

# MANIPAL DENTAL HACKATHON 2026

*"Innovating Smiles, One Solution at a Time"*

**Jointly Organized by**  
 Manipal College of Dental Sciences (MCODS),  
 Manipal & Mangalore

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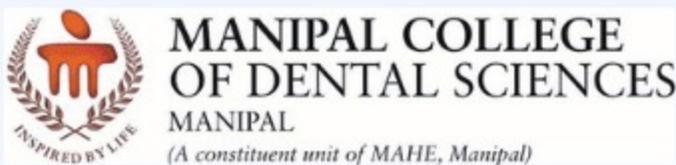


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## 1. What is Manipal Dental Hackathon 2026?

**Manipal Dental Hackathon 2026 is an 8-day virtual hackathon conducted to solve real-world problems in the dental domain.**

## 2. Who is Organizing?

**Manipal - Government of Karnataka Bioincubator, Manipal College of Dental Sciences (MCOADS), Manipal & Mangalore are jointly conducting this hackathon.**

## 3. How will it be conducted?

**Manipal Dental Hackathon 2026 will be conducted virtually through Microsoft Teams platform**

## 4. When will it happen?

**March 04, 2026:** Manipal Dental Hackathon 2025 commences at 1.00 PM, followed by Brainstorming Sessions on Concept Development for Proof of Principle, Project plan development and project proposal.

**March 09, 2026:** Submitting your final proposal and business plan of the solution to the organizers by 6:00 P.M

**March 11, 2026:** A panel of judges will review the proposal and business plan of the participating teams.

## 5. Who can Participate?

**Students/researchers pursuing UG/PG/Doctoral studies**

## 6. How to Register?

**Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4a78pykd>**

## 7. How to register as a solo participant?

**You cannot join the competition as a solo participant, the minimum number is 2. However, you can roll in yourself under TEAMMATES LOOKOUT using the link <https://tinyurl.com/35kzvyxs>**

## 8. What are the fees and prizes?

**The teams are required to pay non-refundable fees of INR 1000/-. All teams submitting proposals and business plans will get certificates of recognition. 1st prize: INR 50,000; 2nd prize: INR 25,000; 3rd prize: INR 15,000 & Certificates will be provided to all the participants from Bioincubator followed by mementos for the winning teams: One per team**

## 9. What is expected and what are the problem statements?

**Participants need to develop their concept to the Proof of Principle or TRL 2 stage. The participants can take up any problem statement related to advanced and upcoming areas in the field of the Dental Sector.**

## 10. When is the deadline for registration?

**March 02, 2026 06:00 P.M. Kindly check here for the complete document of the Rules and Regulations of the event <https://tinyurl.com/yz62tuyy>**

# **Rules and Regulations - Manipal Dental Hackathon 2026**

**Manipal-GoK Bioincubator-BioNEST** and its **Student Entrepreneurship Cell** in association with **Manipal College of Dental Sciences (MCOADS) Manipal and Mangalore**, are organizing a virtual **Manipal Dental Hackathon 2026**. This contest is for all the enrolled students and researchers pursuing UG / PG/ Doctoral Studies/ Junior or Senior Resident in any Academic, Research, Medical or Dental Institution. Dental Hackathon is focused on identifying and solving critical problems from the Dental domain. The primary aim of this Hackathon is to encourage student-led innovations, foster the creation of start-ups and cultivate critical thinking skills essential to address the most pressing needs in the Dental domain. This Hackathon will help polish the skills of students who are interested in solving real-world problems and possess entrepreneurial zeal.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- a) Participants must be affiliated with an academic Institution as a Student/Researcher and can be pursuing UG/PG/Doctoral studies/ Junior or Senior Resident in any Academic, Research, Medical or Dental Institution (Note: Preferably one student from a Dental background in the team - Not Mandatory).
- b) Manipal GoK-Bioincubator's staff and relatives are not eligible to participate in the Hackathon. They may, however, assist teams as mentors during the development phase.

