Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Goldman Sachs India Hackathon 2025 (GSIH)

General Guidelines

1. **What is the Goldman Sachs India Hackathon?**
Goldman Sachs India Hackathon (GSIH) is a virtual 12-hour coding challenge that enables students to work on real-world technical and quantitative problems. It is an individual event open to eligible students graduating in 2027 and 2028.

2. **What are the key dates for GSIH 2025?**
   - Registration Start: April 21, 2025
   - Last Date to Apply: May 4, 2025
   - Hackathon Dates: Quant: May 17, 2025 | CS: May 18, 2025
   - Mentorship & Finale (In-Person): End of June 2025

3. **Is the hackathon conducted in teams or individually?**
It is an individual contest. Team entries are not permitted.

4. **What is the mode of the hackathon?**
The hackathon will be conducted online on the HackerRank platform.

Submission & Evaluation

5. **How do I submit my solutions?**
Solutions must be submitted on the HackerRank platform during the 12-hour window. Ensure stable internet connectivity and complete submission before the contest closes.

6. **Will late submissions be accepted?**
No. Submissions after the 12-hour window will not be considered.

7. **Will there be a live leaderboard for each of the questions? Does being on top of the leaderboard make me the winner?**
Yes, a live leaderboard will be available for all sections. However, live leaderboard does not take final submission into account and hence finalists will be shared by Goldman Sachs, post Hackathon evaluations.

8. **What is the proctoring and plagiarism policy?**
The Hackathon is subject to proctoring to ensure a fair competition. Any form of plagiarism or cheating will lead to immediate disqualification.

Selection, Prizes & Career Opportunities

9. **What happens after the hackathon?**
   - Shortlisted candidates will attend a mentorship session in June
   - Top performers will be invited for an in-person Finale at the Goldman Sachs India office
   - From the finalists, students graduating in 2027 will be eligible for Pre-Placement Interview (PPI) opportunities.

10. **What are the rewards for top performers?**
    - Exciting prizes
    - Mentorship and career guidance from Goldman Sachs professionals
    - Exclusive PPI opportunity with Goldman Sachs

Eligibility & Application

11. **Who can participate?**
    - Students graduating in 2027 and 2028 from the engineering colleges mentioned below are eligible to participate.
    - Students must apply individually and have a valid HackerRank profile.

12. **Is this an individual competition or group competition?**
    Only Individual participation.

13. **Can I participate in both hackathons?**
    Students from colleges eligible for CS & Quant tracks can choose to participate in both hackathons during registration and will receive separate links for each day. Please check eligibility as per college list below.

14. **Can participants be from different programs, branches and year of graduation?**
    2027 and 2028 graduating batch from any program or branch of Engineering from the below mentioned set of colleges can participate.

Contact

15. **Whom do I reach out to in case of queries?**
    Email us at gsindiahackathon@ny.email.gs.com.

16. **Will GSIH Team be around to answer my questions during the contest?**
    Please post on discussion forums on HackerRank platform for section related questions during the Hackathon.

Eligible Colleges

Quant Eligible Schools	
Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad	Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani

CS Eligible Schools	
Banasthali Vidyapith University	International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad
Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani	Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur
Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women, Delhi	Manipal Institute of Technology
Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, Hyderabad	Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal
Indian Institute of Technology, Dhanbad	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad
Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad	National Institute of Technology, Surathkal
Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi	National Institute of Technology, Trichy
Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	National Institute of Technology, Warangal
Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	National Institute of Technology, Calicut
Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	Shiv Nadar University, Delhi
Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad	Shri Govindram Seksaria Institute of Technology and Science, Indore
Indian Institute of Technology, Indore	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur
Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute, Mumbai
Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh
Indian Institute of Technology, Madras	Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhinagar
Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee	Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi

Terms and Conditions

- Goldman Sachs reserves the right to modify the event or cancel the event at any stage, without incurring any liability.

- Participation in this contest is not an offer of employment or internship.

- The participants warrant and certify that their submissions are original and do not infringe third party copyrights, patents or intellectual property rights.

- Further, upon submission of solutions, all intellectual property rights and ideas generated during this contest and in the submissions shall vest in Goldman Sachs, and Goldman Sachs reserves the right to use the same in any manner, including for commercial purposes.