

Quick Heal

Foundation

CYBER SHIKSHA FOR CYBER SURAKSHA



FUTURE PROOF

2025-26

EMPOWERING YOUTH SECURING FUTURES

Building a Safer Tomorrow
with Quick Heal Foundation



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At Quick Heal Foundation, every initiative begins with listening and understanding what real people, in real places, truly need. Our work is guided by this deep empathy and a belief that lasting change only happens when it is rooted in lived realities. We believe in securing futures by equipping people with knowledge, health, and confidence to stand strong in a digital world. That's why we co-create solutions with communities, stakeholders, and institutions, so every step we take is both meaningful and needed.

The Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha initiative, led by Quick Heal Foundation, is not just an awareness program; it's a movement powered by youth, driven by purpose, and rooted in communities that are too often overlooked. At its core, it is our belief that digital safety is not a privilege; it is a fundamental right. And the best way to protect that right is by nurturing young minds who can carry it forward.

The "Earn & Learn" model addresses the growing gap between rapid digital growth and the lack of basic cyber safety awareness. By training students as **Cyber Warriors**, the program provides them with practical experience in leadership, communication, and project management while they work to protect their communities from digital threats.

The program is built to support both global and national priorities. It aligns with the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**, specifically focusing on quality education, gender inclusivity, and building resilient infrastructure. By working closely with law enforcement and academic institutions, the initiative strengthens the core objectives of the **Digital India, Skill India, and Atmanirbhar Bharat** missions. This ensures that grassroots efforts contribute directly to a stronger and more self-reliant nation.

The initiative has already achieved a significant footprint, reaching over **80 lakh individuals** across **19 states** and more than **120 institutions**. The outreach is hands-on and diverse, using street plays, local language presentations, and community rallies to make cyber safety accessible to everyone, from major smart cities to remote villages. Since its start, the program has delivered over 37,000 presentations, ensuring that critical safety information reaches even the most underserved districts.

Looking ahead through 2026, the focus is on expanding this reach by deepening corporate and government partnerships. By integrating with national programs like **PMGDISHA and Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao**, the initiative is training a future-ready generation of leaders. These young advocates are not just learning for themselves; they are building a lasting legacy of safety and responsibility that will protect India's digital landscape for years to come.

MESSAGE FROM **CHAIRPERSON**

As the Quick Heal Foundation celebrates a decade of dedicated service, I look back with pride at our journey of social impact. What began ten years ago as a commitment to give back to society has evolved into a powerful movement, and at the heart of this evolution is our flagship initiative, Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha. Our goal has always been simple yet crucial: to create a secure digital world where every individual can navigate the internet with confidence and safety.

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I am particularly proud of how we have placed our youth at the center of this mission. We believe that young people are not just the users of tomorrow's technology, but the primary guardians of our digital borders. Watching these young leaders, our 'Cyber Warriors', take charge, developing their own communication and leadership skills while educating their communities, has been the most rewarding part of the last ten years.

Over the past decade, our foundation has grown into a force that has touched over 80 lakh lives. This milestone is a testament to the hard work of our teams, our academic partners, and the law enforcement agencies who have stood by us. Together, we have taken the message of cyber safety from smart cities to the most remote villages in our country, ensuring that no one is left behind in India's digital transformation.

As we look toward the future, our focus remains on building a self-reliant and cybersafe India. We are committed to scaling our efforts even further, reaching more students and more communities. The legacy we are building today is one of empowerment and resilience, a future where our youth lead the way in making the digital world a safer place for everyone.

Anupama Katkar

Chairperson,
Quick Heal Foundation



FROM THE TRUSTEES' DESK

As we celebrate ten years of the Quick Heal Foundation, I am filled with a deep sense of accomplishment. When we started this journey, our vision was to build more than just a successful technology company; we wanted to build a secure nation. Today, our foundation stands as a key contributor to the Honorable Prime Minister's vision of Digital India. By bridging the gap, we are ensuring that the fruits of our country's technological revolution reach every citizen securely.

I am especially proud to see how the foundation has aligned itself with national missions like Skill India and Atmanirbhar Bharat. We aren't just teaching people about software; we are empowering the youth with the skills they need to be future leaders.

A significant part of this success is due to the leadership of Anupama Katkar. It makes me incredibly proud to see how she has spearheaded this movement, turning our CSR vision into a life-changing reality for millions. Under her guidance, the foundation has moved beyond traditional philanthropy to create a sustainable, youth-led model that truly reflects the spirit of a New India.



Dr. Kailash Katkar

Chairman and Managing Director
Quick Heal Technologies Limited

In the world of cybersecurity, technology is only half the battle. As someone who has spent decades building the code that protects millions, I have always believed that the strongest "firewall" is an informed and aware citizen. This philosophy has been the driving force behind the **Quick Heal Foundation**, and after ten years, the work they have done continues to make us all proud!

Our foundation's "Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha" program is a shining example of how we can combine technology education with social responsibility. By training thousands of cyber warriors, we are fulfilling the core goals of the **Digital India and Skill India** missions, while creating a workforce that is not only tech-savvy but also equipped to protect our country's growing digital infrastructure. We are moving toward a future where "Atmanirbhar" means being capable of defending our own digital identities.

I am truly honored by the work the foundation has done in every corner of India. As we look to the next decade, we remain committed to innovating and scaling this mission to keep pace with the ever-evolving digital landscape.



