



ROBOTICS CHAVATH

2026

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Where Technology Meets Tradition, Innovation Meets Devotion



Submission Deadline: **25 September 2026**



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ROBO
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ANNEXURE A

ROBOTICS CHAVATH 2026

OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

"Ganapati Bappa... Tech Morya!"

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AGE GROUP 8-16 years	TEAM SIZE 1-4 students	SUBMISSION Instagram Reel
DEADLINE 25 September 2026	TAG @curiousmindinfo	RESULTS & PRIZES By Diwali 2026





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IMPORTANT

- The Official Rule Book forms an integral part of the Robotics Chavath 2026 circular.
- Posting a valid Instagram Reel by the deadline constitutes participation in the competition.
- All participants must comply with the safety, cultural and student-ownership requirements.





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1. About Robotics Chavath

Robotics Chavath is a cultural-technology competition that encourages students to combine the traditions of Ganesh Chaturthi with robotics, electronics, creativity, sustainability and digital storytelling.

Participants must create a working project, demonstrate its functioning and present it through an Instagram Reel.

2. Objectives

- Encourage children to explore robotics and electronics.
- Connect technology with cultural traditions.
- Develop creativity, problem-solving and practical engineering skills.
- Promote sustainable and environment-friendly innovation.
- Encourage teamwork and student-led project development.
- Improve communication and digital storytelling skills.
- Recognise young innovators, teachers and participating institutions.

3. Competition Categories





3.1 Tech Matoli



Participants must design a traditional Matoli enhanced through technology.

- Sensors and automated movements
- Interactive lighting or sound
- Motorised or animated decorations
- QR-code-based cultural storytelling
- Electronic components integrated with traditional Matoli concepts
- Environment-friendly, recycled or reusable materials

Focus: Creativity, cultural relevance, electronics integration, sustainability and interactive presentation.

3.2 Robo Aarti



Participants must design and build a robotic model capable of performing an Aarti movement.

- Circular or synchronised Aarti movement
- Sensor-based activation
- Automated operation
- Lights, devotional sounds or music
- Ganesh-themed decoration
- Safe LED-based Aarti arrangements

Focus: Precision, synchronisation, technical functionality, creativity and safety.

Safety Requirement

- Open flames must be avoided. Participants should use LED diyas or other safe electronic alternatives.



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3.3 Mushak Bot

Participants must build a robot inspired by Mushak, the symbolic vehicle of Lord Ganesh.

- Follow a predefined path
- Use sensors for autonomous movement
- Operate through wired or wireless control
- Visually resemble a mouse
- Carry a symbolic modak or decorative element
- Include LED eyes, sound or lighting
- Demonstrate obstacle avoidance or another creative function



Focus: Movement accuracy, technical performance, creative design and integration with the Ganesh Chaturthi theme.

3.4 STEM Reel

Participants must prepare an Instagram Reel showcasing their project under Tech Matoli, Robo Aarti or Mushak Bot. The Reel is a post-project digital showcase and does not replace the requirement to create a working model.

- Project explanation
- Storytelling
- Visual presentation
- Originality
- Cultural relevance
- Digital creativity
- Working-model demonstration

4. Eligibility

- Open to students aged 8 to 16 years.
- Students may participate individually or in teams.
- Maximum team size: 4 students.
- Participants may represent a school, institution, robotics club, cultural organisation or family.
- Participants may submit projects in more than one category.
- A separate Instagram Reel must be posted for every project.
- All team members must fall within the prescribed age group.

5. Age Categories

- Junior: 8 to 12 years
- Senior: 13 to 16 years

Team Category Rule:

For team entries, the age of the oldest team member will determine the category.

