

Innovation Challenge for Development of a Video Conferencing Solution

Frequently Asked Question (FAQ)

Q1. Who can apply and what are the eligibility criteria?

Answer:

Participating teams must be an Indian company registered under Companies Act or comply with the definition of Start-up as per the latest notification of DIPP. In addition, 51% or more shareholding is with Indian citizen or person of Indian origin in the company/startup.

Also, to encourage participation from across academia and industry, participating teams are not mandatorily required to be registered Indian Companies / startups to apply for the challenge in stage-1 (Ideation). However, the 10 teams shortlisted at Ideation Stage will be required to apply for registration as Indian Startups/Company, and submit the proof of having applied at stage of submission of Prototype (Stage-2).

It will be expected that by the time of selection at Stage 3 (final stage), necessary registration will be completed to facilitate signing of the contract for deployment of the solution for use by the Government.

Please note that anyone can apply at ideation stage with a condition that if the team shortlisted at Ideation Stage, he/she should be required to apply for registration as Indian Startups/Company, and submit the proof of having applied at stage of submission of Prototype (Stage-2).

Q2. Can I use open source APIs and codes for developing Video Conferencing Solution?

Answer:

Yes, you can use open source APIs and codes but the solution should not violate/breach/copy any idea/concept/product already copyrighted, patented or existing in this segment of the market. Also, the solution should not depend on any external platforms for scalability, security or connectivity. There should be end to end encryption. The evolution will depend on the ability of the concerned team to fully deploy a functional solution for actual uses.

Q3: Can we use cloud platforms like Amazon AWS or Microsoft Azure or Google's GCP or any external platforms for scalability, security or connectivity.

Answer:

Three (3) winning teams of Stage-2 will get a chance of a lifetime to deploy a fully functioning product based on their working prototype at the Government approved Cloud Environment, provided by CSPs empanelled by MeitY. The teams will be free to choose any of the MeitY empanelled CSPs as per their choice. However, the deployment of the final solution for use of Government will be at a CSP/infra that is agreeable to MeitY.

Q4: Can government also provide the funds for bandwidth and cloud space/hardware from the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, because a lot of bandwidth is required?

Answer:

The hosting of the solution for the finally chosen solution will be at infra provided by the Government.

Q5: Can the participants reach out to the investors for scaling their startups regarding the solution we are building while in the process of challenge?"

Answer:

Yes, participants can reach out to the investors for scaling their start-ups and products.

Q6: Can we build it the desktop versions using a hybrid format like React or Ionic or Flutter rather than using native principles like Swift or Kotlin?

Answer:

The solution should confirm to the technical specification specified.

Q7: In prototype stage, what's are the exceptions in regard to showcasing applicability of VC solution on only one platform or all platforms such as android, IOS, web and desktop?

Answer:

The objective of this innovation challenge is to develop complete Video conferencing solution as per Para 1.1 of detailed documents available on website. The prototype can be demonstrated on any platform; however, the final solution should be available at all platforms such as android, IOS, web and desktop etc as envisaged in the documents.

Q8: Does the product has to support all browsers

Answer: Yes

Q9: Is there any specific technology?

Answer: No

Q10: Do we need to host everything on Indian servers?

Answer:

Yes, the prototype and the solution will have to be hosted on CSPs empanelled by MeitY.

Q11: Scale at which this solution will be used?

Answer:

The final solution should be scalable for use by central Government and all state Government.

Q12: If I develop the application fully and it is selected by my govt then will it be owned by the government of India?

Answer:

New IPR will belong to the recipient of final winner (Institute/organization) [for details please refer Para 1.5 of detailed document]

Q13: Is there any restriction on the usage of Software/Technical platform?

Answer:

No, only hosting has to be on CSPs empanelled by MeitY.

Q14: For Audio captioning, how many languages are expected to be recognized by the software?

Answer:

The Video Conferencing Solution must have features "Should allow audio to close captioning during chat (multilingual) is not mandatory but it is desirable feature.

Q15: We are already working on the Beta Version for a similar product. Would we be able to participate in the challenge?

Answer: Yes, subject to fulfillment of all other criteria mentioned in the detailed document.

Q.16: While trying to register there, it is asking for foundation of your organization that's mandate field? I would like to participate in the Challenge, as an indivisible team.

Answer.

You can apply by filling "Not applicable" however you have to submit necessary documents, if selected for stage -2.

Q17. Unable to edit after submitting the application for the Video conference challenge before due date

Answer. Already submitted application for participating on the Innovation Challenge for Development of a Video Conferencing Solution cannot be edited. Please fill and submit the application carefully. Incomplete application may disqualify to participate in the challenge.
