POLICY HACKATHON 2023

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ABOUT THE POLICY HACKATHON

This event aims to provide a platform for policymakers, innovators, and other interested stakeholders to convene, address and tackle the challenges that the present Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme entails. We aim that this Competition brings innovative, dynamic and brilliant thinking from diverse backgrounds to tackle the pressing challenges under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme. The Teams are expected to design innovative policy solutions to counter subsisting issues followed by a workshop and roundtable discussion where participants and academicians in the field deliberate on the problem, discuss policy measures, and eventually present a robust framework for the same.

STRUCTURE OF THE POLICY HACKATHON

The Policy Hackathon shall be conducted in three stages. The three stages have been incorporated in order to test the analytical and critical abilities of the Teams. The rounds are as follows:

1. The **First stage** requires all participating teams to draft a policy based on the problem statement given at the end of this brochure.

2. The **Second stage** shall be a round table discussion involving Participating Teams and Panelists deliberating on the aspects of the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat scheme of the Government of India.
   During the second stage discussion round – the Participating Teams shall be open to bringing forth their ideas and have a conclusive discussion with other Team members in light of the Competition.

3. Prior to their submission in the **Third stage** of the Competition – the Teams shall be open to consult experts in this field and finalize their Policy drafts.

4. The third stage shall be a **Final Policy Draft submission**. A Google link for the Final Policy draft submission shall be shared with the Participating Teams.

5. The **Fourth stage** – shall be the **Last stage** wherein, the Top – 4 Teams shall be shortlisted to present their policy and Two Teams shall be adjudged with the Best Policy and Second-Best Policy Award.

DETAILED SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE FINAL DRAFT (THIRD STAGE)

1. THEME AND FOCUS

- The policy proposal must align with the competition's theme and focus areas, as outlined in the competition announcement or guidelines.
- Submissions unrelated to the specified theme will not be considered.

2. FORMAT AND LENGTH

- Submissions must be in English and should be provided in a clear and concise manner.
- The recommended length for the policy proposal must not exceed **10,000 words.**
- The font must be – Times New Roman or any other standard font at the Team's discretion. The font size must be – 12 and the headings and sub-heading can be accordingly best suited.
- Line spacing must be 1.5
- The alignment must be – justified.
- The Final Policy Draft must comprise of the following:

  a. COVER PAGE
  b. TABLE OF CONTENTS
  c. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
  d. SUMMARY OF THE POLICY PROPOSAL
  e. POLICY PROPOSAL CONTENT
  f. POLICY OBJECTIVES
  g. LITERATURE REVIEW AND BACKGROUND
  h. POLICY PROPOSAL
  i. POLICY COMPONENTS
  j. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
  k. FEASIBILITY AND COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS
  l. STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT
  m. ETHICAL CONSIDERATION
  n. PUBLIC SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATION
  o. WAY FORWARD/CONCLUSION
  p. REFERENCES

3. COVER PAGE

- The cover page must include the following information:

  - Title of the Policy Proposal
  - Team Code of the Policy (to be assigned by the Organizing Committee)
  - Any relevant logo that the Teams would want to include and make the Cover page attractive.

4. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**
   - Provide a brief executive summary of the entire policy proposal that concisely outlines the key objectives, approach, and expected impact.

5. **POLICY PROPOSAL CONTENT**
   - The Teams must clearly state the problem or challenge the policy proposal aims to address.
   - The Policy must be a well-researched and evidence-based policy solution. Teams are encouraged to support their proposal with data, research findings, and relevant references.
   - The policy's scope, potential beneficiaries, and any potential challenges or risks associated with its implementation.
   - The policy's expected outcomes and its long-term impact on society, economy, or the environment.

6. **FEASIBILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION**
   - The Teams in the work must demonstrate the feasibility and practicality of their policy proposal. The factors such as budget, resources, and potential obstacles during implementation.

7. **INNOVATIVENESS**
   - The Teams must highlight the innovative aspects of the policy proposal and how it differentiates from existing approaches to addressing similar challenges.

8. **ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS**
   - The Teams must discuss any ethical implications or considerations related to your policy proposal, especially if it involves sensitive issues or populations.

9. **SUPPORTING MATERIALS**
   - Teams are encouraged to include relevant pictorial representations, including graphs, charts, or visual aids to enhance the clarity and impact of your proposal. They must ensure that all supporting materials are appropriately referenced.

10. **ORIGINALITY**
    - The submission must be an original work. Plagiarized or previously published content will lead to disqualification.
    - The policy is required to have a structured framework and detailed, realistic suggestions.

11. **FINAL SUBMISSION METHOD**
    - Submit your policy via the Google Link that shall be provided to Teams – 2 (two) days prior to the submission date.

