Guidelines for Innov-Era 2025

1. **Purpose:**

   This hackathon is about learning, networking, and creating. Engage meaningfully with all participants, mentors, and sponsors.

2. **Respect:**

   All participants must follow the guidelines and be respectful to everyone, including fellow participants, mentors, organizers, and judges.

3. **Theme Selection:**

   Choose from one of the following:
   - **Hydra** (FinTech)
   - **Ignis** (Next Gen Tech)
   - **Ether** (Cyber Tech)
   - **Aero** (EdTech)
   - **Terra** (Green Tech)

4. **Team Composition:**

   Teams must consist of 4-6 members, with at least one female member.

5. **Original Work:**

   All submissions must be original. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited.

6. **Registration Fee:**

   ₹450/- per team.

7. **Intellectual Property Rights:**

   IP rights will be shared between the team, industry partner, and the organizing institute, based on specific terms.

8. **Copyright Compliance:**

   Teams are responsible for ensuring their submissions comply with applicable copyright laws.

9. **Timeline & Deadlines:**

   Adhere to the hackathon timeline. Late submissions will not be accepted.

10. **Tools & Resources:**

You are free to use any programming language, framework, or tool unless specified otherwise.

11. **Mentorship:**

Mentors can provide guidance but cannot contribute to code. Collaboration between teams is prohibited.

12. **Equipment:**

Bring your own laptops, chargers, and necessary hardware. Internet access will be provided.

13. **Presentation:**

Prepare to present your project clearly. Focus on problem, solution, and impact.

14. **Plagiarism:**

Strictly prohibited. Teams found guilty will be disqualified.

15. **Judging Criteria:**

Winners will be selected based on the final decisions of the judges.

16. **Phase 1 - Sankalp (Online):**

Submit your problem statement and solution as per the Unstop portal format.

17. **Phase 2 - Prakalp (Online):**

Submit a 3-5 minute prototype video showcasing your working model.

18. **Phase 3 - Utkarsh (Offline):**

A 12-hour hackathon to finalize and present your solution (focus on MVP).

19. **Prizes:**

   - 🏆 **Winner (1 per theme):** ₹50,000 + Trophy + Certificate
     🥈 **Runner-Up (1 per theme):** Trophy + Certificate
   - (**1 winner & 1 runner-up per theme**: *TERRA, AERO, AETHER, IGNIS, HYDRA*)

20. **Accommodation:**

Participants are responsible for their own lodging. Assistance will be provided, but organizers are not liable for any issues.