Dr. Sanjay Katkar

Joint Managing Director
Quick Heal Technologies Limited

MESSAGE FROM MAHARASHTRA CYBER

The partnership between **Maharashtra Cyber** and **Quick Heal Foundation**, which began in 2017, stands as a prime example of how law enforcement and corporate social responsibility can come together to create a safer digital society. Over the last eight years, this collaboration has evolved into a powerful alliance dedicated to addressing the rising challenges of cybercrime through proactive education and community engagement.

Right from the start, our shared goal has been to bridge the awareness gap that leaves citizens vulnerable to fraud. By supporting the **Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha** program, Maharashtra Cyber has been able to extend its reach far beyond traditional policing. Together, we have channeled the energy of young **Cyber Warriors** to take the message of digital safety directly into schools, colleges, and rural communities across the state.

This collaborative effort has not only improved cyber hygiene among our citizens but has also built a vital layer of defense that helps prevent crime before it even happens. It is proof of what can be achieved when we move beyond reactive measures and focus on empowering the public with knowledge.

As we move forward, we remain committed to this mission. By continuing to empower our youth and leverage our collective expertise, we are ensuring that Maharashtra's digital growth is matched by a robust culture of safety and awareness.



Mr. Sanjay Shintre

Deputy Inspector General
of Police (DIGP)

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, promotion of 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 goes on to help 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

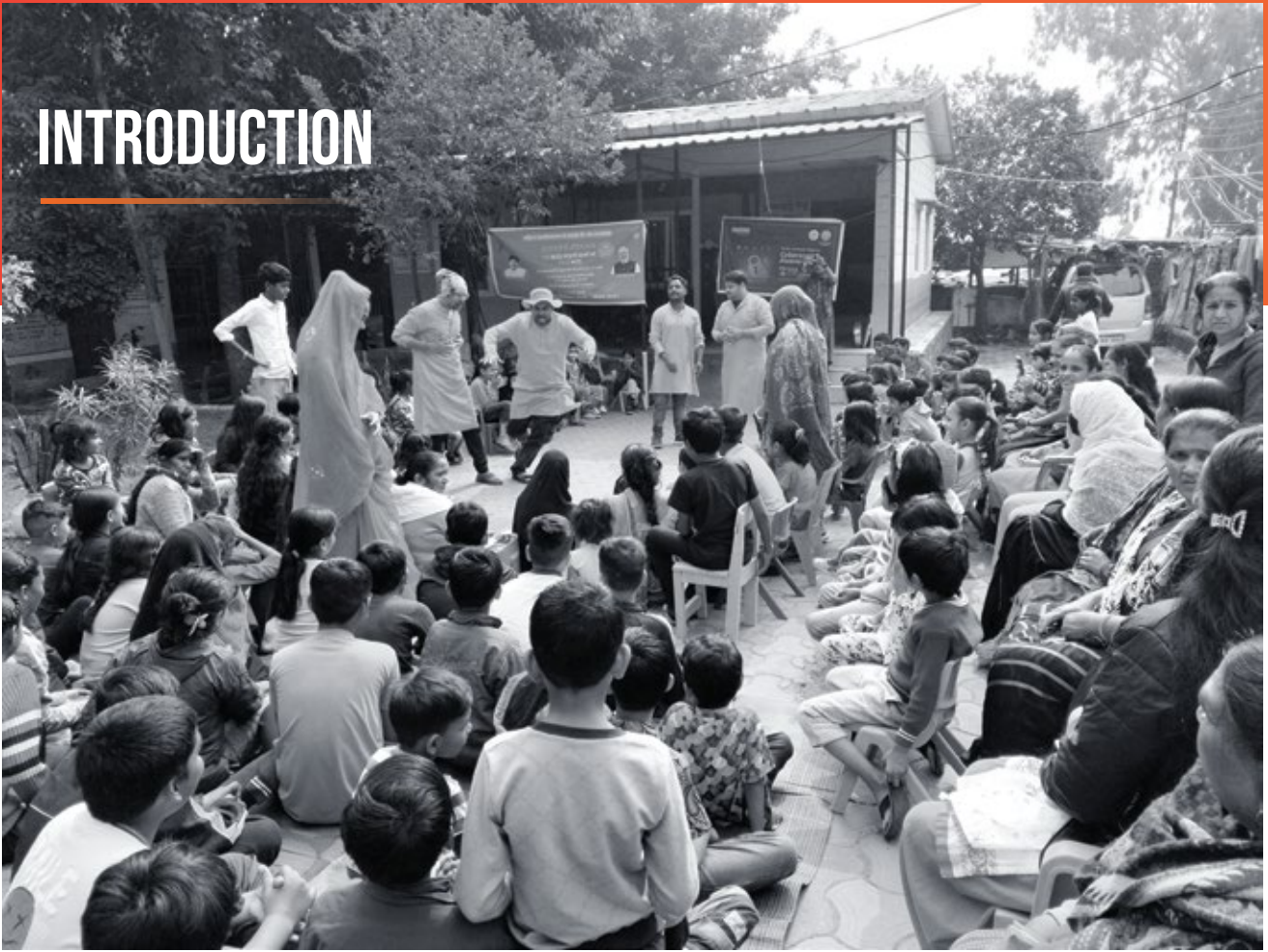
Objective

- To empower 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) in Focus



INTRODUCTION



Our approach to CSR begins with a

Simple Belief

Real impact comes from long-term commitment, not one-time actions. Guided by this philosophy and aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, CSR is a heartfelt responsibility embedded in how we engage with society. Our work begins with youth, where opportunities may be limited but potential is immense. Through structured training in digital resilience and meaningful financial support, these young minds are transformed into Cyber Warriors who lead awareness efforts in communities most vulnerable to online fraud.

