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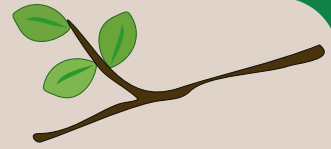# HACKATHON

" Hack the Future: Where Ideas Become Impact."

Terms and
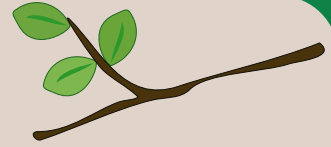Conditions
Booklet

1.Eligibility

- Participation is open to graduate, post-graduate and PhD students enrolled in colleges or institutions within India.
- Each participating team must consist of five members and must be accompanied by a designated faculty member from their respective institution.
- Participants from any discipline are eligible to form teams. However, cross-college team formations are not permitted, and only students from the same registering college are allowed to participate together as a team in the hackathon.

2. Registration

- The registration fee for each participating team is Rs. 500.
- Completed registration forms along with the entry submissions must be sent by the specified deadline.
- Registrations will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

3. Payment

- Confirmation of payment by mail is absolutely necessary to confirm participation in Hackathon.
- The online payment should be made to the following account:
  - Account name – ST JOSEPHS UNIVERSITY COLLECTION ACCOUNT
  - Account number – 0964053000001831
  - Account type – Savings account
  - IFSC code – SIBL0000964
  - Bank name – South Indian Bank
  - MICR – 560059032
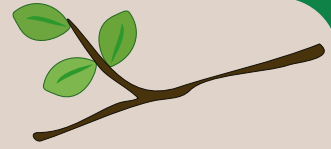 - SWIFT – SOININ55XXX
  - Branch – 0964 Langford Road Branch

4. Hackathon Themes

Teams must indicate their preferred theme(s) for participation. While efforts will be made to accommodate preferences, allocation to specific themes will be at the discretion of the organizing committee.

The following are the themes for the hackathon:

1. <u>Sustainable Agriculture</u>: Sustainable Farming Practices and Agri supply-chain Efficiencies
2. <u>Circular Economy</u>: Behavioural change on conservation & eliminating single-use plastic.
3. <u>Sustainable Fashion & Indigenous Livelihoods</u>: Circular supply chains enabling local artisans to create fashion and lifestyle products.
4. <u>Climate Change & Resilience</u>: Reducing GHG emissions, enhancing green cover, balancing development with environmental degradation, analytics.
5. <u>Sustainable Tourism, Events & Hospitality</u>: Awareness, eco-tourism, eliminating single-use materials.
6. <u>Sustainable Cities</u>: Pollution of waterbodies, worsening traffic even as public transport infrastructure is beset with challenges, land-use, usage of eco-friendly material more widely in urban living.
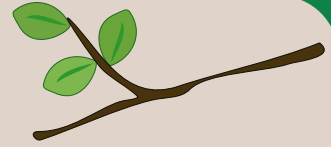
5. Intellectual Property

- All ideas and solutions submitted during the hackathon remain the intellectual property of the participating teams.
- By participating, teams grant St Joseph's University and the organizing committee the right to use submitted ideas for promotional and non-commercial purposes.

6. Code of Conduct

- Participants are expected to maintain professionalism, respect fellow participants, mentors, and organizers, and adhere to all rules and guidelines set forth during the hackathon.
- Any form of plagiarism or unethical behavior will result in immediate disqualification.

7. Evaluation and Selection

- Ideas submitted by teams will be evaluated by mentors, academic guides, and the hackathon organizing team.
- The top teams will be identified based on the evaluation criteria set by the organizing committee, and their decision will be final.

8. Communication and Notification

- All communication regarding the hackathon, including updates, schedules, and notifications, will be sent to the designated faculty member of each participating team.
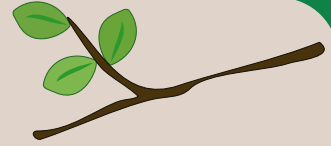
9. Presentation at ICBD 5.0

- Top teams selected during the hackathon will present their ideas to a distinguished jury panel during the International Conference on Business Dynamics ICBD 5.0 on 14th/15th March 2024.
- Selected participants are required to attend and present their plans at the ICBD conference scheduled to take place in March 2024 at St. Joseph's University.
- Travel and participation in this conference are mandatory for the finalists.
- Failure to attend and present at the conference without prior approval from the organizers may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any associated prizes or benefits.
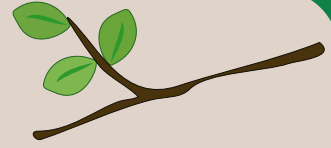
10. Winners

- Prize money allocation for the hackathon winners is as follows: First prize winner will receive ₹50,000, second prize winner ₹30,000, and third prize winner ₹15,000.
- The awarded amounts are fixed and non-negotiable, and will be distributed to the winning teams as specified upon the conclusion of the hackathon.

11. Further Pursuit of Ideas

- Participating teams with selected ideas are encouraged to further develop prototypes or pilots, with potential funding opportunities provided by the organizing committee.
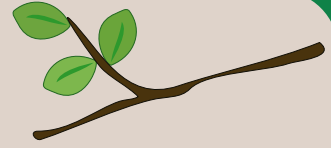
12. Liability

- St Joseph's University, Bangalore, and the organizing committee shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or injury incurred during the course of participation in the hackathon.

13. Disqualification

- Any violation of the terms and conditions or breach of conduct may result in immediate disqualification of the participating team.
- By registering and participating in the Sustainability Hackathon 2024, all teams and members agree to abide by the above terms and conditions.

14. Travel and Accommodation

- Participants are responsible for covering their own travel and accommodations expenses associated with attending the kick-off event on 18 January '24 and the ICBD idea presentation event in March '24.
- The hackathon organizers will not provide financial assistance or reimbursements for these costs incurred by participants throughout the duration of the events.