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Quick Heal: User caution must to prevent data theft

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Pune: When citizens share their Aadhaar details freely instead of using a government-approved process to disclose encrypted versions they are open to attacks by cybercriminals. Sanjay Katkar, joint MD of Quick Heal Technologies, and CEO Vishal Salvi in an interview with TOI said that this vulnerability to data theft among users from different professions and ages must be erased. Excerpts:

How does one address lack of cybersecurity awareness?

Sanjay Katkar: Digital transactions involving the





Sanjay Katkar (L) & Vishal Salvi

use of apps and sharing of information is here to stay. Lack of knowledge is enabling criminals to take advantage of the weak link. For example, there are ways to share Aadhaar in an encrypted way, but people freely share photocopies and e-copies leaving them vulnerable.

What are the challenges for cybersecurity?

Salvi: You cannot control threat actors, their capabili-

ties or their targets. They are growing more audacious. We do not have the technology to make an enterprise errorproof as of now.

How will AI help in cybersecurity?

Katkar: AI and ML have been in cybersecurity for a couple of years now but the number of threats are about 10 lakh a day. It is impossible to get those many researchers to analyse them and find a solution. We are getting the ML algorithms to do the job. It has helped immensely so far as the algorithms have helped us track many malware families. The algorithms can also throw up more effective alerts to the users based on their learnings.