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Beyond the Binary

While Day 1 laid the groundwork with visionary ideas, Day 2 of Shri Teq 2026 was all about execution and high-stakes action.

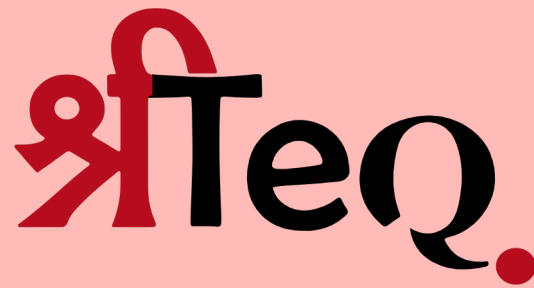
The morning began with an inspiring note set by a powerful address by the principal of The Shri Ram School Mouldsari, Ripple ma'am, reminding everyone that as we adapt, ideate and weave our creations together, we must always weigh the impact of what we make - as innovation lies in building with both imagination and integrity.

The day opened with a highly anticipated Fireside Chat with OpenAI's Mr. Raghav Gupta. His insights offered a rare glimpse into the frontier of artificial intelligence, firmly grounding our core theme of "Smart Tech, Strong Ethics" in industry-leading wisdom. Following this thought-provoking beginning, the air crackled with intensity. In the much-awaited Hackathon Finals, sleep-deprived yet unstoppable developers raced against a ticking clock to bring their solutions to life in an engaging, Shark Tank-style pitch.

Later, the auditorium transformed into an intellectual battleground for the Middle and Senior School Tech Quiz Semifinals. Here, rapid-fire trivia decided who advanced to the finals, leaving teachers and students alike in awe of the sheer talent on display.

Day 2 proved that while purpose guides our vision, it is our choices that define the tech we build.





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SPS, GURUGRAM

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PRAKRITI SCHOOL

SFHS, CHANDIGARH

THE INDIAN SCHOOL

SUNCITY GURUGRAM

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TSMS, GURUGRAM

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VASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

LOTUS VALLEY INTL. GGN

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Fireside Chat

With Mr. Raghav Gupta

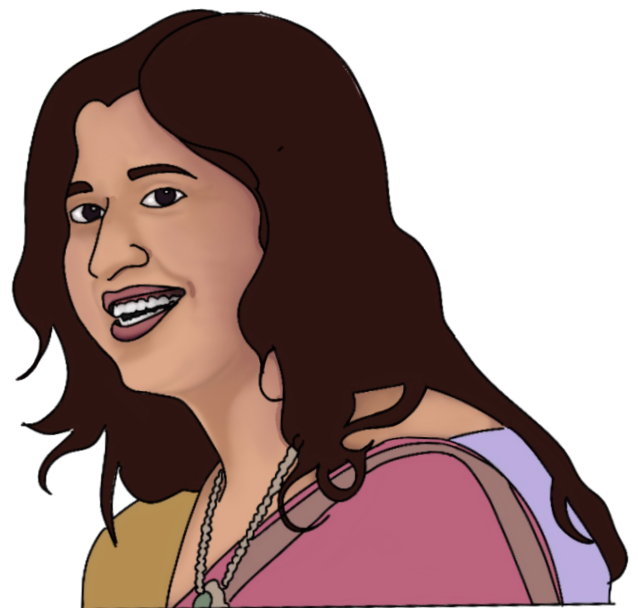


On day 2, the ShriTeq stage was set ablaze during the highly anticipated Fireside Chat with our esteemed Chief Guest, Mr. Raghav Gupta, moderated by The Shri Ram School Moulisari's very own educator and head of the Computer Science department, Ms. Priyanka Shivrani ma'am, who alongside her team, is responsible for organising and preparing Shri Teq. Mr. Gupta has had a remarkable career, and explained that he has moved through three phases throughout the course of his life - from manufacturing to management consulting, and finally moving into consumer technology at consumer tech giants like Coursera. He now works as the education vertical head of OpenAI, and offered us valuable insights into navigating the rapidly evolving world of technology. Reflecting on his own dynamic journey, he shared that "the learning never stops," an important quote for us to keep in mind. Students should take this message to heart - active learning is a never-ending journey from school to adulthood.

