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# PENTATHON

A prestigious  
**National Cybersecurity Hackathon**  
jointly organized by the National Critical  
Information Infrastructure Protection  
Center (NCIIPC), the All India Council of  
Technical Education (AICTE), and the  
Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell  
(MIC).

## TWO STAGES: -

- ▶▶ Screening Round
- ▶▶ Grand Finale





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# SCREENING ROUND (FIRST STAGE)

Scheduled for mid-March 2024, this online round will take the form of a jeopardy-style Capture the Flag (CTF) competition. Student teams will face challenges covering a wide range of cybersecurity domains including Web attacks, Network exploitation, privilege escalation, cloud-focused exploitation, API Vulnerabilities, Mobile App exploitation, OT SCADA, and Reverse Engineering.

# GRAND FINALE (SECOND STAGE)

Taking place in the first week of April 2024, this offline event will be an ethical hacking contest focused on Critical Information Infrastructure Protection.



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# WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

PENTATHON is open to students from Higher Education Institutes (HEIs). Participants can join individually or form teams consisting of 2 to 6 members. Additionally, each individual or team may have 1 to 2 optional mentors.

Winning Teams Winners of PENTATHON will not only receive prize money but also have the opportunity to be enrolled as Pentesters for CII by NCIIPC. These winning teams will be formally invited to participate in real Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) exercises, with provision for remuneration of up to Rs. 10 Lakh for each exercise.

## TIMELINE

1st Stage (Screening Round): Mid-March 2024 (Online)  
2nd Stage (Grand Finale Round): 1st Week of April 2024 (Offline)  
Last Date to Register: 10th March 2024



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