

# **Rules & Regulations**

*The Rajasthan Green Innovation Challenge (RGIC) is designed to identify and support solution-oriented innovations addressing critical environmental challenges. The challenge strictly focuses on practical, implementation-ready solutions rather than early-stage or purely conceptual ideas. Applicants are expected to propose technologies or solutions that can be readily developed, deployed, and validated through pilot implementation. The objective is to enable scalable, real-world impact by supporting innovations with clear feasibility, operational viability, and potential for on-ground adoption.*

## **1. Eligibility Criteria**

1.1 Participation is open to:

- Students (Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Doctoral)
- Startups and early-stage ventures
- MSMEs
- Researchers and independent innovators

### **1.2 No Entry/ Registration Fee**

1.3 Teams must consist of 2-5 members.

1.4 Participants must be an Indian resident based anywhere in India. (Pan-India participation).

1.5 Each team may submit **only one** proposal under one thematic area.

## **2. Registration Requirements**

2.1 Teams must register through the official RGIC online portal within the stipulated deadline.

2.2 The application must include: (see registration form for more information)

- Title of the problem statement
- Problem description
- Background context
- Key challenges
- Expected solution characteristics
- Measurable outcomes

2.3 Incomplete applications will be rejected without review. No queries will be entertained in this regard.

2.4 Submission of an application implies acceptance of all programme rules and evaluation procedures.

### 3. Programme Structure & Advancement

3.1 RGIC follows a multi-stage evaluation process:

- Stage I: Registration & Initial Screening (Up to 100 teams shortlisted)
- Stage II: Online Idea Pitch (Up to 50 teams shortlisted)
- Stage III: Development Showcase (Up to 20 teams shortlisted; **₹20,000 prototyping grant** each team)
- Stage IV: Final Offline Demonstration & Awards

3.2 Advancement to subsequent stages is based solely on jury evaluation and defined scoring criteria.

3.3 Decisions of the jury and organising committee shall be final and binding. No Communication in this regard will be entertained.

### 4. Evaluation Criteria

Teams will be evaluated on:

- Problem understanding & relevance
- Innovation & creativity
- Technical feasibility
- Prototype development & functionality
- Scalability & measurable impact
- Use of data and methodological soundness
- Stage of the Solution (Ideation, PoC, Prototype, MVP)

Weightage may vary across stages as defined by the organisers.

### 5. Grants, Awards & Financial Support

5.1 Shortlisted top 20 teams at the 'Development Showcase Stage' will receive a prototyping grant of **₹20,000** each on recommendation of the jury.

5.2 Grant utilisation must strictly support prototype development.

5.3 Teams may be required to submit:

- Utilisation details
- Prototype progress reports
- Supporting documentation

5.4 The Top 3 winning teams may receive:

- Work orders up to **₹25 Lakhs OR** Startup support\*

*\*As per applicable provisions under RSPCB Startup & Innovation Promotion Guidelines.*

5.5 Financial disbursement is subject to compliance with institutional and regulatory procedures.

## **6. Intellectual Property (IP) & Data Policy**

6.1 If developed individually, innovators retain ownership of their intellectual property. If developed in association with mentors or agency experts utilizing their resources in that the ownership of IP will be held jointly.

6.2 Participants must ensure that submitted ideas do not infringe on third-party IP rights.

6.3 RGIC organisers shall have limited rights to use:

- Pilot data
- Demonstration results
- Non-confidential project summaries

For regulatory evaluation, reporting, and non-commercial promotional purposes.

6.4 Any licensing, technology transfer, or procurement arrangement will be negotiated separately.

## **7. Code of Conduct**

7.1 Participants must maintain professional and ethical conduct throughout the programme.

7.2 Plagiarism (photos, videos, figures, diagrams etc.), data fabrication, or misrepresentation will lead to immediate disqualification without any notice/ communication.

7.3 Teams must adhere to mentoring schedules and submission deadlines.

7.4 Harassment, misconduct, or violation of institutional norms may result in removal from the programme.

7.5 Any attempt to contact Jury/ Organizers/ Agency will lead to immediate disqualification.

## **8. Prototype Development & Safety**

8.1 Teams are responsible for ensuring safety compliance of their prototypes.

8.2 During pilot demonstrations:

- Necessary permissions must be obtained.
- Local environmental and safety norms must be followed.

8.3 The organisers shall not be liable for damages, losses, or injuries arising from prototype development or field testing.

## **9. Communication & Publicity**

9.1 By participating, teams consent to:

- Photography and videography during events
- Publication of project summaries on official platforms

9.2 Confidential technical details will not be disclosed without prior consent.

## **10. Disqualification**

The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any team for:

- Failure to submit required documentation
- False information
- Non-compliance with programme guidelines
- Violation of ethical standards (plagiarism, IP infringement, attempt to contact jury/organizers/ agency etc.)

## **11. Amendments**

The organising committee reserves the right to modify programme timelines, evaluation parameters, or operational guidelines if required due to administrative or unforeseen circumstances.

## **12. Governing Authority**

All matters related to RGIC shall be governed by applicable rules of the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board and relevant statutory provisions of the Government of Rajasthan.

## **13. Dispute Resolution:**

In the event of the dispute between innovators and organizers, the decision of the SPOC, organizers (MNIT & RSPCB) shall be final and binding.

## **14. Contact & Clarifications**

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