TEAM TIMELINE OF THE COMPETITION & IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023	LAST DATE TO REGISTER
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 05:00 PM IST	FIRST STAGE – SUBMISSION OF OUTLINE /DRAFT TABLE OF CONTENTS SUBMISSION VIA GOOGLE FORM
OCTOBER 05, 2023	SECOND STAGE – ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
OCTOBER 20, 2023	THIRD STAGE – FINAL POLICY SUBMISSION
OCTOBER 27, 2023	RESULT DECLARATION

WHO CAN REGISTER FOR THE COMPETITION?

The Policy Hackathon is open to all Colleges/Institutions/Policy Makers/Researchers/Faculties across India.

- Students currently pursuing 3-year or 5-year LLB courses
- Students pursuing a Master's degree in law, public policy or any related course
- Public Policy students, Scholars & Researchers
- Management students & Academicians
- Academicians in the field of Public Policy
- Experts in the field

Each participating team shall comprise a maximum of **3 members**.

TEAM COMPOSITION

- **2** members minimum and maximum **3** members.
- **Cross-university/institution** Participation is allowed.
- **Multiple Teams** from one institution are allowed.

REGISTRATION FEE & REGISTRATION LINK

- The registration fee for a team is **INR 3,500/- (Rupees Three Thousand & Five Hundred Only)**.
- Institutions interested in participating in the competition may register by filling in the Google form, the link for which is attached below
- Registration link: https://forms.gle/gWCfKiR75z1FEFcC6
- The Last Date of Registration: **September 12, 2023; 11:59 pm IST.**

AWARDS, PRIZES & ADDITIONAL PERKS

BEST POLICY RECOMMENDATION	INR 15,000
SECOND-BEST PO LICY RECOMMENDATION	INR 10,000

PERKS: THE BEST POLICY STATEMENT SHALL BE SHARED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, AS A POLICY RECOMMENDATION.

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES

BANK NAME	UNION BANK OF INDIA
BRANCH NAME WITH COMPLETE ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER	NLSIU BRANCH, NLSIU CAMPUS, NAGARBHAVI, BANGALORE - 560 072, Ph: 080-23218130 & 23218115
IFSC CODE / NEFT CODE / RTGS CODE / BRANCH CODE	UBIN0921441
TYPE OF BANK ACCOUNT (SB/CURRENT/CASH CREDIT)	SAVINGS BANK
COMPLETE BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER (LATEST)	520101045115075
MICR CODE OF BANK	560026119

CONTACT DETAILS FOR QUERIES & CLARIFICATIONS

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

The increasing interconnectedness and India's position at the heart of the Indian Ocean brings a pressing challenge of achieving self-reliance across various sectors. While globalization has opened a plethora of benefits, it has also revelated vulnerabilities and dependencies, making the nation vulnerable to external economic fluctuation, supply chain disruptions, geopolitical concerns, and tensions amongst nation-states. Further India lacks a manufacturing base and is heavily reliant on imports. There is a vacuum in the ecosystem for innovation & development. The nation lacks a clear policy for the promotion & protection of local goods and indigenous production houses. In furtherance, there is also a lack of incentive to produce, manufacture, and create in India. This should bring the aim of India to become the Second Factory in the manufacturing sector for the world in the changing global order. Therefore, the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan must act as a catalyst for sustainable growth that focuses on creating a robust self-reliant framework for India across all sectors.

In light of this context –

The government of India is looking for a policy for the integration of different sectors in order to fulfill a common object and vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. In light of the visionary policy – the focal point must be the pivotal principle of non–discrimination. The aspects of fair play among competitors, transparency, accountability, and risk management are key issues for consideration in the policy. Further, the drafters must also focus on the aspect of keeping investments safe in case of disputes between parties, thus domestic, and international agreements and conventions must be kept in light while crafting the policy. The policy must also be drafted keeping in mind the Constitutional Federal Structure of India.

Teams must focus on the Schemes, Policies & the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan's guidelines while drafting the Final Policy.

1. Product Linked Incentive or PLI Scheme
2. Make in India
3. Vocal for Local
4. Start-up India, Invest in India – incentives for Start-ups, the growth of IP
5. Harnessing the most of the – Off Set Policies
6. Emergency Credit Line Guarantee or ECLGS Scheme
7. Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme

8. Manufacturing base for semi-conductors and bringing core technologies to India's growing Integrated Device Manufacturing sector

9. Security & Strategic interest

The following indicative key challenges can also be looked into:

1. Economic Diversification, interdependence, and independence

2. Energy independence and sustainability

3. Strengthening Industrial and Technological capacities

4. Reducing Reliance on Imports

In light of the above draft a robust policy for the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan of the government of India.