

Coordination Division

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Subject: National AI Techathon 1.0 under the E-Pakistan URAAN Program

The Registrars,
All HEIs.

Greetings from Higher Education Commission!

The **Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives** has launched the **Uraan AI Techathon 1.0** under the **E-Pakistan Uraan Program**, a national initiative aimed at harnessing Artificial Intelligence to address Pakistan's critical socio-economic challenges across 12 thematic areas.

Uraan AI Techathon 1.0 is Pakistan's first national AI-focused techathon, uniting **students, professionals, and researchers** to develop innovative solutions across **12 thematic areas**. This flagship initiative goes beyond traditional hackathons by offering participants a unique opportunity to transform their ideas into impactful solutions.

In order to **ensure** maximum participation and outreach, it is requested that respective HEIs may kindly:

1. Mobilization & Awareness

- Disseminate this announcement through official university communication channels (emails, student portals, newsletters) and ensure **wide publicity** of the Uraan AI Techathon among students, faculty, and research groups.
- Engage **student societies (AI, Computer Science, Engineering, Research, Entrepreneurship, etc.)** to actively promote participation.
- Design and prominently display **attractive posters/banners** for the Techathon at key locations across campuses (entrances, notice boards, labs, libraries).
- Facilitate the formation of student-led teams in collaboration with professionals and alumni.
- Provide required verification and institutional support for student participation.

2. Key Information for Participants

- **Event:** Uraan AI Techathon 1.0 (National AI Innovation Challenge)
- **Organizer:** Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Government of Pakistan
- **Website/Portal:** <https://www.uraanpakistan.pk/uraanai/>
- **Official LinkedIn Page:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/uraan-ai-techathon>
- **Registration & Submission Open:** 1st September 2025
- **Deadline for Submission:** 30th September 2025
- **Result Announcement:** 15th October 2025
- **Techathon Day (Islamabad):** 17th October 2025 (winners will be announced and awarded the same day)
- **Team Composition:** Maximum 4 members (at least 1 enrolled university student is mandatory)
- **Student Verification:** University letter + confirmation email to info.ai@PC.Gov.PK
- **Queries/Official Contact:** info.ai@pc.gov.pk

- **Updates:** Please stay connected with the official LinkedIn page <https://www.linkedin.com/company/uraan-ai-techathon/> for all future updates. Any changes in problem statements, deadlines, or event arrangements will be announced on this page.

The **Uraan AI Techathon 1.0** presents a landmark opportunity for universities to showcase their talent, creativity, and leadership in building AI-driven solutions for Pakistan.

Your support will be pivotal in mobilizing participation, thereby strengthening the impact and inclusivity of this national initiative.

**Coordination Division
Higher Education Commission (HEC),
Islamabad**

Forwarded for the needful, please.

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