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ZIROH Labs

India's Premier Sustainable AI Challenge

30 Days AI Challenge

Event Start Date: 1st December

₹7,50,000 prize pool.

Online | Free | Team size: 1-5

About the Kompact AI Hackathon

The Build Next 2026, powered by Kompact AI is a national-level AI Challenge for students and working professionals in India. Hosted by ZIROH LABS, this AI competition challenges you to build Next-Gen AI Applications that have real-world impact

Build with the Kompact AI Runtime

- Top 20 finalists will get exclusive access to Kompact AI Inference runtime. Build powerful AI agents, RAG systems, and predictive applications that are not only smart, but also cost-effective to develop and deploy, efficient and secure.
- Exclusive details will be shared with the selected teams. Follow our social sites for updates.

Win over 7 Lakhs & Named Awards

- We are deeply privileged to announce three Signature Memorial Prizes, dedicated to the memory of three Icons of Indian science and technology.

The Pushpak Bhattacharya Memorial Award

₹2,50,000

The Priti Shankar Memorial Award

₹2,50,000

The Anup Kumar Gogoi Memorial Award

₹2,50,000

2 Phase Selection Process

Phase 1

Subject submission

The entry project submission link will be open till 1st November, 2026. Top 20 Finalist teams will be announced on our social media pages by 15th November, 2026.

Phase 2

Build Next 2026

The top 20 finalist teams will compete for the prize. 1st December is the tentative event start date. Additional exclusive information will be provided to teams that qualify for the Top 20 Finalists.

Honorees

Dr. Pushpak Bhattacharyya
Godfather of Indian NLP
July 1962 • October 2025

Prof. Priti Shankar
A Trailblazer for women in STEM
September 1947 • October 2011

Prof. Anup Kumar Gogoi
Founding Architect of EEE at IITG
March 1953 • March 2024

Who can apply?

Collegiate level, working professionals

Team size - 1 to 5 members

Ready to Build Next Gen AI Applications?

Registration Deadline	1st November 2026
Top 20 Teams Announcement	15th November 2026
Event Start Date	1st December 2026

Register for Build Next 2026 today

Join our Whatsapp Channel

FAQ

What is the Build Next 2026?

The Build Next 2026 is a premier national-level AI Challenge hosted by ZIROH LABS. It's an exclusive event for India's brightest tech and business innovators to build the "Next-Gen AI Applications." The 20 top-selected teams will compete for a total prize pool of ₹7,50,000 and exclusive career opportunities at ZIROH LABS.

Who is eligible for this AI Challenge?

Collegiate students and working professionals across India are eligible to apply. Teams can consist of 1 to 5 members.

Is Build Next 2026 an online or offline event?

The challenge is held online. Selected finalists will receive virtual access to exclusive developer tooling and Inference runtimes.

What is the prize money?

The total prize pool is ₹7,50,000 distributed across three signature memorial prizes of ₹2,50,000 each for the Top 3 Teams.

What is the Kompact AI runtime?

Kompact AI Runtime is ZIROH LABS' proprietary High performance Inference runtime designed for ultra-fast, secure, and cost-effective AI model deployment on edge and cloud infrastructure.