While interviewing for his position within OpenAI, a company operating at the absolute cutting edge of artificial intelligence, Mr. Gupta shared that he found the process to be rigorous, yet fulfilling as it allows interviewees to get familiar with the employees they'd be working alongside. He also shed light on what top-tier tech firms truly seek. Beyond mere technical prowess, curiosity, social intelligence, and the proactive ability to simply "figure things out" are of paramount importance.

Addressing the swift pace of AI evolution, Mr. Gupta spoke about how models have progressed in a matter of months from only being able to do high school math to solving problems no human can, as well as being able to write their own codes - an example being how ChatGPT's model 5.6 was coded almost entirely by the preceding model 5.5. This goes to show that effective communication and human connection remain our most vital, irreplaceable skills.

Mr. Gupta also urged the audience to look past superficial media headlines. He acknowledged that while millions of Indian citizens interact with ChatGPT weekly, 95% of users are barely scratching the surface of its true capabilities. Instead of giving in to the fear of job replacement, he encouraged students to leverage AI



through three strategic buckets: increasing productivity, elevating the quality of their work, and unlocking entirely new capabilities, for instance a mechanical engineering student using AI to build a fully functional app.

Tying perfectly into ShriTeq's core theme: "*Smart Tech, Strong Ethics*," Mr. Gupta laid down a golden rule for the next generation: never use AI as a shortcut. He advised that children under thirteen years of age hold off on AI accounts, while older students should utilise ChatGPT's "Study Mode" to be guided by the technology like a dedicated tutor, rather than being spoon-fed answers which would only serve to hinder our own learning. This reminds every student that AI must be used as an enhancer, not a crutch or substitute for hard work.

The session concluded with an engaging rapid-fire round, where he busted the sci-fi myth of rogue agentic robots taking over our streets, and challenged young innovators to use Large Language Models (LLMs) to solve real problems in their local communities. When asked to predict the next few years, Mr. Gupta noted that in the world of AI, even the next three to six months will bring "magical" surprises. It was an awe-inspiring and informative session which left each member of the ShriTeq audience ready and eager to responsibly build the future.



LEGENDARY

Internet Mysteries

The Internet may seem like a territory that is entirely mapped out. We are accustomed to having any and all information readily available at our fingertips. However, since the internet's inception, unexplained anomalies and cryptographic puzzles have perplexed even the best and the brightest. These meticulously designed mysteries have captured the attention and imaginations of users worldwide, and serve as the ultimate challenge for budding technologists and cryptography enthusiasts.

1) Cicada 3301



Perhaps the most elaborate puzzle in the history of the internet began on 4chan, an anonymous, image-based bulletin board website, on January 4, 2012. A simple image was posted, stating: "Hello. We are looking for highly intelligent individuals. To find them, we have devised a test." It was signed simply: "3301.", launching a global scavenger hunt. The further participants ventured, they discovered that the puzzles began requiring increasingly sophisticated levels of technological prowess.

To this day, the true architects of Cicada 3301 remain unidentified. New puzzle rounds followed in 2013 and 2014, and a select few claim to have solved the final challenges, but Cicada 3301 has since become one of the most renowned unsolved riddles of the digital age.

2) The Max Headroom Incident:



Remembered as one of the strangest unsolved broadcast mysteries, it took place in Chicago in November 1987, when an unidentified person hijacked television signals and interrupted two different stations. The hacker was able to override broadcast signals from outside the station, creating one of the largest unsolved piracy mysteries to this day.

Stunned viewers saw a masked figure appear in a dark room with a distorted video background, leaving eyes wide open. The takeover lasted around 90 seconds, and the identity of the culprit remains unknown and discussed. From their sudden, contorted movements to their eerie voice, they made the incident infamous.

3) The CHANI Project:



Project CHANI allegedly began in 1994 at a secret particle accelerator located in Africa. Researchers claimed to have established connection to an unidentified entity from a parallel universe, using a computer system. Over the course of 5 years, the entity was questioned 20,000 times, giving answers a majority of the time in regards to future events, technology, science, and even consciousness.

The project was not credited to be a valid scientific project, but things changed when a mysterious leak was posted on a conspiracy forum. "We tel u now so u believe me after 15 nov" - a supposed direct translation of the entity's communications. Additionally, the leak contained a series of cryptic predictions that believers interpreted as referring to events around May 15 involving water drought, earthquakes, and even nuclear destruction.

