

BPUT HACKATHON 2025

GUIDELINES FOR MID-EVALUATION

22nd to 24th October 2025

The Mid-Evaluation of the BPUT Hackathon 2025 will be conducted in **physical mode** at the designated venue partner institutions **across Bhubaneswar and Rourkela** from **22nd to 24th October 2025**. All participating teams are required to **strictly adhere** to the following **guidelines and instructions**. Violation of any rule may lead to immediate disqualification.

1. General Conduct and Identification

- a) Each team has been allotted a unique Team ID by the University. This ID must be used in all communications and evaluations.
- b) Revealing or discussing your college name is strictly prohibited during the evaluation. Teams are also not allowed to ask other participants about their institution.
- c) Students must carry a valid Government-issued Photo ID (Aadhaar, PAN, Voter ID, Passport, etc.) and present it whenever requested by venue officials. College ID cards will not be accepted.
- d) Teams may only reveal the following information during the evaluation: Team Name, Team Leader's Name, Team Members' Names, Contact Number and Assigned Team ID
- e) Each team must be accompanied by their registered mentor during the Mid-Evaluation.

2. Venue and Logistical Arrangements

- a) Venue partners will provide the necessary infrastructure for presentations and evaluation.
- b) Food facilities will be available on a payment basis at the venue. Participants are required to pay for their own meals.
- c) Teams arriving early on the day of the evaluation will be provided basic fresh-up and washroom facilities by the venue partner before the commencement of the session.
- d) All teams must ensure punctuality and strictly follow the schedule shared by the University or venue coordinator.

3. Code of Conduct

- a) Participants must comply with all instructions issued by the University, Venue Coordinator, and Evaluation Committee.
- b) Any form of misconduct, rule violation, or unethical behavior will result in immediate disqualification.
- c) Students must maintain professionalism, integrity, and discipline throughout the event.
- d) A participant cannot be part of more than one team. Violation will lead to disqualification of all associated teams.
- e) The decision of the Evaluation Committee will be final and binding on all participants.

4. Intellectual Property and Plagiarism

- a) The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) of the original ideas and solutions will remain with the respective teams.
- b) Any form of plagiarism, duplication, or submission of previously implemented projects will lead to immediate disqualification.
- c) Teams are encouraged to present innovative, original, and technically feasible ideas that contribute real value.

5. Evaluation Guidelines and Criteria

Teams will be evaluated based on multiple parameters to ensure a fair and comprehensive assessment.

- a. Idea and Problem Understanding: Clarity in identifying and defining the problem statement.
- b. Ideation and Relevance: Novelty, creativity, and relevance of the idea to the problem.
- c. Presentation Quality: Structure, clarity, and delivery of the presentation.
 - i. Teams must prepare a standard PPT for presentation.
 - ii. Each team will get 10 minutes, including Q&A with the evaluation panel.
- d. Solution Approach: The logical flow, proposed technology stack, and roadmap for implementation.
- e. Feasibility and Scalability: Practicality of implementation, scope for scaling, and sustainability.
- f. Business and Innovation Potential: Market potential, cost structure, profitability, and productization capability.
- g. Expected Outcomes: Clear articulation of objectives, methodology, and measurable outcomes.
- h. Impact and Usefulness: Potential to create a tangible and meaningful impact in the real-world context.
- i. Team Coordination and Communication: Demonstration of teamwork, clarity of roles, and collaborative effort.

6. Selection for Grand Finale

- a) Based on Mid-Evaluation performance, only 4–5 top-performing teams per problem statement will be shortlisted for the Grand Finale of BPUT Hackathon 2025, scheduled on 1st & 2nd November 2025 at BPUT Campus, Rourkela.
- b) Shortlisted teams will be officially notified by the University through appropriate communication channels.

7. Do's and Don'ts

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use your Team ID for all interactions and submissions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not mention your college name anywhere during evaluation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carry a valid Government Photo ID proof.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College ID cards are not acceptable for verification.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure your mentor is present with the team during evaluation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not use offensive or unprofessional language.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reach the venue on time as per the schedule.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not copy or reuse existing projects or ideas.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare a concise and impactful PPT (max. 10 mins).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Avoid exceeding your presentation time limit.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showcase original thinking and teamwork.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not discuss or compare with other teams' solutions.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain professional behavior throughout.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any form of rule violation will lead to disqualification.

The University encourages all participants to treat the Mid-Evaluation as an opportunity to demonstrate innovation, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Your discipline, professionalism, and commitment will ensure a transparent, fair, and enriching evaluation experience for everyone.

Best Wishes to All Teams!

– BPUT Hackathon 2025 Organizing Committee