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RBI launches its First Global Hackathon - HARBINGER 2021



Reserve Bank is organising its first global hackathon – "HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation" with the theme 'Smarter Digital Payments'. The Hackathon invites participants to identify and develop solutions that have the potential to make digital payments accessible to the under-served, enhance the ease of payments and user experience, while strengthening the security of digital payments and promoting customer protection.

HARBINGER 2021 invites innovative ideas for the following *problem statements* in the payment and settlement systems landscape:

- **1.** Innovative, easy-to-use, non-mobile digital payment solutions for converting small-ticket cash transactions to digital mode.
- 2. Context-based retail payments to remove the physical act of payment.
- **3.** Alternate authentication mechanism for digital payments.
- **4.** Social Media Analysis Monitoring tool for detection of digital payment fraud and disruption.

Being part of **HARBINGER 2021** gives an opportunity to the participants to get mentored by industry experts and exhibit their innovative solutions before an eminent jury and win exciting prizes in each category.

Winner: ₹ 40 lakh Runner-up: ₹ 20 lakh

Registration for the hackathon starts from November 15, 2021. More details about the event are available at <u>https://fintech.rbi.org.in</u>.

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