🏆 NYD 2026 Hackathon

The NYD 2025 Hackathon focused on building a [Gita chatbot](#), while the IYD 2025 Hackathon centered on creating a [Ramayana fact-checker](#). Now, the NYD 2026 Hackathon will bring these two ideas together — developing an open source chatbot that also serves as a fact-checker.

Unlike traditional hackathons, this one will run for 4 months with staged submissions. Each stage has clear deliverables, and winners will be chosen based on performance at each stage. The final winner will be the team/individual with the best cumulative performance across all four stages.

📅 Timeline & Stages

- **Month 1 — Core Chatbot & Dataset Integration**

  - **Deliverable:** A working chatbot that can load any new dataset without any code changes.

  - **Deadline:** Sep 30, 2025

- **Month 2 — Fact-Checking Engine**

  - **Deliverable:** A fact-checking module integrated into the chatbot that works with any dataset.

  - **Deadline:** Oct 31, 2025

- **Month 3 — Integrated Web App**

  - **Deliverable:** A Flask+HTML/JS based Web App that integrates the fact checking chatbot.

  - **Deadline:** Nov 30, 2025

- **Month 4 — Testing, Polishing & Deployment**

  - **Deliverable:** Fully tested, polished product deployed on a public link

  - **Deadline:** Dec 31, 2025

🔄 Rules & Flow

1. Each month is a fresh submission round.

2. Each team can have 1 or 2 students.

3. Participants/teams can drop out or join later stages, but only those submitting all four stages are eligible for the Grand Prize.

4. Winners for each month will be announced separately.

5. Use APIs of open source models only. Your submission should run on a light weight server without requiring to download any LLMs.

6. Final Grand Prize Winner = Best cumulative performance across all 4 months.

🏆 Prizes

Each Month:

- First Prize: INR 5,000/-

- Second Prize: INR 3,000/-

- Third Prize: INR 2,000/-

Grand Prize: INR 10,000/- (to be announced on Jan 12, 2026)

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