

Code Gladiators 2018 - Amazon Alexa Hackathon

A) Team Details (Mandatory):

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B) Idea/Skill Name (Mandatory): ShortNews

C) Amazon Skill ID (Mandatory) –

amzn1.ask.skill.5ec20d65-b963-4f66-8464-3022be0f0637

D) Amazon Developer Account Vendor ID (Mandatory) –

M1UTQXH70CYTPH

E) Steps to test the skill for evaluation purposes (Mandatory) -

- Invoke the "ShortNews" skill by saying:
"Alexa, Open short news."
- To get generic news:
"Alexa, news."
- To get category news:
[Categories: business/sports/world/politics/technology/startup/
entertainment/miscellaneous/hatke/science/automobile/national]
:
"Alexa, what's there in sports."
"Alexa, what's there in politics."
- To stop the skill:
"Alexa, stop."
"Alexa, silent."

F) Brief/Video demonstrating skill [Optional, but recommended] –

Video demonstration – YouTube link is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alEnt4AK06k&t=37s>

“ShortNews” Alexa skill provides user the latest update of India news from different categories like education, science, technology, entertainment, sports, business, etc. It is based on “Inshorts” News. Inshorts aggregates the news from many sources and makes it very abstract. It describes the entire news in just 60 words. “ShortNews” reads out all the news items in very abstract manner.

The user doesn’t need to spend time over internet or television to know news. He/she can just ask Alexa to brief them, User can listen to short news without any interruption within his/her activities.

There are many flash briefing skills but “ShortNews” overcomes them by its news diversity, precise and timely content delivery.

i. User can start this skill by saying:

“Alexa, Open short news”.

ii. And then user can get generic news or categories’ news by saying following utterances:

To hear Generic News:

“Headlines”,

"headlines please",

"What’s there in headlines?",

"What’s in today’s news",

"Tell me Inshorts",

"News".

iii. To hear Category News like about politics, sports, technology etc:

"What’s there in {category}",

"{category} news”

For example – Headlines from politics, What’s there in sports?, etc.

Thus, user will always be able to listen to the latest on his/her favourite topics.

“ShortNews” skill keeps us in the know.

Future scope:

- i. Skill can be enhanced for interrupting at a time to fetch more information on specific news item or mail the news link to the user's email ID.
- ii. It also can be leveraged to skip a news item which user is not interested.

For example – “Alexa, tell me the whole news for this item.”

“Alexa, Skip.”

“Alexa, mail me the link for this item.”