

Reach police within three hours of cybercrime: Officer

The officer was speaking at the Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha (CSCS) Awards 2024 function in the city



The 'golden hour' is the period of the first three hours of a cybercrime when the culprit's account can be frozen and money recovered, said superintendent of police Sanjay Shintre, cyber, on Saturday. The officer was speaking at the Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha (CSCS) Awards 2024 function in the city. Cyber warriors, including teachers, students and volunteers from different fields, were honoured with the award organised by Quick Heal Foundation.

Among the dignitaries who were present at the event were, besides SP Sanjay Shintre, Prof. V.L. Maheshwari, vice-chancellor of Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon; and Dr Prakash A. Mahanwar, V-C of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar University, Solapur. Nominations came from six zones across Maharashtra. Cyber Warriors were awarded in three categories — Best process compliance, highest outreach and impact and outstanding performance.

SP Shintre said, "The percentage of cyber crime is not very large and victims can dial the national helpline number, 1930, to report online frauds. The modus operandi is to target one to two crore citizens from a population of 120 crore; 80 percent people use smartphones and 75 percent are active on social media. Commercial establishments, shopping malls, banks and every place we visit for a product or a service asks for our mobile number. "The phone data can be accessed and KYC or other vital data can be harnessed and misused.

Search engines on the internet, whose servers are based in a foreign country, record your preferences through your mobile phone numbers and lure you with false offers. No control can be exercised on open source data. Data misuse is more prevalent in the US and China and more complaints are registered there." Maheshwari said, "Huge data is being generated. Technology is a double-edged sword.

It has advantages and threats, which in an age of digital revolution is invisible. It happens suddenly and before you know you have been cheated." He added, "Awareness is the need of the hour; we need to be cyber security literate. This generation has 3 confusions; Knowledge and information; Knowledge is processed information. Next is connection and relation; everyone is connected, but not necessarily related; lastly convenience and happiness."