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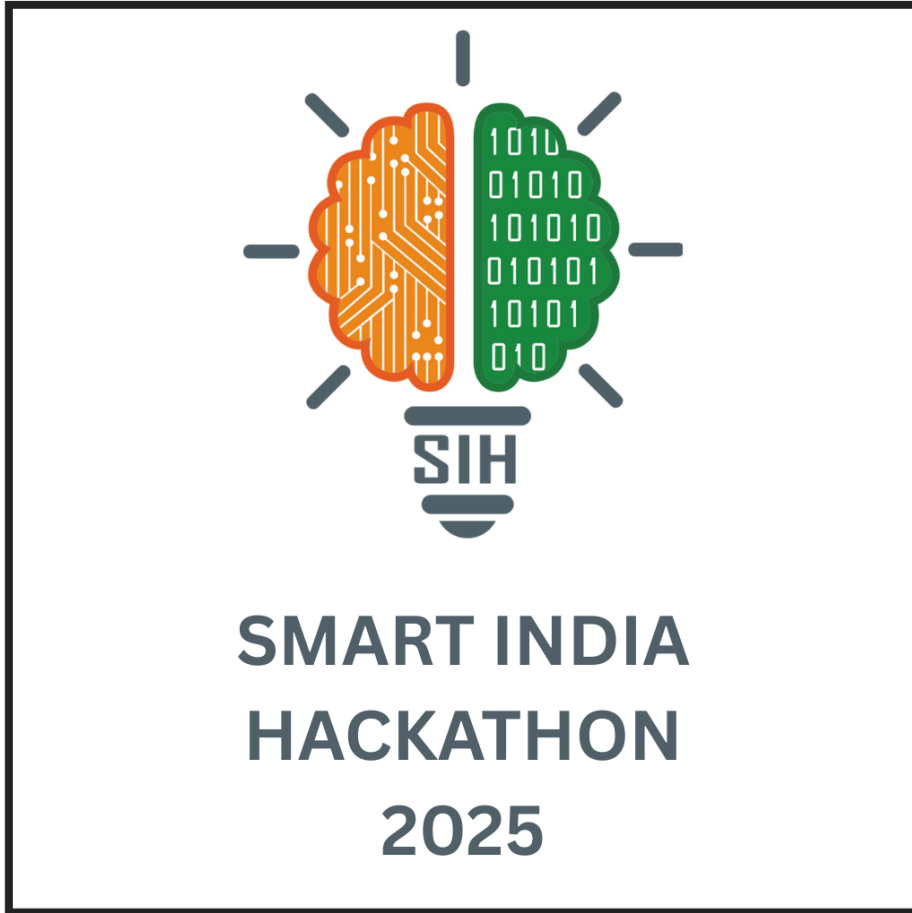
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SIH'25 University Internal Report

Introduction -

Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, Kothrud, Pune organized the Internal Screening Round 1 of the Smart India Hackathon on 12th and 13th September 2025 in both online and offline modes. A total of more than 500 teams registered for this round, out of which the most promising teams were shortlisted on the basis of their innovative ideas, presentations and insights.

Subsequently, the MIT-WPU Smart India Internal Hackathon 2025 Round 2 was conducted from 16th to 22nd September 2025 at the university internal level. In this round, over 180 teams delivered high-quality presentations, which showcased their creativity, problem-solving skills, and technical competence. On 17th September, new problem statements were released, and a total of 45 teams worked on these additional problem statements, with their evaluation planned on 24th and 25th September. The jury members expressed their appreciation for the innovative and practical solutions presented in response to the official SIH 2025 problem statements.

The Smart India Internal Hackathon 2025 was jointly organized by student clubs AViNYA, Squad - Up, and Shutterbugs, ensuring the smooth execution and success of the event.

About the Program -

Purpose:

This event was conducted to shortlist outstanding ideas that reflected the dedication and hard work of students and technology enthusiasts. The young innovators gained valuable experience in teamwork, leadership, innovation, and ideation, while also presenting scientifically driven solutions to the problem statements provided for SIH 2025.