Although the story presents itself as leaked classified information, the evidence ultimately traces back to internet posts, conspiracy communities and publications repeating the claims. Conspiracy theorists argue back and forth in regards to the validity of the project, a mystery that remains unsolved to this day.

TECH QUIZ SEMI FINALS

MIDDLE SCHOOL TECH SEMI FINALS

Semifinal 1:

With buzzers at the ready and every point up for grabs, the Middle School Tech Quiz Semi-Finals was an exhilarating test of technological knowledge and teamwork. The first round of the Middle School Tech Quiz Semi-Finals proved to be a gripping showcase of mental agility and intellect. Six formidable teams: The Shri Ram Universal School, The Indian School, The Shri Ram School Mousari, Suncity School, Heritage Xperiential Learning School, and Scottish High International School faced off for three coveted places in the finals. Commanding the room was a grade 11 student of The Shri Ram School Mousari, Veer Singh Ahluwalia. His charismatic and energetic quizmastering kept the morale and momentum electric across four grueling rounds.

Round 1, "Tech Linq," tested lateral thinking by forcing teams to creatively chain overlapping answers together, like *Gemini* and *Mini Militia*. In Round 2's "Tech Trivia," The Indian School garnered points on questions ranging from the gold found in e-waste to the tale of how the floppy disk became the modern "Save" icon. Round 3's visual challenges saw teams racing to identify prominent tech figures such as Alan Turing and the Apollo 11 crew.

However, it was the final "Buzz Bytes" rapid-fire round that sealed their fates. TSRS Mousari displayed impressive command over their buzzers, as they answered questions on Nintendo's home videogame console and the QWERTY keyboard layout name with ease, while their opponents faced heavy penalties. Ultimately, TSRS Mousari emerged victorious with 85 points, followed by The Indian School at 50 points and Suncity at 40 points. These three teams have successfully claimed their tickets to the Finals, promising an epic showdown ahead!

Semifinal 2:

Following an exciting first semi-final, six more schools took to the stage for Semi-Final Round 2 of the Middle School Tech Quiz, battling it out for the final three spots in the championship round. Hosted by a student of grade 11, The Shri Ram Mousari's very own Vivaan Dhingra, the quiz was packed with energy from start to finish. The auditorium was filled with an enthusiastic audience, who eagerly jumped at every opportunity to answer the audience questions. Every time a question was opened to the crowd, a sea of raised hands shot into the air, proving that this competition extended far beyond just the teams on stage, and inspiring our student body to engage with technology through curiosity and healthy competition.

Teams from The Shri Ram Millennium School, The Shri Ram School Aravali, Shiv Nadar School Gurugram, Vasant Valley, Nirmal Bhartia and Shalom Hills International School faced a series of 4 challenging rounds that tested everything from AI and cybersecurity to gaming, space technology and modern innovations.

The competition remained incredibly close throughout the early rounds, with teams constantly reshuffling the leader boards questions on topics ranging from Adobe Firefly and Claude AI to Intel, Oracle and autonomous robotics kept everyone their toes. As the scores tightened, the final BuzzBytes round completely transformed the leaderboard. A remarkable streak from Shalom Hills International School, with participants hitting the buzzer at lightning speed, saw them surge ahead to claim first place with 50 points, while Shiv Nadar School Gurugram and TSRS Millennium secured the remaining finalist positions with 45 points each.

With the final three spots now decided, the stage is officially set for what is to come in the final round tomorrow. Congratulations to all the teams that participated; it was truly an inspiring experience to see the remarkable team work and technological knowledge at display. Best of luck to our finalists as they prepare for one last battle of buzzers!



SENIOR SCHOOL TECH SEMI FINALS

Semi Final 1:

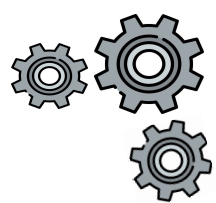
The Senior School Tech Quiz put our budding tech enthusiasts to the test, provoking fast thinking, competition and plenty of excitement. With six teams making it to the finals - The Shri Ram School Aravalli, The Indian School, Suncity School, Shalom Hills International School, The Shri Ram Millenium School, and Shiv Nadar School - the room was ready for an extraordinary test of technological knowledge.

