



# OFFICIAL HACKATHON RULEBOOK

## **Rising India Hackathon 1.0**

Hosted at – Nagpur Institute of Technology

## 1. Event Overview

Rising India Hackathon 1.0 is designed to aware, encourage and evaluate students' innovation, technical skills, and real-world problem analysis and solving abilities.

Participants will first compete with the ideas as per the provided Problem Statements, and selected finalist will move to the final round where they will solve a real company-level problem statement.

## 2. Eligibility & Team Structure

### Eligibility

The hackathon is open to all participants from any branch, any year, any college.

### Team Size

Minimum: 3 Members

Maximum: 5 Members

## 3. Event Dates & Venue

- Dates: 21st & 22nd
- Venue: Nagpur Institute of Technology, Nagpur

## 4. Reporting & Attendance

1. All teams must report at the college campus at 7:30 AM on 21st April 2026.
2. Only shortlisted teams must report at 7:30 AM on 22nd April 2026.
3. All participants must be punctual; late entries may lead to disqualification.
4. Only selected teams from Day 1 will be allowed to participate on Day 2.
5. Teams not shortlisted may leave the campus after the announcement of results.

All teams must report by 07:30 AM sharp for registration and setup. (8:00 AM last entry time)

## 5. Identification & Entry Rules

6. Participants must carry valid ID cards at all times during the event.
7. All participants must show their original college ID card when requested by officials.
8. Participants must carry and use the Nagpur Institute of Technology (NIT) issued ID card provided at the registration desk, displaying the team's unique ID (valid until finals).

## 6. Discipline & Conduct

9. All participants must maintain discipline and strictly follow event instructions.
10. Participants must maintain proper conduct and teamwork throughout the event.
11. All participants must follow instructions given by organizers and volunteers at all times.
12. Any damage to college property will lead to strict legal action. Participants must not damage any college property. Littering is strictly prohibited. Please keep the campus clean.

## 7. Participation Rules

13. All participants are required to collaborate through the team structure and follow event guidelines.
14. Only shortlisted teams will continue participation on Day 2.

## 8. Food & Accommodation

15. Accommodation will be provided only to outstation teams (outside Nagpur) who have already given consent for stay. (For Contact Prof. Subodh Gajbhiye-9067399798)
16. Lunch on Day 1 will be provided by the organizing team.
17. Day 1 Dinner will be available through a paid coupon system.
18. Lunch on Day 2 for shortlisted teams will be available on a paid basis (Discounted Coupon), if required.
19. Dinner on Day 2 will not be provided by the organizing team.

## 9. Equipment & Responsibility

20. Participants must bring their own laptops, chargers, and required digital devices.
21. Extension boards will be provided, but each team must bring at least one for backup.

22. The organizers will not be responsible for any loss or damage of personal items.

Participants must bring:

- Laptop Charger
- Required hardware (if any)
- Extension board (recommended)

Internet connectivity will be provided at the venue.

All participants are advised to bring their own water bottle.

All group leaders must bring their own extension box for charging laptops and mobile devices.

## 10. Event Format & Rounds

The hackathon will be conducted in two competitive rounds:

**Day 1 – Presentation Round as per the Problem Statements**

- All teams must develop a project based as per the provided Problem Statement which will be provided at 18/04/2026.

### **GitHub Requirement:**

- All participants are required to regularly push their code to the GitHub repository managed by the group leader for proper version control and collaboration.
- Each team must share the group leader's GitHub ID and add the GitHub ID provided by our team as a collaborator to the repository.
- Only the group leader will be responsible for pushing the final integrated project code

### **Selection Process:**

- Judges will evaluate all teams.
- Only selected teams will move to the Final Round.
- Finalist team names will be announced at the end of Day 1 and will also be communicated through the official Whats App group.
- All participants are required to regularly push their code to the GitHub repository managed by the group leader for proper version control and collaboration. Each team must share the group leader's GitHub ID and add the GitHub ID provided by our team as a collaborator to the repository. Only the group leader will be responsible for pushing the final integrated project code

**Day 2 – Final Round (Company Problem Statement) –**

- Reporting Time: 7:30 – 8:00AM (Only shortlisted teams)
- On day 2 industry problem statement will be given to shortlisted teams as per mention in scheduled.

### **Teams must:**

- Prepared PPT & Develop a working solution/prototype within the given time

- Demonstrate practical implementation

## 11. Presentation & Evaluation

### Day 1

23. Each team will get a total of 7 minutes for presentation and Q&A.
24. 5 minutes are allotted for project presentation and demonstration (2 minutes' for 5 slides of the PPT and 3 minutes for Platform demo).
25. 2 minutes are allotted for Q&A with judges.
26. All presentations will be conducted at the team's desk.

### Day 2

27. Each shortlisted team will get a total of 7 minutes for presentation and Q&A.
28. 5 minutes are allotted for project presentation and demonstration (2 minutes' for slides of the PPT and 3 minutes for Platform demo).
29. 2 minutes are allotted for Q&A with judges.

## 12. AI Tool Usage

Use of AI tools such as:

- ChatGPT
- GitHub
- Copilot
- Any other AI tools can be used.

Tools allowed for ideation and coding assistance.

## 13. Originality Policy

All projects must be original.

Plagiarism or pre-built submissions will result in immediate disqualification.

## 14. General Guidelines

29. Participants must adhere to all rules and guidelines throughout the event.
30. The decision of the judges and organizing committee will be final and binding.

## 15. Final Authority

The decision of the judges will be final and binding.