MEDHACK 2027

All India Health Care Hackathon

FAQ

1. What is MEDHACK 2027?

MEDHACK - 2027 is an All-India Health Care Hackathon designed to bring together students, innovators, healthcare professionals, engineers, technologists, researchers, startups and aspiring entrepreneurs to develop innovative solutions to real-world healthcare challenges.

2. Who can participate?

MEDHACK 2027 is open to eligible participants from across India, including:

- Medical and allied health students
- Nursing students
- Pharmacy students
- Engineering and technology students
- Biotechnology and life-science students
- Healthcare professionals
- Researchers and innovators
- Startups and aspiring entrepreneurs
- Multidisciplinary student/innovation teams

The final eligibility criteria will be specified in the official registration guidelines.

3. Is MEDHACK 2027 an individual or team competition?

MEDHACK 2027 will primarily be conducted as a team-based hackathon. Participants may form multidisciplinary teams so that medical, engineering, technology, design, business and other expertise can be combined.

The permitted team size should be limited to 5.

4. What are the competition streams?

MEDHACK 2027 will have 7 (Seven) major healthcare innovation streams.

The final names and detailed themes of the seven streams will be announced by the Organising Committee and may cover areas such as:

1. **Aerospace Medicine, Bio Technology, Surgical Robotics & Automation,**
2. **Digital Health Platforms, Digital Therapeutics & AI Healthcare Solutions**
3. **Assistive Technologies and Rehabilitation, Health Care Cyber security and Block chain**
4. **Geriatric and Palliative Care, Psychological well being**
5. **Para Medical & Pharmacy**

6. **Nursing Care**
7. **Other**

The Organising Committee reserves the right to modify or refine the streams to reflect emerging healthcare priorities.

5. What is the format for idea submission?

- Submissions must be in the **prescribed PowerPoint (PPT) format** provided by organizers
- Presentations must be **original** — **no copied content** is allowed
- **Legal ownership** of the idea rests with the presenting team/individual

Ensure your PPT follows the official template and includes all required sections (problem statement, solution, feasibility, impact, etc.).

6. What happens during the first and second levels of evaluation?

- **First-level scrutiny (from 1st December 2026):** Initial screening of submitted ideas for originality, relevance, feasibility, and alignment with the streams.
- **Second-level online pitching (from 1st January 2027):** Shortlisted teams present their ideas virtually to a panel of judges.

Only teams that clear both levels advance to the 24-hour hackathon.

7. What is expected during the 24-hour Hackathon?

Shortlisted teams will:

- Develop a **prototype, model, workflow, or detailed solution** within 24 hours
- Present their work to judges and mentors
- Demonstrate **innovation, feasibility, scalability, and impact**

Mentorship and technical guidance may be provided onsite or virtually.

8. Is there any registration fee?

There will be no registration fee at the initial idea-submission/selection stage, unless otherwise announced.

However, each member of a team finally shortlisted for the physical/final hackathon will be required to pay a registration/participation fee of ₹1,000 per person.

9. Who has to pay the ₹1,000 fee?

The ₹1,000 fee is payable by each individual member of every team selected for the final round.

For example:

- 3-member finalist team → ₹3,000
- 4-member finalist team → ₹4,000

- 5-member finalist team → ₹5,000

The final permissible team size will be communicated in the official rules.

10. What documents are required at registration or during first pitching?

- **Institute certificate** signed by HoD/Principal/Director confirming participant affiliation
- **Prescribed PPT** for idea submission and pitching
- Any additional forms specified on the registration portal (e.g., team details, stream selection)

11. How will shortlisted teams be notified?

Shortlisted teams will be notified via **email and/or SMS** after each evaluation stage. Ensure your contact details are accurate during registration and monitor spam folders.

12. What does the finalist registration fee cover?

The finalist registration fee is intended to cover participation-related facilities and arrangements provided by the Organising Committee, which may include:

- Hackathon participation
- Registration kit
- Access to the hackathon venue
- Technical and mentoring sessions
- Evaluation and presentation facilities
- Participant identification/credentials
- Basic participant amenities
- Participation certificate, subject to the prescribed criteria

Specific inclusions will be announced in the final participant information document.

13. How many teams will be shortlisted for the 24-hour Hackathon?

Exactly **50 teams** will be shortlisted to participate in the final 24-hour onsite hackathon on **19th – 21st February 2027**.

14. Will the registration fee be refundable?

The ₹1,000 finalist registration fee is generally non-refundable once the finalist confirms participation, except where the Organising Committee specifically approves a refund under exceptional circumstances.

15. What are the prizes?

There will be cash awards for the Top 3 teams in each of the seven streams.

