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Innovation Hackathon (Powered by: HackForge.ai)

Event Execution Document-Event Details

- **Event Title:** Innovation Hackathon
- **Event Platform:** Hackforge.ai
- **Duration:** 30 Hours
- **Format:** On-Campus Hackathon powered by a Digital Hackathon Platform
- **Event Dates:** 27th–28th March 2026
- **Venue:** IIT Hyderabad
- **Participants:** 300 Developers (60 Teams)
- **Digital Platform:** All hackathon activities will be hosted on Hackforge.ai

1. Event Overview

The **Innovation Hackathon** is a **30-hour innovation sprint** where participants collaborate to design and build technology-driven solutions around a defined theme. The entire hackathon lifecycle—registration, team formation, mentor interaction, project submissions, and judging—is managed digitally through the **Hackforge.ai platform**.

This platform ensures:

- Structured hackathon execution
- Transparent submissions and evaluations
- Real-time tracking of projects
- Seamless mentor and judge engagement

Participants will build **working prototypes and present their ideas** to a panel of industry experts and judges.

2. Hackathon Theme

Theme: AI for Sustainable Future

Participants will develop solutions using technologies such as:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning

- Data Science
- IoT
- Cloud Applications

All problem statements and resources will be published on **Hackforge.ai**.

3. Hackathon Agenda (30 Hours) - Day 1

- **9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Check-in & Welcome Kit**
  - Activities: Participant check-in, welcome kit distribution, and team verification on the platform.

- **10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Opening Ceremony & Sponsor Welcome**
  - Agenda includes: Introduction to Hackathon, announcement of the Theme, Sponsor introductions (max 3 sponsors with 5-minute presentations each), agenda overview, Dos and Don'ts, and a platform walkthrough of **Hackforge.ai**.

- **11:00 AM (Day 1) – 12:00 PM (Day 2): Hackathon Coding Period Begins**
  - Participants begin working on projects and submit updates through the platform.

- **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Mentor Onboarding**
  - Mentors connect with teams, guide problem-solving, and monitor progress through the platform.

- **7:00 PM – 12:00 PM (Day 2): Coding Through the Night** (Participants continue development with ongoing mentor guidance).

Day 2

- **8:00 AM: Breakfast**
- **Final Development & Submission** (Teams finalize projects and prepare demos).
- **12:00 PM: Submission Deadline**
  - The submission portal on **Hackforge.ai** closes.
  - Required uploads: Code repository, demo video, and presentation deck.
- **12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Lunch**
- **12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: Judges Onboarding**

- Judges are briefed on evaluation criteria, scoring process, and the platform judging interface.

- **1:30 PM – 5:00 PM: Judging Period**
  - Judges evaluate projects using the **digital scoring system on the platform**.

4. Judging Criteria

Criteria	Weightage
Innovation	25%
Technical Implementation	25%
Impact	20%
Feasibility	15%
Pitch & Demo	15%

5. Expected Outcomes

- Real-world technology prototypes
- Talent discovery for companies
- Innovation ecosystem engagement
- Industry–academia collaboration
- Startup and product ideas

6. Role of the HackForge Platform

The Hackforge.ai platform powers the entire hackathon process.**Platform Features Used During the Event**

- **Before the Hackathon**

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- Participant registrations
- Team formation
- Problem statement publishing
- Communication with participants

- **During the Hackathon**
  - Project updates
  - Mentor interaction
  - Workshop announcements
  - Resource sharing

- **Submission Stage**
  - Code repository links
  - Prototype demos
  - Presentation uploads
  - Final project submissions

- **Judging**
  - Judge dashboards
  - Evaluation scorecards
  - Automated scoring aggregation