This commitment comes to life through the **Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha** program, focused on building a cyber-resilient India. The program enables Cyber Warriors to support their education through the Earn and learn model, while taking cyber awareness into schools, colleges, and communities. Alongside technical knowledge, they build essential life and professional skills, leadership, communication, teamwork, and project execution, ensuring they grow not just as learners but as responsible digital citizens.

In **2025–26**, the program reached a new level of institutional integration. It now aligns closely with national priorities such as **Digital India, Skill India**, and the **Cyber Crime Prevention against Women & Children (CCPWC)** scheme. More importantly, it bridges the gap between academia and industry by introducing **cybersecurity as an accredited two-credit course as per NEP Policy**. This ensures students receive formal academic recognition while gaining hands-on exposure to corporate environments and real societal challenges, turning learning into lived experience.

What truly distinguishes these Cyber Warriors is how they connect technology with everyday life. Cyber safety is not treated as a technical subject, but as a shared social responsibility. The message reaches people during moments that matter most, **Ganapati Utsav, Navaratri, Dahi Handi**, and other community gatherings through culturally rooted formats such as **Cyber Dindi, Cyber Kirtan, Cyber Sandhya, street plays, and folk performances**. By weaving digital awareness into tradition, cyber safety becomes familiar, relatable, and part of household conversations.

The impact of this approach is especially visible in the **Cyber Smart Village** initiative. Here, Cyber Warriors step into regions challenged by limited infrastructure, difficult terrain, and even natural calamities to reach those most vulnerable to digital exploitation. From transgender communities and daily wage workers to street vendors and rural families, the program creates safe digital spaces where awareness leads to confidence. At the same time, structured engagement with banks, healthcare institutions, and law enforcement agencies ensures protection across both informal and organized sectors, building a collective shield against cyber threats.

To sustain energy and excellence, the program follows a competitive yet collaborative framework that encourages innovation and creative problem-solving. Cyber awareness is institutionalized through **Cyber Clubs**, each led by trained student officers: President, Secretary, Activity Director, and Media Director, guided by a teacher coordinator. These young leaders undergo focused capacity-building to manage initiatives, lead teams, and drive participation, ensuring that cyber safety continues as a self-sustaining movement within institutions.

AT THE QUICK HEAL FOUNDATION,

community engagement is an integral part of how we work, not a standalone outreach activity. The program goes beyond awareness to build confidence, especially among young people from **humble and underrepresented backgrounds**, who are often the most affected yet least supported in the digital ecosystem

In a world that is increasingly connected and uncertain, the purpose remains clear: **to ensure no one feels alone online** and that every individual, regardless of geography or income, can navigate the digital world with awareness, courage, and trust.

By working shoulder to shoulder with **communities, academic institutions, NGOs, law enforcement, and government bodies**, the Quick Heal Foundation builds partnerships that translate intent into action. Together, these collaborations create platforms that give people not just information, but the **confidence and tools to protect what they have worked so hard to build.**



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FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION

What begins as curiosity and concern about the digital world transforms into courage, responsibility, and purpose. Through the Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha initiative, students are not just learning about cyber safety, but living it, guiding peers, protecting communities, and creating a safer online world. Every school session, street play, online campaign, and community interaction is more than an activity; it is an opportunity to touch lives, inspire change, and make a real difference. Along the way, these young warriors discover their own strengths, embrace leadership, and realize the deep fulfillment of serving others, proving that one empowered mind can spark a movement of countless safer ones.

OUR CORE ACTIVITIES

Presentations in Schools & Colleges

Cyber warriors conduct awareness sessions in schools and colleges by coordinating with authorities, managing logistics, and delivering interactive presentations on cyber safety. In remote or resource-poor locations, they creatively use role-plays, storytelling, and discussions to ensure effective learning. These sessions bring essential cyber safety education to students, especially in underserved and hard-to-reach areas, helping them recognize online risks early and adopt safe digital practices. By planning and leading sessions independently, youth develop communication, leadership, problem-solving, and adaptability skills. Overcoming challenges like difficult travel and limited infrastructure builds confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of responsibility.



Impact activities

These activities focus on educating adults, especially underprivileged groups, about cyber frauds, mobile safety settings, and secure digital usage through one-to-one and small group interactions in public spaces and workplaces. By reaching factory workers, farmers, women's self-help groups, health workers, and other vulnerable populations, our cyber warriors bridge the digital awareness gap and help prevent financial and online fraud. Youth gain empathy, social awareness, and practical teaching skills. Exposure to real social challenges transforms them into socially responsible individuals with a deeper understanding of inclusive community development.



