

STEMcult – Grand Finale Rules & Guidelines

A Unique Fusion of STEM and Culture

Congratulations to all teams who have reached the **STEMcult Grand Finale!**

You are among the top young creators from across the country, ready to perform at the prestigious **Live Stage at IIT Delhi**.

STEMcult celebrates the idea that **Science & Culture can come together to inspire the world**.

The Finale challenges you to bring your Zonal Round performance to life with more creativity, depth, and impact—live on stage!

1. What is the STEMcult Finale?

STEMcult is India's first stage where students blend:

- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)**
with
- **Culture (dance, drama, music, storytelling, skit)**

Your performance must convey a STEM idea through a **cultural art form**.

The Finale is your chance to elevate your Zonal performance and showcase it **live** at IIT Delhi in front of judges, audience, mentors, and industry experts.

2. Performance Enhancement Requirements (Mandatory)

Your Zonal performance **must remain the same base concept**, but for the Finale you must *enhance and upgrade* it creatively and meaningfully.

- ✓ You **DO NOT** need to create a new performance.
- ✓ You **only** need to enhance or improve your existing one.

You can enhance your Finale performance in the following ways:

A. Creative Enhancement

- Add improved choreography / acting / expressions
- Add a stronger storyline or emotional arc
- Add better transitions or stage movement
- Include unique cultural elements (folk style, classical, fusion, mime, etc.)

B. STEM Enhancement

- Add clearer explanation of the STEM concept
- Add visuals, references, or examples within your performance
- Use props or models that represent STEM principles
- Ensure the STEM message is easy to understand for the audience

C. Technical Enhancement (Optional but encouraged)

- Use safe DIY props to demonstrate STEM concepts
- Add synchronized lighting cues (only if provided by organizers)
- Include projection-based backgrounds (if facilities available)
- Add scientific expressions, equations, facts, models, etc.

Note:

Enhancement does **not** mean increasing duration — it means improving **quality, clarity, and creativity**.

3. Group Size

You may perform in a group of:

3 to 12 students

4. Finale Performance Guidelines

 **Venue: IIT Delhi – Live Stage**

Performance Duration: Maximum 10 minutes

(Strict limit)

Your live Finale performance must include:

1. Original Zonal Concept

Same theme and message as your submitted video.

2. Enhanced Performance

A visible improvement in choreography, clarity, story, music, or STEM messaging.

3. Clear STEM Integration

The audience should understand *what STEM concept you are showing*.

4. Cultural Element

It must be shown through a cultural medium: dance, drama, music, storytelling, mime, skit, etc.

5. Stage Presence

Strong coordination, confidence, and energy on stage.

5. Props & Materials Allowed

Teams are allowed to bring:

- ✓ Handmade props
- ✓ Charts or banners
- ✓ Models to support STEM message
- ✓ Safe materials (cardboard, paper, plastic models, cloth props)
- ✓ Simple wearables or costumes
- ✓ Bluetooth speakers (if needed for backup)

6. Items NOT Allowed

- ✗ Fire, burning objects
- ✗ Water, liquid spills, powders
- ✗ Sharp tools
- ✗ Heavy machinery
- ✗ Electrical devices requiring plugging into power
- ✗ Hazardous chemicals

Organizers will allow only **safe**, student-made materials.

7. Backstage & Technical Rules

- Teams must report **1 hour before their slot**.
- Bring your performance audio in **pen drive + phone backup**.
- Maximum **30 seconds** allowed for stage setup.
- No live coding, screens, or laptops required on stage.
- All music must be free of inappropriate content.
- All costumes must be school-appropriate.

8. Judging Criteria (Finale – 100 Points)

| Category | Points |
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| Creativity & Cultural Expression | 25 |
| STEM Concept Clarity | 25 |
| Performance Quality (dance/drama/music) | 20 |
| Enhancements from Zonal Submission | 15 |
| Stage Presence & Team Coordination | 10 |
| Props / Visual Appeal | 5 |

9. Selection of Winners

Winners will be chosen based on:

- How effectively STEM and Culture are blended
- Creativity, clarity, and uniqueness
- Quality of enhancements
- Stage confidence and teamwork
- Audience engagement
- Overall technical and artistic excellence

Top teams will be awarded **trophies, medals, certificates & special recognition at IIT Delhi.**

10. Final Notes

STEMcult is not only a competition — it is a **celebration of creativity and innovation.**

We encourage every team to:

- Be confident
- Be expressive
- Be scientific
- Be artistic
- And most importantly... **have fun!**