



BOMBAY CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' SOCIETY

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AI Hackathon - Build-Automate-Innovate

Dear Members / Students,

The Technology Initiatives Committee, in association with the Students Committee under the Human Resource Development Committee of BCAS, is pleased to announce an exciting and technology-driven initiative titled **“AI Hackathon – Build-Automate-Innovate”**, where students will get an opportunity to learn, build and showcase practical AI-powered solutions for the accounting and auditing profession.

The initiative will commence with a hands-on workshop, **“AI & Technology Ki Pathshala”**, designed to help participants understand how AI and technology can be applied to real-world professional challenges. Participants will then be required to develop their own AI-powered or technology-enabled tool and present their solution before the Jury.

Participants will get an opportunity to develop solutions addressing practical requirements in areas such as Tax Audit, Statutory Audit, Peer Review Documentation, Financial Statements and GST Audit. The Hackathon aims to encourage students to identify genuine professional challenges and develop innovative, technology-driven solutions to address them.

The initiative will provide participants with hands-on experience in applying AI, automation and technology while developing their problem-solving, creativity and technological skills. It is intended to encourage students to move beyond simply using AI and build, automate and innovate solutions that can make professional work more efficient and effective.

Particulars	Details
Topic Name	AI Hackathon – Build-Automate-Innovate
Workshop	AI & Technology Ki Pathshala
Workshop Date	Friday, 4th September, 2026
Time	4.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Mode	Virtual Mode – Zoom Platform
Last Date for Project Submission	Tuesday, 8th September, 2026 Participants are required to submit their completed tool along with all mandatory submission components to bcasnxt@gmail.com
Competition / Demo day	Thursday, 10th September, 2026 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Jury	CA Rahul Bajaj & CA Vishesh Sangoi
Prize	Trophy + Cash Prize of Rs. 5000
Registration link	CLICK HERE

Objective

The AI Hackathon encourages CA Students to move beyond merely using Artificial Intelligence to building practical technology solutions for the profession.

Participants must identify a genuine problem, repetitive process, inefficiency or opportunity in professional work, and develop a working solution using AI, automation, programming, no-code/low-code platforms, or a combination of technologies.

This is not a coding competition. Evaluation will focus on the problem identified, usefulness, innovation, functionality and practical applicability of the solution.

What Participants Must Build

A working AI-powered or technology-enabled tool that solves a clearly identified practical problem.

Indicative examples:

- Audit automation / working-paper tools
- Document review or verification
- Reconciliation utilities
- Data analysis and exception / anomaly detection
- Checklist and compliance automation
- Financial statement review
- GST / Tax Audit utilities
- Peer Review documentation assistance
- AI-assisted drafting or review
- Workflow automation
- Productivity tools for CA firms

These are indicative only. Original ideas beyond this list are encouraged.

Rules & Guidelines

- Open to CA Students on an individual basis only. No team entries.
- Prior coding knowledge is not mandatory. Participants may use AI-assisted / vibe-coding tools, low-code or no-code platforms, Excel/VBA, Python, HTML/JavaScript, Apps Script or any other appropriate technology.
- Use of AI tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Codex, Copilot, Cursor and similar tools is permitted for ideation, coding, debugging and development. Participants must fully understand their solution and be able to explain and demonstrate it before the Jury.
- The submission must substantially represent the participant's own work. Open-source libraries, APIs and third-party components may be used with appropriate disclosure. Copying or rebranding an existing application/project is not permitted.
- A working prototype / MVP is mandatory. An idea, presentation, flowchart, concept note, screenshots or mock-up without a demonstrable working prototype will not qualify.
- Preference will be given to solutions that function locally/offline or with minimal external dependency, particularly where confidential professional data is involved. Where an online API, cloud AI model or external service is used, the participant must be able to explain: what data leaves the user's device; which third-party service receives it; whether confidential information is transmitted; whether a subscription/API key is required; and whether the tool can function without that service. Solutions handling sensitive professional information should demonstrate privacy-conscious design.

- Participants must use dummy, anonymised or publicly available data for demonstration. Confidential client data, passwords or credentials must not be used.
- Participants must not use copyrighted material, third-party logos, or brand the tool in their personal name or any other individual capacity.
- The submitted tool shall be the property of BCAS. Participants will be required to execute an undertaking confirming compliance with all terms and conditions of the competition and transferring rights in the tool to BCAS for mass distribution.
- Due credit will be given to the developer of the app if it is hosted on BCAS platform.

Permitted Submission Formats

.html | .exe | Excel / .xls | Python application | Web application | Mobile application | Desktop application | Google Apps Script / similar automation | Source-code repository / project folder | Other executable / demonstrable formats

Where installation or specific software is required, clear instructions must be provided.

The Organisers may decline to execute any file considered unsafe or containing malicious code.

Mandatory Submission Components

A. Working Tool / Prototype

Executable/application/source files, or access required, to demonstrate the solution.

B. Brief Concept Note — Maximum 2 pages

- Problem identified and who faces it
- Existing process / difficulty
- Proposed solution and key features
- Technology / AI tools used
- Expected benefits
- Limitations and future possibilities

C. Demonstration Video

A 3–5 minute video demonstrating the actual working of the solution.

D. Technology Declaration

Brief disclosure of:

- AI tools used
- APIs used
- Open-source libraries/components
- Third-party platforms
- Pre-existing code/resources incorporated

Evaluation

Each criteria will carry 10 marks, for a total of 70 marks

Evaluation Criteria	Marks
Practical Relevance	10
Innovation	10
Functionality	10
Effective use of AI / Technology	10
Ease of Use	10

Privacy / Reliability	10
Participant's Understanding of the Solution	10

Build something useful. It need not be complex.

Identify a real professional problem and use AI & technology to solve it better.



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