



IIC-2.0 International Innovation Challenge

Participation Guidelines (for Teams)

1. Eligibility

- Open to all university/college students globally.
 - Each team must have **min 2, max 4 members**.
 - Interdisciplinary and international collaboration is encouraged.
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2. Registration

- Registration is **mandatory** for all teams. However, only the **team leader** needs to register on behalf of the entire team.
 - Platform: **Unstop (formerly Dare2Compete)**
 - Registration Window: **July 29 (00:00) – August 24 (23:59), 2025**
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3. Participation Fees

- **Indian Teams:** ₹700 per team
 - **International Teams:** \$50 USD per team
 - **Mixed Teams (Indian+International):** Considered international; \$50 USD applies
 - Fees are non-refundable.
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4. Themes

Projects must fall under one of the following categories:

- **Defense Tech & Strategic Innovation**
- **Disaster Management & Relief**
- **Women & Child Safety**
- **Border & Homeland Security**
- **Cyber Vigilance & Digital Sovereignty**
- **Rural Empowerment & Smart Villages**
- **Healthcare & Mental Wellness**
- **Urban Infrastructure & Smart Cities**
- **Space & Aerotech Innovation**
- **Digital Literacy & Access for All**
- **Smart & Sustainable Agriculture**
- **Education & Skill Development**

Note: These themes and submitted projects are only for Round 1 evaluation. A **new problem statement** will be provided in the **Offline Round (Round 2)**, based on the same theme as selected in Round 1. Teams are **not allowed to continue** with their Round 1 project in the final round.

5. Project Requirements

- Projects must be **original, innovative**, and not copied from existing products.
 - Teams must demonstrate **feasibility, impact**, and a **working understanding** of the tech stack.
 - Use of AI tools must be declared; overreliance may lead to score capping or disqualification.
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6. PPT Submission (Round 1 – Elimination Round)

- Submit a **6-slide PPT** using the **official template**.
 - PPT must explain: Problem Statement, Proposed Solution, Innovation, Feasibility, Impact, and Tech Implementation.
 - **Submission Deadline: August 24, 2025**
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7. Shortlisting Process

- Teams will be evaluated based on a standardized scoring rubric across 8 criteria.
 - Prototypes (or demo videos) **are optional but highly encouraged**.
Submitting a working prototype or a demo video can significantly enhance your evaluation and help you score higher.
 - Shortlisted teams will be notified by **September 1, 2025**, and invited to the offline round at Manipal University Jaipur.
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8. Offline Event Support

- Manipal University Jaipur will provide:
 - Electricity and Wi-Fi
 - Desks
 - Food and refreshments
 - Basic sleeping arrangements (mattresses)
 - Teams may submit requests to room admins for any **additional resources** needed.
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9. Offline Event Dates (Final Round)

- **Venue:** Manipal University Jaipur
 - **Dates:** September 8-9, 2025
 - All teammembers **must be physically present** for presentation and Q&A.
 - Evaluation will include live demo, pitch, and in-depth questioning by judges.
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10. Results & Prize Distribution

- Winners will be announced during the **closing ceremony on September 9, 2025**.
 - **Goodies and non-monetary prizes** will be distributed during the ceremony itself.
 - Please note that any **monetary prizes**, if applicable, will be processed after the event via official channels and **will not be disbursed on the same day**.
 - Top-performing projects may also receive **incubation support** and networking opportunities.
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11. Certification

- All participants will receive **Certificates of Participation** endorsed by **Manipal University Jaipur**.
 - Finalists will receive **Special Recognition Certificates** and potential collaboration opportunities.
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12. Disqualification Rules

- Any form of **plagiarism, unethical conduct, or rule violation** will result in **immediate disqualification**.
 - Projects must be built by the team members only.
 - Use of GenAI tools must be transparent and limited to ideation or support.
 - Room admins and core team members will actively monitor fairness.
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13. Campus Conduct & Professionalism

- Participants must maintain **professional behavior** at all times.
- Accessing **restricted areas or labs without permission** is strictly prohibited.
- This is a global event promoting **collaboration, innovation, and mutual respect** – treat everyone with courtesy.