Jaipur | Rajasthan

## Smart India Hackathon 2025: Fostering innovation and creativity

World Trade Center Jaipur, in collaboration with the School of Engineering and Technology, Jaipur National University (JNU), organized Hackathon - CodeBattle 2025 at the Auditorium Facility of JNU and invited 500+ Practicing Coders, Developers, Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA) Experts, and Al integrators. The competition was a collaborative and time-bound gathering where more than 56 teams worked intensively to solve specific problems and create innovative solutions. The 12-hour-long event was juried by the World Trade Center Team.

Earlier, Hackathons that were originally focused on software development now span many industries and encourage creativity, rapid prototyping, and a competitive spirit to generate new ideas and projects by the event's end. While many hackathons start with computer programming, the concept has expanded into various sectors, including life sciences, neuroscience, and other fields, all aimed at finding innovative solutions through intensive collaboration.

Chief Guest to the competition, Dr. Sandeep Bakshi, Chancellor & Chairman, Jaipur National University, and Chairman, JNU Hospital, Jaipur while interacting with the participants, said, "Today Hackathons prepare you for future, you have an opportunity to enhance your technical skills, learn new programming languages or tools, and practice valuable soft skills such as teamwork, communication, and time management in a hands-on setting. Hackathons are an excellent opportunity to meet like-minded peers, mentors, and industry experts. These connections can lead to career opportunities, collaborations, and friendships. For students and job seekers, hackathons can serve as a powerful resume builder, demonstrating initiative, expertise, and the ability to work under pressure. High-performing participants may also get recruited on the spot."

Dr. Bakshi, who is also the CEO & Director of the Seedling Group of Schools, applauded the collaboration with World Trade Center Jaipur.

Mr. Navneet Agarwal, Regional Director, World Trade Center Jaipur, conveyed gratitude to Dr. Sandeep Bakshi, the organizing team, and participants for wholeheartedly joining the Hackathon 2025.

In the pic: Pic 1: Dr. Sandeep Bakshi, Chancellor & Chairman, Jaipur National University, and Chairman, JNU Hospital, Jaipur, interacting with the participants

Pic 2 Mr. Navneet Agarwal, Regional Director, World Trade Center Jaipur, during the inauguration ceremony

Pic 3: Participants at Hackathon 2025	5