Thus, there will be:

7 Streams × 3 Winning Teams = 21 Award-winning Teams

The prize structure will therefore recognize:

1st Prize – Top Team

1st Runner Up

2nd Runner Up

in each of the seven streams. The total prize money will be announced later

The exact cash prize amounts will be announced by the Organising Committee.

16. Will there be an overall winner?

The Organising Committee may additionally identify an Overall **MEDHACK 2027** Champion / Grand Winner from among the stream winners, based on the final evaluation.

If introduced, the criteria and additional award will be announced separately.

17. Will all finalists receive certificates?

Eligible finalists who successfully participate in the final hackathon may receive a Certificate of Appreciation, subject to compliance with the event rules.

Special certificates may also be awarded to winning teams.

18. How will the projects be evaluated?

Projects may be evaluated on criteria including:

- Innovation and originality
- Relevance to the identified healthcare problem
- Clinical/healthcare usefulness
- Technical feasibility
- Prototype or proof-of-concept
- User experience
- Scalability
- Affordability and accessibility
- Sustainability
- Potential social impact
- Commercialisation potential
- Quality of presentation and demonstration

The Organising Committee may publish a detailed judging matrix before the final event.

19. Can a team submit an existing idea?

Yes, provided the team has the legal right to submit and develop the idea and the submission complies with the originality, intellectual property and disclosure requirements of **MEDHACK 2027.**

Participants must not knowingly submit another person's protected work as their own, if so such submissions will be rejected and the team will be disqualified from the event.

20. Who will own the idea developed by a team?

The ownership of the idea presented at **MEDHACK 2027** shall remain with the team/persons who legitimately developed and presented the idea.

Participation in **MEDHACK 2027** does not, by itself, transfer ownership of the idea or intellectual property to the Organising Committee, Samrambhak Mithra, sponsors, partners or event management agencies.

21. Will MEDHACK 2027 take ownership of our intellectual property?

No. The Organising Committee will not claim ownership of participants' original ideas merely because they are submitted to or presented at **MEDHACK 2027**.

The intellectual property rights shall remain with the rightful creator(s), subject to any separate written agreement voluntarily entered into by the team.

22. What if an idea is developed by multiple team members?

Where an idea is jointly developed by several members, ownership shall remain with the legitimate creators according to their respective contribution and any written agreement among the team members.

Teams are strongly advised to have an internal written agreement defining:

- Ownership
- Contribution
- Intellectual property rights
- Future commercialisation
- Revenue sharing
- Responsibilities of individual members

before submitting their project.

23. Can the organisers use photographs, videos and project descriptions?

Participants may be required to permit the Organising Committee to use their names, photographs, videos, project titles, non-confidential descriptions and event presentations for legitimate promotional, educational and reporting purposes relating to **MEDHACK 2027**.

Such publicity use shall not by itself transfer ownership of the underlying intellectual property.

24. Should participants disclose confidential information during the hackathon?

Participants are advised not to publicly disclose confidential information, trade secrets or patent-sensitive details unless they have first taken appropriate intellectual-property protection measures.

Participants are responsible for protecting their own confidential information before public disclosure.

25. Can a project be patented?

Potentially, yes. Participants should independently assess whether their innovation qualifies for patent or other intellectual-property protection.

Teams are strongly encouraged to obtain appropriate professional/IP advice before publicly disclosing patent-sensitive technical details.

26. Can companies or startups participate?

Yes, subject to the eligibility conditions announced by **MEDHACK 2027.**

Startups may be particularly encouraged to present scalable healthcare innovations, prototypes, medical technologies and digital-health solutions.

27. Can students from different colleges form one team?

Yes. Interdisciplinary and inter-institutional teams are encouraged, subject to the prescribed team-size and eligibility requirements.

For example, a team may include members from medical, engineering, nursing, pharmacy and management institutions.

28. Can mentors participate as team members?

Mentors may guide teams subject to the official rules, but they shall not be treated as student/team members unless specifically permitted by the Organising Committee.

29. Will mentors be available?

The Organising Committee may provide access to mentors from areas such as:

- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Engineering
- Artificial Intelligence
- Medical devices
- Entrepreneurship
- Business development
- Intellectual property
- Regulatory affairs
- Product design

The availability and schedule of mentors will be announced to shortlisted teams.

30. What should teams develop during the hackathon?

Teams are expected to develop a meaningful proof-of-concept, prototype, software solution, hardware concept, medical/healthcare innovation or demonstrable solution, depending on the selected stream.

31. Is a fully commercial product required?

No. A fully commercialised product is not necessarily required.

However, teams should demonstrate the feasibility, usefulness and potential impact of their proposed solution.

32. Can teams change their idea after selection?

Minor modifications and improvements may be permitted during the hackathon.

