

Ctrl + Alt + Vibe Hackathon : A Report



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Venue- Maharaja Surajmal Institute of Technology

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1. Executive Summary

The **Vibe Code Hackathon (Ctrl+Alt+Vibe)**, organized by **MSC-MSIT** in collaboration with **ETHIndia**, **SmoothSend**, **Daytona**, and **Matiks**, successfully brought together a diverse community of developers, students, designers, and tech enthusiasts for a full day of creativity and high-intensity innovation. Hosted at **Maharaja Surajmal Institute of Technology** on **21 November 2025**, the event aimed to empower young innovators through hands-on problem-solving, guided mentorship, and real-world technical exposure.

With a structured sprint-based workflow, participants progressed through ideation, prototyping, coding, and pitching within a single day — pushing themselves to think faster, collaborate smarter, and build meaningful solutions under time-bound constraints. Over 150 students submitted complete project demos, supported throughout by industry mentors with expertise spanning full-stack development, cybersecurity, blockchain, cloud computing, and product engineering.

The event recorded remarkable participation statistics, showcasing strong representation from bachelor-level students and individuals specializing in Computer Science, IT, and related fields. A significant percentage of participants were aspiring frontend and backend developers, aligning with the current demand trends in the tech industry. Strong application completion ratios (55.7%) and an exceptionally high acceptance rate (98.9%) further reflected the enthusiasm and commitment of the attendees.

The hackathon stood out not only as a competitive sprint but also as a platform that nurtured teamwork, confidence, and a sense of community. The involvement of sponsors—particularly **Matiks**—added vibrancy through activities like game tournaments and engagement contests, amplifying both learning and fun.

2. Introduction

Innovation thrives where ambition meets opportunity—and the Vibe Code Hackathon (Ctrl+Alt+Vibe) was designed precisely to create such a space. Organized by **MSC-MSIT**, the event united motivated students from various institutions and technical backgrounds for an immersive day of creation and experimentation. With the rapid expansion of **AI**, **blockchain**, and **full-stack ecosystems**, today's learners require more than theoretical knowledge; they need real-world challenges that help them build, break, and rebuild with confidence.

This hackathon was curated as a hands-on experience where participants could engage with emerging technologies while being mentored by experienced professionals. The event's structured format guided attendees through the lifecycle of building a tech solution—from brainstorming and team formation to development, testing, and pitching in front of judges.

The event also acted as a bridge between academia and industry. Mentors and judges from respected backgrounds—ranging from hackathon champions to cloud engineers, MERN developers, and blockchain experts—provided invaluable guidance. Their involvement ensured that participants not only built functional prototypes but also learned best practices in software design, communication, and technical decision-making.

Through collaboration, mentorship, and high-energy competition, the Vibe Code Hackathon succeeded in transforming ideas into tangible outcomes and students into confident creators.

3. Event Details

- Date & Venue: November 21, 2025, MSIT, Delhi
- Target Audience: Students, blockchain enthusiasts
- Key Themes: AI, DeFi, Web3 rewards
- Format: One-day hackathon with brainstorming, coding, mentorship, and evaluation
- Total Participants: 150 students (Out of 200 registrations)
- Teams Formed: Various teams of up to 3 members each

4. Mentors and Judges:

Mentors:

- Sachin Jha – Software Developer Engineer, IEEE Mentor, 5× Hackathon Winner
- Karman Arora – Backend Developer, Cybersecurity, National Hackathon Winner
- Tanmay Tiwari – Co-founder HackShastra, Full-Stack Developer (MERN, Next.js, TS)

Judges:

- Itachi Uchiha – APAC Developer Ecosystem Manager, HackQuest
- Kamal Kashyap – Blockchain Developer & Web3 Researcher

5. Winners & Prizes

- Top 3 Winners Announced: Recognised for exceptional Web3 projects
First- Team Loopy Loopers
Second- Team Syllogistic Syntax
Third- Team INCEPTION
Track Winner: Team Dabba (SmoothSend)

6. Prize Distribution:

1st Prize: ₹5,000
2nd Prize: ₹3,000
3rd Prize: ₹2,000
SmoothSend Track Winner: ₹2,000
Total Prize Pool: ₹12,000

7. Impact & Feedback

Participant Feedback:

The participants shared overwhelmingly positive experiences about CTRL+ALT+VIBE. Many appreciated the smooth flow, the fresh vibe, and the supportive environment where mentors guided teams on the projects they were working on.

Skill Boost in Real Time: The short format pushed students to think fast, code smarter, and make decisions under time pressure which is a real productivity upgrade.

Notable Projects: Innovative solutions of the projects regarding mental health, Digital interactions, Easy Planning of meals, Tracking money and expenses And College Campus Connectivity.

Community Engagement: The hackathon brought together students from diverse backgrounds, creating a lively virtual space filled with collaboration and idea-sharing. The event successfully boosted engagement and encouraged students to stay connected even after the hackathon ended.

8. Conclusion & Future Prospects

The Vibe Code Hackathon ended on a high note, with teams showcasing impressive projects built in just a few hours. But beyond the demos and prizes, the real achievement was the learning, teamwork, and confidence everyone walked away with. The support from mentors, judges, and sponsors helped make the event smooth, engaging, and memorable.

