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AI-Powered Digital Investigation, Incident Response & Cyber Forensics Technologies

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1. About IGDTUW & ISEA

Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW) is a State Technical University in Delhi dedicated to technical and higher education for women. Under the Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) Project Phase-III of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), IGDTUW conducts capacity-building, research, and outreach activities in cyber security and digital forensics, and serves as the organising institution for SUTRAM Hackathon 2026. The Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) Project is an initiative of MeitY aimed at generating skilled human resources in information security and creating general awareness of cyber hygiene and cybersecurity across India. The project is implemented through a network of premier academic institutions, MeitY's autonomous organisations, and technical universities, working towards a safe, trusted, and secure cyberspace for the nation.



2. About SUTRAM

The rise of cyber-financial frauds, deepfake-enabled crimes, social-media manipulation, online impersonation, digital extortion, and AI-generated content has created an urgent need for innovative, indigenous cyber-forensic technologies that can support investigators across the digital investigation lifecycle. To address this, IGDTUW, under the aegis of the ISEA Project Phase-III, is organising a National Hackathon on AI-Powered Digital Investigation, Incident Response and Cyber Forensics Technologies, SUTRAM Hackathon 2026. It aims to establish a national platform for innovation, collaboration, and technology development by bringing together students, researchers, start-ups, industry experts, forensic practitioners, and investigating agencies to develop practical solutions for real-world cyber-forensic challenges faced by India.

3. Objectives of SUTRAM 2026

Our Vision	To create a collaborative innovation ecosystem where Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies can help strengthen digital investigation, cyber forensics and incident response.
Innovate	Encourage participants to develop creative solutions for real-world challenges in cyber investigation and digital forensics.
Collaborate	Bring together students, researchers, professionals and mentors to exchange ideas and build impactful solutions.
Build Impact	Transform promising ideas into prototypes and solutions with practical relevance and future scalability.

4. SUTRAM 2026 at a Glance

Particular	Details
Hackathon Name	SUTRAM Hackathon 2026
Theme	AI-Powered Digital Investigation, Incident Response & Cyber Forensics Technologies

Organised By	Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW)
Under the Aegis of	ISEA Project Phase-III, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India
Eligibility	UG, PG, Ph.D research scholars, startups & innovators
Team Size	1–4 members
Registration Fee	Free
Proposal / Idea Submission	Idea PPT as per the prescribed SUTRAM format
Maximum PPT Size	10 slides
Shortlisting – Round 1	Top 50 teams
Final Selection	Top 25 teams
Mentorship	Expert technical and domain mentorship
Prototype Development	Selected teams develop a Proof of Concept (PoC)
Finale	26–27 December 2026 (<i>TENTATIVE</i>)
Venue	Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW), Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Registration / Submission Portal	Ivp portal
Registration Deadline	5 October 2026

5. Problem Statement

Building AI-Powered [Digital Forensics](#) Investigation Framework

Develop an AI-powered digital forensics investigation framework capable of collecting, analysing, authenticating, and correlating digital evidence from multiple sources.

The framework should assist investigators in efficiently handling complex digital evidence, identifying patterns and anomalies, verifying evidence integrity and origin, detecting fraud and manipulation, and reconstructing incidents from correlated evidence.

6. Stages

1. Registration Opens	07 Sep 2026
2. Registration Closes	05 Oct 2026
3. First Round Results	25 Oct 2026
4. Problem Statement Release	28 Oct 2026
5. Mentorship Sessions	01 - 10 Nov 2026
6. Prototype/PPT Submission	20 Nov 2026
7. Final 25 Teams Selected	05 Dec 2026
8. Hackathon Finale	26-27 Dec 2026
9. Winner Announcement	27 Dec 2026

7. Who Can Participate?

1. Undergraduate (UG) students, Postgraduate (PG) students, Ph.D. scholars and eligible research scholars, startups and innovators are eligible to participate.
2. Each team may consist of 1–4 members, including a designated Team Leader, and interdisciplinary teams are encouraged.
3. Registration is free for all eligible participants.
4. All registered participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

8. How to Apply

1. Form Your Team

Create a team of 1–4 eligible students and nominate a Team Leader.

2. Register

Complete registration through the official IVP ISEA website:

IVP Portal <https://ivp.isea.app>

3. Submit your Idea

Submit your Idea PPT (max. 10 slides) along with a short video using the official SUTRAM template.

4. Build & compete

Shortlisted teams receive expert mentorship, develop their PoC, and compete for a place among the Top 25 finalists at the Grand Finale.

5. Key deadline

Registration & Idea Submission: 5 October 2026

Registration Fee: FREE

9. General Rules & Regulations

9.1 Eligibility

- Open to UG/PG students, Ph.D./Research Scholars, startups and innovators, as per the eligibility criteria.
- Participants must register as a team.

9.2 Team Composition

- Each team may have 1–4 members, including one Team Leader.
- Interdisciplinary teams are encouraged.

9.3 Team Communication

- All official communication will be made with the Team Leader.
- The registered email address/mobile number will be used for communication.

9.4 Submission

- All submissions must follow the prescribed format and guidelines.
- Submissions received after the specified deadline will not be considered.
- The organising team may specify the submission mode, including email or designated portal.

9.5 Originality & Authenticity

- All ideas, proposals and solutions must be original.
- Plagiarism or misrepresentation of work may lead to disqualification.
- The organising committee may verify the authenticity of submissions.
- AI tools may be used only as permitted by the organising committee; the core idea, technical work and submission must represent the team's own work.

9.6 Intellectual Property

- Teams are responsible for ensuring that their submissions do not infringe third-party intellectual property rights.
- Participants should have the necessary rights/permissions for any third-party content, datasets, software or materials used.

9.7 Participation & Responsiveness

- Shortlisted teams must participate in the scheduled Internal Hackathon and mentorship activities.
- Teams are expected to remain active, responsive and available throughout the hackathon.

9.8 National-Level Participation

- Teams recommended for the national level will be registered through the ISEA Virtual Platform (IVP).
- Such teams will be required to follow the rules, requirements and timelines applicable on the IVP.

9.9 Jury Decision

- The decision of the evaluation panel/jury at every stage will be final and binding.

9.10 Changes & Updates

- The organising committee reserves the right to modify rules, guidelines, schedules or procedures when required.
- Participants should regularly check official communication for updates.

9.11 Use of Personal Information

- Participant information will be used only for hackathon-related purposes.
- Information may be shared where necessary for ISEA IVP registration or other official requirements.

10. Need Help?

For any queries, assistance, or clarification

Contact us at: 9311434225

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We wish you the very best as you begin your journey in the Hackathon.

Let the innovation begin!

Warm regards,
Organising Team
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