



hridhAI Hackathon 2026

Judging Criteria

How the expert jury scores every team at the Grand Finale,
Saturday 28 November 2026, Kanha Shanti Vanam.



Share of the total score

Criterion	Weight	What the judges look for
AI Integration & Technical Soundness	30%	Genuine AI component, technical understanding, and reliable functioning during the live demo.
Problem Relevance, Impact & Innovation	25%	Addresses a real problem, demonstrates meaningful impact, and presents a creative/original approach.
Prototype Functionality	25%	Prototype works live, end-to-end, and demonstrates a functional solution rather than only slides or video.
Solved Preliminary Challenges	10%	Team identifies key challenges faced during development and clearly explains how they solved or overcame them.
Presentation & Q&A	10%	Clear explanation, effective demonstration, and ability to answer judges' questions confidently.
Total	100%	

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