

Report on iTech Hackfest 2023

The PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research is hosting the prestigious iTech Hackfest 2023 from August 24th to 26th, 2023. A National Level Hackathon uniting student from across the nation organized by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, this marks the second edition of PSGiTech Hackfest, in partnership with industry leaders SAP and Kaar Technologies. SAP Academy for Engineering, the event presents an impressive prize pool of three lakhs, where the top winner receives Rs. 1,50,000, the second-place achiever secures Rs. 1,00,000, and the third-place awardee takes home Rs. 50,000. Kaar Technologies plays a crucial role as the event's sponsor, enhancing its significance. As the competition reaches its thrilling conclusion in the final rounds, 146 teams comprising 544 dedicated students anxiously await their turn to shine.

The inaugural ceremony sets the tone for the event, commencing with a reverential invocation followed by a warm welcome address from the honourable Principal, Dr. N Saravanakumar. Mr. Jayanth Bagare, Chief Development Architect at SAP Academy for Engineering, elaborates on the essence of iTech Hackfest 2023 in his speech. The inaugural address by Mr. Maran Nagarajan Founder and CEO of Kaar Technologies. His words resonate deeply, inspiring and motivating the participants for the forthcoming days of innovation and competition.

During the event, Mr. Nagarajan emphasized the significance of entrepreneurship and how hackathons serve as a platform for aspiring entrepreneurs to showcase their innovative ideas. He highlighted the value of each participant's ideas, stating that they have the potential to meet societal needs. The speaker also mentioned that the selection of themes was based on current societal requirements. He referred to the participants as being at the forefront of another revolution and delved into the hierarchy of needs also enlightening the students about the interpretations of the famous Marshmallow experiment by Stanford University. He emphasized the significance of delayed gratification and cautioned against solely pursuing monetary gains to achieve success as an entrepreneur.



Dr.N.Saravanakumar, Principal, Welcoming the Chief Guest Mr. Maran Nagarajan, Founder and CEO, Kaar Technologies



Chief Guest Mr. Maran Nagarajan ,Founder and CEO , Kaar Technologies delivering the inaugural address. Left to Right Mr. Maran Nagarajan, Dr R Manimegalai HOD CSE , Dr N Saravanakumar Pricipal PSG ITECH, Mr. Jayant Bagare Chief Development Architect SAP Academy For Engineering.



Mr. Jayanth Bagare, Chief Development Architect, SAP Academy for Engineering addressing the gathering.



Dr N Saravanakumar, Principal, Delivering the welcome address.

With his insightful talk, the inaugural ceremony reaches a satisfying culmination, as Dr. R Manimegalai, Professor and Head of the CSE department, proposed a formal vote of thanks. PSG iTech Hackfest 2023 stands as a testament to the power of collaboration between academia and industry. As the hackathon unfolds over the next three days, it promises to be a melting pot of creativity, skill, and passion, where young minds come together to shape the future of technology.

Dr. S. Lokesh, Dr. Priya Ponnuswamy, Lt. V. Vilasini, and the faculty members of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering are the organizers of iTech Hackfest 2023.

The valedictory function of the highly anticipated iTech Hackfest 2023 unfolds on August 26th at 9.30 am, commencing with a soulful invocation that pays homage to the divine.

Lt. V Vilasini, Assistant Professor in the CSE department, extends a warm welcome to the attendees, setting the stage for a remarkable event.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Ferose V R, Senior Vice-President, and Head of SAP Academy for Engineering, is introduced by Dr. R Manimegalai, Professor, and Head of the CSE department.

Mr. Ferose V R takes the stage to deliver the valedictory address, sharing his perspective on the immense value of events like the iTech Hackfest in nurturing innovation and talent.

He envisions that by 2025, this event will emerge as the nation's most significant hackathon. Emphasizing the value of hackathon ideas, he underscores the need to cultivate them further, transforming them into startups rather than leaving them unexplored.

Mr. Ferose V R's address highlighted SAP's transformative endeavors: the "Autism at Work" initiative and the "All India Inclusion Summit." The "Autism at Work" initiative stands as an emblem of SAP's commitment to diversity, harnessing the exceptional skills of individuals with autism and integrating them into the workforce. Through success stories, Mr. Ferose V R underscored how these employees have shattered stereotypes, enriching the company with their unique perspectives.

Mr. Ferose's address revealed SAP's dedication to fostering inclusive environments and generating real change. The "Autism at Work" initiative and the "All India Inclusion Summit" exemplify SAP's resolute commitment to reshaping norms, celebrating diversity, and promoting a society that values and embraces every individual.



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The "All India Inclusion Summit," an annual event by SAP, brings together experts, advocates, and professionals to champion diversity and inclusion. It goes beyond dialogue, serving as a platform for tangible solutions and collaborations. This summit sparks conversations that transcend its timeframe, driving the pursuit of equality in workplaces nationwide.

True to the spirit of collaboration, the participants are given the opportunity to express their thoughts and feedback, highlighting the inclusive nature of the event. The feedback from students regarding the hackfest arrangements was praiseworthy. The assistance provided by student volunteers was acknowledged, and the college's initiatives in enabling meaningful interactions with exceptional individuals like Ferose and Maran Nagarajan were received with appreciation.

The climax of the event is the announcement of the iTech Hackfest 2023 winners. Dr. N Saravanakumar, the Principal of PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research, unveils the victors of the hackathon. The top team secures a substantial cash prize of Rs. 1,50,000 while the second and third-place winners are rewarded with Rs. 1,00,000 and Rs. 50,000 respectively. Yet beyond the monetary rewards, the winning teams gain an invaluable opportunity to connect with industry experts and explore the path of startups.

Position	College name	Team name	Team members	Cash-prize
First place	Sri Krishna college of Engineering and Technology	Code Crusade	1.SHAKTHI PRANAV A 2.JANIKA VK	Rs. 1,50,000

			3.JEFFERSON WESLEY P 4.PRATIKA B	
Second Place	Sri Sairam Institute of Technology	Farmlink	1.Jayasuryan N 2.Vishwath J H 3.Lathangi E 4.Rajaveeni S	Rs. 1,00,000
Third Place	KL University	Kanya Rasi	1.Kotagiri Hardik Sai 2.G. Yuva Sai 3.Kolli Arakshi Akash	Rs. 50,000



2nd Runner Up, Team Kanya Rasi of KL University receiving the cash prize.



1st Runner Up, Team Farmlink of Sri Sairam Institute of Technology receiving the cash prize.



Winners, Team Code Crusade of Sri Krishna college of Engineering and Technology receiving the cash prize.

The success of iTech Hackfest 2023 is a collaborative achievement, made possible through the unwavering support of numerous individuals. Dr. S Lokesh, Associate Professor in the CSE department, eloquently expresses gratitude on behalf of all involved, concluding the valedictory function with a heartfelt vote of thanks.

The valedictory ceremony is not only a celebration of innovation and achievement but also a testament to the power of collaboration, dedication, and the transformative impact of events like iTech Hackfest 2023. We eagerly anticipate the upcoming year's hackathon with excitement and optimism, embracing the opportunity to engage, innovate, and exceed expectations once again