

## SPOC REGISTRATION

- **How do I register for KAVACH-2023?**

Start-ups can click on <https://www.kavach.mic.gov.in> for registration.

- **Start-up Account Approval**

Once you registered, KAVACH-2023 implementation team will authorize your account. You are eligible only after your account is verified.

## TEAM FORMATION

- 1) All team members should be from same startup.
- 2) Each team would mandatorily comprise of 4 members including the team leader. The maximum team size is 6 members including team member
- 3) Each team is suggested to have **AT LEAST ONE FEMALE TEAM MEMBER**.

The hackathon is digital product development competition; majority of the team members **MUST** be well versed with programming skills.

## TEAM SUBMISSION PROCESS

- **For start-ups**, all team members should be from the same start-up; no different start up teams are allowed.
- The start-up should furnish proper documentation of their registered start-up. Anyone not submitting details of their registered start-up will lead to rejection of their team. The team needs to upload one start-up/company letter head along with proper stamp their details of team and members along with contact details.
- The team leader's name with proper designation of members should be clearly specified in the letter.
- Clearly communicate the email-ids and mobile numbers of all team members as well.
- The Team Name should be unique and include your start-up name.
- The letter should bear the seal of the start-up/company along with signature of the director or owner of the start-up/company.
- A scanned copy of this letter in PDF form is to be mandatorily uploaded during online application process.
- It is optional to add the team mentors only for the start-ups/company.

### **How do we submit our idea?**

**Please note:** Idea submission must be made by the Team Leader only.

- Submission dates should be strictly followed. No exceptions will be made.
- Submission is required to be done on KAVACH.mic.gov.in in the prescribed format. The format is available on the website.
- After login, fill in all the required details for submission of the idea.
- Entries to be sent only in the prescribed format; otherwise they are bound to get rejected.

- Upload the PPT in the prescribed format, stating the idea and letter from the college/university/start-up (as stated above) to complete the application process.
- A team can submit idea in only one problem statement only. Multiple idea submission in this hackathon is not allowed.

## IDEA NOMINATION PROCESS

- SPOC registration will start from 1 March 2023 & the last date for team nomination and idea submission by Startup SPOC on KAVACH-2023 portal is till 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- Idea submission counter will start from 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and only 100 ideas will be submitted for a particular PS. Once the counter gets all 100 ideas, the particular PS will get freeze and no idea submission will be allowed for the respective PS.
- Counter with the ideas submitted numbers and Ideas left numbers will be displayed in the public domain just opposite to the PS and can be viewed by anyone on [www.kavach.mic.gov.in](http://www.kavach.mic.gov.in)
- Nominated Team's team leader will get the Login credentials by second week of March 2023 to complete the idea submission process.
- The team leader needs to enter the details on the KAVACH-2023 portal that include:
  - 1) Verify pre-entered Team name.
  - 2) Verify pre-entered authority letter of the company with proper stamp
  - 3) Verify pre-entered Names of team leader and the rest 5 team members
  - 4) Verify pre-entered Gender of team leader and the rest 5 team members
  - 5) Verify pre-entered Email id of all the team members along with the team leader
  - 6) Verify pre-entered Mobile no. of all the team members along with the team leader
  - 7) Chosen problem statement
  - 8) Idea title.
  - 9) Idea description.
  - 10) Idea PPT/PDF.

**The last date for team nomination and idea submission by Startup SPOC and Team leader on KAVACH-2023 portal is till 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 only.**

**No request will be entertained after the deadline.**

## IDEA SELECTION CRITERIA

Post Idea submission process, the ideas will be evaluated by experts. Evaluation criteria will include novelty of the idea, complexity, clarity and details in the prescribed format, feasibility, practicability, sustainability, scale of impact, user experience and potential for future work progression.

## MODE OF HACKATHON

KAVACH-2023 will be held offline at various nodal centers across pan India and teams have to travel to their respective nodal centers. The tentative dates for the hackathon is 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> week of July 2023.

## **SHORTLISTED IDEAS ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 1) Notification about selected teams will be put up on our portal and will also be sent to their respective email IDs.
- 2) Be available for meetings, sessions and trainings during the preparation phase; you will be notified about them in advance.
- 3) Around 4 to 5 teams per Problem Statements are selected to compete in grand finale. However, this no completely depends upon the Problem Statements creating organization. The organization, who has submitted problem statements, is not at all bound under any circumstances to declare any winner in the grand finale. They can only select if the ideas proposed by the students meet their expectations.

## **MENTORS ELIGIBILITY**

- 1) After teams are shortlisted, each team will have the option of selecting 2 mentors from the industry or academia from their end. A mentor is expected to have relevant experience of Industry/ Academic experience to qualify. Each team of 6 team members may or may not have 2 mentors.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MENTOR**

- 1) To mentor and guide teams via phone/video-chat or in person before the grand finale to help convert students' ideas into a working prototype.
- 2) To provide guidance and support to their allocated teams. Mentors along with participating students work together as a team during the grand finale
- 3) To work collaboratively with the allotted student team during the KAVACH-2023 Grand Finale to build a working prototype.
- 4) Out-station travel to the hackathon venue may be necessary to participate in the Grand Finale.
- 5) The travel and accommodation of students and their mentors will be taken care by KAVACH-2023 organizers. However, both mentor and students are eligible for same class of stay and travel.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE GRAND FINALE**

- 1) If a team is selected for the final Hackathon, members will need to travel to the assigned nodal center which can be anywhere in India.
- 2) Shortlisted teams (6 members including team leader & 2 mentors (optional)) traveling for the grand finale will be eligible to receive reimbursement for to & from journey via 2nd Class sleeper railway fare. The reimbursement amount will be paid upon producing copies of train tickets and completing relevant forms post hackathon. The arrangement for booking of train tickets is responsibility of teams themselves or their institutes.
- 3) The nodal centers will be arranging for accommodation of teams during the grand finale.
- 4) The team should have an authorized company letter on the company's letterhead with proper

stamps when they come for the grand finale

- 5) There will be no provision of changing team members, once frozen by college SPOC. If during the timeline of the event one team member drops out, you will not be entitled to add another new member. If more than one member drops out, your team stands disqualified in that case. There will be no request entertained

## **PROBLEM STATEMENTS AND PRIZES TO BE WON**

- 1) KAVACH-2023 brings you 20 problem statements from National Security agencies of our country.
- 2) There would be ONE single winning team for every problem statement posted on the portal. The prize money will be given by the organization if they like the idea of the winning team. However, it is NOT mandatory to announce only one winning team against each problem statement. If the competent authorities conclude that none of the ideas are up-to-the-mark, they may not announce any winning team at the finale.
- 3) prizes worth 20 lakhs to be won.
- 4) If there is a tie between two or more teams, the final decision of the prize money distribution will be taken by the problem statement creator only and once the decision is made, it won't be changed further.

## **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

- 1) Intellectual property (IP) of the winning idea would be split equally between department that gave the problem statements and the winning team or will be decided on the mutual agreement.
- 2) Selected ideas will be supported to be developed further so that government institutions will be able to utilize these ideas; more efforts beyond the finale are required from the selected teams thereafter.
- 3) The ideas or solutions provided/developed/proposed by the team's must be new and must not have been present in any previous event/program of any sort.