Mass activities

Cyber Warriors engage large audiences through street plays, rallies, exhibitions, flash mobs, and festival-based campaigns, using creative and relatable storytelling to spread cyber safety messages. Mass activities ensure widespread awareness, turning public events and rural gatherings into platforms for collective learning and creating cyber-smart communities. Through active participation, youth develop essential skills such as teamwork, creativity, public engagement, and quick decision-making. These experiences build confidence, strengthen civic leadership, and foster a proactive mindset, empowering young warriors to emerge as true changemakers in digital safety.



Online Outreach

To amplify their outreach, cyber warriors leveraged digital platforms to educate communities on cyber safety. They promoted an online quiz titled “How Much Do You Know About Cyber Safety?” to assess public awareness while actively engaging participants with critical insights on identifying, preventing, and reporting cyber fraud.

Social media emerged as a powerful enabler, with students creatively using platforms like Instagram and Facebook to share interactive content, making cyber safety awareness accessible, relatable, and impactful.



Monitoring & Evaluation

Quick Heal Foundation ensured seamless execution by conducting live visits during presentations to assess content quality and audience engagement. Post-session feedback from teachers was collected to evaluate the impact and provide constructive guidance to students for improving their delivery.

Outreach data was regularly updated by students, consolidated by club secretaries, and securely stored on Google Drive for verification by the foundation. Based on these evaluations, students were awarded performance points, which contributed to the final award assessments, ensuring transparency, accountability, and fair recognition of their efforts.

Second Round

The second round for the top 22 qualifying teams was conducted through an Instagram-based activity, where participants created short-form reels on assigned trending cybercrime topics. To make complex and emerging cybercrime issues easily understandable, especially for adults who are not well-versed in mobile phone settings or the English language, teams were encouraged to present content using the concept of “**Cyber Good Touch and Bad Touch.**” This approach helped simplify digital safety concepts and enabled communities to relate to and understand trending cybercrimes clearly and practically.

Each team collaborated with subject-matter experts, including cyber police, psychologists, lawyers, bankers, and cybersecurity professionals, to ensure the content was accurate, insightful, and contextually relevant. To further enhance engagement and learning, every reel was followed by an interactive poll, prompting viewers to select the correct answer based on their

understanding of the cybercrime highlighted in the video. This not only reinforced learning but also encouraged active participation.

The reels were published on the **Quick Heal Foundation's Instagram account**, while teams amplified reach by actively promoting their content through influencers and collaborations with individuals and organizations having a strong digital presence.

Winners for **Cyber Smart Club** and **Best Club Overall** were selected based on comprehensive performance metrics, including views, likes, reposts, poll participation, influencer inclusion, collaborations, subscriber growth, and overall audience engagement, ensuring meaningful digital outreach and widespread cyber safety awareness.

PARTNER-LED IMPACT

EXPANDING CYBER SAFETY EDUCATION

For the second year in a row, **Cummins India Foundation** played a key role in strengthening cyber safety awareness by thoughtfully implementing Quick Heal Foundation's cyber safety guidelines. With careful planning, strong on-ground coordination, and a deep sense of commitment, the team reached 17,036 students across 58 schools through 61 well-structured awareness sessions.

Their consistent efforts and execution excellence significantly expanded both the reach and effectiveness of cyber safety education. This collaboration stands as a powerful example of how strong partnerships can create scalable, meaningful, and measurable social impact.



61 AWARENESS SESSIONS | **58** SCHOOLS

17,036
STUDENTS

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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Youth Leadership Development: Through club-led initiatives and community outreach, the program nurtured future leaders who understand real societal challenges and actively work toward solving them.

A total of

720 young Cyber Warriors served as torchbearers of the initiative, driving awareness and action on the ground.

02

For the Community, By the Youth: Students were empowered to lead meaningful outreach initiatives that served diverse communities. The club structure provided a strong execution platform, enabling

144 young leaders to independently implement the program at the grassroots level.

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

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Cultural Engagement in Cyber Awareness: Awareness was driven through culturally rooted activities such as rallies, street plays, and human chains.

A total of

103

mass activities,

spanning

400+

hours,

engaged over

90,000

individuals,

creating lasting impressions through experiential learning.

05

Reaching the Unreachable: Programs were conducted for marginalized communities, including transgender individuals, street vendors, rickshaw drivers, and vegetable vendors, ensuring inclusivity in cyber safety education.

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Engaging Organized Sectors: The program extended its reach to structured community groups such as gram panchayats, traffic police, factory workers, parents' groups, elders, farmers, SHG's (Self-help groups), bankers, healthcare workers, and hotel staff.

In total,

2,128

impact activities

were conducted,

reaching

88,000+

individuals

across organized sectors.

07

Festive Awareness Programs: Public gatherings during festivals such as **Ganapati Utsav, Navaratri,** and **Dahi Handi** were leveraged for high-impact awareness drives. Clubs creatively aligned activities with cultural contexts such as dance performances on popular songs like "Police Bappa," keeping audiences engaged.

Cyber Warriors spent

40+

hours interacting with the public during festive events.

08

Cyber Smart Village: Extending cyber education to rural areas, transforming villages into cyber-safe hubs. Connecting through NSS, institutions have reached more than

15

villages aligning with Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)

09

Overcoming Challenges: Despite challenges such as infrastructure gaps, transportation constraints, and natural calamities, students and coordinators demonstrated resilience and adaptability to successfully achieve project objectives.

