QUEST4EARTH 2026

Submission Guidelines & FAQs

First submission deadline: 6 November 2026

EVERY TEAM MUST SUBMIT THREE ITEMS

1. A demo video of up to 2 minutes

2. A 5-slide project presentation in PPT or PDF format

3. A link to the working application/prototype

Submit through the Quest4Earth Hackathon Portal: https://www.schoolnetindia.com/hackathon/
The Team Leader must log in using the registered ID and submit on behalf of the team.

1. Project Presentation

Requirement: Maximum 5 slides, submitted as PPT or PDF.

The presentation should tell the complete project story clearly and concisely. Use visuals, screenshots and short points instead of long paragraphs.

Slide	Focus	Include
Slide 1	**The Problem**	Theme; local sustainability problem; where it occurs; who is affected; evidence or observations.
Slide 2	**Your Solution**	Proposed solution; primary user; how it helps; main user journey.
Slide 3	**How AI Is Used**	Specific AI function; input and output; why AI adds value; AI tools used; human decision point.
Slide 4	**Prototype, Testing & Learning**	Prototype screenshots; test method; feedback; what worked or failed; improvement made.
Slide 5	**Impact & Next Steps**	Potential sustainability benefit; impact indicator; limitations; future scope; important sources.

Is there a separate word limit?

No separate word limit is prescribed. However, the presentation must not exceed 5 slides. Keep the content concise and readable.

Are mandatory sections required?

Yes. Across the five slides, cover the problem and evidence, users, solution, AI implementation, prototype, testing and user feedback, impact, limitations, important sources and future scope.

2. Demo Video

Requirement: Maximum duration of 2 minutes.

Suggested time	Section	What to show
0:00-0:20	Problem	What problem did the team identify, where does it occur and who is affected?
0:20-0:40	Solution	What did the team create and how does it address the problem?
0:40-1:25	Prototype demonstration	Show the actual user journey: input → AI function → output → user action.
1:25-1:45	Testing and improvement	How was the prototype tested? What changed after feedback?
1:45-2:00	Impact and next step	What difference could the solution make, and what will the team improve next?

Should the video explain the problem and solution, or only demonstrate the prototype?

Both. Briefly explain the problem and solution, then clearly demonstrate the prototype and its core user journey.

Does the prototype have to appear in the video?

Yes. The video should show how the prototype works, including a visible input, the AI function, the output and the action a user can take.

Do both students have to appear on camera?

There is no requirement for both students to appear on camera. However, both students must understand and be able to explain the project, AI use, testing and limitations.

What language should be used?

Use English or Hindi to explain the project clearly and confidently. Keep narration simple and easy for evaluators to follow.

What video file or link format is required?

Upload a video in mp4 format.

3. Application / Prototype Link

Submit a working link that allows evaluators to access and assess the solution.

- The link opens correctly on another device or browser.
- No login, password or account creation is required.

- Evaluators have full access to the features needed for assessment.
- The main user journey works from input to output.
- No personal student data, API keys, passwords or private documents are exposed.
- Sample or synthetic data is clearly identified where used.
- Any simulated features are described honestly.

Prototype check: An evaluator should be able to see input → AI function → output → user action → limitation.

Must the project be a fully developed application?

No. Focus on one useful, end-to-end experience. A small, clear and testable prototype is stronger than a complex application with unfinished features.

Should teams also submit source code?

Not needed. Teams must submit the accessible prototype link, the demo video and the 5-slide PPT/PDF.

4. Submission Process

Step	Action	What to do
1	Prepare	Finalise the 2-minute video, 5-slide PPT/PDF and prototype link.
2	Check	Open every item on another device. Confirm full access and no login requirement.
3	Log in	The Team Leader logs into the hackathon portal using the registered ID.
4	Upload	Submit all three deliverables through the portal.
5	Verify	Check that each uploaded file/link opens correctly before final submission.

Where will submissions be made?

All three deliverables (as mentioned in Section 6) will be submitted through the Quest4Earth Hackathon Portal: https://www.schoolnetindia.com/hackathon/.

Who should submit?

The Team Leader must log in using the registered ID and submit on behalf of the team.

5. What Evaluators Will Look For

Real, relevant problem	A specific local challenge, clearly identified users and credible evidence.
Sustainability value	A plausible environmental or community benefit with an appropriate indicator.
Meaningful AI use	AI performs a clear, useful and explainable function.
Functional prototype	At least one complete user journey works or is credibly demonstrated.
Testing and learning	The team tested realistic cases, captured feedback and made an improvement.
Feasibility	The idea is practical, focused and honest about limitations.

Responsible AI	Privacy, verification, safety, fairness, intellectual property, copyright and disclosure are addressed.
Student ownership	Both students understand and can defend the work and decisions.

6. Final Submission Checklist

Demo Video

- ☐ Maximum 2 minutes
- ☐ Problem and user are clear
- ☐ Solution is explained
- ☐ Prototype is demonstrated
- ☐ AI role is understandable
- ☐ Testing and improvement are mentioned
- ☐ Impact and next step are stated

5-Slide PPT/PDF

- ☐ Maximum 5 slides
- ☐ Problem and evidence
- ☐ Solution and primary user
- ☐ AI implementation
- ☐ Prototype, testing and feedback
- ☐ Impact, limitations and future scope
- ☐ Sources and AI tools acknowledged

Application / Prototype

- ☐ Link works on another device
- ☐ No login or password required
- ☐ Evaluators have full access
- ☐ Main user journey works
- ☐ No personal or sensitive information exposed
- ☐ No passwords, private links or API keys exposed

Final Quality Check

- ☐ Both students understand the project
- ☐ Facts and sources have been verified
- ☐ AI-generated content has been reviewed
- ☐ Simulated or sample data is labelled
- ☐ Impact claims are not exaggerated
- ☐ All three deliverables are submitted

DON'T JUST TELL US ABOUT YOUR IDEA

Show us the problem, show us your solution, show us how AI helps, and show us what you learned by testing it