

HACK CLUB

A Parent's Guide to

# EPOCH



Gurugram



## What is Hack Club?

Hack Club is a US-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organisation, registered in 2014, whose aim is to foster a wholesome generation of coders, innovators, founders, and builders. “Hacking” is being constructively redefined for coding—apps, games, websites. It’s safe, supervised, & entirely educational. Hack Club supports a global network of student-led, computer science clubs; over 20K+ teenagers engage with our programs annually.



All Hack Club programmes are free and open to all students, thanks to the support of SpaceX's Elon Musk, GitHub founder Tom Preston-Werner, and other Silicon Valley executives. You can read more about our work in this [Wall Street Journal article](#).

## Lead Organisers



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## Epoch: what is this?

Epoch is a 42-hour **hackathon** where creative young minds come together to create something new. Epoch is the ideal place for your child to learn new skills and meet brilliant people from all over the world, with a focus on apps, art, websites, and hardware projects.

Date: December 30th 2022 to January 1st 2023

Venue: Masters' Union  
(Cyberpark, Gurugram, Delhi NCR)

## What is a hackathon?

A hackathon is an event in which creative individuals, such as your child, collaborate on projects. Participants at hackathons gain new skills from each other, workshops, and mentors. Hackathons help students acquire real-world programming skills in an engaging environment.



## Why should I send my child to a hackathon?

Attending a hackathon will be transformative for your child; your child will not only improve their career opportunities by learning new-age skills, but also make new friends and build meaningful connections! We recommend watching [this mini documentary on Assemble](#) — the hackathon we organised in San Francisco last summer — to get a sense of a hackathon's magical atmosphere.

## How much does it cost to attend?

Epoch is free of charge for all participants. We will be covering all necessities for the duration of the hackathon, including food and drink.

## What if we don't live in Delhi?

Epoch is for hackers across India and the world; with that in mind, we're providing **₹12.5 lakh** (USD 15,000) in travel stipends to both domestic and international attendees. We'll cover the full cost of a return flight to New Delhi for stipend recipients in India and provide a **USD 500** stipend to stipend recipients outside of India. Travel stipends can be requested on the registration form on our [website](#).



## How safe is Epoch for my child?

Hack Club is **committed to creating a safe and comfortable environment** for students at our hackathons. All participants are minors, and all adults present (Hack Club Staff and external contractors) have been **background checked**. We will have a **1:10 staff to student ratio**.



If your child is travelling they will be picked up from, and dropped off at Indira Gandhi Airport (Delhi) through pre-organised shuttles and will be **supervised at all times by Hack Club staff** from December 30, 2022 8:00 AM till January 1, 2023 8:00 PM. If you wish to reach your child during the hackathon, we will be available on our staff helpline (+91 (011) 4116-8399). You may also reach them through their personal number. Your child will be able to call us on this number before and after the event for support as they travel to New Delhi.

In case of any medical emergencies, **robust first aid** as well as emergency medical assistance will be provided. Parents will be contacted immediately by a Hack Club staff member. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we'll be mandating **full COVID-19 vaccination** and **pre-event testing** whilst also providing N95 masks to participants. The venue will be thoroughly sanitised.

On both nights we will have a designated **supervised gender-separated sleeping area** in the venue with lowlights and minimal sound for your child to rest.

We're working with an external contractor to have trained security onsite 24/7. These security guards will enforce our closed doors policy and oversee the venue's entrances and exits. The office complex also has security guards onsite to protect the venue.

We've run multiple events across the world, and understand any concerns parents may have about event safety. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [epoch@hackclub.com](mailto:epoch@hackclub.com).

You can also attend our parent FAQ webinars on Zoom at the following times:

<b>1</b>	8:15pm IST (GMT+5:30), Tuesday, November 15th	<a href="https://hack.af/z-join?id=1naoae">hack.af/z-join?id=1naoae</a>
<b>2</b>	9:00pm IST (GMT+5:30), Wednesday, November 30th	<a href="https://hack.af/z-join?id=cl9eyw">hack.af/z-join?id=cl9eyw</a>
<b>3</b>	8:00pm IST (GMT+5:30), Monday, December 5th	<a href="https://hack.af/z-join?id=th0ca">hack.af/z-join?id=th0ca</a>



# Thank you!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach us at [epoch@hackclub.com](mailto:epoch@hackclub.com) or reach out to any of the [key personnel](#) listed above.

We hope to see your child at Epoch this New Year's!

Sincerely,

The Epoch Team