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Economic Empowerment: Stipends earned by students provided meaningful financial support, helping families meet household needs, pay college fees, and cover medical expenses, reinforcing the program's role in both social and economic empowerment.

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Advocacy for Change: The program empowers participants to become strong advocates for cybersecurity, enabling them to influence behaviors, raise awareness, and drive positive social change within their communities.

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Nation Building: By equipping citizens with essential cyber awareness, the initiative contributes to building a resilient and informed society, reducing cyber risks, and strengthening a culture of digital security across the nation.

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Holistic Development: Beyond digital safety education, the program focuses on developing critical life skills such as communication, public speaking, empathy, and leadership, preparing youth for long-term personal and professional success.

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Encouraging Ethical Behavior Online: By promoting values of responsibility, integrity, and respectful digital conduct, the initiative fosters a safer and more trustworthy cyberspace for individuals and communities alike.

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Support in Cybercrime Reporting: Volunteers played a crucial role in supporting victims of cybercrime by assisting them in registering complaints through the **national cybercrime helpline 1930**. Their timely intervention helped individuals take swift action and navigate the reporting process with confidence. Impact at a Glance:

Total consent letters submitted

97

Total financial fraud cases identified/reported

79

Total social media fraud cases identified

18

Total cybercrime cases officially registered

97

Total amount involved

₹1,79,58,720

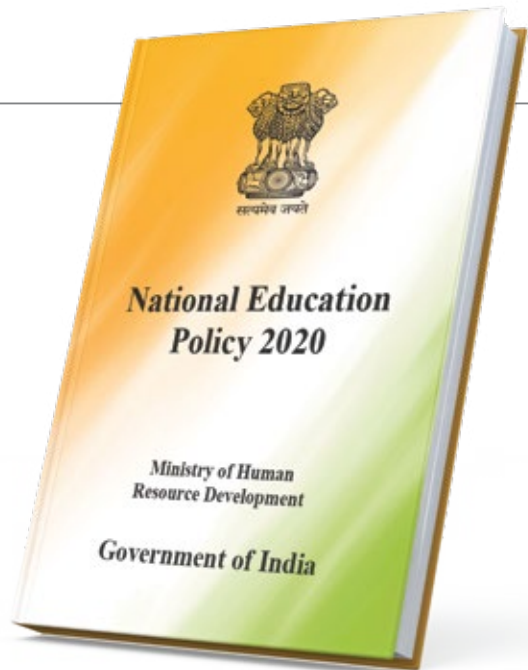
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Academic Integration under NEP:

The Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha project has been formally integrated into the academic framework of

09 institutions as an accredited two-credit cybersecurity course under the **National Education Policy (NEP)**

This integration strengthens institutional participation while embedding structured cyber safety and cybersecurity education within mainstream higher education.



Enrolled Institutions



Vidya Prasarak Mandal's B. N. Bandodkar College of Science, Thane



R. P. Gogate College of Arts & Science and R. V. Jogalekar College of Commerce, Ratnagiri



Shikshana Prasarak Mandali's Sir Parashurambhau College, Pune



Dr. D. Y. Patil Institute of Technology, Pimpri, Pune



Tuljaram Chaturchand College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Baramati



Chikitsak Samuha's Sir Sitaram and Lady Shantabai Patkar College of Arts and Science and V.P. Varde College of Commerce and Economics, Mumbai



Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon



Government Institute of Forensic Science (GIFSc), Nagpur



PDEA's Annasaheb Magar Mahavidyalaya



MEDIA COVERAGE

लोहमगत

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शिक्षकांना सायबर सेफ ग्रीटिंग कार्ड

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OUTREACH REPORT

Quick Heal Foundation Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha Outreach Details 2025-26

No. of States	2
No of Institutions	36
No. of Cyber Warriors	720
Male	274
Female	446
UG Students	688
PG Students	32
FY Students	94
SE Students	297
TE Students	297
PG-FY Students	4
PG-SY Students	28
Marginalized Students	58
No. of Teacher Coordinators	36
No. of Schools Reached	492
Taluka	126
Districts	32
Presentations (Medium of Communication: English, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Kannada, Urdu)	5169
Students Sensitized	1043256
Impact Activities	2128
Impact Outreach	88321
Mass Activities	103
Mass Outreach	90135
Mass + Impact Activities	176642
Direct Partners	17036
Total Offline Outreach	12,38748

In 2025–26,
Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha empowered

720 Cyber Warriors

across

36 institutions in two states

to drive large-scale cyber safety awareness. The initiative reached

over 12.38 lakh individuals offline,

including

10.43 lakh students,

through structured presentations, impact activities, and mass outreach. With a strong focus on inclusivity, rural engagement, and academic integration, our program strengthened digital resilience and positioned youth as key drivers of responsible and safe digital practices.

ONLINE OUTREACH REPORT

No. of Colleges	22
No. of Videos Published/ No. of cybercrime trending topics	22
Total Views	1,691,366
Total Likes	260,000
Total Comments	26,000
Total Share/Repost	85,000
Influencers Engaged	20
Total Poll Vote Response	41,308
New Followers Gained	10019+
Audience Reach	Viewers from 6 Countries (India, Brazil, Indonesia, the United States, Colombia, the United Kingdom, and the Philippines.)

