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A **NASSCOM**® Initiative

CYBER SECURITY GRAND CHALLENGE

Rules and Guidelines

The document outlines the complete process flow, rules and regulations, guidelines, the grand challenge portal, registration process among others.

Rules & Guidelines

1. During the Grand Challenge, the team leader shall be considered as the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for all engagements & communication by the Grand Challenge organizing committee. Furthermore, the team leader cannot be changed during the course of the Grand Challenge.
2. For any update regarding the Grand Challenge, participants will have to refer to the portal for Grand Challenge.
3. All communications between the Grand Challenge organizing committee and team leader will be done through the registered e-mail only. This will be the only form of communication and any other forms of communication will not be entertained.
4. Along with team leader, maximum 4 members can participate. Minimum 1 team member is required to register for the challenge.
5. Each start-up is allowed to submit only one idea for any given problem statement. Furthermore, only 1 idea from a start-up will be shortlisted for progression into next round.
6. Only valid submissions will be taken up for the evaluation.
7. Prize money will be awarded by MEITY through DSCI. Taxes on the prize money will be applicable as per the rules on the day of disbursement.
8. Teams are not allowed to outsource any part of the development process outside the team.
9. Any help leveraged from any external institutions and or individuals will have to be disclosed to the Grand Challenge organizing committee.
10. Teams shall maintain detailed documentation of their idea and solution at all stages of the Grand Challenge for reference and record purpose. The Grand Challenge organizing committee reserves the right to review these documents any time during the program.
11. The Jury has the right to call any of the shortlisted participating team at any stage, to make presentation of the submitted details. The time & venue shall be communicated by the Grand Challenge organizing committee accordingly.
12. Any travel or miscellaneous expenses incurred by the participating team as part of Grand Challenge for Cyber Security will not be compensated by MEITY and/or Grand Challenge organizing committee.

13. Removal/ voluntary withdrawal of members from any team is allowed only once during the program. Any such step will have to be disclosed to the Grand Challenge Organising committee for approval. No other form of team modification will be entertained.
14. Winner/s will retain the IPR of the solution/ product developed as part of the Grand Challenge. The winner/s will however have to conform to the terms and conditions defined for the Grand Challenge during the competition and post winning the award.
15. The solution should not violate/ breach/ copy any idea/ concept/ product already copyrighted, patented or existing in market.
16. Anyone found to be non-compliant, may get their participation canceled.
17. The Jury will take the final call for any unforeseen situation.
18. For any dispute redressal or exceptions, decision of the designated committee in MeitY will be the final on the matter.

Intellectual Property Right (IPR):

1. IPR of the product to be developed as part of Grand Challenge will be owned by the respective startup participating in the Grand Challenge.
2. All the teams winning under Grand Challenge will have to take approval from MeitY before selling the IPR within 1 years of time from wining the awards.

Role of Jury Panel

1. Assessing and scoring ideas/ Minimum viable product and final product presented by participants at each stage as per given criteria.
2. Vetting activities, tasks and documents of overall program to ensure fairness, transparency and accountability.