Objectives:

- Foster innovation and problem-solving skills among students through real-world challenges.
- Provide a platform for interdisciplinary idea exchange and teamwork.
- Provide innovative solutions addressing problem statements identified by different ministries.
- To identify problems across diverse domains and develop unique, innovative solutions.
- Engage students with industry experts to gain practical insights and industry knowledge.
- Identify top talent for national representation in the Smart India Hackathon.

- Encourage technology-driven solutions with a focus on social impact.
- Promote cross-disciplinary learning to broaden perspectives and develop comprehensive solutions.

Registration:

Step 1:

The registration process for both teams and jury members was facilitated through the Yuva Setu portal, developed by Rootkit, a start-up founded by an alumnus of MIT-WPU.

Step 2:

Registrations were opened on 23rd August and closed on 8th September 2025.

Step 3:

During this period, more than 550 teams and nearly 3,500 participants successfully registered.

Step 4:

The portal hosted all problem statements (PS) provided by SIH, serving as a unified platform for information.

Step 5:

Participating teams were permitted to select up to two problem statements for submission.

Orientation -

An orientation session for the Smart India Hackathon was organized on 6th August 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Vivekananda Hall, MIT-WPU. The session aimed to familiarize students with the objectives, structure, and significance of SIH 2025, while also motivating them to actively participate with innovative ideas and impactful solutions. The event was graced by Dr. Pratap Sanap, Member of the Smart India Hackathon Executive Committee, Mr. Umesh Kaul, Managing Director of Rialtes, USA, and former Director General of IBM, Pune, and Mr. Vishal Pillai, former Head of Innovation at Antolin India.

The programme commenced with introductory remarks by Dr. Mangesh Bedekar, Convenor SIH and Professor, SoCET, MIT-WPU, followed by the guest addresses. The distinguished speakers shared valuable insights on innovation, problem-solving, and industry expectations, inspiring participants to explore creative solutions to real-world challenges.

The event also featured addresses by eminent dignitaries of MIT-WPU:

- Dr. Milind Pande, Pro Vice Chancellor
- Dr. Kishanprasad Gunale, Convenor SIH and Director, Career Development Council
- Dr. Deepali Javale, Convenor SIH and Convenor, Institution's Innovation Council
- Dr. Prasad Khandekar, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. R. M. Chitnis, Vice Chancellor
- Dr. Siddharth Chakraborti, Dean, School of Engineering and Technology

Their inspiring speeches emphasized the importance of innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and aligning academic pursuits with industry needs, greatly motivating the participants.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Krishna Warhade, Convenor SIH and Director of the Doctoral Program, MIT-WPU.

The orientation provided students with a clear understanding of the hackathon process, while also nurturing enthusiasm, curiosity, and a spirit of innovation.

Capacity Building Program -

An online mentoring series was organized by MIT-WPU from 2nd to 3rd September 2025, featuring Mr. Vivek Kulkarni, Founder and CEO of ARIN Technologies, and Mr. Vishal Pillai, Head of Innovation India at Antolin, as the invited speakers. The sessions focused on guiding participants through the process of idea development, innovation, and industry-relevant problem-solving.

In continuation, another mentoring series was organized by AViNYA from 5th to 10th September 2025, where previous SIH winners were invited to interact with participants, share their experiences, and address queries. This initiative provided students with first-hand insights into the hackathon journey and equipped them with practical strategies to enhance their performance in SIH 2025.

Inaugural Ceremony -

The Inaugural Ceremony of the Smart India Internal Hackathon 2025 was held on 11th September 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The event was graced by distinguished guests including Mr. Vivek Kulkarni, Founder and CEO of ARIN Technologies; Mr. Vishal Pillai, Head of Innovation India at Antolin; Mrs. Smita Kelkar, Digital and Transformation R&D Leader with expertise in Lean Agile practices, DevOps, and Automation; Chief Guest Mr. Rushikesh Humbe, Founding Partner of Growqai, Founder & Advisor at Merito; and Guest of Honour Mr. Nishi Kant from PBL Spaces.

