

REPORT FOR THE EVENT ON “PSG iTECH HACKFEST-2024 A NATIONAL LEVEL HACKATHON”

Event title	Hackfest-2024 A National Level Hackathon
Event Category	Two days
Date and Duration	25 th July 2024 to 26 th July 2024
Department	B.E. CSE
Faculty Co-ordinators	Dr S. Lokesh, Prof/CSE Dr P Priya Ponnuswamy, AP/CSE Lt. V. Vilasini, AP/CSE
Resource Person	Inaugural and Valedictory Karina Montilla Edmonds Senior Vice-President Global Head of Academies and University Alliances , SAP
Faculty Convenor	Dr R Manimegalai, HOD/CSE
No. of Participants	12500+

The PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research is hosting the third edition of the prestigious iTech Hackfest 2024 from July 25th to 26th, 2024. This national-level hackathon, organized by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, has attracted participants from across the country. Industry leader SAP has sponsored a prize pool of ₹4.75 lakhs, with the top winner receiving ₹2,50,000, the second-place team ₹1,50,000, and the third-place team ₹75,000. The hackathon features participants from 10 states, judged by 550 jury members and 25 regional partners. As the hackathon enters its final stages, 110 teams have been shortlisted from 2,500 teams comprising over 12,500 participants from 110 colleges, all eagerly awaiting the announcement of results.

The inaugural address was delivered by the esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Karina Montilla Edmonds, Senior Vice President and Global Head of Academies and University Alliances at SAP. Her inspiring words captivated the audience, adding motivation and confidence to the event. Dr. Karina Montilla Edmonds shared a compelling narrative on the importance of curiosity and empathy in engineering and science. Reflecting on her experiences in technology transfer and energy technology, she encouraged students to embrace learning, regardless of their knowledge level. She highlighted the significance of building a robust network, reminding students that “their network is their net worth.” Her call for more women in these fields resonated deeply, inspiring the audience to become comfortable with being uncomfortable and emphasizing that success is about continuous learning and growth. By sharing her journey and challenges, she motivated the participants to take bold steps in their academic and professional endeavors. Following this, the event featured a powerful women empowerment talk by Dr. Karina Montilla Edmonds. Her inspiring address underscored the critical role of women in technology and innovation, encouraging female participants to break barriers and lead confidently.

The valedictory began with an invocation, followed by a participant’s feedback on the hackfest. As the event progressed, the top 10 teams were shortlisted for the grand finale, where they were awarded certificates. The hackathon culminated with the announcement of the winners by Dr. P. Vijayakumar, Dean - Electrical and Computer Engineering. Dr. Karina Montilla Edmonds, Senior Vice President and Global Head of Academies and University Alliances at SAP, presented the certificates and awards to the winners.

The top three teams were:

1. **First Place:** Team BroCode from Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, with participants Kanishk Jagya, Reyan Singh, Hushraj Singh, and Gurman Kaur, winning ₹2,50,000.
2. **Second Place:** Team Matrix Infinity from Rajalakshmi Engineering College, with participants Vishaal Krishna T G, Vishaal S, Sharvesh A R, Shakithiyam K V, and Surya Prakash G, winning ₹1,50,000.

3. **Third Place:** Team Rudhraksha from Chandigarh Engineering College, with participants Rohit Singh, Shivam Pandey, Piyush Kumar Bharwal, and Lovenshu, winning ₹75,000.

Beyond the financial rewards, the winning teams earned the invaluable opportunity to network with industry experts.



Chief Guest, Dr Karina Montilla Edmonds, presenting the awards and certificates to the first place team, Team BroCode from Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology.



Chief Guest, Dr Karina Montilla Edmonds, presenting the awards and certificates to the second place team, Team Matrix Infinity from Rajalakshmi Engineering College



Chief Guest, Dr Karina Montilla Edmonds, presenting the awards and certificates to the third place team, Team Rudhraksha from Chandigarh Engineering College