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From Ideas to Products

Nepal's AI Hackathon for Ideas That Count

Participants Handbook

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Introduction TO The Event

#FROMIDEASTOPRODUCTS

AIDEA is envisioned as Nepal's largest and most impactful AI Hackathon, designed to empower young innovators, students, and professionals to leverage artificial intelligence for solving real-world challenges. This national-level innovation program aims to bring together diverse talent from across Nepal, fostering creativity, technical excellence, and entrepreneurial thinking.

The event aligns with the U.S. Embassy Nepal's initiative to strengthen Nepal's startup and innovation ecosystem. AIDEA serves as a platform where thousands of aspiring innovators can gain exposure, build prototypes, receive mentorship, and take meaningful steps toward developing investable AI-driven solutions.

With participation from 100+ colleges and 100+ direct hackathon participants, AIDEA will become a landmark event shaping the future of Nepal's technological landscape.





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Theme & Target Audience

Theme

From Ideas to Scalable AI Solutions

Participants should focus on how their idea can evolve into a practical solution—one that users can actually adopt, businesses or institutions can implement, and that has the potential to grow over time. The emphasis is not only on innovation, but also on feasibility, impact, and long-term scalability.

Criteria

- Clear problem statement
- Practical AI use
- Potential for scale
- Path to productization





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Event Overview & Timeline

AIDEA follows a structured, multi-phase journey:

Stage 1: Online AI Bootcamps (Capacity Building Phase)

Dates: January 11–14, 2026

Format: Online (Virtual Sessions)

Focus Areas:

AI fundamentals and applied use cases

Problem framing and validation

Product thinking and user-centric design

Technical planning and hackathon execution readiness

Outcome:

Teams aligned on problem–solution fit

Clear execution and prototyping roadmap for the physical hackathon





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Stage 2: Physical AI Hackathon

Dates: January 16–18, 2026

Format: Physical Hackathon

Activities:

Intensive hands-on prototyping and solution development

Continuous technical and domain mentorship

Mid-hackathon reviews and pitch refinement sessions

Outcome:

Functional AI prototypes or proof-of-concepts

Top 6 teams shortlisted based on innovation, execution, and potential impact





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Stage 3: Online Mentorship (Post-Hackathon Acceleration)

Dates: January 20 -22, 2026

Participants: Top 6 Selected Teams

Focus:

Product-market fit refinement

Business orientation and go-to-market thinking

Scalability, validation, and product readiness

Mentor-driven feedback on technology, product, and business models

Outcome:

Teams prepared with refined products and stronger business narratives

Improved readiness for demo day pitching and future scaling





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Stage 4: Demo Day & Winner Announcement

Dates: January 25, 2026

Participants: Top 6 Selected Teams

Focus:

Final product and pitch presentations before judges and expert panel

Pitching and interaction sessions with invited angel investors and investor members, enabling early-stage investment conversations and feedback

Evaluation based on innovation, AI application, feasibility, scalability, and impact

Announcement of winners





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Prize Pool

To recognize and reward outstanding innovation and execution, the following prizes will be awarded to the top teams at AIDEA – From Ideas to Products :

Total Prize Pool: NPR 1,50,000/-

- **Winner: NPR 1,00,000 (1 Lakhs)**
- **Runner-up: NPR 50,000 (50 Thousands)**

In addition to cash prizes, teams will receive recognition, mentorship exposure, and potential access to incubation, acceleration, and investor networks.

All registered participants will receive official Participation Certificates upon successful completion of the hackathon.





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Register Now!

Secure your spot and be part of a hands-on AI hackathon focused on building real, scalable products.

Follow the registration link or scan the QR Below:

<https://forms.gle/vzVEjQqFnDpnhhV98>

Extended Reg. Deadline:

7th Jan, 2026



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