

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Climate Data Hackathon Vizag?

The Climate Data Hackathon Vizag is a unique 3-week challenge designed for students to explore the intersection of climate data, artificial intelligence, and finance. Participants will work with real-world datasets to build predictive models that assess and address climate-related risks in financial markets. The hackathon aims to empower students to predict and tackle climate risks impacting financial systems and the broader economy.

2. Who can participate?

Students currently enrolled in any accredited university or college based in Visakhapatnam, India, are eligible to apply. Applications are welcome from:

- Undergraduate students
- Postgraduate students
- PhD scholars

3. Is this only for students in Vizag?

Yes. The Climate Data Hackathon Vizag is exclusively for students based in Visakhapatnam, India.

4. I am not based in Vizag but would like to participate. What can I do?

This edition of the hackathon is limited to students in Visakhapatnam. However, you can stay updated on future hackathons in your region by visiting our website. You may also explore our [online courses](#) to begin your journey in climate and data.

5. What is the theme for the Hackathon?

The theme is:

Data and AI for Climate Risk in Financial Markets

Participants will leverage data science, AI, and analytics to predict and mitigate climate risks affecting financial markets and the economy.

The focus is on India's dynamic financial ecosystem, where climate threats—such as rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and policy shifts—create emerging risks for investors, banks, and insurers.

6. How can I apply for the Hackathon?

Please visit the Challenge Website and click on the application link to complete the registration form.

7. What is in for me?

Participants will:

- Gain exposure to entrepreneurship and climate innovation
- Learn practical skills in data, AI, and climate risk analysis

- Interact with industry experts and mentors
- Collaborate with fellow climate-action enthusiasts
- Explore opportunities to build their own startup

The winning team will receive a cash prize of up to ₹_____.

Selected participants may also get opportunities to interview for internships with leading climate-tech startups. Visit the Hackathon Website for more details.

8. If I participate in the Hackathon, will I get the internship or placement?

Internship and placement opportunities are not guaranteed. Candidates will be screened during the Job Fair. Eligible and qualifying participants may secure internships or placements through this process.

9. How the winners be selected?

Winners will be selected based on:

- Depth of understanding of the problem statement
- Quality of data analysis and model development
- Innovation and feasibility of the solution
- Clarity and effectiveness of presentation

10. Can I apply without a team?

No. Participants must form a team before applying.

11. How many students should a team have?

Each team must have:

- Minimum: 2 members
- Maximum: 4 members

You may apply with 2 members and recruit additional members later (up to a total of 4).

12. Can I recruit more team members even if I apply as a team?

Yes. You can recruit additional members after applying, provided the final team size does not exceed 4 members.

13. Can I have team mates from different courses?

Yes, interdisciplinary teams are encouraged.

However, ensure you apply under the correct track. For mixed teams, the track must be selected based on the highest academic qualification among the team members. Incorrect track selection may lead to disqualification.

14. Will I get problem statements to work on?

Yes. You will receive a set of problem statements, from which your team can select one to work on.

15. What is the program timeline?

For timeline please check on the hackathon website.

16. Where will the Hackathon take place?

The Climate Data Hackathon Vizag will be conducted online via the Zoom platform.

17. What is expected out of me at the end of the challenge?

At the conclusion of the hackathon, teams will present their solutions to a Jury Panel. The final presentation should include:

- Description of the business/solution idea
- Strategy for implementation and expected impact

18. I have another question that is not answered in your FAQs, what should I do?

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