

ME-RIISE FOUNDATION

Technology Business Incubator – Malnad College of Engineering (TBI-MCE)

Malnad College of Engineering, Hassan, Karnataka

AROGYA MANTHAN 2K26

A 24-Hour Hackathon for Next-Gen Healthcare Innovations

OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

DATES	VENUE	TEAM SIZE	PRIZE POOL
27 & 28 July 2026	MCE, Hassan	3 – 5 members	Up to ₹1,00,000

1. About the Event

Arogya Manthan 2K26 is a continuous 24-hour healthcare-technology hackathon organized by **ME-RIISE Foundation** through **TBI-MCE** at Malnad College of Engineering, Hassan. Teams design and build a working healthcare-tech solution — from problem to prototype to pitch — in a single uninterrupted build, without phase breaks.

2. Eligibility

- Open to all college students, regardless of stream — BE, MBBS, BCA, MBA, and other disciplines are all welcome.
- Open to innovators and early-stage startups / entrepreneurs as well.

3. Registration

- **Early bird registration:** ₹1,000 per team — open now until 21 July 2026.
- **Regular registration:** ₹1,500 per team — from 22 July 2026 onward.
- Register at: meriise.org
- Offline registration confirmation is mandatory for every participant.

4. Hackathon Duration

- The hackathon will commence at **5:00 PM on 27 July 2026** and conclude at **5:00 PM on 28 July 2026**, constituting a continuous 24-hour build period.
- All participants must arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes before the event begins.

5. Problem Statement Selection

- A curated set of problem statements will be floated by the organizers **one week prior** to the hackathon.
- Teams may select any one of the provided problem statements and develop their solution during the hackathon.
- In addition, an **open-ended problem statement** will be provided, allowing registered participants the freedom to choose and work on any healthcare problem of their choice.
- Teams may also identify and validate their own problem statement by directly interacting with doctors and affected individuals present at the venue.
- Doctors and clinical mentors will be available for open access throughout the event — no scheduled sign-up slots required.

6. Team Rules

- Each team must have **3–5 members**.

- Teams may freely mix members across branches and colleges — no restriction on composition.
- The complete solution must be built during the hackathon itself — no pre-built projects.
- Participants must bring their own laptops. Lab PCs will not be provided.
- Charging points will be made available at the venue.
- Teams must remain present on campus for the full 24 hours (see Section 14).

7. Originality & Pre-existing Work

- Teams may use open-source libraries, APIs, datasets, frameworks, and standard hardware modules.
- Pre-built complete projects are prohibited; however, reusable generic code/components may be allowed **if disclosed** to the organizers/jury.
- Any plagiarism or misrepresentation of work will lead to **disqualification**.

8. Hardware & Electrical Requirements

- Participants are required to bring all laptops, electrical, electronic, hardware components, tools, accessories, and other materials required for developing their prototype.
- Participants are advised to bring their own spike busters / extension boards. A limited number of spike busters may be available with the organizers, subject to availability.
- Participants are solely responsible for the safety and proper handling of their own equipment and components.

9. Mentoring & Support

- Mentoring will be available through experts throughout the session.
- Incubation support and seed-funding opportunities are available for standout ideas post-event.

10. Judging Criteria

- **Problem relevance & validation** — grounded in real clinical/patient input.
- **Innovation & originality** of the solution.
- **Technical feasibility & execution**.
- **Impact & scalability** — India / rural-healthcare relevance.
- **Presentation & pitch quality**.

11. Prizes

- Total prize pool: **up to ₹1,00,000**, split across 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, plus special category mentions (exact breakdown to be announced).
- Additional non-cash benefits: mentoring, incubation support, and seed-fund opportunity for top teams.
- Certificates and prizes will be distributed on the final day.
- Participants will receive certificates only if they attend the full 24 hours.

12. Food, Water & Refreshments

- Food, drinking water, and refreshments will be provided to all registered participants from the night of **27 July 2026** until the completion of the hackathon on **28 July 2026**.

13. Accommodation

- Accommodation will be provided **on request** to registered participants and will be charged at a **nominal fee**.
- Participants must maintain cleanliness and discipline in the accommodation area.
- Smoking, alcohol, and drugs are strictly prohibited within hostel and campus premises.
- Misbehaviour or property damage will lead to immediate expulsion from accommodation and possible event disqualification.

- Curfew timings will be announced by the accommodation committee; entry/exit after curfew is not permitted without prior approval.
- Male and female participants are strictly prohibited from entering each other's accommodation areas.
- Organizers are not responsible for loss or theft of personal belongings.
- In an emergency, contact the accommodation in-charge or event coordinator immediately.

14. General Rules & Code of Conduct

- The hackathon is a continuous 24-hour event. Once it commences, participants will **not be permitted to leave the designated premises** until the event concludes; exit requires prior approval from the event coordinators.
- All participants must wear and display ID cards at all times and present them to security when requested.
- Organizers reserve the right to disqualify any participant or team for misbehaviour or rule violation.
- No disputes or arguments regarding disqualification will be entertained.
- Any vulgarity, obscenity, or indecent behaviour will result in immediate disqualification.
- Participants are responsible for any damage to MCE or ME-RIISE Foundation property due to mishandling.
- The organizers will not be responsible for loss of personal belongings.
- The decision of the jury and organizers is **final and binding**.

15. Contact

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