The online outreach initiative transformed social media into a powerful platform for cyber safety awareness, driven by active participation from students across 22 colleges. Creative, expert-backed content sparked meaningful conversations, encouraged informed decision-making through interactive polls, and significantly expanded audience reach beyond borders. With strong influencer support and growing follower engagement, the campaign successfully amplified cyber safety messages and extended its impact across multiple countries.



AWARDS 2025

The Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha Awards 2025 was a truly touching event that celebrated more than just tech skills; it celebrated the wins of our young students who care about their communities. With the former Honorable Governor of Maharashtra, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, presiding as the chief guest, the ceremony honored over 4,600 young Cyber Warriors and 120 partner institutions who reached over 64.78 lakh lives across India. There was a real sense of pride and warmth, as these volunteers were recognized for traveling to small villages and poor neighborhoods to help people stay safe online, specifically sensitizing 55.92 lakh students. For many of these winners, it wasn't just about winning an award; it was about the lives they saved from scams and the relief they brought to elderly people who were afraid of the digital world. Seeing these teenagers stand tall on stage alongside distinguished guests reminded everyone that the best way to protect our future is through the kindness and hard work of a generation that truly wants to look out for one another.



I deeply appreciate Quick Heal Foundation's Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha program for igniting enthusiasm among student volunteers. The joy and eagerness on their faces reflect the program's success. It is truly heartening to see Quick Heal Foundation empowering cyber warriors, especially from economically weaker sections, to contribute toward building a cybersafe society. Swami Vivekananda's vision continues to inspire millions, and I commend the Foundation for its efforts in spreading cybersecurity awareness. It is remarkable to know that since its inception in 2016, this initiative has reached over 50 lakh people, an extraordinary achievement indeed! Congratulations to Quick Heal Foundation for making a meaningful impact in the cybersecurity domain.

HON. C. P. RADHAKRISHNAN
VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



AWARDS 2024

The Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha Awards 2024 honored those leading the charge in digital safety. The ceremony recognized the exceptional contributions of "Cyber Warriors", teachers, and educational institutions who collectively sensitized over 50 lakh individuals across India. Awards were presented across categories, highlighting excellence in outreach, media engagement, and process compliance. By celebrating these efforts, the initiative reinforces the mission of making cybersecurity a fundamental right and empowers youth to lead their communities toward a more secure digital future.



The collaboration between Maharashtra Cyber and the Quick Heal Foundation is a step forward in boosting cybersecurity awareness and education. Together with innovative CSR initiatives, like the Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha program, we reach out to youth and the remotest areas, ensuring that no one is left behind in the fight against cyber threats. Through these initiatives, Quick Heal engages in mass activities where our super champions, 'Cyberwarriors' are changing the game in how we educate and empower the community. Maharashtra Cyber is proud to be a part of and stand beside the Foundation in its tireless efforts. Together, we're forging ahead, making strides towards a safer and more secure digital environment for all.

MR. SANJAY SHINTRE

DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE (DIGP)



CYBER SHIKSHA FOR CYBER SURAKSHA SURVEY: MEASURING REAL IMPACT

Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha began as a national effort to build foundational cyber awareness among young learners. Over time, it has evolved into one of the largest structured cybersecurity education initiatives for students in India.

This year marked an important milestone in the program's journey. For the first time, the program moved beyond outreach and engagement to **systematically assess the real impact** the initiative creates on student awareness, attitudes, and digital behaviour.

The program reached **over 10.4 lakh students** across **32 districts in 2 states**, delivered through **5,169 structured awareness sessions** conducted in partnership with **36 educational institutions**.

To understand what learners were actually taking away from these sessions, a structured impact assessment was conducted using standardised pre and post surveys.

From the overall universe of learners, a statistically robust **analytical sample of 2,18,221 students** was selected for detailed evaluation. These students completed assessments both before and after the sessions, allowing the program to capture measurable shifts in **awareness & knowledge, attitude towards safe cyber practices as well as self-reported behaviour**.

The surveys were designed to reflect real digital experiences from sharing personal information and managing passwords, to interacting with strangers online and making digital payments.

This approach ensured that the program was not just reaching students at scale, but also building credible evidence of learning and change.



WHAT CHANGED: AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE

The first and most immediate impact was seen in student awareness.

