**Hack Celestia 2024 Terms and Conditions**

By participating in Hack Celestia 2024, all participants agree to abide by the following terms and conditions:

## **1. Acceptance of Terms**

By registering and participating in Hack Celestia 2024, all participants confirm that they have read, understood, and accepted these terms and conditions.

## **2. Eligibility**

* Open to all full-time students from recognized educational institutions in India
* Teams must consist of 4-5 members
* At least 1 female participant per team is mandatory
* Participants from various academic disciplines and years of study are welcome

## **3. Registration and Team Formation**

* Each participant can be part of only one team
* All team members must be from the same institution (no intercollege teams)
* No limit on the number of teams registering from the same institute
* Teams with diverse academic backgrounds are encouraged
* Team composition cannot be changed after registration approval

## **4. Event Participation**

* 48-hour hackathon duration
* Adherence to timeline and submission deadlines is mandatory
* Teams are responsible for their project's confidentiality

## **5. Project Guidelines**

* Work on problem statements provided at the start of the hackathon
* Projects must be original and developed during the event
* Use of third-party resources (open-source tools or libraries) must be disclosed and credited
* Pre-existing codebases, templates, or projects are prohibited unless specified by organizers

## **6. Intellectual Property**

* Teams retain full ownership of their projects, including code and designs
* Organizers have the right to showcase projects for promotional purposes, with proper credit given

## **7. Code of Conduct**

* Maintain professionalism, courtesy, and integrity
* Discriminatory, offensive, or disruptive behavior will result in disqualification
* Respect event rules, privacy, and intellectual property of other teams

## **8. Judging and Evaluation**

* Criteria: innovation, technical execution, feasibility, user experience, and presentation quality
* Judges' decisions are final and binding
* Late submissions will not be considered without special permission

## **9. Prizes and Recognition**

* Awarded to top-performing teams based on evaluation criteria
* Prize distribution and winner decisions are final

## **10. Disqualification**

* Violation of any rules may lead to disqualification
* Use of unfair means, plagiarism, or copying others' work will result in immediate disqualification

## **11. Liability**

* Organizers are not responsible for technical issues, hardware failures, or data loss
* Participants use their own resources and tools

## **12. Changes to Terms**

* Organizers reserve the right to modify these terms
* Participants will be notified of significant changes