

HACKFORGE 2025 - RULEBOOK

Organized by Regional College of Management, Bhubaneswar

In collaboration with Google Developer Group Bhubaneswar & Odisha AI/ML Group

Introduction

HackForge 2025 is the premier hackathon under *Brahmastra 2025*, bringing together some of the brightest minds from across the nation. This 48-hour non-stop innovation challenge provides a platform for developers, designers, problem solvers, and tech enthusiasts to create solutions to real-world challenges using cutting-edge technologies.

Whether you're a student, working professional, or from a corporate background – **HackForge is open for all.**

Vision & Mission

Vision:

To become Eastern India's most impactful hackathon that promotes solution-driven development and collaborative innovation.

Mission:

To empower problem solvers by connecting them with real-world issues and providing them the ecosystem to build solutions using technology.

Eligibility Criteria

HackForge 2025 is **open for all**, including:

- Students (UG/PG/Ph.D.)
- Working Professionals
- Startups & Entrepreneurs
- Corporate Developers
- Freelancers & Tech Enthusiasts
- International Participants

Registration Guidelines

- Register via the official HackForge portal: rcm.ac.in/brahmastra-2025/chakravyuh/hackforge
- **Registration Fee:** ₹999 per team
- **Team Size:** 2 to 4 members
- Registration Opens: **April 15, 2025**
- Registration Closes: **April 19, 2025 (11:59 PM IST)**
- No changes to the team composition allowed post-deadline.





Team Formation

- Each team must consist of **2-4 members**.
- Interdisciplinary and cross-domain teams are encouraged.
- One person cannot participate in more than one team.
- Teams must remain constant throughout the hackathon duration.

Problem Statement Categories

The problem statements will be announced on **April 16, 2025**.

Domains include:

-  Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AIML)
-  Blockchain
-  EdTech
-  FinTech

Teams are expected to pick **one** problem statement to work on for the duration of the hackathon.

Event Schedule

Venue: Regional College of Management, Bhubaneswar

Duration: 48 Hours | April 25–27, 2025

Date	Activity
April 25	Check-in, Orientation, Team Verification
April 26	Start of 48-Hour Hackathon
April 27	Final Submission & Demo + Awards

🔧 Rules & Regulations

1. All work must be done during the 48-hour window.
2. Participants can use open-source libraries and APIs.
3. Plagiarism or pre-built projects will lead to disqualification.
4. Teams must be physically present at the venue.
5. Use of AI tools like ChatGPT/Copilot is allowed for guidance but not for entire code generation.
6. Respect fellow participants, organizers, and mentors.
7. Teams are required to demo their solution in front of a panel of judges.

🏆 Evaluation Criteria

Projects will be judged on the following basis:

- 💡 **Innovation & Creativity**
- ⚙️ **Technical Complexity**
- 🌍 **Impact & Relevance**
- 💻 **User Experience (UI/UX)**
- 🗣️ **Pitch & Communication**

🎓 Mentorship & Support

Throughout the hackathon, teams will have access to expert mentors from the industry and academia, who will guide them on:

- Technical Stack
- Product Design
- Business Model
- Presentation and Pitching

🏆 Prizes

Total Prize Pool: **₹50,000**

- 🥇 **1st Prize:** ₹30,000
- 🥈 **2nd Prize:** ₹20,000

All winners will receive certificates. No special category prizes will be awarded.

Facilities & Perks

- High-speed Wi-Fi
- Power Backup & Charging Stations
- Resting Areas & Nap Zones
- Delicious Meals and Beverages
- First Aid & Medical Assistance
- Networking with Developers & Startups

Disqualification Criteria

A team may be disqualified for the following reasons:

- Use of prebuilt code/projects
- Inappropriate or disrespectful behavior
- Violating the hackathon's code of conduct
- Leaving the venue without authorization

Intellectual Property

- All IP developed remains with the respective team.
- Organizers may seek permission to showcase selected projects for marketing or partnership opportunities.

Code of Conduct

HackForge promotes a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for everyone. Harassment, bullying, or discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.

Participants must:

- Treat others with respect
- Maintain professionalism
- Follow venue guidelines
- Report any misconduct to the organizing team

Point of Contact (POC)

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