



## **Report of Committee for drafting the Scheme of Accathon**

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### **Accathon**

Accathon is a competitive team event where teams of amateurs/professionals take part to develop a workable solution of some given problem in stipulated time under transparent environment.

Accathon provides an opportunity for learners in educational institutions like universities, colleges and professional institutions to sharpen their knowledge and professional skills.

### **Objectives of Accathon:**

The objectives of Accathon may briefly be as under:

1. To generate ideas through participation of creative and multi skilled persons solution of a real-life problem.
2. To provide exposure to learner of advanced concepts, innovative ideas, technology practices, team work, and understanding of innovative solutions.
3. To help participants in mastering advanced skills in developing innovative solutions to real life problems.
4. To provide participants a platform to prove themselves, and develop needed confidence.
5. To enhance the employability of the participants.
6. To boost entrepreneurial activity.

### **Organisation of Accathon Event**

Historically Accathon have been popular in technology area. Many IITs, Engineering colleges, software companies, social media companies, regularly organise Accathon. However, with the availability of technology support Accathon can be organized in other disciplines/areas also.

- (1) Accathon can be organised either in online or in offline or in hybrid mode.
- (2) IAA may organise Accathon online at national level to begin with. Later on, Accathon can be organised on regional or institution level also.
- (3) The duration for the Accathon event may be from 4 to 6 hours or as decided by the Organising Committee and the Convenor considering the requirement of the problem.
- (4) To cover the expenses on organisation of the event an appropriate fee as decided by the organising committee may be charged from each participating team.

### **Follow up action:**

The follow up action to be undertaken by different entities for organising the event may be as under:

### **IAA Executive Committee**

The IAA Executive Committee may take decision on the following:

- (1) Identify a competent team leader or Convenor of the Accathon Organising Committee.
- (2) Select an Organising Committee consisting of competent and committed persons to organise the activity as under:
  - (1) Team Leader/ Coordinator
  - (2) Associate Coordinator I
  - (3) Associate Coordinator II
  - (4) Members of Organising Team Two

### **Accathon Organising Committee/Organising Team and Convenor:**

- (1) The Accathon Organising Committee/Team shall brainstorm and pick up a suitable problem for Accathon. The problem selected should be not only sound but also such that solution may be developed within the limited time and within the limited resources, keeping in view the strengths and limitations of the participating teams.
- (2) The Accathon problem should be backed by proper research.
- (3) The Organising Committee/Team shall develop appropriate strategy for the Accathon competition successfully.
- (4) The Organising Committee/Team shall also identify and nominate a team of competent persons to advise them on Accathon problem and to evaluate the solutions of different participating teams and select the winners, runners up teams, etc.
- (5) The Organising Committee and the Convenor appointed by the IAA Executive Committee shall decide the mode of competition, whether on line or off line or hybrid depending upon the problem.
- (6) The Organising Committee and the Convenor appointed by IAA Executive Committee shall decide on inviting the potential employers at the event at a later stage when considered appropriate.
- (7) The event shall be organised by the Organising Committee on behalf of IAA. Brand promotion shall be done by the IAA and later on sponsorship may be solicited from corporate or potential employers.
- (8) The event shall be organised by the Organising Committee on behalf of the IAA. The IAA may decide on media partnership, etc.
- (9) The event shall be organised when there are a minimum of 10 participating teams by the Organising Committee.
- (10) IAA shall provide Rs 20,000 as seed money to the Organising Committee. The surplus/deficit generated from the event shall be transferred to the IAA Treasurer as per the decision of IAA Executive Committee.
- (11) The expert(s) appointed by the Organising Committee for developing the 'problem statement' for Accathon competition and for the evaluation of the solutions of the participating teams and to decide the winners, runners etc., shall be paid suitable honorarium.
- (12) No honorarium shall be paid to the members of the Organising Committee and the Convenor of the activity.

**Participating Institutions:**

- (1) The institutions that participate in Accathon shall pick up a team of participants with a leader and train the participating team members in developing solutions of technology driven innovative solutions for real life problems.
- (2) No help shall be provided by the IAA to institutions in developing their teams. It is for the institutions to select the participants and develop their team.
- (3) The participants and the participating institutions shall bear their costs on travel, board and lodging, if any.

**Participants:**

- (1) The Accathon shall be open to all disciplines. The teams may consist of students from one or more disciplines of the institution.
- (2) There shall be only one team from one institution consisting of students selected by the institution. Accathon team representing an institution may consist of four participants subject to a minimum of two B.Com./BBA/BMS students.
- (3) The participants shall represent an institution recognised by the regulatory body of educational institutions.
- (4) The participants should be selected by the institutions for their digital skills, innovative thinking, team work, and knowledge of the subject matter of Accathon through competition among the participants of more or less equal merit.
- (5) The participants should be given gruelling practice sessions to ensure that they excel at the competition.

**Members of Committee**

1. Professor K R Sharma – Chairman
2. Professor M L Vadera – Member
3. Professor U L Paliwal – Member
4. Professor Satyajit Dhar - Member