The ceremony was further enriched by the presence and insightful addresses of eminent dignitaries from MIT-WPU:

- Dr. R. M. Chitnis, Vice Chancellor
- Dr. Milind Pande, Pro Vice Chancellor
- Mr. Ninad Patil, CEO, MIT Technology Business Incubator
- Dr. Ganesh Kakandikar, Dean – Innovation, Start-up and Collaborations

The programme commenced with introductory remarks by Dr. Deepali Javale, Convenor, SIH and Convenor, Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), MIT-WPU. The session concluded

with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Kishanprasad Gunale, Convenor, SIH and Director, Career Development Center (CDC), MIT-WPU.

The inaugural ceremony set the tone for the hackathon by emphasizing the importance of innovation, collaboration, and real-world problem-solving, thereby motivating participants to actively engage in the forthcoming rounds.



Evaluation –

Round 1:

The Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2025 was conducted on 12th and 13th September 2025 at the Vyas Building, MIT-WPU, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event marked a significant milestone in fostering innovation and creativity among students. A total of 550+ teams and over 3,500 participants from diverse academic disciplines registered for the hackathon, providing a dynamic platform to transform their ideas into practical solutions. In Round 1, more than 550 teams actively participated and submitted comprehensive idea presentations. The evaluation process was strengthened by the presence of 175+ distinguished offline

jurors and 25+ online jurors from various sectors, who offered constructive feedback, valuable insights, and expert guidance. The event created an inspiring environment that motivated students to explore their potential and push the boundaries of innovation.



Round 2:

The Smart India Internal Hackathon 2025 – Round 2 was conducted at the Vyas Building, MIT-WPU, from 16th to 22nd September 2025. A total of 180 teams shortlisted from Round 1 participated in this stage. The teams were divided into three parallel streams, each mentored by Mr. Vishal Pillai, Mr. Vivek Kulkarni, and Mrs. Smita Kelkar. Each team was allotted 15 minutes to present their solution, followed by an additional 5 minutes dedicated to a structured Q&A session and personalized feedback from the panel. The mentors provided valuable insights on feasibility, innovation, and scalability, enabling participants to refine their prototypes and move closer to practical implementation.

Round 2 thus transformed ideas into stronger prototypes, bridging the gap between concept and real-world application.

During this phase, SIH released 100 new problem statements, for which parallel registrations were conducted. The evaluation of the teams registered under these additional problem statements is scheduled on 24th and 25th September 2025.



Jury Evaluation -

1. Panel Evaluation Begins
 - In Round 1, each project was evaluated on 10 parameters, with each parameter carrying 10 marks for a total of 100 marks, whereas in Round 2, the evaluation was based on 6 parameters, each carrying 4 marks, for a total of 24 marks.
2. Panel Structure
 - Each panel consists of multiple evaluators, 1 faculty coordinator, and 1 student coordinator for accountability.
3. Student Teams Submit Projects & Specify TRL Stage
 - Teams clearly indicate the TRL stage of their project, aiding the evaluators in quick assessment.
4. Evaluation Process
 - Each parameter (including technology criteria like TRL) is scored by the panel.
 - TRL stage is cross verified as part of the evaluation rubric.
5. Mark Entry by Student Coordinator
 - Student coordinator directly enters each team's scores into the Yuva Setu portal for accuracy and transparency.
6. Faculty Oversight
 - Faculty coordinator oversees the process to ensure integrity and resolve any discrepancies.
7. End of Evaluation
 - Marks for all teams are submitted and verified.

