

MICROSOFT AI ODYSSEY CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES

1. SPONSOR

These Official Rules ("Rules") govern the operation of the Microsoft AI Odyssey Contest ("Contest"). Microsoft Corporation (India) Private Limited located at 70 Nehru Place, New Delhi, 110019, is the Contest sponsor ("Sponsor").

2. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules, "Microsoft", "we", "our", and "us", refer to Sponsor and "you" and "yourself" refers to a Contest participant, or the parent/legal guardian of any Contest entrant who has not reached the age of majority to contractually obligate themselves in their legal place of residence. "Event" refers to the AI Odyssey contest held in India. By entering you (your parent/legal guardian if you are not the age of majority in your legal place of residence) agree to be bound by these Rules.

3. ENTRY PERIOD

The Contest will operate during regular Event hours from November 1, 2026, to February 28, 2027 ("Entry Period").

4. ELIGIBILITY

Open to any registered Event attendee eighteen (18) years of age or older and legally reside in India. If you are eighteen (18) years of age or older but have not reached the age of majority in your legal place of residence, then you must have the consent of a parent/legal guardian.

Employees and directors of Microsoft Corporation and its subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising agencies, and Contest Parties are not eligible, nor are persons involved in the execution or administration of this Contest, or the family members of each above (parents, children, siblings, spouse/domestic partners, or individuals residing in the same household). Void in Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Syria, Region of Crimea, Russia, and where otherwise prohibited by law.

Microsoft is committed to complying with applicable government gift and ethics policies. Government employees and independent contractors, including those in education, must comply with the rules applicable to them before participating or accepting any reward.

For business/tradeshows events: If you are attending the Event in your capacity as an employee, it is your sole responsibility to comply with your employer's gift policies. Microsoft will not be party to any disputes or actions related to this matter.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a public sector employee (government and education), all prize awards will be awarded directly to your public sector organization and subject to receipt of a gift letter signed by your agency/institution's ethics officer, attorney, or designated executive/officer responsible for your organization's gifts/ethics policy. Microsoft seeks to ensure that by offering items of value at no charge in promotional settings it does not create any violation of the letter or spirit of the entrant's applicable gifts and ethics rules.

5. HOW TO ENTER

By entering the Contest, participants agree to comply with the Official Rules and any additional requirements stated on the Campaign platform and submission forms that are part of the Contest. To be able to participate, individuals will need to have or create the Microsoft account and Microsoft Learn

profile, which will be required for the relevant activities.

To create an entry, Individuals must read the campaign information and follow the submission instructions at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-in/aiodysey>. A separate submission may be required for each stage. For each submission, entrants should use their company alias/work e-mail. Entries that do not comply with the following requirements are ineligible.

The contest follows a three-stage learner journey with defined activities: Learn- Apply - Assess.

To submit an entry, participants must:

- For 'Learn' Stage: Complete an eligible curated learning activity through AI Skills Navigator, eligible on-demand content, or an identified live Campaign skilling session. Provide the participation details requested by Microsoft, which may include name, email address, organisation and evidence of eligible completion or attendance.
- For 'Apply' Stage: Complete an eligible Campaign exercise using Microsoft 365 Copilot, Agents, Cowork and Autopilot. Submit the requested AI-generated output and support information through form given on the page as per prescribed instruction. Do not include personal data, confidential information, trade secrets, customer data, credentials or other sensitive content in the prompt, output or supporting materials.
- For 'Assess' Stage: Successfully earn an eligible Microsoft Applied Skills credential during the Entry Period. Submit the requested credential through the forms given on the page. The credential must be publicly accessible or otherwise capable of verification by Microsoft.

Prizes may vary by each stage and may include merchandise, digital or completion badges, Creator Wall recognition. Participation in, or completion of, a stage does not guarantee a prize, unless the applicable eligibility requirements below in Section 6 are met.

The entry limit to each stage is one time per person. Individuals can participate in each of the three stages once only.

Any attempt by you to obtain more than the stated number of entries by using multiple/different accounts, identities, registrations, logins, or any other methods will void your entries and you may be disqualified. Use of any automated system to participate is prohibited.

We are not responsible for excess, lost, late, or incomplete entries. If disputed, entries will be deemed submitted by the "authorized account holder" of the email address, social media account, or other method used to enter. The "authorized account holder" is the natural person assigned to an email address by an internet or online service provider, or other organization responsible for assigning email addresses.