When an intriguing question on prompt injection - a method of tricking artificial intelligence into ignoring its rules and guidelines by disguising malicious commands in normal text - left the participants stumped, they were met by an enthusiastic chorus of guesses from the crowd. The audience became almost an unofficial seventh team, with students whispering answers to one another and cheering whenever they managed to beat the contestants to the answer.

As the scores began to stack up, the competition became dangerously close. By the end of the penultimate round, Shiv Nadar School and The Shri Ram School, Aravali were tied for first place. The next round was essential to determining the winner. The atmosphere in the auditorium shifted from one of cheers to anticipation - students leaned forward, teams huddled, and every moment was filled with energy.

When the final round left the top two teams neck and neck, the quiz came down to a tie-breaker round through which The Shri Ram School, Aravali emerged victorious.

Sharp thinking, teamwork and an enthusiasm for technology created an ecosystem of healthy and inspiring competition in the auditorium today. Whether through participants hovering over a buzzer or audience members were shouting answers, the event kept everyone on the edge of their seats.



SENIOR SEMIFINALS

Following the precedent set by the first group, Semifinal 2 of the Senior School Tech Quiz brought sharp minds and intense competition. Six formidable teams took the stage to battle for the remaining spots in the finals: Delhi Public School RK Puram, GD Goenka School, Lotus Valley International School Gurugram, Manav Rachna International School, Scottish High International School Gurugram, and The Shri Ram School Moulisari.

The quiz kicked off with "Tech-link," a unique round demanding both technical knowledge and lateral thinking, as teams had to bridge two answers together where the end of the first word formed the beginning of the second. The topics tested a wide range of knowledge, from modern AI to legacy hardware. For example, teams successfully connected Mahabharat (India's first AI-generated mythological series) with Atlas (OpenAI's web browser). Other impressive solves included linking Isaac Asimov (who coined the three laws of robotics) with the origins of the word "oven," and connecting William Gibson's term Cyberspace with Intel's 1998 Celeron processor.

Round two shifted to classic Tech Trivia, plunging the participants into fascinating internet history and digital phenomena. The questions were highly specific and tested deep domain knowledge. Participants were quizzed on milestones like Tim Berners-Lee uploading the first-ever photograph to the World Wide Web (a promotional shot of a CERN all-female comedy pop band), and Laszlo Hanyecz's historic 2010 transaction buying two pizzas for 10,000 Bitcoin. The round also explored digital culture, such as YouTube's 2015 April Fool's prank involving Darude's "Sandstorm" and the definition of the viral "Streisand Effect."

The final round, "Pic Bytes," challenged the teams visually. Contestants had to identify that the iconic falling green code from *The Matrix* was actually a scanned mix of sushi recipes, and recognise the screenless wearable tech company Humane from a fashion show collaboration. The questions also touched on modern algorithms, asking teams to identify TikTok based on its hyper-aggressive AI matching engine that tracks user retention down to the millisecond, and testing their knowledge of Kevin Rose and Alexis Ohanian's relaunch of the legacy link-sharing site Digg.

When the final scores were tallied, three schools successfully secured their tickets to the finals. The Shri Ram School, Moulisari put on a dominant performance, claiming the top spot with an impressive 75 points. Lotus Valley International School Gurugram earned a well-deserved second place with 45 points, while Manav Rachna International School clinched the crucial third qualifying spot with 35 points.





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OPINION PIECES

VIBE CODING IS SILENTLY GENERATING A TECH DEBT BUBBLE

Cut. Copy. Paste. The recent AI revolution has presented our generation with a Faustian bargain - it has given us the illusion of quick, advanced technology, when in reality it offers the world something very different. With every click, tap, and press an unseen debt accumulates, purely because of one “trend”: vibe coding. Vibe coding leverages artificial intelligence in monumental ways. A user simply inputs a prompt instructing a chatbot on what to create, and the resulting code is generated, sometimes without any human intervention.

