

1. Project Submission Requirements

To qualify for judging, every team must submit all of the following by the deadline:

- **Project Title & Description:** A clear explanation of the project and the problem it solves.
- **Demo Video:** A walkthrough showing the working prototype for about **2 to 5 minutes**.
- **Devpost Form:** Complete submission with all required links and media.
- **Presentation (Optional):** Slides/pitch deck outlining architecture, innovation, and use-case.
- **Public Code Repository:** GitHub (or similar) repo with source code, README (setup, usage, technical overview), and the following collaborators: Main **R&I Dept, startup's GitHub, Sujan Saitej, and Mohamed Nasir**.
- **Live Link:** Hosted app accessible via URL (e.g., Vercel, Netlify, VPS).
- **Project Validation:** Screenshots, user feedback, test results, or other proof the project works.

2. Allowed Technologies and Frameworks

- Participants may use any programming language, libraries, tools, or AI frameworks. Examples include AI/ML models, large language models (LLMs), APIs, and automation frameworks.
- There are no restrictions on the technology stack; creativity and innovation are highly encouraged.
- All tools, libraries, and datasets must be either open-source or properly licensed for use.
- Projects must clearly document the technologies used to help judges understand your solution's architecture.

3. Judging Criteria and Process

- Projects will be evaluated by an expert panel using the following weighted criteria:
- **Innovation & Creativity (25%)** – Originality and inventiveness of the idea.
- **Technical Implementation (25%)** – Quality of code, system design, and effective use of AI tools/models.
- **Problem Relevance & Impact (20%)** – How well the solution addresses the chosen problem and its potential impact.
- **Agent Autonomy & Intelligence (20%)** – Degree to which the AI agent can operate independently and intelligently.

4. Timeline and Deadlines

- **Hackathon Starts:** 15 July 2025 at 12:00 PM IST.
- **Hackathon Ends:** 16 July 2025 at 12:00 PM IST.
- **Submission Deadline:** 16 July 2025 at 12:01 PM IST.
- **Winners Announced:** 16 July 2025 at 1:00 PM IST.
- All times are in Indian Standard Time (IST) unless otherwise specified. Teams must meet all deadlines to remain eligible.

5. Code of Conduct for Participants

Participants must maintain professionalism, respect others, and follow organizer instructions. Plagiarism or misrepresentation will lead to disqualification. Harassment—including comments or behavior related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, appearance, or beliefs—is strictly prohibited. Any inappropriate conduct should be reported to the organizers and will be addressed immediately.