Examples:

Ages 9, 10, 12 → Junior | Ages 10, 12, 13 → Senior | Ages 11, 14, 15 → Senior





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6. Participation Process

There is no separate registration process. Participants must directly:

1. Select a project category.
2. Design and construct the project.
3. Test the working model.
4. Record a 60-90 second project demonstration.
5. Post the video as an Instagram Reel.
6. Tag @curiousmindinfo.
7. Use the prescribed competition and category hashtags.
8. Post the Reel on or before 25 September 2026.
9. Submit your details on the link given below -

www.curiousmind.co.in/registrations/robotics-chavath-2026/



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7. Project Development Rules

- The project must be created and assembled by the participating student or team.
- The project must demonstrate meaningful student involvement.
- Teachers, mentors and parents may provide guidance, but must not construct the entire project.
- Fully assembled or ready-made finished projects will not be accepted.
- Robotics kits of any brand, sensors, motors, electronic components and construction materials may be used.
- Recycled and reusable materials are encouraged.
- The model must be safe, stable and suitable for demonstration.
- The project must clearly relate to the selected competition category.
- The same project cannot be submitted by more than one participant or team.
- Participants must retain the original working model until judging and prize distribution are completed.

8. Use of Kits, Components and Materials

Participants may use any suitable robotics kit, electronic components or self-developed mechanisms to create their project.

- Robotics kits of any brand may be used.
- Individual sensors, motors, controllers, lights, sound modules and other electronic components may be used.
- Construction materials, recycled materials and locally available materials are encouraged.
- Participants may combine kit parts with handmade or self-designed structures.
- The project must be assembled, customised and demonstrated by the participating students.
- Fully assembled or ready-made finished projects will not be accepted.
- Use of any particular brand or kit will not result in additional marks.
- Evaluation will be based on creativity, technical functionality, originality, cultural relevance, safety and student involvement.





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9. Instagram Reel Requirements

- Format: Instagram Reel
- Duration: Minimum 60 seconds and maximum 90 seconds
- Orientation: Vertical or portrait
- Languages: English, Marathi or Konkani
- English subtitles are encouraged when the presentation is not in English.



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10. Mandatory Reel Content

- Name of the participant or team
- Age of each participant
- School, institution, organisation or robotics club
- Competition category
- Project title and purpose
- Explanation of the technology used
- Demonstration of the working model
- Ganapati Murti or an appropriate Ganesh Chaturthi setting
- Cultural and creative features
- Environment-friendly features, wherever applicable
- Clear evidence of student involvement

Music, narration, captions and visual effects may be used, provided they do not overpower the project explanation and demonstration.

11. Mandatory Instagram Submission Details

Mandatory Caption

- "Ganapati Bappa... Tech Morya!"

Mandatory Tag

- @curiousmindinfo

Mandatory competition hashtags: #RoboticsChavath2026 #TechMorya #CuriousMind

Use the relevant category hashtag: #QMTechMatoli #QMRoboAarti #QMMushakBot #QMSTEMReel

The Reel caption must mention the participant/team name, age, school or organisation, category, project title and teacher/mentor name wherever applicable.





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12. Instagram Account Requirements

- The Instagram account must remain public during the judging period.
- The Reel must remain visible and accessible.
- Curious Mind must be correctly tagged.
- The prescribed hashtags must be included.
- The Reel must not be deleted, archived or made private before results and prize distribution are completed.
- The Reel may be posted through the account of the participant, parent, teacher, school, institution, robotics club or organisation.
- Entries sent only through WhatsApp, email or direct message will not be treated as valid submissions.
- Instagram Stories, Facebook Stories, WhatsApp Status or other temporary posts will not be accepted.

13. Submission Deadline

25 SEPTEMBER 2026

All Instagram Reels must be posted on or before the deadline. Late entries may not be considered.
Participants are advised not to wait until the last day.

14. Safety Rules

- The project must be safe to construct, handle and demonstrate.
- Open flames must be avoided; use LED diyas or safe electronic alternatives.
- Electrical connections must be insulated and properly secured.
- Damaged batteries, exposed wiring and unsafe power supplies are prohibited.
- Moving parts, gears and rotating mechanisms must be secured.
- Sharp edges and hazardous materials should not be used.
- Children must work under appropriate adult supervision while using tools, electricity or mechanical components.
- Curious Mind may reject any project considered unsafe.

