# ICT Fest - Hackathon Rules & Guidelines

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#### 1. General Information

- Event Duration: 24 Hours (Continuous)
- **Team Size:** 3 members per team
- **Problem Statement:** A real-life problem will be provided at the beginning of the event.
- **Objective:** Develop an innovative solution in the form of a Website, Android App, or iOS App.

### 2. Eligibility

- Participants must be **university students** with valid ID cards.
- Each team must register prior to the event; **no on-spot registration** is allowed.
- A participant can **join only one team** during the event.

#### 3. Code of Conduct

- Participants must maintain professional behaviour throughout the event.
- **Respect and inclusivity** are mandatory harassment, discrimination, or misconduct of any kind will lead to **immediate disqualification**.
- No loud music, arguments, or disturbances are allowed inside the working area.
- The organizing committee reserves the right to **remove any participant** violating the code of conduct.

## 4. Project Development Rules

- Projects must be developed entirely during the hackathon period.
- Use of open-source libraries and APIs is permitted, but plagiarized or pre-built projects are strictly prohibited.
- Teams must submit their final code, presentation, and demo before the evaluation deadline.
- Internet access will be available for research and development purposes only.

# 5. Judging Criteria

Projects will be evaluated based on the following aspects:

- 1. Innovation & Creativity Uniqueness of the idea
- 2. **Technical Implementation** Functionality and code quality
- 3. **Impact & Relevance** Real-world applicability
- 4. **Presentation & Communication** Clarity of explanation
- 5. Teamwork & Problem Understanding

### 6. Management & Logistics

- Participants must bring their own laptops, chargers, and accessories.
- Power outlets, Wi-Fi, and basic refreshments will be provided.
- Teams are responsible for their personal belongings.
- Separate rest areas will be arranged for male and female participants.
- Emergency medical support and security personnel will be available on-site 24/7.
- Participants must wear their **event ID badges** at all times within the venue.

## 7. Safety & Security Rules

- Participants must follow university safety and conduct regulations at all times.
- The organizing team and university authorities will ensure a **secure environment** throughout the event.

# 8. Campus Exit Policy

- Participants are **not allowed to leave the campus** during the 24-hour hackathon without prior permission.
- In case of an emergency or urgent need, participants must **inform the organizing committee** and **sign the exit register**.
- Leaving the campus without authorization will result in **immediate disqualification**.
- Entry and exit points will be **strictly monitored by security personnel**.
- No visitors or outsiders are allowed to meet participants during the event without official approval.

# 9. Disqualification Conditions

Teams may be disqualified if:

- Any **plagiarism or pre-developed project** is detected.
- Members violate the code of conduct or safety rules.
- **Deadlines are missed** without valid reasons.
- The project includes **offensive**, **unethical**, **or harmful content**.

### 10. Post-Hackathon

- Teams will **present their projects** before a panel of judges.
- Top-performing teams will receive certificates, awards, and recognition.
- The university reserves the right to showcase, present, or use any of the projects developed in the competition.