COMPETITION PACKET · 2026

Birdspiracy AI Competition

A national competition for students in classes 9 to 12 in India. Pick a problem you have seen for yourself, and set out how AI could help solve it.

₹50,000	1 September	22 October	1 November
TOTAL PRIZE POOL	ENTRIES OPEN	ENTRIES CLOSE, 11:59 PM IST	RESULTS

What this is

A self-funded competition run by university students. No entry fee and no sponsor. We fund the prize ourselves.

One round. Register, submit a presentation, and results go up on 1 November.

Who can enter

- Students in classes 9 to 12, anywhere in India.
- **Teams of 1 to 4 students.** UPDATED
- Team members may be in different classes.
- Any number of teams per school.
- Each student may be on one team only.

What you submit

4 to 6 content slides, exported as a PDF, maximum 10 MB.

A title slide and a sources slide are **both required**, and **neither counts** toward the 4 to 6. So a complete entry is 6 to 8 pages in total.

Name your file **TeamName - SchoolName.pdf**

What the deck must cover

The issue	A real problem you have seen, described narrowly enough to act on. Who is affected, how badly, and why it has not already been fixed.
Solution & AI impact	Your solution and what the AI actually does. What already exists and why yours is different. What it needs and where it would fail. How it gets built, short term and long term: who does the work, what it costs, and how you would know it worked.

Two required sections, not two slides. Most teams use a slide each for the problem, the solution, existing approaches, limitations, and the plan. The presentation template shows one way to lay that out. It is a suggestion, not a requirement.

How to enter

1	Register your team. One form per team.
2	Make your presentation. Both forms need a Google account.
3	Submit the PDF using the **same team name, spelled exactly the same way**. One submission per team, and it is final.

Prizes

First	₹25,000
Second	₹15,000
Third	₹10,000

Paid as a single payment to the team. Where a winner is under 18, payment is made to a parent or guardian account.

How entries are judged

CRITERION	POINTS
The problem	10
Solution & AI impact	20
Presentation	10
Total	**40**

The full criteria, with the descriptors used for every band, are on the site. Read them before you start.

Ties are broken on the Solution & AI impact score, then on the problem score.

Join the competition group

Scan to join the WhatsApp group for announcements, deadline reminders, and answers to common questions. Optional. Everything you need is on birdspiracy.com.

Sources are required

Every statistic, quotation, image and claim that is not your own observation goes on the sources slide. Name the organisation or publication and the year. A bare link is not enough. Where a figure comes from a study of one group, say so rather than presenting it as a national number.

Images must be your own, clearly licensed, or diagrams you made. Photographs of identifiable people need their permission.

An entry with no sources slide cannot score above 5 out of 10 for presentation, and any figure without a source is treated as unsupported.

Using AI

You may use AI tools for research and analysis. The writing, structure, and design of the slides must be your team's own work, and you confirm this on the submission form. If an AI tool pointed you to a fact, cite the underlying source, not the tool.

We may ask any team to discuss their submission on a short video call. Teams unable to do so may be disqualified.

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