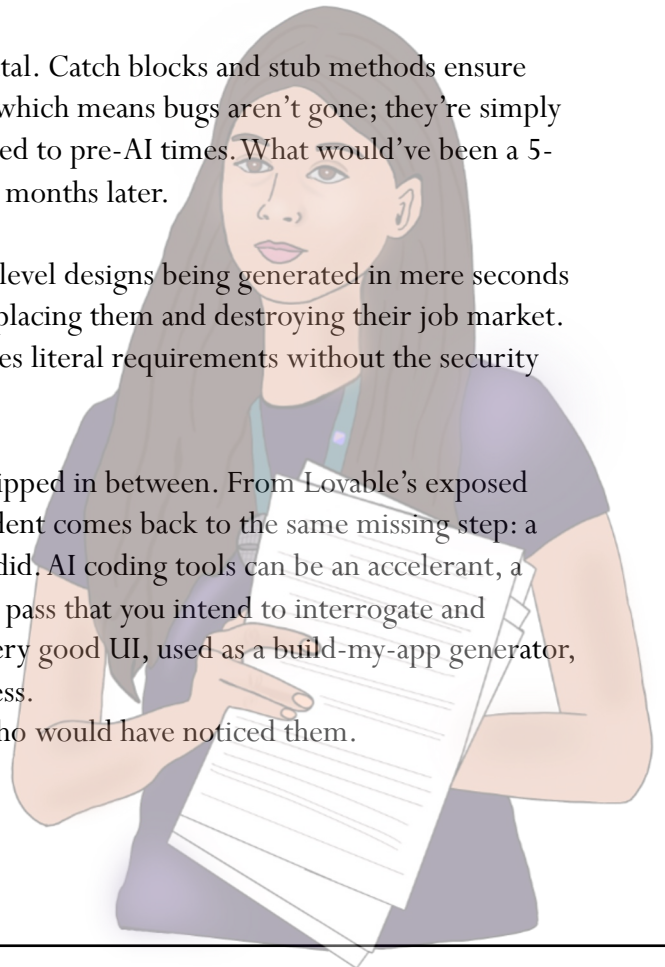
The concept of “Vibe Coding” opens doors to possible cybersecurity threats and weakened computer defence. While speed and user interface are prioritised, if users are unable to comprehend and break down their platform, they sacrifice the security of their program. A study by CodeRabbit shows that AI-powered pull requests contained 2.74 times as many security issues and 1.7 times as many issues overall as human-authored code.

Real incidents of data leaks and vulnerabilities make it even more difficult to ignore this visceral predicament. In April 2026, a popular website-building AI software, Lovable, faced major backlash for being exposed over an API vulnerability involving free accounts being able to read other user’s source code, API keys, and even customer data. This raises the prospect of litigation. However, Lovable itself disputed the CVE, proclaiming that customers themselves are responsible for securing their own application data. That's the quiet time bomb sitting under every vibe-coded codebase: when the AI writes the vulnerability, who's actually liable - the tool, or the person who typed the prompt?

Moreover, compounding maintenance failures can be detrimental. Catch blocks and stub methods ensure failing code does so quietly rather than resurfacing the errors, which means bugs aren’t gone; they’re simply invisible. The density of error-masking code is up 47% compared to pre-AI times. What would’ve been a 5-minute fix in code review becomes a huge production incident months later.

Vibe coding eradicates patience for quality work, with surface-level designs being generated in mere seconds at the click of a button. This hurts experienced developers, displacing them and destroying their job market. Programmers write secure code out of routine, while AI satisfies literal requirements without the security measures a human would apply automatically.

The mechanism was never really the problem - it's what got skipped in between. From Lovable’s exposed database to the quiet replication inside repositories, every incident comes back to the same missing step: a human who understood how the code worked, not just that it did. AI coding tools can be an accelerant, a thinking partner – a way to explore, test an idea or draft a first pass that you intend to interrogate and thoroughly examine. They’re liability generating tools with a very good UI, used as a build-my-app generator, where the prompt is the start and end of the engineering process. We didn't remove the bugs. We just removed the last person who would have noticed them.



