Report on

Internal Round of

Smart India Hackathon 2025

Parul University

ACTIVITY TYPE	**Hackathon**		
DATE & TIME	**2 September to 4th September- internal Round& final 13th September**	**Duration**	3 Day
SEMESTER	**All**	**No. of participants**	4356
COORDINATOR OF THE EVENT	**Mr. Hutesh Baviskar- Manager, P.I.E.R.C**		

1. Introduction

Parul University, through its Parul Innovation and Entrepreneurship Research Centre (PIERC), successfully organized the **Vadodara Hackathon 5** as the **Internal Round of the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2025**.

The **Internal Rounds** were conducted on **2nd, 3rd, and 4th September 2025**, followed by the **Grand Finale on 13th September 2025**.

This initiative provided students with a **platform to showcase their creativity, problem-solving, and technical expertise** while addressing real-world problem statements proposed by government ministries, industries, and organizations.

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2. Objectives of the Hackathon

- To nurture **innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship** among students.
- To encourage participants to **solve real-life challenges** through innovative solutions.

- To promote **design thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving culture** across the university.
- To identify **top-performing teams** to represent Parul University at the **National Round of SIH 2025**.
- To provide **mentorship and guidance** from industry experts and academicians.

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3. Learning Outcomes

The hackathon created a strong **learning ecosystem** for students, with key outcomes including:

- Gained **hands-on experience** in developing working prototypes.
- Strengthened **teamwork, collaboration, and communication skills**.
- Exposure to **emerging technologies and practical problem-solving approaches**.
- Improved ability to **pitch solutions** effectively before expert jury panels.
- Mentorship from **29 distinguished jury members**, leading to refined solutions.
- Cultivated an **entrepreneurial mindset** aligned with the innovation ecosystem of India.

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4. Overview of the Hackathon

The **Vadodara Hackathon 5** acted as the **internal selection round** for Smart India Hackathon 2025.

- **Internal Rounds:** 2nd – 4th September 2025
- **Grand Finale:** 13th September 2025
- **Problem Statements:** 101
- **Domains Covered:**
    - Agriculture, FoodTech & Rural Development
    - Heritage & Culture
    - MedTech / BioTech / HealthTech

- Smart Education
- Clean & Green Technology
- Transportation & Logistics
- Smart Automation
- Miscellaneous (Governance, Policy, Data, etc.)

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5. Participation Statistics

The hackathon witnessed **one of the largest participations** at Parul University.

- **Total Teams:** 726
- **Total Participants:** 4,356
  - **Girls:** 1,308
  - **Boys:** 3,048

This scale of engagement reflects the growing enthusiasm of students towards **innovation-driven initiatives**.

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6. Jury & Judging Process

The judging was carried out in a **structured and transparent manner** across multiple rounds.

- **Total Jury Members:** 29
- **Panels Formed:** 9
- **Evaluation Parameters:**
    - Novelty of Idea
    - Relevance to Problem Statement
    - Prototype Development & Feasibility
    - Scalability & Impact
    - Presentation & Clarity

The jury not only **evaluated projects** but also acted as **mentors**, providing valuable feedback to teams.

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7. Nominated Top Teams

After rigorous evaluation, the **best-performing 45 teams** were nominated to represent **Parul University** at the **Smart India Hackathon 2025 – National Level**.

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8. Event Highlights

- **Team Brainstorming & Coding Sessions** – Students working on innovative solutions.
- **Jury Rounds** – Idea pitching and prototype demonstrations.
- **Grand Finale** – Announcement of winners and felicitation.

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9. Conclusion

The **Vadodara Hackathon 5** was a **grand success**, bringing together innovation, technology, and talent on a single platform.

With **726 teams, 4,356 participants, 101 problem statements, and 29 jury members across 9 panels**, the hackathon created a **vibrant culture of innovation and problem-solving** at Parul University.