Substantial changes to the original problem statement or project may require approval from the Organising Committee or the relevant stream mentor/jury.

33. What happens if two teams submit similar ideas?

The jury will evaluate each submission independently based on originality, implementation, technical merit, healthcare relevance, impact and other published criteria.

Where necessary, the Organising Committee may seek clarification regarding the origin and development of the respective ideas.

34. Can a team win more than one award?

Normally, a team will receive the highest applicable award for its final ranking.

The Organising Committee may introduce special awards, citations or recognitions in addition to the stream prizes.

35. What happens if a winning team violates the rules?

The Organising Committee reserves the right to disqualify a team or withdraw an award if there is evidence of:

- Plagiarism
- Misrepresentation
- Fraudulent claims
- Unauthorised use of another person's intellectual property
- Violation of eligibility requirements
- Submission of substantially copied work
- Misconduct
- Violation of applicable law or event rules

36. Who will have the final authority regarding the competition?

The MEDHACK 2027 Organising Committee shall have final authority regarding interpretation and implementation of the competition rules, eligibility, evaluation procedure, scheduling, disqualification and award decisions.

37. Will the jury's decision be final?

Yes. The decision of the duly constituted **MEDHACK 2027** Jury/Grand Jury shall be final and binding, subject to the applicable rules of the competition.

38. Can the event schedule change?

Yes. The Organising Committee reserves the right to modify the schedule, venue, streams, programme structure or other arrangements due to administrative, technical, safety, regulatory or other unavoidable circumstances.

Participants will be informed of significant changes through official communication channels.

39. Where will the official announcements be published?

Participants should rely only on the official MEDHACK 2027 communication channels designated by the Organising Committee for registration, schedules, rules, shortlisted teams, prizes and other official announcements.

40. What should participants do before register for the final round?

Finalists should carefully review:

- Official Rules & Regulations
- Eligibility requirements
- Team composition
- Remittance of ₹1,000 per-head as finalist registration fee
- Intellectual Property provisions
- Judging criteria
- Required prototype/demo
- Travel and accommodation arrangements
- Consent/declaration requirements
- Submission deadlines

41. What is the most important principle of MEDHACK 2027?

MEDHACK 2027 is intended to promote innovation, collaboration and practical solutions to real healthcare challenges.

Participants are encouraged to focus not merely on winning a prize, but on creating solutions that can genuinely improve patient care, healthcare accessibility, affordability, efficiency and outcomes.

42. What is the full timeline?

Stage	Date
Last date for submitting Ideas	**30th November 2026**
First-level scrutiny of Ideas	**1st December 2026**
Second-level online pitching	**1st January 2027**
24-hour Hackathon (50 shortlisted teams)	**19th–21st February 2027**

43. Can participants from different institutes form a single team?

Yes, provided all members meet eligibility criteria and each can produce the required **HoD/Principal/Director certificate** from their respective institutes. Confirm any cross-institute rules on the official portal.

44. What should I do if I have further questions?

Contact the MedHack 2027 organizing committee via:

- Official website contact form
- Email address provided in registration materials: medhack@samrambhakmithra.in

- Announcements or webinars posted by organizers

Keep an eye on updates for any changes to dates, formats, or streams.

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

IMPORTANT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DECLARATION

MEDHACK 2027 respects the intellectual property rights of innovators.

The submission of an idea or project to MEDHACK 2027 shall not automatically transfer ownership of the idea, invention, prototype, software, design, technology or intellectual property to Samrambhak Mithra, the Organising Committee, sponsors, partners, mentors, judges or event management agencies.

Ownership of the idea shall remain with the legitimate creator(s)/team presenting the idea, subject to applicable law and any separate written agreement voluntarily entered into by the concerned parties.

Participants are responsible for ensuring that their submissions do not infringe the intellectual-property rights of any third party.

QUICK PARTICIPANT SUMMARY

Particular

MEDHACK 2027 Provision

Competition

All India Health Care Hackathon

Competition Streams 7

Finalist Registration Fee: ₹1,000 per person per team

Fee Applicable To

Final shortlisted/final-round team members

Awards

Top 3 teams in each stream

Total Stream Award Winners

21 teams

Cash Awards

Yes – 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each stream (Amount will be declared in due course)

Idea Ownership

Retained by the legitimate creator/team

Organiser's Automatic IP Ownership

No

Multidisciplinary Teams

Encouraged

Prototype/Proof of Concept

Expected/encouraged

Final Jury Decision

Final, subject to official rules

Note: This FAQ should be read together with the official **MEDHACK 2027** Rules & Regulations, Eligibility Guidelines, Registration Terms, Intellectual Property Policy and Finalist Declaration Form. In case of any conflict, the final published Rules & Regulations shall prevail.

- **TEAM, MedHack 2027**
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