Hack-O-Vation 2026

30 HOURS LONG
INTRA-COLLEGE HACKATHON

ORGANISED BY

GFG CAMPUS BODY- IIIT KOTA

6TH- 8TH FEB 2026

VENUE: ACADEMIC BLOCK (LTS) IIIT KOTA

ABOUT Hack-O-Vation

"GFG HackOvation 2026" a 30-hour college-level innovation sprint, is your chance to ideate, build, and showcase impactful tech solutions in a fun, competitive, and collaborative environment. Whether you're a beginner or a coding pro, this hackathon welcomes you - with special perks to get first-year students started confidently.

- **DATE: 6TH TO 8TH FEB 2026**
- **VENUE: ACADEMIC BLOCK (LTS) IIIT KOTA**
- **TEAM SIZE: 3 TO 4 MEMBERS**
- **MODE: OFFLINE**

WHY PARTICIPATE?

01 Compete for a total prize pool of ₹1.5 Lac +

02 Gain exposure to a real-world hackathon workflow

03 Work in teams and seek guidance from mentors

04 Present solutions before GFG's judges and faculty

05 Special recognition for 1st-year participants

EVENT FLOW

---ROUND 1 : IDEATION ---

29 TH JAN 2026, 05:00 P.M.

Registrations forms for the hackathon will be released.

31ST JAN 2026, 11:59 P.M.

Problem Statements Reveal!

5STH FEB 2026, 11:59 P.M.

Deadline for the form submission along with the ppt submission.

6TH FEB 2026, 03:30 P.M.

Inauguration of the ceremony + official announcement of the shortlisted teams to proceed for the Round-2 (next day) based on the ppt.

---ROUND 2 : THE BUILD ---

7TH FEB 2026, 10:00 A.M.

Coding round begins.

7TH FEB 2026, 02:00 P.M.

Mentorship frame:
Participants can seek mentorship or help from the mentors available.

7TH FEB 2026, 10:00 P.M.

Mid-Evaluation.
Participants will be evaluated on the basis of the progress they have made so far and will be graded accordingly.

7TH FEB 2026, 11:59 P.M.

Break time + fun activities

8TH FEB 2026, 10:00 A.M.

Final submission of the project + selection of the teams to proceed to Round-3.

---ROUND 3 : FINAL SHOWDOWN---

8 TH FEB 2026, 02:00 P.M.

Selected teams will present their idea and the project to the jury.

8TH FEB 2026, 06:00 P.M.

Announcement of results + Distribution of prizes

PRIZES

GET A CHANCE TO WIN-

1.5 LAC+ PRIZE POOL

- Cash Prizes
- GFG Premium Subscriptions
- GFG exclusive swags
- Certificate of Excellence
- Special Prizes for top 2 first year teams

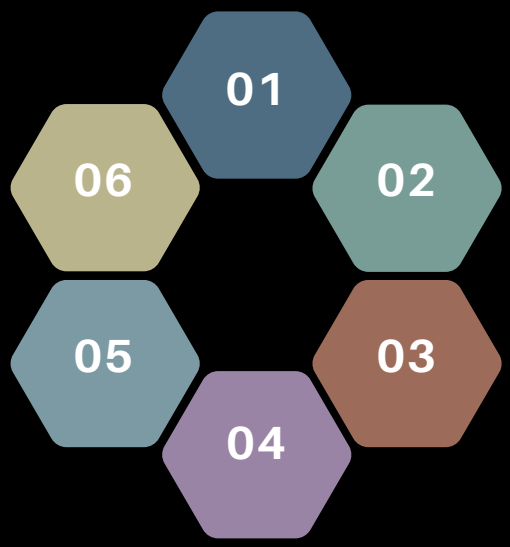
***Guaranteed participation certificates, ₹30 GFG Connect Voucher and 50% Course Discount Vouchers just for registering and participating!**

THEMES

HealthTech
Bridging the gap between technology and well-being.