The **nominated teams** are now well-prepared to showcase their talent at the **National Round of Smart India Hackathon 2025**, carrying forward the vision of **Digital India, Startup India, and Atmanirbhar Bharat**.

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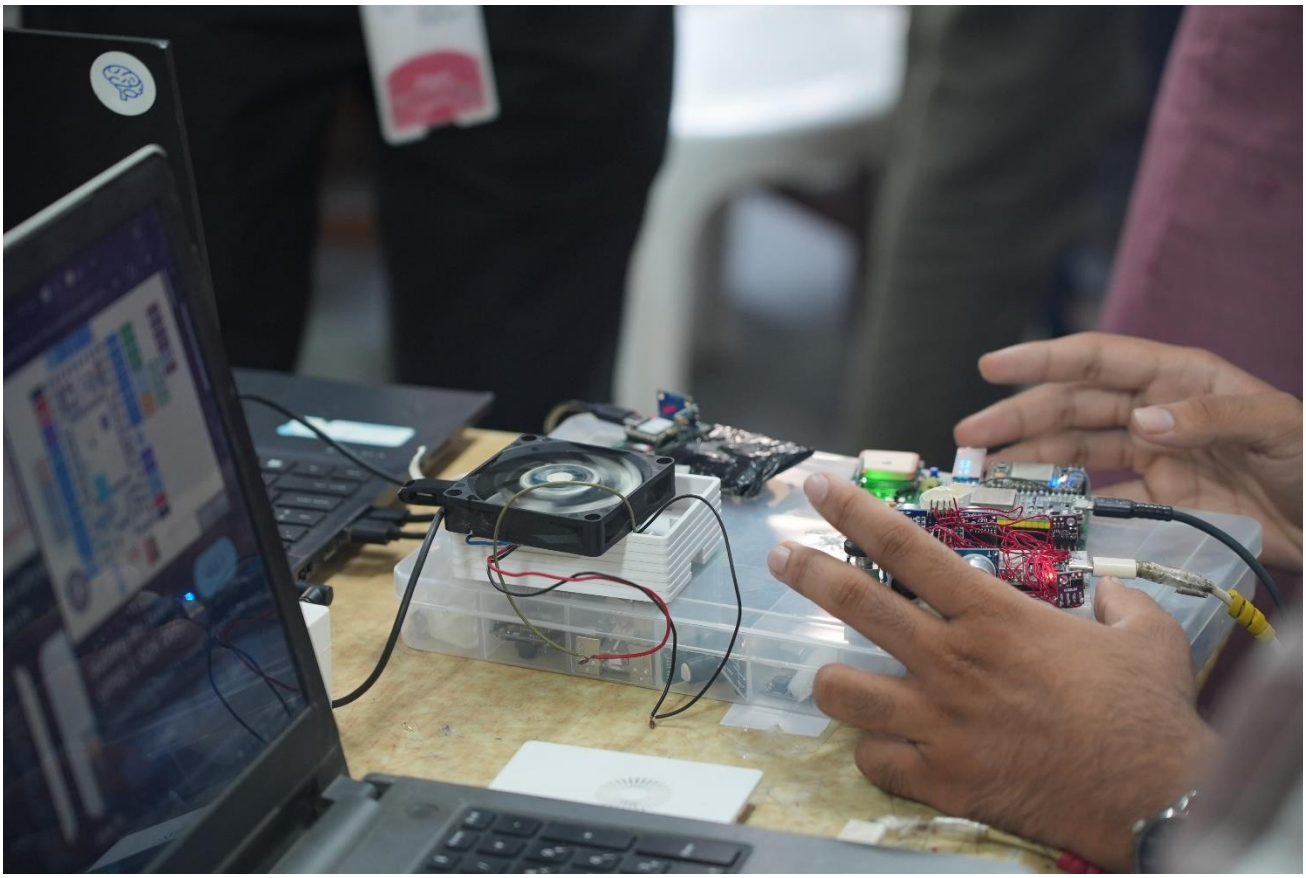
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