

HULT Prize

“The Hult Prize has brought together some of the brightest young innovators to address the obstacles that prevent prosperity and opportunity from thriving worldwide.”

-President Bill Clinton

The Hult Prize is said to be the world’s largest student competition, aiming to bring about a change through social entrepreneurship. The Hult Prize is a start-up accelerator for social entrepreneurship which brings together the brightest college and university students from around the globe. The annual initiative is the world’s largest crowdsourcing platform for social good and one of the planet’s leading forces for good.

The Hult Prize India is the National Program of the Hult Prize. Managed by Aravindam Foundation (Education), and Aster (Ideation Hub), this competition is committed to promote innovation by the students, in order to solve the world’s most pressing social problems. Every year, this competition witnesses the congregation of the brightest minds from all over the country in order to bring transformation in the lives of millions through social enterprises.

The different stages of this competition starts from the on campus round, followed by the regional round, after which the top fifty teams gets the chance to present their idea at the London Accelerator Program to compete for the coveted one million USD prize.

Hult Prize at Jadavpur University was initiated from 2015.

Past September, with the nomination of Syed Sohail (Department of Construction Engineering) as the Campus Director of ‘Hult Prize India at Campus’ program 2018, he and his team organized the dual-round competition, which witnessed a registration of forty five teams. Thirty teams competed for the regional round, among which two teams- Team SWAF and Team Eureka won the chance to participate in the regional round held at Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. Financial support of 20000 INR was given by TEQIP for the successful organization of this competition.

Hult Prize India organized the National round, where over 150 teams participated from all over the country. A benchmark competition in social entrepreneurship and amongst equally innovative ideas throughout the country, four teams were selected from Jadavpur University to compete in the national round, held at Delhi.

In the National round, held on the seventh and eighth of April at Delhi NCR, Team Wakanda from Jadavpur University occupied the fourth position. The members of Team Wakanda are Aban Mandal (Metallurgy and Material Sciences), Abhishek Gupta (Chemical Engineering) and Souryadeep Basak (Electrical Engineering).

Timeline :

- September : Nomination of Syed Sohail as Campus Director
- 5th November : Hult Prize India was conducted at Jadavpur University
- November : Winners declared
- 17th March : Regional round was conducted at Singapore and Kuala Lumpur
- 7th April : Hult Prize India Nationals conducted at Delhi