

INDIEVERSE

Indie Games Showcase Presented in Partnership with Gamedev India

GamingCon Event Dates: 29-30 November 2025

Location: NESCO, Mumbai
Website: https://gamingcon.in/
Socials: gamingcon official

GamingCon 2025, India's leading gaming festival, is excited to announce the return of its signature indie games showcase Indieverse, presented in partnership with Gamedev India.

This is your chance to put your game directly into the hands of thousands of passionate players, get immediate feedback, build your community, and catch the eye of influencers and media. We are curating a select list of the most promising upcoming indie games from across the country to provide them with a free, dedicated space on the expo floor.

Perks of Being Selected

Successful applicants will receive the following completely free of charge:

- A Dedicated Booth: A prime table space (approx. 8'x6') to showcase your game to a
 massive audience.
- **Direct Player Feedback:** Access to a huge audience of casual and hardcore gamers to playtest and provide honest, constructive feedback.
- Creator & Media Access: Connect with content creators and influencers who will be actively exploring the showcase.
- Player's Choice Award: All selected games will be eligible for the GamingCon Indieverse Award.

- Booth Essentials: Your booth will be equipped with one table, two chairs, and two plug points.
- Branding: Game branding at your booth to make your game stand out.
- Expo Passes: Complimentary tickets for your team to access the entire GamingCon 2025 event.
- Online Promotion: Your game will be featured on GamingCon's social media channels.
- Vendor Support: Receive contact details of our partner electronics vendors if you need to rent additional devices.

Who Should Apply?

We are looking for:

- Independent, small-scale, or solo game developers based in India.
- Studios that have raised total funding of under USD 500,000.
- Developers looking for a platform to promote their games and build wishlists.
- Developers who may not have a publisher or prior experience showcasing at a large
 B2C event (though all are welcome to apply).

Qualifying games must have:

- A release date/window within 6 months of the event (before or after).
- Must be in a polished enough state to be shown publicly. Therefore, we would not recommend sending prototypes or "proof of concept" builds.
- A downloadable and playable public demo (e.g., on Steam or Itch.io).
- An official game trailer (link required).

Important Dates

Applications open: 4th September 2025

Applications close: 19th October 2025, 11:59 PM IST

Selection email outreach: 27th October 2025

Deadline for confirmation by devs with marketing collaterals: 3rd November 2025

Public announcement of selection: 10th November 2025

GamingCon 2025: 29th-30th November 2025

FAQ

What is the Indie Showcase at GamingCon?

Indie Showcase at GamingCon is an initiative in partnership with Gamedev India that brings together and promotes the best games from Indian independent game developers. The showcase provides an opportunity for indie developers to exhibit their games to thousands of GamingCon visitors. The Indie Showcase featured 12 games at GamingCon 2024, and is set to return to GamingCon 2025.

What is GamingCon

GamingCon is India's largest games festival, featuring leading brands, esports tournaments, cosplay competitions, creator meet-and-greets, conferences and more. The two-day festival features leading brands like PlayStation, Ubisoft, AMD, Logitech, Red Bull, HyperX, and more. The second edition of GamingCon will take place on 29-30 November 2025 in Mumbai.

What is Gamedev India?

Gamedev India is India's oldest and largest volunteer-run game developer community. Since 2009, it has worked towards enabling Indian game developers to promote their games, provide support, and build a strong community that helps each other and pushes the domain forward. Its activities include organizing events, meetups, game jams, workshops, talks, demo days, studio crawls and many more. Gamedev India's mission is to empower Indian game creators by promoting their work and building a sustainable ecosystem for the Indian games industry. If you would like to reach out, drop by the official Discord and say hello!

How do I apply?

Simply fill out the application form on the <u>GamingCon website</u> with all the necessary details. Our selection jury will then assess your application and reach out to you if your game has been shortlisted.

What happens if I'm selected?

Once you're selected, we will request additional information over email along with your confirmation of being available in person at the event.

Can I showcase my game at GamingCon even if I'm not selected for Indieverse?

We have a limited number of slots available for the Indie Showcase, so not all applicants can be selected. However, you do also have the option to participate at GamingCon as an exhibitor. You can reach out to the GamingCon team here to find out more.

Can I submit a game for any platform?

Yes! We are more than happy to feature games that are available or soon to be launched on mobile, PC and/or consoles. While we are also open to applications for VR/AR/XR games, selection will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on space availability.

Can I submit more than one game?

Yes! But please note that we will allow a maximum of two entries per studio/developer. If you are a publisher, you are free to submit as many entries as you would like, while still limiting to two games per studio/developer.

How will you evaluate the games for selection?

We have clearly defined eligibility criteria for studios and games to participate at the showcase. In addition to these criteria, we also have a panel of respected and experienced luminaries from the Industry who will go through each submission to select the most promising games that will benefit from exposure to this sizeable player pool close to their release dates.

How many games are you planning to shortlist for the showcase?

In an attempt to ensure that only the best games are selected for the Indie Showcase, we are currently opening up applications for 10 games/developers.

What is the cost of participation if my game is selected?

If selected, your space at the Indie Showcase will be free of cost, including branding and booth essentials listed above. However, this does not include other costs associated with your presence at GamingCon, such as travel and accommodation, equipment, transportation expense – these will have to be borne by you.

Do I need to bring my own hardware for the showcase?

Yes. All shortlisted developers will be responsible to arrange for the necessary hardware required to successfully execute their showcases. Other than the basic setup described in the booth perks above, we will not provide any other hardware or materials.

To assist with special hardware needs, we will provide you with our vendor's contact information to rent specific hardware devices for your booth. We will not be involved in this commercial transaction in any form.

What is done with my submitted data?

We are only collecting specific information about your studio, game and contact information to communicate the outcome of this application process. We collect and store this information as per our the <u>Gamedev India Privacy Policy</u>.

Will there be an awards show or ceremony of games participating in the showcase?

This year, we are introducing the GamingCon Indie Game Award. GamingCon visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite game at the Indie Showcase. The game with the most votes at the end of two days will be presented the GamingCon Indieverse Award.