## **TEAM**

- a) Teams can consist of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of five (5) members. Each team can also include a minimum of one mentor and the presence of a mentor is not compulsory.
- b) Ideal team combination for best results would be multi-disciplinary and can be from multiple institutions.
- c) Changes to team members are not permitted after **March 04, 2026 (Wednesday), 12:00 p.m.**
- d) The team members need not be from the same institution.
- e) Students looking for team members can roll in under the **TEAMMATES LOOKOUT** option: <https://tinyurl.com/35kzvyxs> and can connect with other participants who have

registered under the same section. The organisers will only assist by publishing the data of the innovator through email so that other solo participants can connect.

- f) All the participants who submitted the final proposal and business plan will receive the certificate of recognition and the mentor/mentors will not receive any certificate.
- g) A team can submit only one entry for the hackathon. Participation at the hackathon is subject to a “per-team” basis, meaning you are not allowed to be in more than one team at the event.
- h) The registration fee will be **INR 1000 per team**, irrespective of the team size.

## **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**

All materials submitted in connection with the Hackathon must be in English or, if not in English, the participants must provide an English translation of the demonstration video, text description, testing instructions, and all other materials submitted.

## **GENERAL**

- a) The registration fees for the team will be **INR 1000** and participants can register for the Manipal Dental Hackathon 2026 using this link <https://tinyurl.com/4a78pykd>
- b) Individual participants looking for a team can register by using this link <https://tinyurl.com/35kzvyxs>. Minimal details like Name, Area of Expertise and email ID will be collected. This information will be shared via email, so that you can connect/other participants can connect with you. Kindly note that filling in this Google form is not related to registration for the Hackathon. This is just provided to enhance team-building skills and to enhance networking. Participants will still need to fill out the Google form for team registration and complete the payment of the registration fee to complete their registration for the Hackathon.
- c) The registration for the Hackathon is only complete after the participating team fills out this Google form <https://tinyurl.com/4a78pykd> and completes the payment of the registration fee.
- d) The participants are expected to reach the Proof of Principle or Technology Readiness Level 2 (TRL 2) of the planned concept.
- e) Name of the team and name of the teammates must be specified as per College IDs or institution records.
- f) The registered team can choose any problem statement of their choice related to the Dental domain.

- g) The fee will not be refunded under any circumstances after registering for the event.
- h) The final round will consist of a 7-minute presentation round (Duration:6min +1min for warping) along with 7 min for Q&A. The jury will be a closed group of members.
- i) Informative talks by renowned speakers will commence on **March 04<sup>th</sup> 2026 (Monday), at 9.15 a.m.**, which will give a clear understanding of how to take the product to the market, which will be free for the registered participants.
- j) The events and final presentation of the Hackathon will be conducted on **MS Teams**.
- k) The decision of the Organisers on all matters relating to the Hackathon, including the eligibility of participants and the selection of the winners, is final and no correspondence will be entertained.
- l) The organisers reserve the right to amend these Conditions of Participation at any time at its absolute discretion without any further notice, including but not limited to the eligibility terms and criteria, the selection of winners, the timing of any act to be done and all participants to this Hackathon shall be bound by these amendments.
- m) The terms and conditions of the Hackathon Rules are subject to change at any time, including the rights or obligations of the Maker/Participants, and the Organiser will post the terms and conditions of the amended Official Rules on the Hackathon page. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any amendment will become effective at the time specified in the posting of the amended Official Rules or, if no time is specified, the time of posting.
- n) If at any time before the deadline, a Maker/Participant or prospective Maker/Participant believes that any Official Rule is or may be unclear or ambiguous, they must submit a written request for clarification.
- o) Ensure that you/your team have obtained all consents, approvals, or licenses required for you to submit your entry and that your entry will not violate anyone else's rights or the law (if applicable).
- p) The organisers will decide the final decision on the number of winners eligible for Prize money.
- q) For any kind of mentoring related to the Hackathon, the participants can email the details to [bioincubator@manipal.edu](mailto:bioincubator@manipal.edu) or [bm.bioincubator@manipal.edu](mailto:bm.bioincubator@manipal.edu) or [manipal.gokbioincubator@gmail.com](mailto:manipal.gokbioincubator@gmail.com)

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Your Submission and all components thereof must:

- a) Be your (or your Team's) original work product.
- b) Be solely owned by you or your Team with no other person or entity having any right or interest in it; and
- c) Not violate the intellectual property rights or other rights, including but not limited to copyright, trademark, patent, contract, and/or privacy rights, of any other person or entity.
- d) A Maker/Participant may contract with a third party for technical assistance to create the submission, provided the submission components are solely the Maker's/Participant's work product and the result of the Maker's/Participant's ideas and creativity, and the Maker/Participant owns all rights to them.
- e) By entering the Hackathon, you represent, warrant, and agree that your submission meets these requirements, and the Hackathon Administration will not be obliged to answer or legally bound for such instances.
- f) The innovation done by the registered team will be safe the organisers will uphold utmost confidentiality.
- g) As the jury will be a closed group, no project details will be in any of the open platforms and your IPs will be secure.

