

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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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**
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.