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ABOUT MIT-WPU

Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU), Pune, is one of India's most distinguished institutions dedicated to academic excellence, innovation, and value-based education since 1983. Located in Kothrud, Pune, the university has grown into a vibrant educational hub offering diverse undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across disciplines such as engineering, management, science, design, law, and liberal arts. Built on the unique philosophy of integrating science, technology, and spiritual values, MIT-WPU aims to nurture responsible professionals who contribute meaningfully to society and global progress. The university strongly promotes interdisciplinary learning, research-driven education, and an entrepreneurial mindset, encouraging students to develop creative solutions for real-world challenges.



MIT-WPU stands as one of the university's strongest academic pillars, offering specialized programs across fields such as Computer Engineering, Artificial Intelligence & Data Science, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electronics & Communication, and Robotics. With advanced laboratories, innovation and research centers, and project-based learning environments, students gain strong technical foundations alongside practical industry exposure. Through hackathons, research initiatives, industry collaborations, and entrepreneurship support, MIT-WPU's engineering ecosystem empowers students to develop impactful technologies and become future-ready engineers capable of solving complex global challenges.



ABOUT IGNISIA HACKATHON '26

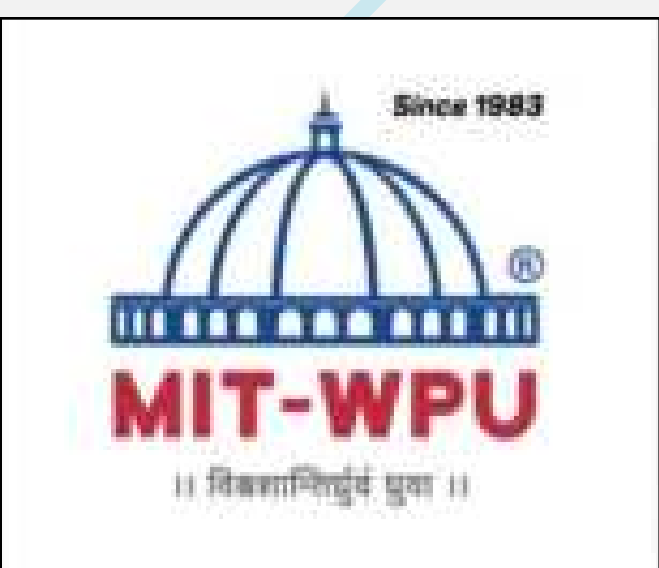
IGNISIA is MIT World Peace University's flagship hackathon where India's brightest student innovators design, build, and deploy cutting-edge AI-driven solutions for real-world challenges. The event brings together cross-disciplinary teams from universities across the country to collaborate, experiment with emerging technologies, and transform innovative ideas into impactful solutions.

IGNISIA is a pan-India national level competition featuring a ₹1,00,000 prize pool and a 24-hour on-campus Grand Finale at MIT-WPU. The hackathon follows a hybrid format, beginning with online screening rounds and culminating in an immersive build marathon where shortlisted teams develop solutions under the guidance of industry mentors and expert judges.

Focused on solving meaningful societal challenges, IGNISIA encourages participants to build AI-driven products that create real-world impact, addressing problems across domains such as healthcare, education, sustainability, and smart technologies.

PARTICIPANTS

- A team of Diploma, UG & PG students all over India are eligible to participate in the hackathon.
- A team should have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 members.
- Team members can belong to different colleges, different academic years, different departments.
- Grand Finale will be held on-campus at MIT-World Peace University, Pune, Maharashtra.



SCHEDULE

Activity	Date
Registrations Open	5 th March, 2026
Idea Submission Deadline	17 th March, 2026
Announcement of Shortlisted Teams	23 rd March, 2026
Arrival of Outstation Teams on Campus	2 nd April, 2026
GRAND FINALE	3 rd & 4 th April, 2026

THEMES

Six high-impact domains where AI can transform lives and reshape industries.



Healthcare & Accessibility

AI solutions improving diagnostics, telemedicine, patient care, and assistive technologies.



Education & Skills

AI-powered platforms for personalized learning, skill development, and education access.



Sustainability & Environment

Technology for climate monitoring, resource optimization, and sustainable development.



Smart Cities

AI-driven systems for urban mobility, infrastructure management, and public safety.