AI-GENERATED CREATIVE MATERIAL IS DEVOID OF MEANING



We now live in a time where bringing your imagination to life takes nothing more than just a few keystrokes. Enter a sentence into a text box, and within moments, you are handed a perfectly rendered image of virtually anything from a grand piano melting into a pool of silver mercury to a Renaissance oil painting of an astronaut. It is undeniably magical and one cannot help but marvel at the brilliance of the design that makes this possible. However, as we have become increasingly reliant on these tools, a somewhat uncomfortable question has begun to surface at the back of my mind: when an AI system creates a masterpiece in a matter of seconds, are we admiring a true artistic vision or instead the impeccable mimicry of one? Yes, the output can be considered visually flawless, yet it often feels incredibly hollow. This is because true art is much more than just an aesthetically pleasing end product.

When a person learns to paint, write, or even code, they must endure years of frustration and practice before they can attain a certain level of skill in their craft. It is this “friction” which infuses the piece of art with its soul and allows for the painstaking effort which the artist has put into mastering their craft to be felt. Generative AI removes this friction entirely, allowing anyone to bypass the struggle with a rudimentary text prompt. While the final image might appear alluring, it lacks the weight and substance that arise from the human effort behind it. It becomes as though the destination has been reached without the journey.

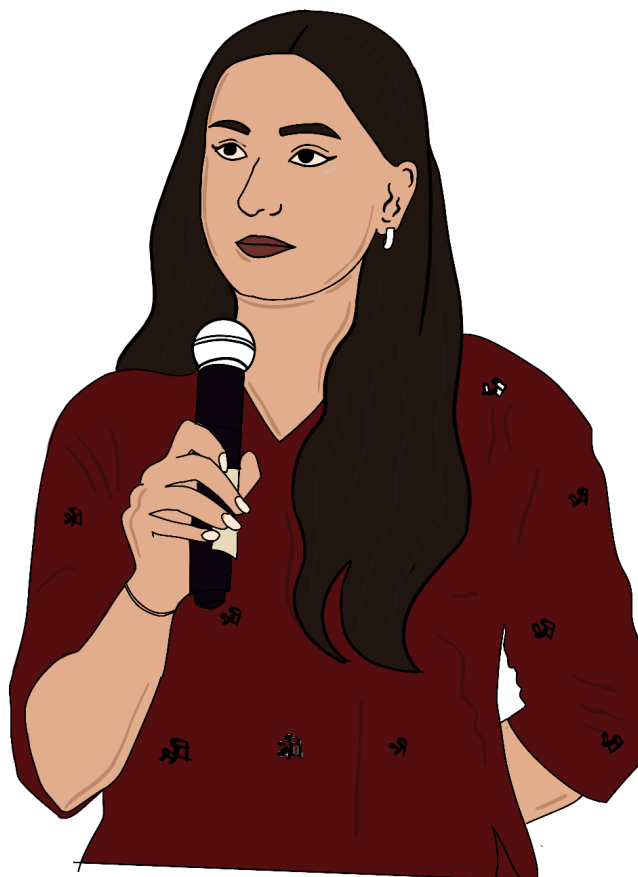
But this absence of struggle is only the first problem. In essence, art is a mode of communication and expression. When a musician writes a melancholy song, their aim is to communicate the physical and emotional reality of grief to the listener. An AI model has never perceived human emotions of sorrow, fear or elation. By virtue of having no lived experiences, it has absolutely nothing genuine to communicate. It is merely attempting to mimic the form of human emotion without ever actually feeling it. It is impossible to express an emotion you have never felt; any portrayal of heartbreak or triumph without personal experience behind it is simply an assembly of fabricated memories.

Because AI has no real memories or emotions to draw from, it must rely on math and data, the only things it truly understands. The process that generative models follow is to analyse millions of existing data points and subsequently calculate the most statistically probable sequence of pixels or words. That is, any AI system, by design, produces the “expected” result. However, the most meaningful human art is brilliant precisely because it is often unexpected and unique. Artists make mistakes, extend beyond the confines of rules or structures, and act irrationally, and these are the flaws that set their work apart from the optimised productions that algorithms generate. AI models, by contrast, mass-produce averages and eliminate the human abnormalities that make art creative.

This divests the artwork of what is arguably its most vital component: human intention. If you ask an AI system to generate any image, it will do so in under a minute. A human, on the other hand, may spend days on end only to create a slightly messy, imperfect and unrealistic version of that same image. Despite this, the human artwork would be held in higher regard by us all, for the simple reason that every single brushstroke was an intentional choice made by a conscious mind. The generated image has no intent or thought behind it; it is nothing more than a randomised output. This makes it evident that the value of art is measured by the human intention and purpose driving its creation.