6. ELIGIBLE ENTRY

To be eligible, an entry must meet the following content/technical requirements:

- Your entry must be your own original work; **and**
- Your entry cannot have been selected as a winner in any other contest; **and**
- You must have obtained all consents, approvals, or licenses required for you to submit your entry; **and**
- To the extent that entry requires the submission of user-generated content such as software, photos, videos, music, artwork, essays, etc., entrants warrant that their entry is their original work, has not been copied from others without permission or apparent rights, and does not violate the privacy, intellectual property rights, or other rights of any other person or entity. You may include Microsoft trademarks, logos, and designs, for which Microsoft grants you a limited license to use for the sole purposes of submitting an entry into this Contest; **and**

- Your entry may NOT contain, as determined by us in our sole and absolute discretion, any content that is obscene or offensive, violent, defamatory, disparaging, or illegal, or that promotes alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, or a particular political agenda, or that communicates messages that may reflect negatively on the goodwill of Microsoft.
- To the extent that entry requires the submission of AI-generated content, such as AI generated output using Copilot Chat, M365 Copilot, or Using First party agents and creation of new agents, entrants agree that their entry reflect the views and opinions of the themselves and do not necessarily represent those of Sponsor. Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to review, reject, remove, or decline to display any content that does not align with Microsoft's policies and guidelines. This includes, but is not limited to, content that is political in nature, obscene, offensive, promotes violence or war, contains hate speech, or is otherwise controversial, inappropriate, or inconsistent with Microsoft's values and standards.

7. USE OF ENTRIES

We are not claiming ownership rights to your entry. However, by submitting an entry, you grant us an irrevocable, royalty-free, worldwide right and license to use, review, assess, test, and otherwise analyze your entry and all its content in connection with this Contest and use your entry in any media whatsoever now known or later invented for any non-commercial or commercial purpose, including, but not limited to, the marketing, sale, or promotion of Microsoft products or services, without further permission from you. You will not receive any compensation or credit for use of your entry, other than what is described in these Official Rules.

By entering you acknowledge that we may have developed or commissioned materials similar or identical to your entry and you waive any claims resulting from any similarities to your entry. Further, you understand that we will not restrict work assignments of representatives who have had access to your entry and you agree that use of information in our representatives' unaided memories in the development or deployment of our products or services does not create liability for us under this agreement or copyright or trade secret law.

Your entry may be posted on a public website or a website created by Sponsor within the Microsoft environment and publicly accessible. The information displayed will be limited to relevant contest entry, entrant's name and employer organization. Any public display or use of a Submission, participant name, organisation affiliation or related content for Campaign or social promotional purposes will be subject to the participant permissions and rights captured through the applicable consent mechanism. If you do not wish your entry, your name or your employer organization to be posted in any manner, you must declare the in the entry submission form as part of the 'Apply' stage.

8. Microsoft is not obligated to publish any Submission and may remove published content if it later determines that the content does not comply with these Terms and Conditions. You acknowledge that Microsoft may independently develop materials similar to your Submission. We are not responsible for any unauthorized use of your entry by visitors to this website. We are not obligated to use your entry for any purpose, even if it has been selected as a winning entry. **WINNER SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION**

Pending confirmation of eligibility, potential prize winners will be selected by Microsoft or our designated agent or a qualified judging panel from among all eligible entries received based on the following judging criteria:

Percentage Weight	Judging Criteria
100%	For Stage 'Apply': Application any of the scenarios listed on the page https://www.microsoft.com/en-in/aiodysey/apply and completion of a submission of evidence which should include name, work email id , organisation name and two screenshots: one showing your prompt in the selected app and one showing your final output.
100%	For Stage 'Assess': During the Campaign period, completion of as many of the Applied Skills listed as you can on this page https://www.microsoft.com/en-in/aiodysey/assess and completion of a submission of evidence which should include name, work email id , organisation name and evidence of passing the eligible applied skills by submitting required details.

Potential winners will be selected within seven (7) days following the event.

Potential winners will be notified via e-mail within [7] days following the event, and follow the instructions in the mail to claim the prize .

In the event of a tie between any eligible entries, an additional judge will break the tie based on the judging criteria described above. The decisions of the judges are final and binding. If we do not receive a sufficient number of entries meeting the entry requirements, we may, at our discretion, select fewer winners than the number of Contest Prizes described below. If public vote determines winners, it is prohibited for any person to obtain votes by any fraudulent or inappropriate means, including offering prizes or other inducements in exchange for votes, automated programs or fraudulent i.d's. Microsoft will void any questionable votes.

Prizes will be sent no later than twenty-eight (28) days after winner selection. Prize winners may be required to complete and return prize claim and / or tax forms ("Forms") within the deadline stated in the winner notification. If a selected winner cannot be contacted, is ineligible, fails to claim a prize or fails to return any Forms, the selected winner will forfeit their prize and an alternate winner will be selected. Only three (3) alternate winners will be selected, after which unclaimed prizes will remain unawarded.

