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A Report on Hackfest - 2025
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PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research, in association with SAP Labs India Pvt. Ltd., has hosted the fourth edition of Hackfest and ignited the spirit of innovation. This year's event saw 26,490students from 104 colleges across 16 states in India. After a rigorous multi-round selection process, 78 teams were shortlisted from an initial pool of 5,298 to compete in the final round and showcase their prototypes. The participants were competing for a prize pool of Rs 5 Lakhs.

Following the intense competition, the valedictory ceremony commenced with a welcome address delivered by Dr. P.Vijayakumar, Dean.

The Chief Guests, Mr. Milesh J, Vice President and Head of Strategy & Operations at SAP Labs India, and Mr. Satish Patnaik, Global Head of SAP Alliances and Partnerships at Tech Mahindra, took to the stage after a keynote address from Dr. Saravanakumar, Principal. Their words were inspiring and captivating.

Mr. Milesh Jamburao highlighted how evolving technology, driven by SAP's mission and vision of sustainability and inclusivity, empowers humanity, illustrating how computers now learn human languages and inspiring students to adapt to the fast-changing tech landscape.

Mr. Satish Patnaik inspired students by highlighting the vital role of strategic partnerships and innovation in the global digital economy, celebrating India's growing economic stature while encouraging students to embrace values like integrity, customer focus, entrepreneurship, and teamwork to thrive in their careers.

A highlight of the event was the felicitation of the **top three teams** for their exceptional performance. The **first prize** was won by students from *Manipal Institute of Technology* (**Team: Compile&Conquer**). The **second prize** went to students from *PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research*(**Team: Mohanalakshmi**). The **third prize** was secured by students from *Techno International NewTown, West Bengal**(Team: TINT_RandomDevs)**.

This was followed by an expression of gratitude by Lt. Vilasini V., marking the conclusion of this celebration of technology and engineering.

Team Compile and Conquer from Manipal Institute of Technology, Karnataka, winners of the First Prize (₹1,50,000), being felicitated for their innovative solution empowering micro-entrepreneurs through digital inclusion.

Team Mohanalakshmi from *PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research*, winners of the Second Prize (₹1,00,000), being felicitated for their innovative solution in the field of Agriculture.

Mr. Milesh J, Vice President and Head of Strategy & Operations at SAP Labs India, and Mr. Satish Patnaik, Global Head of SAP Alliances and Partnerships at Tech Mahindra along with Principal and Dean of PSG iTech at Hackfest 2025