

MANIFEST

Every year Techfest has been taking up initiatives to play its part as a non-profit organization of a group of students from the premier institute in India to generate awareness and develop an inclination of youth populace towards the problems existing in their surroundings. **Manifest** is an initiative to garner the interest of the youth of country and provide a platform to share their views and ideas in the form of concrete ideas to improve the existing system so as to bring transparency in government processes and reduce avenues to commit corruption/reduce avenues for corruption to take place. The Challenge has been designed with the vision of working against corruption bringing together technology and government to increase the transparency in the present government processes hindering activities of corruption in many cases.

The main motto of having this competition is to help in the building of a transparent platform which would help in reducing corruption. Presenting an example to understand the process that we are looking forward to. There is a common man, let us name him Mr. X and he has to be in contact with an official Mr. A, here it becomes difficult for Mr. A to manipulate the order or any details in the application of Mr. X after taking money from him for the same. This would happen as the relevant details can be accessed by the outside world/3rd person after following a set procedure. This would make things more transparent and help resolve the issues with RTI Act in terms of the delay involved in its process. Until a few years ago it was impossible to point out any glitch or malpractice, this has changed due to the arrival of RTI act. We believe that it is time to evolve again by bringing about transparent platforms for all government processes this would greatly hinder the process of corruption.

Techfest, IIT Bombay aims to provide a credible platform to the country to disseminate their ideas and come up with a transparent and user-friendly website design delivering innovative services for improving the transparency in the present system.

Structure:

Duration:

The competition will continue nearly for three months and registration will be open up to 31st October, 2015. There are 2 rounds in the competition.

Those who are registering after 29th October, can go for the final or round 2 submission. Other participants who have registered before 29th October and haven't submitted the 1st progress report yet are required to send a request mail to manifest@techfest.org with the subject- 'Request to allow for late submission for first report - team id' with the reason of the late submission. The deadline for the final submission of the competition is 15th November 2015.

Team Structure:

One can register with a maximum of four members in the team. Ideal team suggestion would be 2 people who are interested in social issue and 2 people who are interested in coding and design. But note that the above mentioned division is not mandatory and is open for the participants to decide their combination.

General Rules for Submission:**Registration Procedure:**

A maximum of 4 students can register to form a team. The team must specify a team representative (TR) who will then be the point of contact for **Manifest** from that team.

Duties of the team:

1. Pick up a department from the 6 departments which we gave as a choice.
2. Study the present government website of that department perfectly and find where the present website needs improvement.
3. Round 1: Write an abstract of where the present website can be improved and why it is necessary to incorporate the change. The abstract may contain pictures of the present situation of the website and what you expect it to be for more efficiency.

The report should include all the following details:

Details of Team member - Team ID, Full Name, Name of college, City, Email id and contact number.

Department Selected:

Government Website verified (link is to be provided):

Improvements suggested: (to be mentioned pointwise)

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The subject of the mail for report submission should be Team ID. For example: Round 1-Team ID - Municipal Services. Do not forget to mention the team ID in the subject of the mail and the report. The following details should be followed in the report: (1) All answers should be written in one report only, (2) The report should be submitted in the pdf format only, (3) Font: Arial and Font size: 11.

A team should send only one report per genre. If a team sends multiple entries for one genre, the one sent earliest shall be considered. All other reports shall be discarded.

Mentors will be allotted to the teams after the verification of the 1st round report.

Round 2:

1. Talk to the officials of the concerned department they pick and do proper research on where corruption is happening and what else can be implemented to increase the transparency. (with the help of the mentor we provide)
2. Write the entire coding program for the ideal website expected.

3. The website can be written in any language of your choice: PHP, Python, JSP, etc. You will be given your own space in the server where you need to host your website. Basically you are required to have your website running for usage. We will provide proper documentation on how to do this. The details regarding this will be informed at a later stage.

The pattern for this submission will be informed after 1st round submission

The solutions will be judged by the experts in the relevant fields.

Judging criteria:

Transparency in the website

Improvements from the last website

Design and coding of website

Timeline:

Deadline for Submission of 1st round - 30th October (Go through the Structure Section tab for more details)

Registration Closes – 15th November

Deadline for final submission - 15th November

Government Departments to be chosen among:

The following resources will be helpful in making this campaign a success in your college. Try to use it in the best possible way.

Suggestions:

1. Those competing should create a neutral party website where complaints/inputs given about corruption in any department is handled so that no modification is possible.
2. The website should be so designed that any type of input can be uploaded and transferred to the concerned department.
3. Weekly/daily updates on action taken by the department till the issue is addressed are to be given to the complainant through the neutral website.
4. Website may be multi-lingual for convenience of wide range of people.
5. Try thinking of ways in which poor people and people who doesn't know using internet can also get benefited - For example: having more pictures.
6. Try to get the files present in the government department online taking care of the privacy issues.
7. International Anti-Corruption Conference - <http://16iacc.org/new-technologies/apps-at-the-iacc/>
8. One good idea to improve transparency has been given as an example in the VISION part of the competition

Overall sectors in India - http://goidirectory.gov.in/sector_index.php

Municipal Services:

<http://www.archive.india.gov.in/citizen/nagarpalika/nagarpalika.php?id=5>

Birth/Death/Khata certificate

Issue of building licenses - Bribes to break safety, health or other rules, City services available only on side payment

<http://www.sanchitha.ikm.in/book/export/html/1513>

Issue of trade licenses

Permission to hold cultural meets

Regular parking rights in parking lots

Determination and payment of property tax, under education, Right to Education applications processing, results of seat allocations in colleges under various examinations, under health, online diagnosis and outpatient advice, locations of government medical facilities can be considered.

Registration department:

Rules

http://www.delhi.gov.in/wps/wcm/connect/doit_revenue/Revenue/Home/Registration+Acts+and+Rules/

Structure

http://igrmaharashtra.gov.in/SB_ORGANISATION/ORGANISATION_Structure.aspx

Education Sector:

Capitation fee/scholarship

Human Resource Development - <http://mhrd.gov.in/school-education>

Right to education - Some States like Maharashtra and Karnataka are already delivering right to education services through the internet and even though there are flaws, this has improved transparency considerably and reduced the scope for corruption

Health:

Emergency medical aid

Department of health and family welfare - <http://www.mohfw.nic.in/>

State health secretaries - <http://nrhm.gov.in/contact/list-of-state-health-secretaries.html>

Try thinking new ways - Can we get the best doctors to actually see poor patients online and offer services to them.

For reference regd. above example - There have been several such efforts made by Space department and other agencies.

Law:

Free legal aid

Ministry of Law and justice - <http://lawmin.nic.in/>

Article 39-A of the Constitution of India, the Government of India has enacted an Act namely, the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987

Article 14, 22(1)

National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) - <http://nalsa.gov.in/>