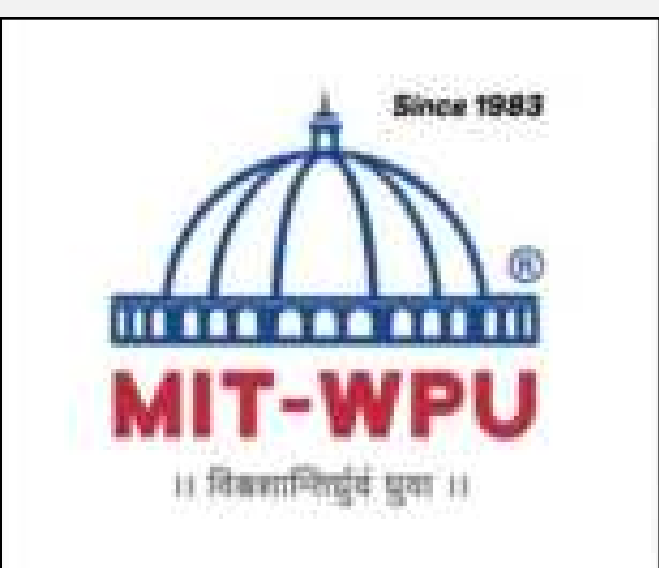
Tools for SMEs

Digital tools enabling automation, analytics, and growth for small businesses.



FinTech

AI innovations in payments, lending, fraud detection, and financial inclusion.



EVENT FLOW

- **Qualifier Round - PPT Submission (Online):**

Participants will submit their project ideas through a PowerPoint presentation on Unstop. Teams may present their own ideas aligned with the given domains. This stage evaluates creativity, innovation and problem-solving ability. Based on these submissions, teams will be shortlisted for the next stage.

- **Grand Finale - On-site Hackathon:**

Finalist teams will be invited to MIT World Peace University, Pune, where they will receive new problem statements on-site. Teams will work in a 24-hour hackathon to build and present their solutions to the judges. This stage tests technical skills, innovation, teamwork, and execution under pressure.

PRIZES

TOTAL: ₹1,00,000/-

Winner	₹50,000/-
Runner Up	₹30,000/-
Second Runner Up	₹20,000/-

All participants will be receiving certificates and the above places will be receiving trophies!

GUIDELINES FOR HACKATHON '26

- Participants must follow the code of conduct mentioned on the official website and the Unstop platform.
- Each team is to be registered through the Unstop platform. Multiple submissions from the same team may lead to disqualification.
- For the Qualifier Round, teams must submit their idea in the form of a PowerPoint presentation on Unstop before the deadline.
- Teams may submit their own problem statement or ideas from the given domains.
- Shortlisted teams will be invited to participate in the Grand Finale on campus at MIT World Peace University, Pune.
- During the Grand Finale, participants will be provided with new problem statements on-site and will develop their solutions during the hackathon.
- All projects presented during the finale must be developed during the hackathon duration.
- The decision of the judging panel and organizing committee will be final in all matters related to the competition.
- The submissions made must be original work of the participant.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Teams will be evaluated broadly on the following four criteria:

Problem Understanding:

Strong solutions begin with a clear understanding of the problem they aim to solve. We evaluate how well teams identify the core challenge, define the scope of the problem, and justify why the problem is important. Projects that demonstrate clarity, thoughtful analysis, and a strong problem-solution alignment score higher in this area.

Innovation & Originality:

Innovation is at the heart of IGNISIA. We look for creative applications of AI and emerging technologies that introduce novel approaches to solving problems. Projects that demonstrate unique thinking, fresh perspectives, and meaningful differentiation from existing solutions are rewarded in this category.

Technical Feasibility & Implementation:

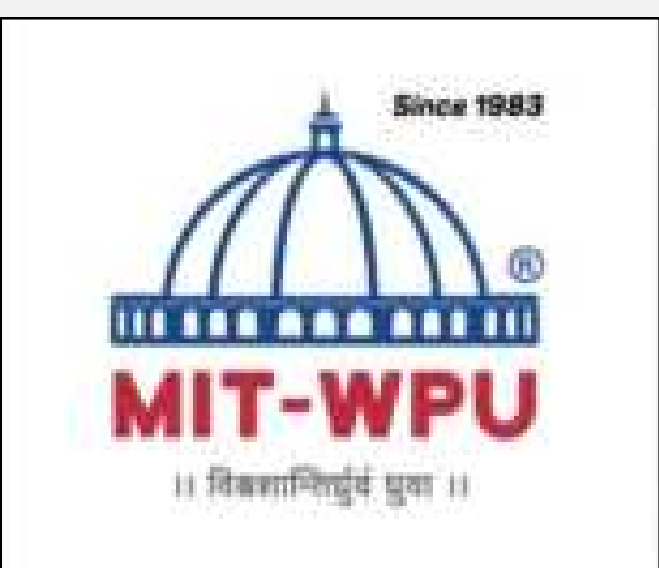
Beyond ideas, we assess how effectively teams translate concepts into working systems. This includes the technical design of the solution, the quality and structure of the codebase, the complexity of the implementation, and the reliability of the prototype. Well-engineered solutions that demonstrate thoughtful system architecture and strong coding practices are rated highly.

Impact, Scalability & Usability:

The most compelling projects are those that create real value. We evaluate the potential impact of the solution, its ability to scale to larger users or contexts, and the usability of the final product. Solutions that demonstrate clear real-world relevance, practical deployment potential, and intuitive user experience stand out in this category.

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