9. PRIZES

The Prizes to be awarded for each Stage in the Contest are as follows:

- For Stage 'Apply': First Three Hundred (300) eligible entry will receive A(n) T-Shirts. Approximate Retail Value (ARV) for total 2,99,700 INR.
- For Stage 'Assess': First Hundred (100) eligible entry will receive A(n) Microsoft Certification Vouchers. Approximate Retail Value for total (ARV) 450,000 INR.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a public sector employee (government and education), your prize will be awarded directly to your public sector organization and subject to receipt of a gift letter signed by your agency/institution's ethics officer, attorney, or designated executive/officer responsible for your organization's gifts/ethics policy.

The ARV of electronic prizes is subject to price fluctuations in the consumer marketplace based on, among other things, any gap in time between the date the ARV is estimated for purposes of these Official Rules

and the date the prize is awarded or redeemed. We will determine the value of the prize to be the fair market value at the time of prize award.

The total Approximate Retail Value (ARV) of all prizes: 649,800 **INR**

We will only award max three (3) prize(s) per person. Each participant is eligible to receive a maximum of one (1) prize per Stage and, accordingly, a maximum of three (3) prizes in total during the Contest. No more than the stated number of prizes will be awarded. No substitution, transfer, or assignment of prize permitted, except that Microsoft reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value in the event the offered prize is unavailable. Microsoft products awarded as prizes are awarded "AS IS" and WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, express or implied (including, but not limited to, any implied warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or non-infringement); you assume the entire risk of quality and performance, and should the prizes prove defective, you assume the entire cost of all necessary servicing or repair. This is so even if the Microsoft product mentions a warranty on its packaging, in a manual, or in marketing materials; no warranty applies to Microsoft products awarded as prizes. Microsoft does not give any warranty of any kind, express or implied (including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose) on products made by a company other than Microsoft that are awarded as prizes. Please contact the manufacturer to see if it is covered by that company's warranty.

Taxes on the prize, if any, are the sole responsibility of the winner, who is advised to seek independent counsel regarding the tax implications of accepting a prize. By accepting a prize, you agree that Microsoft may use your entry, name, image and hometown online and in print, or in any other media, in connection with this Sweepstakes without payment or compensation to you, except where prohibited by law.

10. ODDS

The odds of winning are based on the number and quality of eligible entries received.

11. GENERAL CONDITIONS AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

To the extent allowed by law, by entering you agree to release and hold harmless Microsoft and its respective parents, partners, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, and agents from any and all liability or any injury, loss, or damage of any kind arising in connection with this Contest or any prize won.

All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. In the event of a dispute, the decisions of Microsoft are final and binding.

We reserve the right to cancel, change, or suspend this Contest for any reason without prior notice, including (but not limited to) cheating, technology failure, catastrophe, war, or any other unforeseen or unexpected event that affects the integrity of this Contest, whether human or mechanical. If the integrity of the Contest cannot be restored, we may select winners from among all eligible entries received before we had to cancel, change or suspend the Contest.

If you attempt or we have strong reason to believe that you have compromised the integrity or the legitimate operation of this Contest by cheating, hacking, creating a bot or other automated program, or by committing fraud in any way, we may seek damages from you to the full extent of the law and you may be banned from participation in future Microsoft promotions.

12. GOVERNING LAW

This Contest will be governed by the laws of India, and you consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of India for any disputes arising out of this Contest.

13. WINNERS LIST

The Winners List will be published at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-in/aiodysey> within 10 days following the announcement of winners, in accordance with applicable privacy standards, and will include winners who received a prize worth \$25.00 USD or more.

14. PRIVACY

Your privacy is important to us. Microsoft uses the personal data you provide on this form to notify you of important information about our products, upgrades and enhancements, and to send you information about other Microsoft products and services. We share your personal data with your consent or as necessary to complete any transaction or provide any service you have requested. We also share data with Microsoft-controlled affiliates and subsidiaries; with vendors working on our behalf; when required by law or to respond to legal process; to protect our customers; to protect lives; to maintain the security of our services; and to protect the rights or property of Microsoft. Microsoft is committed to protecting the security of your personal data. We use a variety of security technologies and procedures to help protect your personal information from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure. Your personal data is never shared outside the company without your permission, except under conditions explained above. For more information about Microsoft's Privacy Practices, see <https://aka.ms/privacy>.

If you believe that Microsoft has not adhered to this statement, please contact us at <https://aka.ms/privacyresponse>. We will respond to questions within 30 days.