Dr. Sameer Bapat - IBM
Kaustubh Laturkar - NuSummit
Sarang Punde - IBM
Alok Kumar Jain - Infosys
Ishan Padhye - LEXAGON LLP
Vikram More - Bentley
Santosh Ashok Kadam - Calian Consultancy Services
Kuldeep Hule - Army Institute of Technology, Pune
Parag Vijay Patil - Palosade Inc.
Col Ripu Daman Singh - Deepak Fertilisers and Petrochemicals Corporation Limited
Rahul Chandrakant Bhide - Prasu Softlab Pvt Ltd
Prashant Singh - CodeRize Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
Sunil Gosavi - Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited
Nishant Nandrunkar - Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited
Rahul Barhate - Oracle America, Inc
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Namah Pandey - EY
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Vinayak Manohar Yogi - BASF
Vrushali Deshpande - JVD Mettle Innovations Pvt Ltd
Ganesh Pawar - Chemetall India Private Limited
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Abhijeet Ajit Natu - Nutek Pune
Rushikesh Patade - Vectorshift YC 23
Dr. Supriya Vikram Mahadevkar - Symbiosis Institute of Technology, Pune
Dr Ritesh Nehete - Gurucul Solutions Private Limited
Vishesh Ved - Enlighten Media Pvt Ltd
Archana Kadam - Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering
Suraj Sharma - CodeChef
Satish Bora - nOps Inc
Tejas Nikumb - Soc Shashwat pvt. ltd.
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Suhas P Joshi - AUM Technologies
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Gautam Morey - Lifepatch.ai
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Harshad Mane - Gigante Technologies Pvt Ltd
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Lalitkumar Chaudhari - Nice Software Solutions
Dr.Amol Neve - Prolifics
Ravindra Bhaskar Deshmukh - Tmartplatform Private Limited
Padmakar Pimpalkar - Industrial Automation and Control Systems Pune
Shreekant Kulkarni - ShreeCrypto
Swati Saraf - Colossal Hospitality
Archana Ashok Suste - Infocenter an Insight company
Ravindra Rajwade - SHIPRA 4PL Services LLP
Akashdeep Makkar - Cohesity
Vishal Agrawal - ZS

Gaurav Kishor Patni - CSG Lead Software Development Engineer
Piyush Khurana - Stealth Mode startup
Anubha Amalprabh Chaware - Lauro systems private limited
Shashank Deshpande - Persistent Systems
Shriram Narayan Maindargi - Citi Corp
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Ram Nagorao Wadatkar - Worldline
Devesh Bhogre - IDeaS - A SAS Company

The diverse backgrounds and proficiencies of the jury members combined to provide a thorough and impartial evaluation of the projects submitted by the participants. Their varied experiences enhanced the evaluation process's complexity and improved the teams' comments.

Jury Testimonials -

Lalit Chaudhary-AVP Nice Software Solutions

“As a Jury member at Smart India Hackathon 2025, I had the privilege of being assisted by Rajat Jain as my liaison officer. I must say, he has done an exceptional job throughout the day. His support, timely assistance, and constant presence ensured that I could focus entirely on the event without worrying about logistics or coordination.

Rajat carried out his responsibilities with a high level of professionalism, warmth, and sincerity. He was proactive in anticipating requirements, quick to respond whenever needed, and maintained a very positive attitude throughout the event. His efforts truly reflect a sense of responsibility and leadership qualities that will take him far in his career.

I truly appreciate his contribution and wish him continued success ahead.”

Preeti Kutwal – BA4, Barclays

“You guys were really fab!!

You guys do great work together..I really appreciate it.

And my LO Deepjani and Yash they both are very good coordinator's great work done by them..must appreciated well done to the whole team!”

Vikram More –Senior UX Designer, Bentley Systems

“I'm writing to express my sincere gratitude for your outstanding work as the liaison for the Hackathon. The event ran incredibly well, and it's clear you were a major reason why.

