



Date 25/12/2025

Ms. Purnima Anand

President, International BRICS Forum
President, GO-BRICS Business Forum

Subject: Acceptance of Invitation to Host the India–Russia Digital Innovations Hackathon
2025-26

Dear Ms. Anand Ji,

This is with reference to your communication Ref. BIF/25-26/40 dated 11 December 2025, inviting Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology (RGIFT), Jais, to serve as the Indian Host Institute for the forthcoming *India–Russia Digital Innovations Hackathon 2025-26*.

I am pleased to convey that RGIFT hereby formally accepts this invitation and nominate Computer Science and Engineering department of RGIFT to coordinate for the same. The Institute expresses its appreciation for being considered for this prestigious initiative under the GO-BRICS Business Forum.

RGIFT affirms its readiness to host and facilitate this pan-India hackathon. We anticipate participation from approximately 500+ participants across the country, representing premier engineering and technical institutions. The computer science and engineering department of RGIFT will coordinate national outreach and institutional engagement.

We value the opportunity to collaborate with the GO-BRICS Business Forum in strengthening bilateral cooperation between India and Russia in the domains of digital innovation, energy technology, and youth skill development. We also appreciate the avenues this initiative opens for student exchanges, academic enrichment, and industry-linked internships.

The Institute will provide appropriate support to ensure the effective and impactful execution of both the India Round and the Indo–Russia collaborative phase of the hackathon.

We look forward to a constructive and enduring association.

With regards,

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