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NEW DELHI, JUL 19

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hackathon, Code Against Malware, at its Head Office. The initiative, launched in collaboration with IIT Kanpur under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, and the Indian Banks' Association (IBA), aimed to foster innovation and engage young tech talent in building advanced cybersecurity solutions.

The event was graced by M. Nagaraju, Secretary, DFS, as Chief Guest, alongside Prof. Manindra Agrawal, Director, IIT Kanpur, Atul Kumar Goel, Chief Executive, IBA, and PNB's MD & CEO.

Launched in December 2024, the hackathon received 90 team registrations from premier institutions. Of these, 15 teams advanced to the development phase, with seven submitting functional prototypes focusing on detecting ransomware through AI and behavioural analysis.

Nagaraju emphasized the critical role of cybersecurity in banking, praising the initiative's alignment with national digital resilience goals. The winners will now showcase their solutions at the upcoming Global Fintech Festival 2025 in Mumbai. - PBD