

Oakridge International School Hosts 8th Edition of Overnight Hackathon in Bengaluru

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The 8th edition of Oakridge Codefest witnessed more than 100 participants contesting to secure cash prizes from a pool of 1.5 lakhs. This year, the themes of Bengaluru's largest 24hr hackathon were cybersecurity, ed-tech innovation, human-computer interaction, sustainable agriculture, fin-tech innovation, and game development.



Senior Category winners Team Quick

The students also participated in scavenger hunts, typing speed-races, and competitive programming. Students had the entire day and night at their disposal to work on their projects, submitting themselves to regular audits by the core team. After the first audit, core-team member **Devansh** commented, *"Codefest promotes a great community where students from across India interact together. I get to see innovative technologies from our nation's youth, and it has been the experience of my lifetime to organize this blockbuster event, as a member of the core-team."*

The winning team in the Junior category was Goober's in the thick of it, with their game **"Project Sustancia"**. A phenomenally innovative survival game, the programme included many complex elements, including resource management tasks, fight scenes and a storyline of mystery and adventure. When giving the final presentation to the competition's esteemed judges said that a key characteristic of the game that distinguished itself from other products in the marketplace was the intricate combat system which was simple enough for a novice to learn. In addition, the game incorporated characters that the users could interact with, which were made entirely

from artificial intelligence. This blockbuster project impressed the judges immensely, securing the team's 1st place victory.

The senior team winner was Team Quick with their project **"Public Policy"**. The problem they attempted to solve was how vast privacy policies are often too cumbersome and complex to fully go through. They coded a programme that utilized AI to distinguish between the pros and cons of certain privacy policies, justifying the policy and rating it. Moreover, it had a user-friendly interface that provided users with relevant information about their privacy policy without being overtly extensive. Students used BS4, Web Scraping, NLTK Sentiment, Newsapi and AI technology, like Gemini, to gain the 1st prize, winning them a whopping total of 30,000 rupees.

Oakridge Codefest stands at the forefront for young coders, looking for a place to belong and shine. It serves as an exemplary platform where students from across the country are allowed to display their programming talent to create innovative solutions to 21st century issues. As an IB continuum school, aiming to provide students with a holistic learning experience, Codefest is a flagship event that demonstrates the school's commitment to preparing and propelling young coders into an evolving technological landscape.

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