

Varsities must start short cyber security courses: Guv

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All universities in Maharashtra will have to develop and implement short-term courses on cyber security, Governor CP Radhakrishnan said on Sunday, adding that these courses will help varsities create 'a new generation of cyber warriors'. Radhakrishnan was speaking at the 'Cyber Education for Cyber Security Awards' programme in the city.

A statement issued by the District Information Officer (DIO) stated that others in attendance at the function included Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University vice chancellor Prakash Mahanwar, state deputy inspector general (cyber) Sanjay Shintre, Quick Heal Foundation chairperson Anupama Katkar, and principals, professors, and students from various colleges.

The Governor paid tribute to Swami Vivekananda on his birth anniversary, stating that his teachings inspired millions, especially the youth, to lead with courage, wisdom, and purpose.

Speaking to the gathering, Radhakrishnan further stated that cyber security has emerged as a major concern globally, including in India, as we increasingly rely on digital technology for transactions.

"Even small, uneducated vendors now accept digital payments, a testament to the success of technology envisioned by Prime Minister Modi. As technology advances, so do malicious activities. However, we must work to break their chain and apprehend them," said Radhakrishnan. He emphasized the need to train police in govt's cyber branch to use computer systems effectively against cybercrime.

A statement issued after the event highlighted that since cybercriminals often operate from other countries, a multifaceted approach is needed to tackle these challenges, including strengthening existing policies, investing more in cyber security, and spreading awareness, particularly educating youth and senior citizens about safe online practices.

At the event, cyber education awards were also organised by Quick Heal Foundation. They were distributed to principals, teachers and students who excelled in the 'Cyber Education for Cyber Security' initiative.