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Registration Rules

- Each participant must pay a registration fee of ₹100.
- The total amount per team will vary based on team size (e.g., ₹200 for 2 members, ₹500 for 5 members).
- Payment must be done online as per instructions.
- Teams must submit a project synopsis at the time of registration, including:
  - Problem Statement
  - Proposed Solution
  - Technologies to be used
  - Expected Outcome
- Transaction ID or payment screenshot must be uploaded during registration.

Team Formation Rules

- Each team must consist of minimum 2 and maximum 5 members.
- All team members must be from the same institute/University.
- Cross-department teams within the same institute are allowed.
- A student can participate in only one team.
- The Team Leader will act as the primary point of contact for communication.

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Project and Development Rules

- Only projects relevant to the chosen problem statements/domains will be accepted.
- Teams must work on original ideas. Plagiarism or copying existing projects will lead to disqualification.
- The project should fall under the selected domain such as Web, Mobile, IoT, AI, etc.
- Teams may use open-source tools, APIs, and libraries.
- Pre-existing code is allowed only if it is declared in the project synopsis and forms the base for further innovation.

Time and Work Rules

- The hackathon will be conducted over 1 day.
- Teams must adhere to the timelines defined in the event schedule.
- Projects must be started and completed within the hackathon window.
- All work must be done by team members only—no external help or outsourcing is allowed.
- Teams must be present at the venue during the hackathon (unless it's hybrid/online).
- Teams must log their progress at regular intervals if asked by organizers.

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Evaluation

- Judging will occur in 2 stages:
    - Mid-Evaluation (Progress check)
    - Final Presentation (Demo and Q&A)

- Evaluation Criteria will include:
    - Innovation & Creativity
    - Relevance to Problem Statement
    - Technical Complexity
    - Feasibility & Impact
    - Presentation & Demo Quality

Project Presentation

- Teams must submit:
  - Final working project/demo
  - Optional presentation slides or video walk through

- Final presentation time: 5–7 minutes + 3 minutes Q&A.

- Submissions after the deadline may result in penalty or disqualification.

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Final Submission

- Each team must submit:
    - Working prototype/demo
    - Presentation slides (optional but recommended)
    - Brief documentation or README

- Teams will present their solution during the final round or valedictory session.

- Time for presentation: 5–7 minutes per team.

Device and Resource Rules

- Participants must bring their own laptops and chargers.
- Internet will be provided (if onsite), but teams may use their own data cards as backup.
- Participants are responsible for the safety of their belongings.
- Hardware components (if needed) must be arranged by teams themselves unless announced otherwise.

Certification and Prizes

- Certificates will be awarded to all valid participants.

- Winning teams will receive prizes and recognition.

- Certificates will be awarded only to those who:
  - Complete registration and payment
  - Submit and present their project
  - Maintain decorum during the event
- Winners will be awarded certificates, trophies, and (announced at the event).

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General Code of Conduct

- Participants must maintain professionalism, respect, and collaboration.
- Any kind of misbehavior, academic dishonesty, or misconduct will lead to disqualification.
- Organizers reserve the right to change rules or disqualify any team for violations.
- All participants are expected to stay for the full duration of the hackathon unless otherwise approved.

Organizer Rights

- Organizers reserve the right to:
  - Disqualify any team violating rules
  - Change judging criteria or timelines (with prior notice)
  - Cancel or reschedule the event in case of unforeseen circumstances.