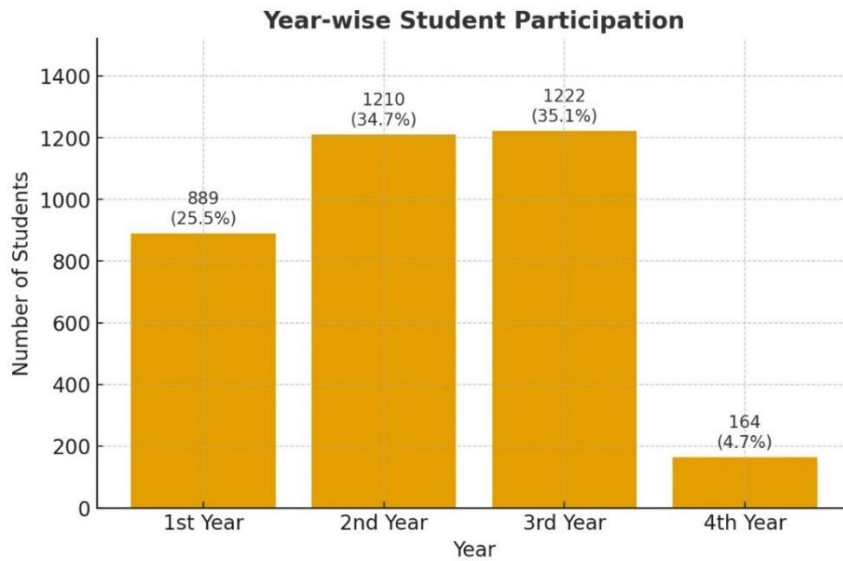
I particularly want to thank you for how well you managed the everything for the jury members. Everything was perfectly organized, and the clear instructions you provided made our job much easier.

I also really appreciated the connections you facilitated it was a pleasure meeting so many talented people and seeing their innovative work.

You are a great asset, and I hope our paths cross again in the future”