Smart Education
Revolutionizing how we learn and manage campus life.

AgriTech
Tech-driven solutions to improve farming efficiency and sustainability.



FinTech
Secure, scalable financial solutions for the modern user.

Social Good
Technology that solves real problems for the community.

Sustainable Future
Green tech solutions for a better tomorrow.

RULES & GUIDELINES

TEAM FORMATION

- Each team must contain 3-4 members.
- Same/cross year teams are encouraged.
- Only the teams consisting of all the members from first year will qualify for the consolation prizes category for first years.
- No inter-college teams are allowed.

ROUND 1 GUIDELINES

- This is the qualifiers round. YOU DON'T NEED TO CODE!
- A pdf format of the PPT has to be submitted covering:
  a. Problem Statement: Which Problem Statement are you choosing?
  b. Proposed Solution: What are you planning to build?
  c. Tech Stack: What tools will you use? (e.g., React, Flutter, Python).
  d. Wireframes (Optional): Rough sketches of what it might look like.
- You must submit it between the window starting from **Feb 01, 2026 10:00 a.m. to Feb 05,2026 11:59 p.m.** Results will be declared on **Feb 06, 2026 03:30 p.m.** during Inaugural Ceremony. **All registered teams must attend it.**

ROUND 2 GUIDELINES

- Selected teams from Round 1 will proceed to the development round starting on **Feb 07, 2026 10:00 a.m.**
- You **cannot** use a **pre-built project.** We will check GitHub commit history.
- Vibe Coding Policy: "Agentic Coding" (using AI to debug/learn) is allowed. "Vibe Coding" (Copy-pasting entire projects without understanding logic) is strictly prohibited. Judges will ask detailed code questions.
- On the day of the event, we will release specific "**Twists**" or constraints for the Problem Statements. Your final code must address these twists.
- What to Submit?
  a. GitHub Repository Link: Must be **public**. Must show commits from Feb 07 to 08 2026.
  b. The "Twist" Implementation: Show us how you tackled the specific constraint revealed at the venue.
  c. Working Prototype: It doesn't have to be perfect, but it should run.

- Mentorship window will open at **Feb 07, 2026 02:00 p.m.**
- A "**Mid-Eval**" will happen at **10:00 p.m. on Feb 07, 2026.** All the teams must be present there. Teams with zero progress at that time may not be allowed to pitch in the finals.
- All the submissions should be done by **Feb 08, 2026 10:00 a.m.**

OTHER GUIDELINES

- Participants are expected to bring their own laptops, chargers, extension boards, etc. However, Wi-Fi facility will be provied.
- Any form of harassment or plagiarism will lead to immediate disqualification.
- All code must be pushed to a **public GitHub repository.** You must show gradual commit history (no bulk uploads at the end).
- Top performing teams will qualify for competing for the top three prizes.
- Top two first-year teams will also qualify for a special consolation prize category. They will be judged based on their approach, learning curve, and how much they build during the event.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Innovation: Is the idea unique? Did you handle the "Twist" creatively
- Technical Implementation: Does the code actually work? Is it clean?
- Commitment: (Checked via Git History) Did you build this steadily during the 24 hours?
- Impact: Does this solve the problem statement effectively?
- Presentation: Can you explain your logic clearly to the judges?

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FAQs

1. I'm a first-year and don't know Web/App Dev. Should I join?
→ Yes. Finalist slots are reserved for first-years, and the hackathon is designed for learning by building.

2. Can I go back to my hostel at night?
→ A mandatory Mid-Hack Evaluation at 10:00 p.m. on Feb 07,2026 requires your presence; absence will lead to disqualification.

3. Is there any registration fee?
→ No. Registration is completely free, and a voucher is provided upon sign-up.

4. Are AI tools like ChatGPT or GitHub Copilot allowed?
→ Yes, but you must be able to explain your code during evaluation, or you risk disqualification.