

GUIDELINES

Shikhar Program - Student Guidelines

1. Eligibility:

- **Junior Category:** Students up to XII
- **Senior Category:** Students from UG,PG .

2. Application Process:

- All applications must be submitted online before the deadline (**5th December 2024**).
- Ensure that your application includes a clear project proposal addressing a real-world problem with an innovative solution.
- Only **teams of 2-3 students** are allowed to apply.

3. Project Submission:

- Submit a detailed project plan, including objectives, methodology, and potential impact.
- Prototypes, drawings, or models of your solution can be attached to your submission.
- [Sample PPT for reference](#) to help guide your submission.

4. Selection Criteria:

- Projects will be evaluated based on:
 - **Innovation and Creativity:** How original is the solution?
 - **Practicality:** Can the solution be implemented effectively?
 - **Social Impact:** How will it benefit society?
 - **Technical Feasibility:** Is the solution technically sound?
 - **Business Feasibility:** Does the project have potential as a sustainable business?
Can it scale and generate revenue?

5. Participation Confirmation:

- Selected teams will be notified by **10th December 2024**.
- Confirm your participation by responding to the notification within **48 hours**.

6. Workshop for Top Teams:

- The top teams will be invited to a **15 days residential workshop** at **IITs**.
- Workshop attendance is mandatory for finalists to refine their projects.

7. Code of Conduct:

- Maintain professionalism and integrity throughout the program.
- Respect all participants, mentors, and organizers.
- Adhere to the program timeline and submit all required materials on time.

8. Presentation and Final Expo:

- The final presentation will take place at the **Final Expo** on **18th January 2025**.
- Teams will be required to present their projects in front of a panel of judges, media, and the public.
- Be prepared to showcase working prototypes and answer questions from judges.

9. Prizes and Recognition:

- A total **Prize Pool of 5 Lakhs INR** will be awarded across the Junior and Senior categories.
- Top teams will receive media coverage and mentorship opportunities.

10. Travel and Accommodation:

- Candidates are responsible for managing their **own accommodation** during the final expo and workshops.
- Travel arrangements should be made by the participants, with details confirmed well in advance.