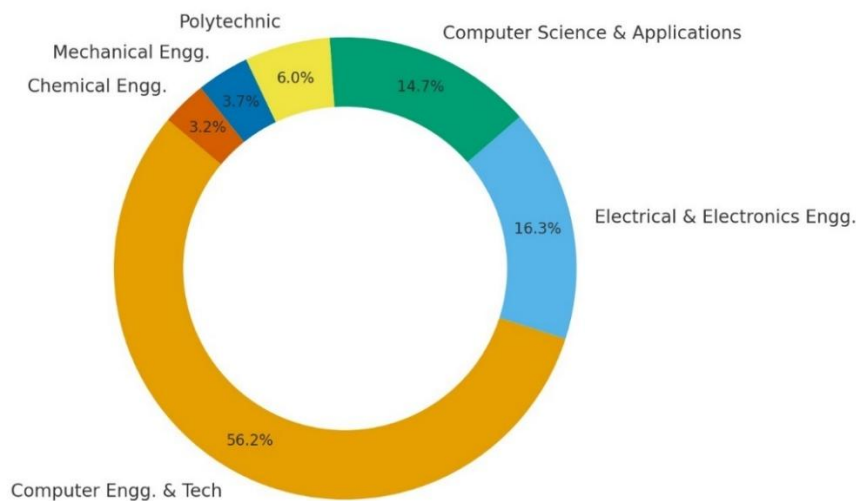
Student Teams -

Year-wise Participation



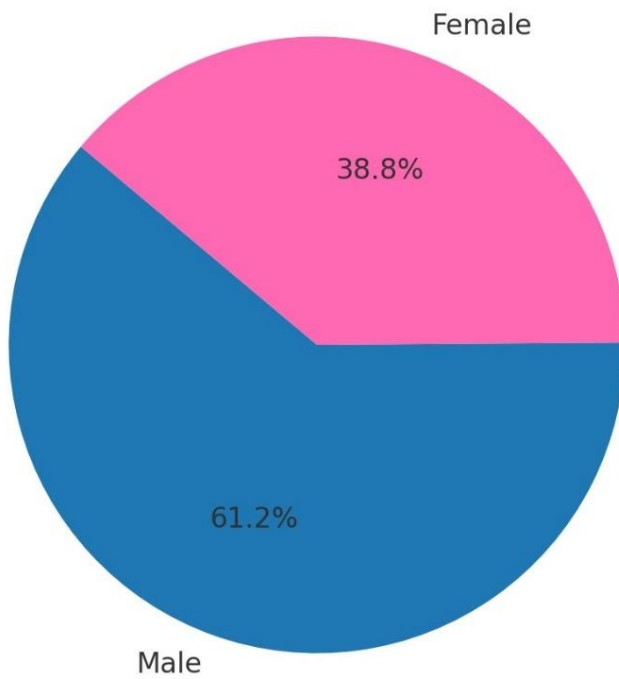
Department-wise Participation

Top 6 Departments Participation Share



Female Participation

Male vs Female Distribution

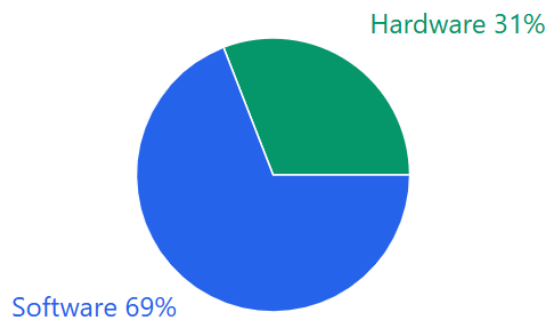


Male- 2137 (61.1%)

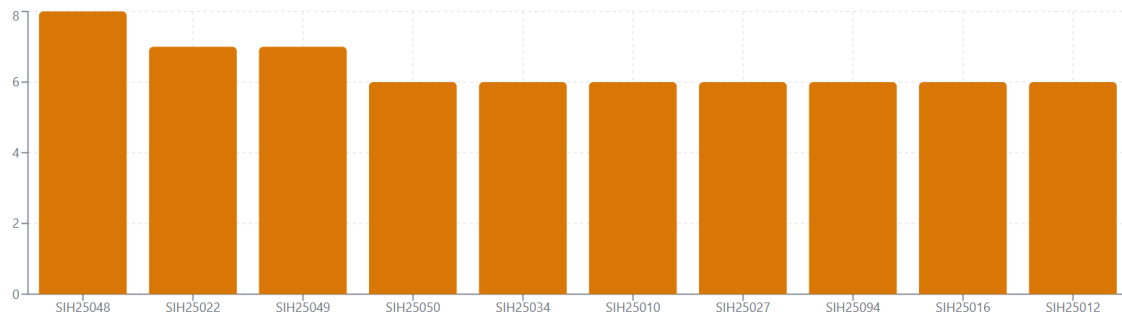
Female- 1353 (38.7%)

Participation Statistics –

Category Distribution:



Top Problem Statements Registered:



Top Nominated Teams –

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| Segmetron | Team Ellora | CatalystAI | CarpeCodes | Atlantis | Turtles | Agrosia | DA WIZARDS |
| Technomorphs | Visionary Vanguard | WinTech | CodeRovers | Init to Winit | TechBrix | Buildaholics | ByteStorm |
| AgriVita | ElectroMinds | TechSpartans | Comms2 | Innov6 | MSDL | Diet Code | Khusa |
| Stratos2.0 | Ctrl Alt Elite | YogyaSetu | JSXcellence | Cattlysts | Team Renaissance | AlgoForge | Kid guard |
| Prismatics | Division 11 | Kisan Sevak | Udajana | ShaktiSense | Bit Crew | RoBoVin | Axiom |
| Vyomvigraha | Diet Code | Lernix | Phoenix | Immutable Minds | COD | MeghMinds | InnoVengers |
| Hynova | K14 | Sentra | TeamNova | Innovatrix | BioRhodeon | Crumbs And Sticks | 404Found |
| NeerNova | SubZero | MAXIMUS | TechTitans | Init to Winit | Merge-Conflicts | Infera | Hexecutioners |
| SENSOTRACK 360 | HydraSense | Sentra | CryoMarine | NeuroGuardian | Compile Crew | Zenith | EmberBytes |
| Hacksmiths | The Visioneers | TechnoTornados | Brainchain | Team Apex | EvoNex | Ideanova | INNO-VENTURES |

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Hashtags -

#SIH2025 #SmartIndiaHackathon #ThinkCreatInnovate
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- Dr. Hemlata Gangwar
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- Dr. Anu Singha

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- AViNYA

- Shutterbugs

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