# Instructions: Shaastra Programming Contest – Finals

**Date:** 5 January 2026
**Time:** 1:00 PM (IST)
**Platform:** CodeChef

- Tab switching is **restricted** during the contest.

- Code must be written **only in the CodeChef Code Editor**.

- All programming languages allowed in the prelims are **also allowed in the finals**; participants may code in the language of their choice.

- **Use of AI tools is strictly prohibited.**

- Participants are advised to **prepare code templates in advance** and bring them on paper or as a printout.

- Please bring your **pens and rough sheets**.