## SUBMISSION

- a) The teams will be given a Proposal Template via email after registration on **March 04<sup>th</sup> 2026**. The teams are supposed to submit the filled Proposal via the link <https://tinyurl.com/ymdadmsd> by **March 09<sup>th</sup> 2026, by 6:00 p.m.** to compete. Any delay in submission will not be considered.
- b) Incomplete or indecipherable entries will be deemed invalid and disqualified.
- c) The content of your entry and any supporting materials must be acceptable to all viewing audiences. We will automatically disqualify any participant or team that submits an entry or supporting materials that contain data, code, text, sound or images that we, in our sole opinion and for any reason, believe to be malicious, illegal, vulgar, offensive, or inappropriate for public viewing, or that is presented in a negative light.
- d) By submitting an entry in this Hackathon, you represent that you, your team and the entry submitted comply with these Official Rules; that the entirety of the entry is your/your team's original work; and that the demo submitted is solely the work of you or your team.

## **THE JURY**

- a) A panel of Jury selected by the Organiser will evaluate eligible Submissions. The Jury may be employees of the administrator or external, may or may not be listed individually on the Hackathon Page, and may change before or during the Judging Period. Judging may take place in one or more rounds with one or more panels of Jury, at the discretion of the organiser.
- b) All expenses or costs associated with the acceptance or use of the prize or any component of the prize are the responsibility of the winner. The prize is awarded “as is” and without any warranty.
- c) You will be bound by and comply with these Official Rules and the decisions of the Administrator, and/or the Hackathon Jury, which are binding and final in all matters relating to the Hackathon.

## **PRIZE**

- a) **The top selected teams will receive an entry for the 6-month structured Pre-Incubation program and offered mentoring programs by Manipal-GoK Bioincubator.**
- b) **Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: INR 50,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: INR 25,000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: INR 15,000.**
- c) **Certificates will be provided to all the participants from Manipal GoK Bioincubator followed by mementos for the winning team (one per team).**
- d) **Manipal-GoK Bioincubator will support the candidates with respect to refining the idea and provide insights on proposal writing to apply for NIDHI-EIR funds from MUTBI Society for Prototyping i.e. up to INR 3.6 lakhs per team to be won from Manipal-GoK Bioincubator.**

## **VERIFICATION OF POTENTIAL WINNERS**

THE AWARD OF A PRIZE TO A POTENTIAL WINNER IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY, QUALIFICATIONS, AND ROLE OF THE POTENTIAL WINNER IN THE CREATION OF THE SUBMISSION.

