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Technology in Harmony with Human Needs



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INTRODUCING GRAND CHALLENGE FOR STARTUPS

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Theme: Multimodal AI

A Symphony of Senses in the Digital Realm

Build innovative Multimodal AI solutions for
India's real-world problems.

Prize Money



Top 2

Cash Award
₹1 Lakh each



Top 5

Incubation Support
Up to ₹25 Lakhs

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Up to ₹50 Lakhs

Support

- ✓ Mentorship from industry experts
- ✓ Investor networking at HIVE 3.0
- ✓ Access to Multimodal AI Lab resources



FEBRUARY

28

2026

**LAST DATE
TO APPLY**



APPLY NOW



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What is Multimodal AI?

Unlike traditional AI that only processes text, Multimodal AI fuses text + audio + video + sensors together mirroring human senses working in harmony. Think of diagnostic tools combining patient voice, medical images, and records; or crop monitoring using drone footage, soil sensors, and farmer queries.

Target Sectors

Create solutions for:



Healthcare



Education



Media & Entertainment



Agriculture



Manufacturing

You define the problem and propose the solution. We provide the platform.

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Timeline



Applications
Open
Feb 05, 2026



Applications
Close
Feb 28, 2026



Shortlist
Announcement
March 10-15, 2026



Grand Finale
@ HiVE 3.0
March 30-31, 2026

Who Can Apply?

- Startups
- Student teams

How to Apply?

- Team details
- 1-page idea (problem statement + multimodal approach)
- 2 Minute video pitch (Problem, solution, Multimodal approach, team and ask)
- Contact info



Submit by Feb 28, 2026



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Why Participate?

- ✓ Incubation Support (up to ₹50 Lakhs support)
- ✓ Live pitching to investors
- ✓ Showcase at India's premier Multimodal AI conclave
- ✓ Lab access to Multimodal AI infrastructure

Evaluation Focus

- ✓ Innovation in Multimodal fusion
- ✓ Practical India-first Multimodal AI solutions
- ✓ Working prototype/demo
- ✓ Team execution capability

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 30TH & 31ST MARCH 2026 | MONDAY & TUESDAY

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