



# PRIVACY POLICY

Hack the Spring '26 respects the privacy of all participants, visitors, and users. This Privacy Policy explains how information is collected, used, and protected during the event and through its website and registration platforms.

## 1. INFORMATION WE COLLECT

We may collect the following information during registration and participation:

- Full name
- Email address and contact number
- College / institute name and department
- Academic details required for eligibility
- Team details and event registrations
- Project titles, abstracts, and submissions

## 2. PURPOSE OF DATA COLLECTION

The collected information is used only for:

- Event registration and verification
- Communication related to schedules, updates, and announcements
- Event coordination and team management
- Evaluation, judging, and result declaration
- Certificate generation and official records
- Post-event reporting and documentation

## 3. DATA USAGE & SHARING

- Participant data will be used for **HackTheSpring'26 purposes**.
- **///See This///** Personal information will **not be sold, shared, or distributed** to third parties for commercial use.
- Data may be shared internally with organizing members and faculty coordinators for event management only.

## 4. MEDIA & PUBLICITY CONSENT

- Photographs, videos, and recordings may be captured during the event.

- By participating, attendees grant permission for such media to be used for:
  - Official website
  - Social media platforms
  - Promotional materials
  - Reports and event documentation
- No personal contact details will be published publicly.

## 5. WEBSITE & COOKIES

- The website may use cookies or basic analytics tools to improve user experience.
- Cookies do not collect sensitive personal information.
- By using the website, users consent to such usage.

## 6. DATA SECURITY

- Reasonable measures are taken to protect participant data.
- Access to data is limited to authorized organizing members only.
- While efforts are made to secure data, complete security cannot be guaranteed.

## 7. DATA RETENTION

- Participant data may be retained for academic, reporting, and record-keeping purposes.
- Data will not be stored longer than necessary for official use.

## 8. PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITY

- Participants are responsible for ensuring that the information they provide is accurate.
- The organizing committee is not responsible for issues caused by incorrect or outdated information submitted by participants.

## 9. POLICY UPDATES

- This Privacy Policy may be updated if required.
- Continued participation in the event implies acceptance of the updated policy.

## 10. CONSENT

- By registering for or participating in **Techfest Hack the Spring '26**, acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to this Privacy Policy.