Guidelines for Participation

Dear Students/ Participants,

Please read this document carefully while applying. There are many questions that have been answered to give you more clarity and apply accordingly.

You may take a printout and refer to it occasionally.

👥 **Eligibility**

- Students from
  - **Grades 6 to 12** studying in government / government aided schools
  - including those engaged in Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs);
  - as well as **undergraduate and postgraduate students** and similar programs from higher education institutions such as ITIs and Diploma, government or government-aided colleges and universities.
  - Individuals, micro/small entrepreneurs, local groups, and self-help groups (SHGs) who come together with a shared identity, purpose, or locality to support collective growth and well-being.
- **Geography:** Pan-India

What do you need to do?

- Are you ready to solve real problems with AI?
- Form your team
- Pick a challenge and show the country what young minds can do.
- Visit the official portal, register your team, and start your innovation journey today.
  Let's shape the future—together.

Complete Guide to the Nationwide Hackathon Participation

1.   Stage wise process to be followed during the Hackathon.

Stage 1: Online Registration and Project Submission

  a) Participation Requirements
- Open to students of Classes 6–12 & College students, Community
- Teams of 2–4 students led by one mentor teacher(optional)
- Schools must register on the official portal

  b) Process & Schedule
- Teams register via the online portal
- Submit solutions aligned with provided themes

  c) Submissions to include:
- Written proposal (project title, problem statement, solution summary)
- AI Tools and technologies used
- Video demo (2–3 minutes)/PPT/PDF
- Optional diagrams, charts, or visuals

d) Themes of Participation (Participants must select one of the following five themes)

- AI for Climate Resilience
- AI for Health & Well-being
- AI for Education & Inclusion
- AI for Agriculture & Water
- AI for Cybersecurity & Safer Internet

Stage 2: Mentoring Sessions for Shortlisted students

- Teams will be shortlisted across all submissions as per evaluation criteria
- Shortlisted students will:
  - ➢ Receive mentoring by industry experts
  - ➢ Receive certificates of participation

Stage 3: National Grand Finale

- Top Teams will present to a national jury panel
- The event will include:
- Live demonstration of solutions
- Student keynotes and leadership panels
- Recognition by DeLL Technologies Leaders

2. 📄 Submission Guidelines

- **Registrations Open** January 2026 📅
- **Registrations close** 🔨 **Deadline**: 10th February 2026
- Participants can register under three categories as per the three categories i.e. K-12, Higher education, Community.
- Submissions must align with one of the identified themes.
- All entries must be original and developed during the Nationwide Hackathon period.
- **Format:** PDF, Word, PPT or JPG
- **Language:** English or Bilingual
- **Font:** Calibri, 12pt, 1.5 line spacing
- **Team Size:** 2–4 students + 1 mentor
- Must follow standard **Submission Template** 📥 *Download Submission Form Template*

3. Evaluation Process for Shortlisting

Evaluation will be conducted by a panel of academicians, AI experts, educators, and innovation partners, based on the following parameters. **All decisions by the organizing jury are final and binding.**

Criteria	Description
Problem Relevance	Alignment with chosen theme and clarity of problem statement
Innovation & Creativity	Originality, novelty, and real-world applicability

Technical Execution	Sound use of AI principles and prototyping skills
Feasibility & Scalability	How implementable and expandable is the idea
Presentation & Clarity	Communication of idea, use of visuals, clarity of message

4. Code and Ethics

- All solutions must be original and developed during the Nationwide Hackathon
- No plagiarism will be tolerated
- Teams must acknowledge all open-source libraries/tools used
- Respectful, inclusive, and ethical participation is mandatory
- **All decisions by the organizing jury are final and binding**

5. 🏆 Awards and Recognition for Top Teams

- Top 3 teams will receive mentorship support from Dell Technologies experts.
- Certificates, trophies, and recognition for all participants
- Merit awards for thematic excellence

📞 Contact & Support

For help with registration, queries, or media:

- 📧 Email: support@aifutureskillshackathon.in

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