



Consensus and the Ethereum Foundation Partner With Zero Field Labs To Host India's First International Blockchain Hackathon

NEW YORK, NY; May 3, 2017 - Next week, India's first ever international blockchain hackathon will take place in Mumbai, from May 12 to May 14. Held at the IIT Mumbai campus, the hackathon is being hosted by Zero Field Labs, in partnership with Enterprise Ethereum Alliance members, including Consensus, Microsoft, and IIT Mumbai.

Already, over 250 hackathon candidates have registered from countries across the world, including Australia, Ukraine, Europe, China, Malaysia, and India. The winning team will receive the Vitalik Buterin Prize for Blockchain Excellence, named after the inventor of Ethereum who also serves as Ethereum Foundation's Chief Scientist. Buterin will give the top team a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh on May 18.

A diverse pool of participants is signed up for the hackathon, ranging from blockchain developers to global banks such as J.P. Morgan, as well as IT firms Cognizant and L&T Infotech, Honeywell, and various players in academia, the startup world, and investors.

The hackathon will be followed by a town hall at IIT Mumbai on the evening of May 16, a Blockchain Masterclass on May 17 at Sofitel Hotel BKC, and the main flagship Ethereum India Summit on May 18 at Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Apollo Bunder, Mumbai. Other key speakers invited are Ashish Chauhan, CEO of BSE and Rahul Bhasin, MD of Barings Private Equity.

The blockchain hackathon is part of Blockchain India Week, which also kicks off on May 12. Blockchain India Week is hosted by Zero Field Labs in conjunction with Fintech Storm, and events will take place across the city of Mumbai through May 19. Buterin will preside over the week's activities.

"Partnering with Microsoft and Consensus has been a win-win for us at Zero Field Labs, since we kicked off the first ever Blockchain India Summit on Dec. 6, 2016, with Vitalik Buterin. We are now laying the groundwork in India to, on the one hand, offer Ethereum education and on the other, accelerate its mainstream adoption. I am incredibly excited about representing Ethereum India in these heady times and appreciate Vitalik's support in India," said CEO of Zero Field Labs, Arifa Khan.

Consensus and Microsoft are members of the Enterprise Ethereum Alliance, which is already working to build Ethereum-based technology solutions around the world. An Enterprise Ethereum Alliance India Launch event is scheduled for May 17 evening at Sofitel BKC.

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"As the largest global blockchain startup with a growing presence in Asia, Consensus is delighted to co-host the upcoming hackathon and participate in Blockchain India Week. With over 1.3 billion citizens and a strong IT sector, India is poised to become a blockchain powerhouse. We look forward to deepening our relationships as India harnesses the power of Ethereum to improve transparency, increase efficiency, and reduce the cost of trust," said Consensus founder Joseph Lubin.

Further details of Blockchain India Week and the hackathon can be found at <http://europeindiaconclave.com>. The full Blockchain India Week schedule is also included below.

Blockchain India Week Schedule May 12-19 2017:

Hackathon 6:00pm 12th to 6:00pm May 14, IIT Mumbai, Powai Campus

<http://blockchainindiaweekhackathon.eventbrite.com>

Hackfest 9:00am 15th to 5:00pm 16th May, L&T Infotech, Saki Vihar Road, Powai, Mumbai 400072

<http://blockchainindiahackfest.eventbrite.com>

Vitalik Buterin Townhall 6:00pm to 8:00pm May 16, IIT Mumbai, Powai Campus

<http://vitalikbuterinmumbaitownhall.eventbrite.com>

Blockchain Masterclass 9:00am to 5:30pm 17th May, Sofitel Hotel, Bandra Kurla Complex

<http://blockchainindiaweekmasterclass.eventbrite.com>

Enterprise Ethereum Alliance India Launch - Private Reception (by invitation only) 5:00pm to 6:00pm
17th May, Sofitel Hotel, BKC

Blockchain Storm Ethereum India Summit 9:00am to 6:00pm, 18th May , Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Apollo
Bunder Mumbai

<https://blockchainstormethereumindiasummit.eventbrite.com>

Vitalik Meetings in Andhra Pradesh, 20th May onwards (TBC)

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