**The final decision to designate a winner shall be made by the Organizer.**

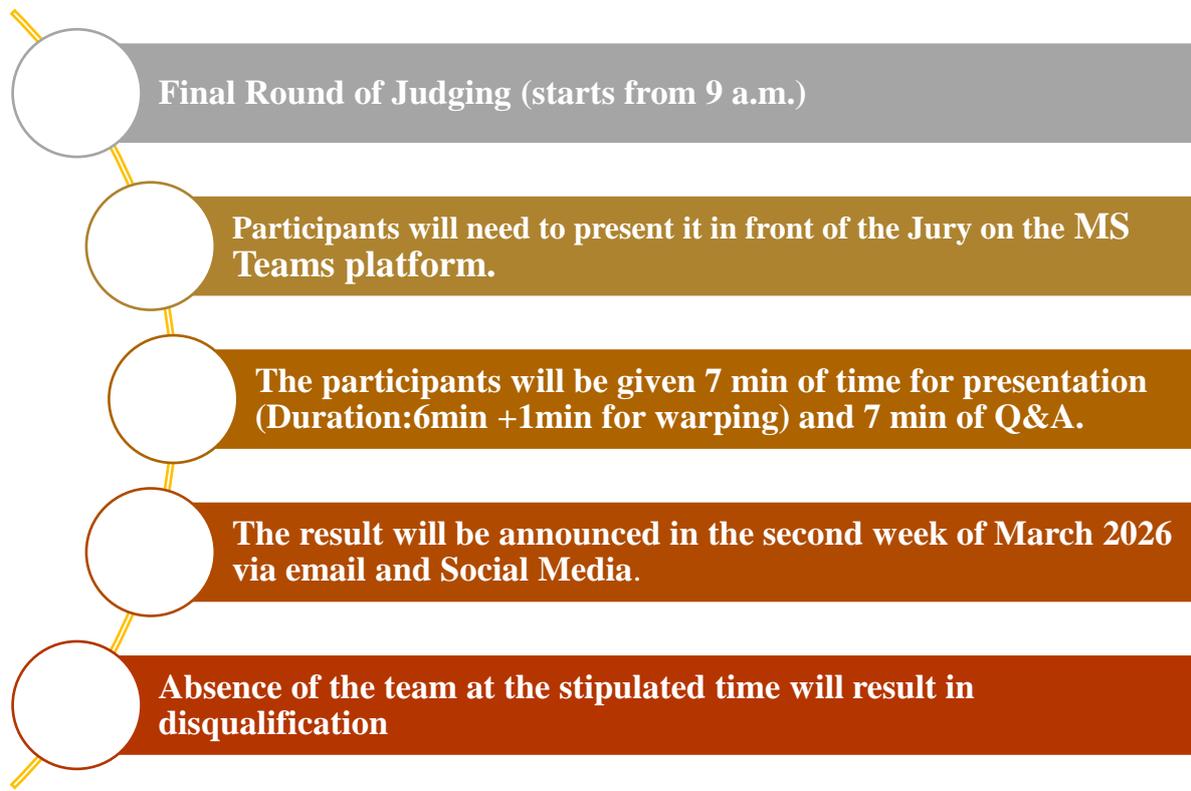
## TIMELINE OF THE HACKATHON

- **February 17<sup>th</sup> 2026 - 06:00 p.m. Registration Opens**
- **March 02<sup>nd</sup> 2026 - 06:00 p.m. Registration Closes**
- **March 04<sup>th</sup> 2026 - ‘Euphoria 15.0’**



- **March 04<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 01.00 p.m. - Hackathon starts**
- **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - Deadline for submission of Proposal for Hackathon**  
Submission of the Proposal should be completed by **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 06:00 p.m.**

▪ **November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 9.00 a.m. - Grand Finale**



## **PRIVACY**

By participating in the Hackathon you consent to the use of personal information about you, if you are a winner, by the Poster, Administrator, and third parties acting on their behalf. Such personal information includes but is not limited to, your name, likeness, photograph, voice, opinions, comments, hometown and country of residence. It may be used in any existing or newly created media, worldwide without further payment or consideration or right of review, unless prohibited by law. Organizers can use includes advertising and promotional purposes.

The duration of your consent is for a period of one year following the conclusion of the Hackathon. This consent applies, as applicable, to all members of a Maker's Team that participated in the winning submission.

## **ATTENDEE CODE OF CONDUCT**

- a) All participants are expected to abide by the rules and regulations.
- b) The participants are not allowed to share the problem statements.

- c) Our hackathon is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, previous hackathon attendance or computing experience (or lack of any of the aforementioned). We discourage harassment of hackathon participants in any form. Sexual language and imagery are not appropriate for any events, including hacks, talks, social media or any other online media.
- d) If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a member of hackathon organizers immediately. The organizers will be happy to help participants contact any local law enforcement, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the hackathon.

We expect all participants to comply with this Code of Conduct. If a participant engages in any behaviour that violates the above Code of Conduct, please notify one of the event ambassadors. Participants asked to stop any of the above behaviours are expected to comply immediately. Any participant violating any part of the Code of Conduct may be sanctioned or expelled from the competition and may face police involvement in extreme circumstances.

By registering in the Hackathon you are agreeing to all the Terms and Conditions and are willing to maintain the code of conduct laid down by the organizers of Manipal Dental Hackathon 2026.

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**Related Links:**

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Team Lookout Form: <https://tinyurl.com/35kzvyxs>

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