15. Cultural Sensitivity

- Projects must respect the religious and cultural significance of Ganesh Chaturthi.
- Ganapati Murti, devotional music and cultural elements must be presented respectfully.
- Offensive, inappropriate or insensitive content may lead to disqualification.
- Religious objects must not be damaged or misused.
- Technology should be used to celebrate and strengthen cultural understanding.





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16. Originality and Student Ownership

- The project and Reel must be original.
- Participants must not submit another person's work.
- Copying an existing project without meaningful modification may reduce marks.
- Participants must be able to explain the construction and functioning of their model.
- Teachers, parents or mentors may guide, but the project must demonstrate clear student ownership.
- Curious Mind may request additional photographs, videos or a live demonstration.
- Entries created entirely by adults or external professionals may be disqualified.

17. Judging Criteria

Technical Functionality	25
Creativity and Design	20
Relevance to the Theme	15
Presentation and Explanation	15
Eco-Friendliness, wherever applicable	15
Student Ownership and Teamwork	10
TOTAL	100

The STEM Reel may also be assessed on clarity, working-model demonstration, originality, storytelling, visual presentation, cultural relevance and effective communication. Social-media likes, views, comments and shares will not determine the final result.

18. Verification Process

Curious Mind may request shortlisted participants to provide:

- Additional project photographs
- An unedited working video
- Construction-stage photographs
- Component details
- A brief written project description
- A live online demonstration or jury interaction
- Proof of age or school affiliation, wherever required

Failure to provide requested verification may affect evaluation.





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19. Grounds for Disqualification

- Reel posted after the deadline
- Instagram account private or inaccessible
- Curious Mind not tagged
- Mandatory hashtags missing
- Unsafe project
- Reel does not show a working project
- Project does not relate to the selected category
- Offensive or culturally inappropriate material
- Copied or falsely represented project
- Project entirely constructed by adults or external professionals
- Incorrect participant or age details
- Same project submitted by multiple teams
- Failure to provide requested verification
- Reel deleted or made private before judging is completed

20. Awards and Recognition

- Category-wise prizes
- Trophies and certificates
- Best STEM Reel
- Best Cultural Integration
- Best Technical Innovation
- Best Eco-Friendly Project
- Special Jury Recognition
- Recognition for schools, teachers, mentors and organisations

Every eligible participant will receive a participation certificate. The detailed prize structure will be announced separately.

21. Results and Jury Decision

- Results will be announced through Curious Mind's official communication platforms.
- The judging panel may include experts in robotics, engineering, education, culture, creativity and media.
- Results and the prize-distribution ceremony will be completed by Diwali 2026.
- The decision of the jury shall be final and binding.
- Individual marks and detailed jury deliberations may not be publicly disclosed.
- Curious Mind may modify the number or type of awards based on the quality and number of entries.
- An award may be withheld if entries do not meet the required standard.





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22. Photographs, Videos and Publicity

By participating, the participant, parent, school or organisation permits Curious Mind to:

- View and assess the submitted Reel.
- Repost or share selected entries.
- Use photographs, videos and project descriptions for competition promotion.
- Feature participants, finalists and winners in media communication.
- Include selected projects in reports, presentations and event documentation.

Suitable credit will be provided wherever practical. Participants with concerns regarding the use of a child's name or image should communicate with Curious Mind before submission.

23. Changes to the Competition

- Amend rules where reasonably necessary.
- Extend or revise timelines.
- Request additional information from participants.
- Change the result or prize-distribution schedule.
- Reject incomplete, unsafe or misleading entries.
- Introduce additional awards or recognition.

Any major changes will be communicated through Curious Mind's official platforms.

24. Official Guidelines and Contact Details

Official Guidelines

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