

ASYNC'26

2026 / BUILDERS WELCOME

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Build What the Next Decade Needs.



TOTAL PRIZE POOL

₹1,00,000

Four Tracks — ₹25,000 per track

September 30 - October 1, 2026 • RIT campus

FOUR TRACKS

01 Sovereign AI

02 Wellness & Lifestyle

03 Cybersecurity & Defense

04 Open Track

Grab internship opportunities through outstanding performance.

EVENT TIMELINE

Pre-Hackathon Schedule

DATE	ACTIVITY
Sep 16-22	Registration
Sep 20	Problem Statements / Tasks Revealed
Sep 22	Registration Closes & Initial Idea Submission
Sep 22-28	Mentoring Sessions
Sep 28	Final Idea Submission (Prototype if any)
Sep 29	Announcement of Shortlisted Teams

Hackathon Event Schedule

Day 1 (Sep 30)

TIME	ACTIVITY
09:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Inauguration
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Participant Check-in & Registration
11:00 AM	Hackathon Begins
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch Break
04:30 PM - 05:00 PM	Evening Snacks
07:30 PM	Day 1 Concludes

Day 2 (Oct 1)

TIME	ACTIVITY
09:00 AM	Participants Report Back
11:59 AM	Hacking Concludes & Submissions Due
12:00 PM	Lunch Break
03:00 PM - 04:30 PM	Valedictory & Prize Distribution
04:30 PM	Feedback Session

SUBMISSION & JUDGING

FINAL PROJECT SUBMISSION

Portal: cyreneai.com

Deadline: October 1 • 11:59 AM

Submit the repository and a working demonstration of the final project.

REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION

- Working MVP / Prototype
- Public GitHub repository with an open-source license
- Comprehensive README: architecture, technologies, and setup instructions
- Walkthrough video or live user-flow demonstration
- Disclosure of prior code, assets, datasets, models, and APIs

BUILDER SUPPORT

GPU access, a 3D printer and IoT devices are available if needed.
Inform a student coordinator in advance to request these resources.

JUDGING CRITERIA

WEIGHT & CRITERION	WHAT JUDGES ASSESS
30% Technical Execution	Depth, implementation complexity, and stability
20% Innovation	Originality and novel problem-solving
20% Impact	Real-world application potential
15% Product Experience	Usability and user flow
15% Demo & Completeness	Presentation clarity and functional proof

A technically ambitious working prototype matters more than visual polish.

RULES & PARTICIPATION TERMS

- 01 Open Source:** Projects must be published under an open-source license.
- 02 Plagiarism:** Zero tolerance; copied projects will be disqualified.
- 03 Prior Work:** Existing code and assets are allowed only with explicit README disclosure.
- 04 Work Scope:** Clearly differentiate work completed before vs. during the event.
- 05 Asset Licensing:** Teams must hold appropriate licenses for external assets and datasets.
- 06 Documentation:** Code and instructions must be reproducible by judges.
- 07 Audit Rights:** Judges may inspect repositories and commit histories.
- 08 Primary Criteria:** Technical depth, originality, and execution matter most.

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