The prospect of a machine completing the entire creation process raises the question of where one fits in as the prompter. In the context of "Smart Tech, Strong Ethics," (the theme of this year's Shri Teq) we must be honest about our roles. Writing a clever prompt for an image generator may make you an excellent curator, but that is far removed from being an artist. Effectively, all you are doing is ordering a product and selecting the best option from a machine-generated catalogue. While the integration of this tool into all aspects of our lives has now become inevitable, it cannot come at the cost of altering the very definition of creativity. We cannot confuse the act of outsourcing our creation to a server with the deeply personal and vulnerable act of producing something from a blank canvas.

Generative AI is indubitably an exceptional technological feat, and we must learn to harness this new frontier of technology. However, as the next generation of developers and innovators, we must preserve our agency as creators and ensure that algorithms remain tools to enhance human ingenuity. After all, a machine can be programmed to imitate beauty, but it will always take a human to give it meaning.





Hackathon Finals

After an intense technical round yesterday, the finalists of Hackathon returned today with the goal of convincing the judges that their product wasn't just innovative, but also something that could genuinely survive in the real world.

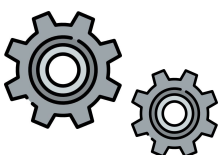
Centred around the theme 'AI Agents for Industry Breakthroughs', the competition challenged teams to identify real-world industry inefficiencies and design specialised AI agents capable of delivering meaningful impact.

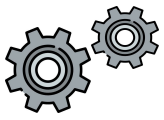
While Round 1 focused heavily on the technology itself, today's pitches shifted towards business viability, market validation and scalability, pushing teams to defend everything from their pricing models to their target audiences. With venture-level scrutiny from a well-accredited judging panel comprising Ashish Taneja, Neha Malhotra and Rajat Dayal, finalists presented before some of India's most accomplished venture capitalists and technology leaders. Together, the judges brought decades of experience in entrepreneurship, startup investment and scaling technology-driven businesses, ensuring every pitch was evaluated through the lens of real-world impact. What followed was a morning of rigorous questioning, bold ideas and high-stakes pitches, where every team had to prove that their innovation deserved a place beyond the hackathon stage.



Heritage Experiential School kicked things off with "Luthor", an AI-powered legal workspace built for solo advocates and small litigation firms. Rather than relying solely on a single AI model, Luthor assigns specialised agents to independently analyse records, research legal authorities and verify citations before building a case strategy. The judges questioned everything from concept testing to how Luthor differentiated itself from existing legal AI tools, with the team boldly defending its vision. They were even commended for setting a high benchmark for the presentations that followed.

Pathways School Gurgaon was next and they brought incredible conceptual brilliance to the table with "Relay," an "organisational brain" designed to combat the massive turnover rate in the tech sector, where one in six employees leaves annually. The judges did not go easy on them; with Ms. Neha Malhotra pressing the team on exactly who pays for this platform. The team defended their B2B model without any hesitation, explaining how business owners bear the cost to prevent a catastrophic loss of institutional knowledge when an employee inevitably leaves.





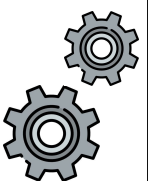
The Indian School presented "AnatomX", an immersive AI-powered virtual anatomy laboratory that reimagines medical education through interactive 3D learning. Driven by a core philosophy of experiential learning, the platform replaces 5,000-page textbooks by specialised AI agents covering research, clinical knowledge and pharmaceuticals, allowing students to receive real-time guidance while exploring complex anatomical structures in virtual reality. The judges were particularly interested in how the product balanced affordability with accessibility, with judge Rajat Dayal praising the team for creating a highly engaging product that directly targets the massive limitations and costs of traditional medical education.

