



INDIAN ARMY'S TERRITORIAL ARMY LAUNCHES 'TERRIER CYBER QUEST 2026'

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The **Territorial Army**, in collaboration with **CyberPeace**, has launched **Terrier Cyber Quest 2026 (TCQ 3.0)**, a national-level hackathon aimed at developing innovative solutions to contemporary **defence, cybersecurity and information-domain challenges**.

In the third edition of the competition, Indian Army seeks to bring together technical talent from **academia, industry, research institutions, government organisations and the Armed Forces**. The initiative will focus on emerging areas including **Artificial Intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, threat mitigation and digital awareness**, while encouraging development of indigenous solutions relevant to national security.

Building on the previous editions, TCQ 3.0 will be conducted **across three competition tracks**:

Bug Hunting: A cybersecurity challenge commencing with an online **Capture-the-Flag (CTF)** qualifier and culminating in an in-person live sandbox finale. Participants will be required to identify and document vulnerabilities in simulated critical infrastructure environments.

AI Kavach: An AI and machine-learning based challenge aimed at developing solutions for **predictive threat intelligence, automated defence mechanisms and anomaly detection**.

Creators Challenge: A digital media and storytelling competition for content creators, communicators and influencers to develop impactful awareness campaigns addressing threats such as **deepfakes, phishing, online scams and misinformation**.

Registrations for the competition are open till **31 August 2026**. The online shortlisting phase will be conducted from **1 to 10 September 2026**, followed by the **Grand Finale in New Delhi from 6 to 8 October 2026**. The award ceremony will be held on **9 October 2026**.

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