



## CivicCode Application

### The Concept:

CivicCode will be a 12-hour civic tech hackathon designed for computer students and civic tech enthusiasts in Nepal. Working in collaborative teams, participants will leverage modern computing power and the latest AI technologies to transition unique ideas into functional tools and prototypes.

Rather than focusing on theoretical ideas, this will challenge young developers to build implementable tools that actively support digital democracy and civic good. Teams will compete for awards based on execution and impact.

### Why now?

In recent years, "Civic Tech" has become a popular buzzword in democratic and governance discourse. On paper and in conversation, the intersection of technology and democracy sounds sleek, straightforward, and easily implementable. The reality, however, is far more complex. Building functional, practical civic technology is incredibly complicated because it requires navigating real-world public traits, user accessibility, and technical limitations. Currently, there is a massive gap between talk and action: we have brilliant young minds with immense coding skills, but no platform to actually bring their ideas to the table.

### Activity & Timeline

- **11th June 2026:** Online applications open via the Think Big portal.
- **23th June 2026:** The application portal closes at 05:00 PM. The top 5+ teams will be shortlisted and contacted by the evening for the live event.
- **24th June 2026:** All selected teams will participate in a mandatory virtual orientation call.
- **26th June 2026:** The 12-hour hackathon kicks off early at 6:00 AM, featuring active mentorship from tech experts. Judging and the awards ceremony will take place that same evening at 6:00 PM. (Venue will be update on application portal).



## Awards & Benefits

- **1st Place:** NRP 40,000 cash prize, global recognition, and an official certificate from P4I – Germany.
- **2nd Place:** NRP 5,000 cash prize, global recognition, and an official certificate from P4I – Germany.
- **3rd Place:** NRP 5,000 cash prize, global recognition, and an official certificate from P4I – Germany.
- **Participant Benefits:** All attendees will receive a certificate of participation, non-air travel reimbursement, meals, and refreshments.

## Hackathon Themes

We want your ideas to open doors for everyone. During your application, select one or more of these broad, inclusive themes to guide your functional prototype:

- **Doing Democracy Differently:** Open innovation leveraging AI and modern computing to rethink how citizens interact with governance.
- **Designing for the Millions:** Building practical tools that overcome real-world accessibility barriers for diverse populations.
- **Technology for Civic Good:** Open-ended solutions that actively support digital democracy and address everyday citizen issues.
- **Learn, Teach, Empower:** Platforms designed to educate the public, raise civic awareness, and empower communities.

## What We Value

We highly appreciate diversity in teams, including gender, skills, and background. Judging will heavily weigh the **originality, usability, and practical implementation** of the idea.

## How to Apply?

- **Form Your Team:** Assemble a team of 2 to 4 members with a mix of technical and creative skills and at least one female teammate.
- **Access the Portal:** Visit the official Think Big application [portal \(civiccode.thinkbig.org.np\)](https://civiccode.thinkbig.org.np) before 05:00 PM on 23th June 2026.
- **Submit Your Concept:** Fill out the application form, detailing your chosen hackathon theme and providing a brief outline of the specific problem your tool will solve.

- **Showcase Your Skills (Optional):** Include links to past projects, GitHub repositories, or design portfolios to highlight your team's technical capabilities.
- **Await Confirmation:** Shortlisted teams will be contacted by the evening of 23th June with further instructions.

## Rules & Regulation

1. **Inclusive Teams:** Every team must include at least one female member.
2. **Authentic Applications:** The use of AI tools to write your application answers is strictly prohibited. We want your genuine ideas and thought.
3. **Permitted AI Use:** During the hackathon, AI tools are only allowed for coding assistance, debugging, and relevant image generation.
4. **No Pre-Built Projects:** Core development must happen entirely within the 12-hour window. We will monitor GitHub timestamps to verify authenticity. *(Note: Setting up basic boilerplate environments before the start time is allowed).*
5. **Original Work:** Your project must be original and not violate the trademarks or copyrights of any other entity.
6. **Respectful Conduct:** CivicCode is a collaborative space. Any form of harassment or unprofessional behavior will result in immediate disqualification.
7. **Further Guidelines:** Additional rules and judging criteria will be shared during the mandatory orientation call and social media.

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