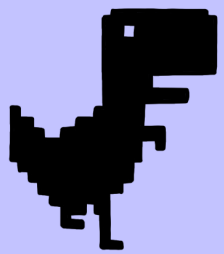
Finally, representing The Shri Ram School Mousari, "unlockED" addressed a challenge familiar to many students and counselors: personalised career guidance at scale. Acting as an AI co-pilot for school counsellors, the platform automates progress tracking, report generation, scholarship monitoring and personalised opportunity recommendations, allowing

counsellors to spend less time on administrative work and more time supporting students. When pressed on about competitors like changemeet.ai by judge Rajat Dayal, the team effectively argued their technical competency, proving their integrated system saves time and money.

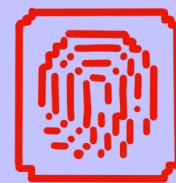
As the event came to a close, the judges took a moment and reflected on what had truly stood out across the competition. The strongest ideas weren't simply those with the most impressive AI, rather, the ones built around real problems, supported by thoughtful research and backed by clear, practical execution. More importantly, the hackathon reminded us that innovation extends far beyond writing code. It is through opportunities like these that students develop resilience, critical thinking, and the confidence to transform their ideas into concrete products.

Ultimately, Shiv Nadar School Gurgaon claimed the top spot, with Heritage Xperiential School taking second and The Shri Ram School, Mousari securing third. However, beyond the podium, every single participating team delivered an incredibly strong performance that showcased their technical ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit. The event was a resounding success, proving that this entire generation of young developers is more than ready to shape the future of agentic AI.





What HACKATHON Archetype Are You?



Every member in a good hackathon team fits together like the perfect pieces of a puzzle. There is always one teammate who writes code as fast as the speed of light, one who designs logos and draws better than Picasso himself, and of course, one who treats ChatGPT like their personal encyclopaedia. The funny thing is, you can never really choose what piece of the puzzle you are; it is like a destiny that has been decided for you. So, have you ever wondered which hackathon archetype you are? Take this quiz to find out!

Q1- The hackathon starts in 5 minutes, what is the first thing you do?

- A) Pitch 3 different startup ideas before anyone can even sit down.
- B) Open your laptop and start setting up your coding environment.
- C) Make a to-do list and assign everyone tasks.
- D) Find the nearest vending machine to buy coffee or Red Bull.

Q2- Your team is completely stuck. What do you do?

- A) Suggest a new feature that could change everything.
- B) Quietly start debugging until you reach a solution.
- C) Calm everyone down.
- D) Ask ChatGPT for "just a little help".

Q3- It's 2 A.M. What is your current mood?

- A) Thinking if your team should just rebuild the whole project.
- B) Rechecking your work to make sure there are no bugs whatsoever.
- C) Checking up on your teammates to make sure no one is too stressed.
- D) "I'm really craving another coffee!"

Q4- If someone looked over your shoulder, what would they see?

- A) Twenty tabs opened on your laptop full of inspiration.
- B) A VScode tab with hundreds of lines of code.
- C) A to do list with almost everything crossed off.
- D) A prompt beginning with "fix all the bugs and MAKE NO MISTAKES!"

MOSTLY As

The Visionary

Congratulations! You're the idea generator. You're the person who keeps asking "but what if we also...", before the team has even finished doing one task. You see possibilities everywhere, inspiration strikes you in even the most mundane places. You're creative, enthusiastic, and think miles outside the box. Without you the project might have never existed, but maybe let your teammates finish building one idea before pitching another.

MOSTLY Bs

The Builder

You don't need the spotlight, you just need your terminal. While everyone else is brainstorming or panicking or maybe even sleeping, you're quietly writing code, fixing bugs, and making sure everything actually works. You thrive on being a problem solver one line at a time, and your teammates know they can count on you when things aren't working in the way that they should.

MOSTLY Cs

The Captain

Every hackathon needs someone who keeps the chaos under control, and that's you. You're the one assigning tasks, checking in on everyone, making sure deadlines aren't forgotten, and just making sure everyone is okay. You understand that great projects aren't just built with code, but that they're built with teamwork. Without you, the team would probably still be arguing over what to do next or what to order on zomato during every break.

MOSTLY Ds

The A.I Whisperer

Why write everything from scratch when AI can help? You're constantly experimenting with prompts, trying new tools, and finding smarter, faster ways to build. You know ChatGPT is not magic but you also know exactly how to make it work for you. Some call it shortcutting or being lazy, but you just call it working efficiently.



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