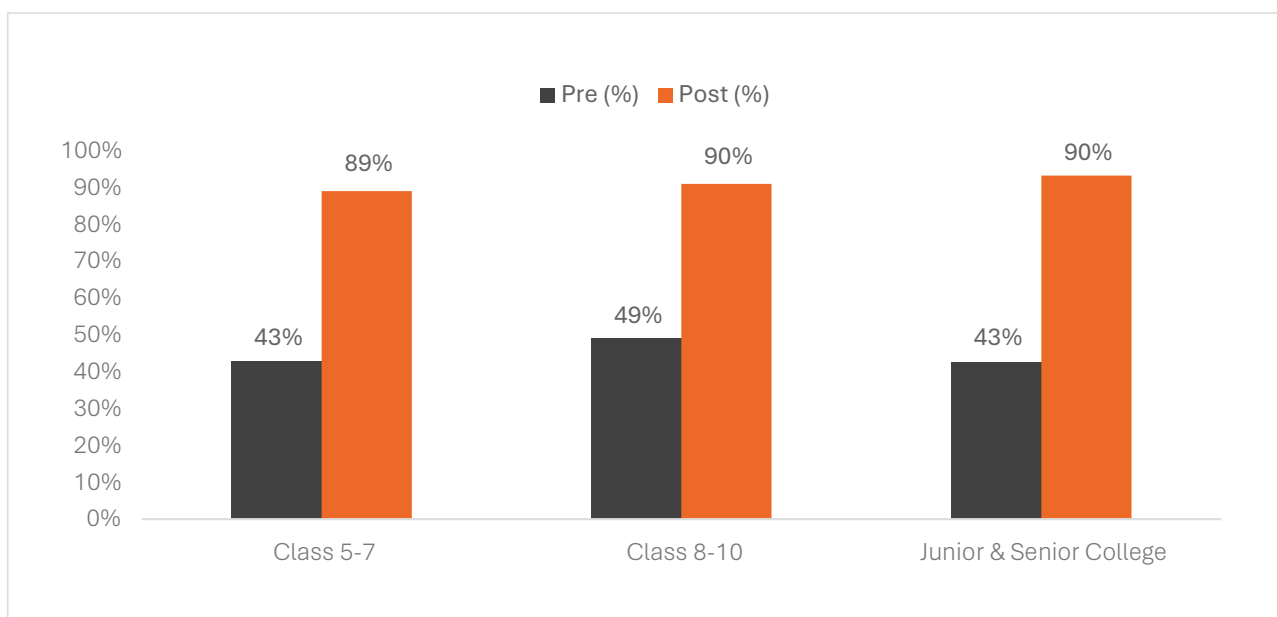
Across all age groups, students demonstrated a strong increase in understanding of key cyber safety concepts after attending the sessions. Post-program awareness levels were almost **90 percent**, indicating that learners were able to correctly identify safe and unsafe digital practices.

The largest improvements were seen among Junior and Senior College students closely followed by youngest students, who entered the program with lower baseline awareness but showed the strongest learning gains.

Students reported greater understanding of:

- which personal and confidential information should not be shared,
- why they should be cautious about downloads and app permissions,
- and how their digital actions leave long-term footprints.

Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha transformed abstract cyber risks into relatable, everyday scenarios, enabling students to see the digital world with clearer judgement.



Awareness-related indicators show the strongest gains, particularly among Jr. & Sr. College as well as in the youngest cohorts, highlighting the effectiveness of cyber safety interventions.

WHAT CHANGED: SHIFTING ATTITUDES TOWARDS SAFE CYBER PRACTICES

Beyond knowledge, the program aimed to influence how students **feel about their own digital choices**.

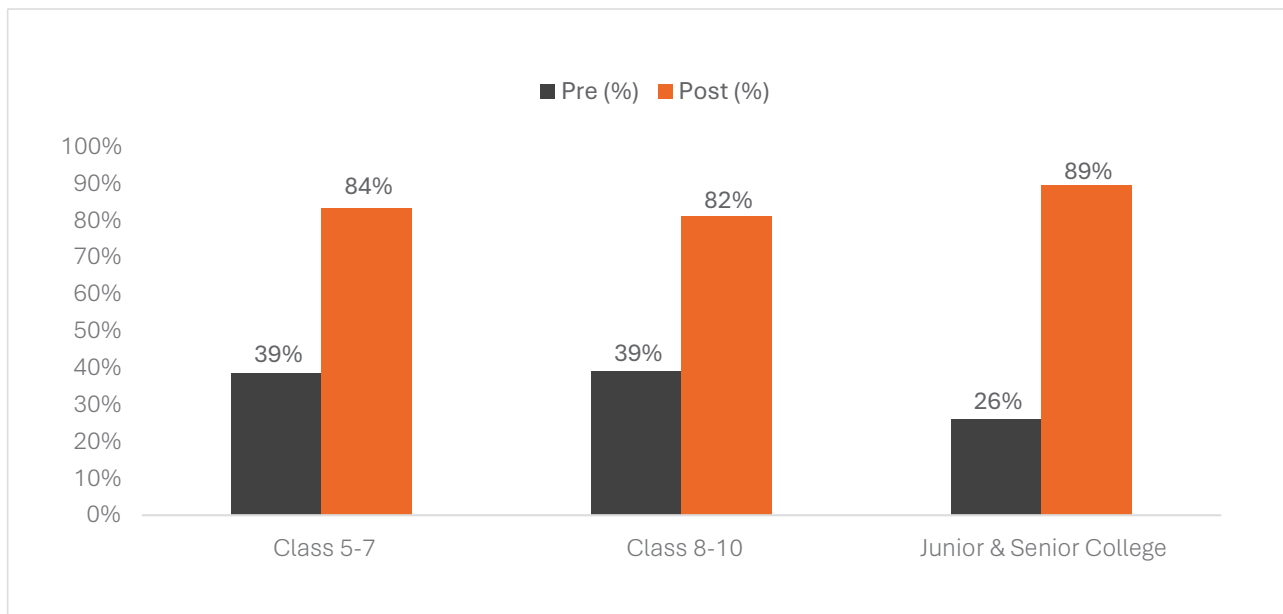
After the sessions, over **eight out of ten students** expressed a clear intent to behave more cautiously online. This shift in attitude is critical because awareness alone does not guarantee safer behaviour unless it is accompanied by personal responsibility.

Students reported increased willingness to:

- pause before clicking unknown links,
- and exercise greater caution in their online interactions.

