

## Code O'Clock: Coimbatore Institute of Technology hosts a thrilling 24-Hour Hackathon in partnership with StartupTN and Co-sponsored by Volkswagen

Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, Coimbatore Institute of Technology (CIT) organized the very first 24-hour hackathon event called **Code O Clock**, in association with **StartupTN** and co-sponsored by **Volkswagen**. The hackathon, which took place on the **2nd and 3rd of June 2023**, brought together aspiring developers, programmers, and tech enthusiasts from all over the region to showcase their skills, creativity, and problem-solving abilities.

Code O Clock was a perfect platform for participants to put their coding powers to the test, face exciting challenges, and collaborate with like-minded individuals in a high-energy environment. The hackathon aimed to foster innovation, encourage out-of-the-box thinking, and provide an opportunity for participants to transform their ideas into tangible projects.

The event kicked off with an opening ceremony that set the stage for the intense coding marathon that awaited the participants. The ceremony featured keynote speeches from esteemed industry experts, who shared insights on the latest trends in technology and the importance of innovation in today's fast-paced world. The participants were inspired and motivated to push their boundaries and embrace the spirit of innovation throughout the hackathon.



With the clock ticking, participants formed teams and delved into the hackathon challenges, which were carefully designed to test their technical skills and problem-solving abilities. The challenges encompassed various domains, including Healthcare, Transportation & Road Safety, Travel & Tourism, Disaster Management, Agriculture & Rural Development. The participants were free to choose the challenge that intrigued them the most and work towards developing a functional prototype or solution within the given time frame.

Throughout the 24-hour coding frenzy, participants showcased their ability to work under pressure, collaborate effectively, and think critically. Mentors and industry professionals were available to provide guidance, support, and technical expertise, helping participants overcome obstacles and refine their ideas. The hackathon fostered a spirit of camaraderie, with participants exchanging knowledge, sharing insights, and building valuable connections with their peers.



As the final hours approached, participants geared up to present their projects to a panel of judges consisting of industry experts and representatives from StartupTN and various startups. The judging criteria focused on the novelty of ideas, technical implementation, impact potential, and overall presentation. The participants impressed the judges with their remarkable projects, demonstrating their dedication, innovation, and problem-solving skills.



The closing ceremony of Code O'Clock was a celebration of the participants' hard work and dedication. The top-performing teams were recognized and rewarded for their outstanding projects. Additionally, all participants received certificates of participation, acknowledging their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the hackathon.



Code O'Clock was more than just a hackathon; it was an opportunity for participants to immerse themselves in a community of passionate individuals, build valuable skills, and explore the possibilities of technology-driven innovation. The event provided a platform for participants to network with industry professionals, gain exposure to real-world challenges, and open doors to potential career opportunities.

The success of Code O'Clock would not have been possible without the support and collaboration of StartupTN. Their shared vision of fostering innovation and supporting aspiring technologists made this hackathon a truly memorable experience.

As the participants departed, they left with a sense of accomplishment, new friendships, and a renewed passion for coding. Code O'Clock at Coimbatore Institute of Technology will forever be remembered as a transformative event that brought together bright minds, ignited creativity, and showcased the immense potential of technology in shaping a better future.