Pillai HOC College of Engineering and Technology
Three-day national-level hackathon Hackoverflow 2.0

HackOverflow 2.0, a three-day national-level hackathon organized by theDepartment of Computer Engineering of Pillai HOC College of Engineering & Technology, Rasayani, was held from March 14th to March 16th, 2024. The event aimed to provide a platform for aspiring technologists to showcase their skills, collaborate with peers, and tackle real-world challenges in the field of technology.

HackOverflow 2.0 saw enthusiastic participation from students representing various colleges and universities across the country from 15+ states. Over the course of three days, participants worked tirelessly in teams to ideate, innovate, and develop solutions aligned with the theme of "Smart City." With access to state-of-the-art facilities and mentorship from industry experts, the event fostered an environment conducive to creativity and problem-solving.

In the excellent success of HackOverflow 2.0, Pillai Institute's Chairman Dr. Vasudevan Pillai, Dr. Daphne Pillai, Dr. Priyam Pillai, Prof. Munawira Pillai, Mr. Franav Pillai, Dr. Lata Menon, the proficient guidance of Principal Dr. J.W. Bakal and the excellent leadership of the Computer Department's HOD, Prof. Rohini Bhosale, Faculty Coordinators Prof. Abhijeet More and Prof. Srijita Bhattacharjee, and other teachers have contributed greatly. Final year students Utkarsha Chaudhari - lead of the college's GDSC club, and Shivam Modhave a remarkable student, lead the event HackOverflow 2.0.

The event featured a series of evaluation rounds, networking sessions and mentorship opportunities, providing participants with valuable insights and guidance from industry experts. Participants had access to cutting-edge technologies and resources to develop their projects, enhancing their learning experience and skill development. Collaboration and teamwork were emphasized, fostering a culture of knowledge-sharing and fellowship among participants. The hackathon concluded with presentations and demonstrations of the projects developed by the participating teams, highlighting their innovative solutions and problem-solving abilities.

Distinguished guests and judges from Google graced the event, providing invaluable insights and guidance to participants. Chief Guest Mr. Anjani Kumar Thakur, along with Guest of Honour Ms. Nikita Gandhi, honored the occasion with their presence. The judging panel, comprising Mr. Nitin Tiwari, Mr. Vaibhav Malpani, and Mr. Sumit Kumar, brought extensive experience and expertise to evaluate the projects.

After rigorous evaluation, the following teams emerged victorious:

1st Prize: Team 7 from Mahakal Group Of Institutes, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
1st Runner-up: Innovation Geeks from MGM University, Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
2nd Runner-up: Team Shashtra from Pillai College of Engineering, Navi Mumbai.

The sponsors for HackOverflow 2.0 included Bobble Fanstore, TVS-Priyanka, Aptech Learning Panvel, Golden Oriole Education, Languify, Quill Bot, Scribor, City Samosa, Mannasreksha Enterprises, Sakal, and Noticebard, which doubled the program's glory.

HackOverflow 2.0 was not just a competition but a celebration of innovation, collaboration, and ingenuity. The event provided participants with a platform to push the boundaries of technology and create solutions that have the potential to shape the future. HackOverflow 2.0 was a resounding success, bringing together young technologists and innovators to explore, ideate, and create solutions for building smarter cities.