For many learners, this was the first time they had reflected on the emotional and social dimensions of digital safety such as peer pressure, online validation, and fear of missing out.

Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha reframed cyber safety from being a technical issue to being a **personal life skill**.



Post-program results indicate that approximately 8 out of 10 students express intent to practice safer cyber practices.

WHAT CHANGED: EARLY SIGNS OF BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

Behavioural change takes time, especially in digital habits that are deeply ingrained. Yet, even within the short evaluation window, students reported meaningful shifts in how they act online.

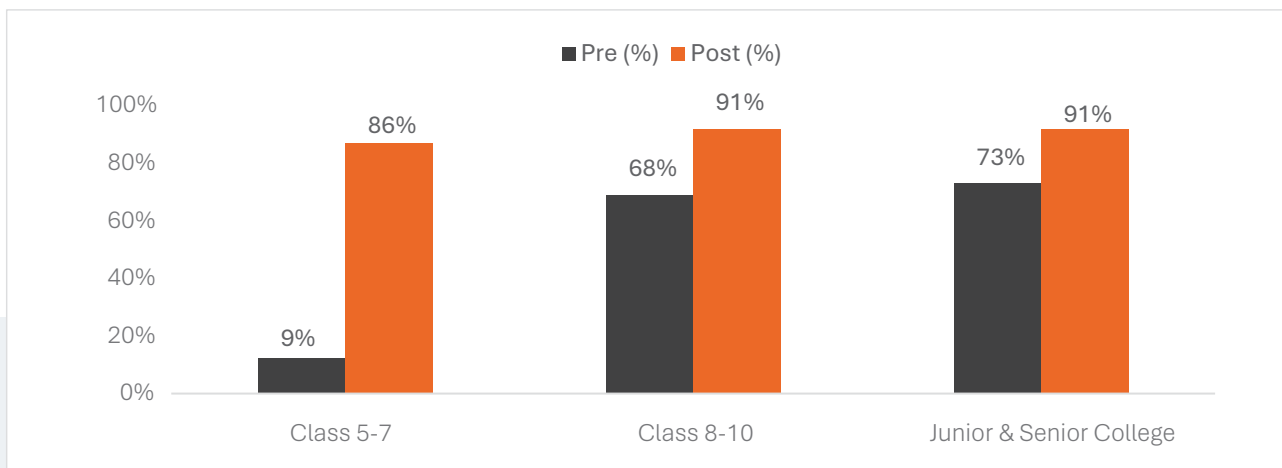
Across cohorts, learners indicated that they were:

- more aware while making digital payments to minimise exposure to fraud,
- and more cautious about sharing locations, live travel updates and location tags to reduce personal safety risks.

These **behavioural improvements were strongest among class 5-7 & class 8-10 students**, who showed the highest readiness to translate awareness into action.

Among older cohorts, the change was more reflective - students became more conscious of the consequences of their digital footprint, location sharing, and online identity.

Together, these patterns suggest that the program is planting the foundations of **digital self-regulation**, where students begin to monitor and manage their own online behaviour.



An increase in awareness, cyber-safe attitudes, and positive behavioural shifts contributes to stronger digital resilience.



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FUTURE AND WAY AHEAD

Under the visionary leadership of Anupama Katkar, Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha is poised to scale new heights in the coming years, reaching more states, institutions, and communities across India. Guided by her commitment to youth empowerment and social impact, the program will continue to place young Cyber Warriors at the center, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to become effective leaders and changemakers in their communities.

By strengthening collaborations with government agencies, academic institutions, and corporate partners, the initiative aims to integrate cyber safety education more deeply into formal learning frameworks while extending its reach to underserved and remote areas.

Leveraging technology through interactive digital campaigns, AI-driven learning tools, and online platforms, the program will ensure meaningful engagement at scale. At the same time, it will reinforce responsible online behavior, ethical digital practices, and community-focused advocacy, inspiring youth to become ambassadors of cyber safety.

Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha envisions a future where India's youth lead boldly, making the country a resilient, digitally secure society, and leaving a legacy of empowerment, pride, and collective hope for generations to come.

PHOTOS OF WINNERS (2026)

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PHOTOS OF WINNERS (2026)

Cyber Warrior Team

Best Outreach Team



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Arjun Chavan



Vaishnavi Shirke



Samruddhi Jagtap

Best Outstanding Team



Sneha Teli



Saqib Choudhary



Vishal Pal



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Purva Chavan



Sampada Khaire

PHOTOS OF WINNERS (2026)

Cyber Warrior Team

Best Process Compliance Team



Ahhan Dagade



Payal Pathare



Riddhi Jadhav



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Best Institution

Best New Club

Winner



TC, Baramati

Runner Up 2



KBJIIT, Pune

Runner Up 2



GIFS, Nagpur

Runner Up 1



AMM, Hadapsar

PHOTOS OF WINNERS (2026)

Best Institution

Cyber Smart Club

Winner



Government College, Karad

Runner Up 2



GJC, Ratnagiri

Runner Up 2



VPASC, Baramati

Runner Up 1



Patkar-Varde, Mumbai

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Best Institution

Best Club Overall

Winner



CMCS, Nashik

Runner Up 2



RSML, Latur

Runner Up 2



Pratibha, Chinchwad

Runner Up 1



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