Chinchwad

As a teacher, I have always believed that knowledge is the key to empowerment. This initiative has been truly transformative for our students and it has equipped them with invaluable knowledge to navigate the online space safely.

I have witnessed shy and uncertain students grow into confident individuals, ready to take on new challenges. The hands-on training, expert guidance, and mentorship provided through these programs have opened doors to new opportunities for many.

I appreciate Quick Heal Foundation's dedication to creating a safer, more informed, and digitally empowered society. Their efforts are shaping the future, and I am proud to be associated with their mission.

Testimonials

Students

Joshua Riberio

Pratibha College,
Chinchwad

Life for me took a tough turn when my father's illness left him bedridden, and my mother's knee pain made even daily tasks difficult. With my younger brother still in school, the burden of supporting my family fell on me.

I joined Quick Heal Foundation's Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha -Earn and Learn program. It not only gave me financial help but also helped me with skills to build a better future. Carefully managing my earnings, I was able to support my family's expenses for six months.

This program helped me through a difficult time and also boosted my confidence to secure a stable future. Quick Heal Foundation has been a pillar in my journey, and for that, I am truly grateful.

Pratiksha Pange

RSM, Latur

Being the first graduate in my family, my journey has not been easy. Moving to Latur for my studies was a challenge in itself, adapting to a new environment. But everything changed when I joined Quick Heal Foundation's Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha initiative two years ago. This platform helped me step out of my shell, discover my strengths, and develop confidence I never knew I had. They gave me a platform to hone my skills, take on responsibilities, and eventually gain recognition for my efforts. This year, I was honored with the Best Secretary Award, and my work was even featured in local newspapers across the Latur district.

One of the most special moments for me was being able to give my stipend money to my parents for Diwali. Seeing their happiness and hearing them say, "We are lucky to have a daughter like Pratiksha," made me feel truly fulfilled.

Looking back, I realize how much I have grown. From a quiet girl unsure of herself to a confident young woman ready to take on the world, this is the power of this initiative. And this is just the beginning.

Photos of Winners

CYBER WARRIOR TEAM

Aniket Bhudkhe

Sumit Sapkal

Mayur Bande

Nikhil Hire

Om Jagtap

Shravani Sawant

PRESIDENT

Dipu Singh

Adarsh Dongare

Payal Yadav

Kiran Sanap

SECRETARY

Trushna Gandhare

Pratiksha Pange

Shruti Chawake

Shruti Shirsat

Photos of Winners

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

Pranali Pimpalkar

Shravani Kulkarni

Revati Firke

Kaushik Musale

PR MEDIA DIRECTOR

Pragati Thaware

Batul Parawala

Vaishnavi Belange

Supriya Shinde

TEACHER

Vikas Chavhan

Harshita Vacchhani

Supriya Gaikwad

Ujjwala Falak

Haridas Kharat

Photos of Winners

PRINCIPAL

Dr. Pravin Jadhav

Dr. Vikas Dhomne

Dr. Akhilesh Peshwe

WINNER INSTITUTES

Partners
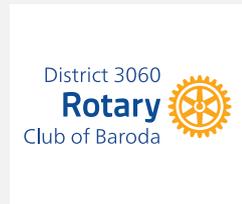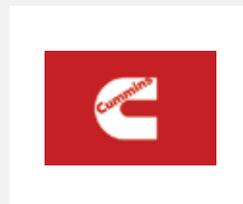
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