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## **CIRCULAR**

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Dear Students,

This is to inform you that the launch of PENTATHON 2025, a premier national-level hackathon on Capture the Flag (CTF) Challenge and VAPT exercise, jointly organized by NCIIPC, AICTE and MIC. This initiative aims to identify and nurture top talent in cybersecurity, and Vulnerability Assessment & Penetration Testing (VAPT).

## **About PENTATHON 2025:**

- 1. Stage 1 (Online Qualification Round): A jeopardy-style Capture The Flag (CTF) challenge covering Web Attacks, Network Exploitation, API Vulnerabilities, OT SCADA, and more.
- 2. Stage 2 (Physical Grand Finale): A high-stakes live cybersecurity exercise focused on protecting Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) from advanced cyber threats.
- 3. Stage 3: Bootcamp and Training for shortlisted teams

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

- 1. Regular Students (UG/PG/PHD) from the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are eligible to apply for this hackathon
- 2. No Professional or startup can take part in this hackathon

This hackathon will provide participants with an opportunity to engage in real-world cybersecurity challenges, test their skills against the best minds in the country, and contribute to national cyber resilience.

Register your interest and stay updated. The deadline for submitting your interest is 15th March 2025.

Website: <a href="https://mic.gov.in/pentathon2025/">https://mic.gov.in/pentathon2025/</a>

Register to show your interest: <a href="https://forms.gle/Q5zLPueEa2AUZjXXA">https://forms.gle/Q5zLPueEa2AUZjXXA</a>

Link to creatives: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wD-

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