



## HackVerse

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# HackVerse Terms & Conditions

## Terminology

HackVerse 2020 is a hackathon conducted to provide a platform for innovation and is held in commemoration of NITK Surathkal's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. The HackVerse 2020 Hackathon, henceforth referred to as 'HackVerse', is an event organized by the students of NITK Surathkal. The Joint HackVerse Team (Diamond Jubilee Chairman, Dean Student Welfare, Faculty Advisors, Organizers) and NITK shall henceforth be known as the 'Organization'. The Sponsors from the industry providing resources and prizes shall henceforth be known as the 'Sponsors'.

## Registration

- All registration is online. Participants must register formally on the website: <https://hackverse.nitk.ac.in>.
- All current college students are eligible to participate in HackVerse. Participants may apply in teams of up to 3. The application shall be accompanied by the complete identification of each applicant. The Organization ensures the confidentiality and protection of all personal data provided for participation in the hackathon.
- All applicants are screened before registration. The Organization reserves the right to bar any applicant from participation in light of invalid details on the registration form.
- The allotment of participants into teams (if the participant is not in a team already), is done with no precedence given to any participant.



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### Rules for Travel Reimbursement

- HackVerse shall not refund travel expenses that cross the upper limit of ₹1000 per participant, travelling both ways.
- HackVerse shall refund the cost of a sleeper train ticket from the station nearest to the participant's residence or college to either Surathkal (SL) or Mangalore Central (MAQ) railway station via express trains, or the cost of your ticket; whichever is lesser. The same shall be held for the return journey.
- Reimbursement shall be provided only if the participant has successfully made a submission of their hack after the hackathon.
- To avail reimbursement, a valid ticket should be submitted along with Identity proof, College ID and bank passbook photocopy.
- Amount will be credited to the participant's bank accounts directly.

**In any case of discrepancy, the decision by the organizing committee will be binding.**

### Accommodation

- HackVerse will be held at NITK Surathkal. The Organization reserves the right to change the location and dates of the events to be conducted due to logistical reasons and at its sole discretion.
- Participants will be responsible for their own equipment, such as laptops, mobile devices and any other electronic devices that you may need. Participants are advised to bring their own internet connection facility in the event of a technical failure.
- Participants in case of any allergies are requested to inform beforehand to the organizing committee.
- Housing and food shall be made available to participants of HackVerse. This courtesy is extended only to registered participants of HackVerse.
- Identification shall be provided at the venue, and participants are instructed to keep the ID on their person at all times during HackVerse. Failure to do so may result in restriction of access to resources and areas. The decision made by the Organization in this regard is final and binding.



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## Campus Rules

Alcohol, recreational drugs, and other controlled substances are not permitted on campus. Possession of controlled substances without requisite permission from the Organization can be treated as grounds for disqualification and legal action. Participants are expected to maintain decorum suitable to the occasion and to not take undue risks. NITK Beach shall remain off-limits to participants unless explicitly mentioned otherwise. The Organization is not accountable to damages resulting due to perilous conduct at NITK Beach, even if such events are held under its supervision.

## Rules of Conduct

Please read the Code of Conduct on our website. [Link](#)

## Concerning Sponsor Organizations

Workshops conducted by the Sponsors are intended to familiarize participants with new technology, methods and software principles. The Organization is not to be held responsible for damages due to these workshops, and it is the responsibility of the participant to ensure the safety of their belongings.

## Rules for talks/workshops and resources

- All talks/workshops held in association with HackVerse are conducted at the discretion of the organizers themselves.
- Registrations for each talks/workshop will be done at the venue in a first come first served basis. The Organization shall not be held accountable in this regard.
- Internet facilities will be provided for participants. However, participants are recommended to make arrangements for their own private connections, as the Organization cannot account for safety and high bandwidth in all areas.



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## Panelists and Decisions

The prizes for each category are valid only to registered participants of HackVerse. The prizes themselves are distributed by the corresponding panel of judges as they see fit. The Organization can claim no role in the proceedings, and cannot be held accountable to the panels' outcome. These decisions will be made at the panel's sole discretion. No team or team member shall make any claim or appeal against the decisions, either interlocutory or final, of the panel. The decision of the organizers regarding the results would be final and binding.

## Intellectual Property

The Organization shall have no claim to the intellectual property of any participant, and is legally unaccountable for enforcing ownership of ideas in cases of theft or attempted plagiarism. Participants own any intellectual property they produce at HackVerse and neither the Sponsors nor the Organization shall make a claim to Intellectual Property rights of their products or creations.

## Acceptance of Agreement to the Terms and Conditions

The application to HackVerse implies the full acceptance of these terms and conditions.

Participants agree to the following conditions for the application and participation in HackVerse:

- The solutions developed shall not feature any references of a sexual nature, explicit or suggestive, shall not be offensive, obscene, pornographic or violent or derogatory to any ethnic, racial, religious, professional or age group. They should not encourage any form of hate or group hate nor contain derogatory comments about the Organization or its products or services, or other people, products or companies.
- The solutions developed shall not advertise illegal drugs or firearms (or the use of either), or any activity that may convey unsafe, dangerous or political messages.
- The solutions developed shall not present registered trademarks or logos owned by third parties or advertise or promote any brand or product of any kind.
- The solutions developed shall not contain materials protected by copyright or property of third parties (including photographs, sculptures, paintings and other works of art or images published on websites or on television, movies or other media). Participants shall ensure that the ideas/prototypes/apps proposed are innovative and original.



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- The solutions developed shall not present any names, images, photographs or other evidence that identify any person, living or dead, without explicit authorization from them or their representatives.

During HackVerse, participants shall act with the utmost courtesy and respect for all persons and entities involved in the event. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions provided for in this clause may result in, by the decision of the panel of judges, at their sole discretion, the exclusion of the participant and/or team from HackVerse without claim or appeal. They may also be held liable for damages incurred and compensate for any losses.

- Participants acknowledge and agree to grant the Organization the right to photograph, record, or otherwise capture their likeness in media to distribute, broadcast, or otherwise use to promote the Organization and the Sponsors, in perpetuity, such media without any further approval from you or any payment to you. This grant to the Organisers includes, but is not limited to, the right to edit such media, the right to use the media alone or together with other information, and the right to allow others to use or disseminate the media.
- Participants consent that HackVerse facilities and infrastructure are for the exclusive use of this event. However, the Organization cannot provide any guarantee for safety or integrity of any device or apparatus used at the event, and is legally released from any liability.

In any discrepancy involving the operations of HackVerse or of the Organization, the Organization shall retain the right to make decisions, which shall be final and binding to all participants.

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