



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 competition titled “AI Hackathon – Build-Automate-Innovate”, where students will get an opportunity to turn their ideas into practical AI-powered solutions for the accounting and auditing profession

Participants will get an opportunity to develop their own AI-powered tools to address real-world 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 practical challenges in their professional work and develop innovative, technology-driven solutions to address them. It will provide students with hands-on experience in building and experimenting with AI tools, while helping them develop their problem-solving, creativity and technological skills. The initiative is intended to help students move beyond simply using AI and encourage them to build, innovate and explore new ways of making professional work more efficient and effective.

Topic Name	AI Hackathon – Build-Automate-Innovate
Day & Date	Saturday, October 24, 2026 Add event to Outlook Calendar
Time	4.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Venue	Virtual Mode – Zoom Platform
Last date of submissions	Wednesday, October 21, 2026
For Registration	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.

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

Practical Relevance | Innovation | Functionality | Effective Use of AI / Technology | Ease of Use | Privacy / Reliability | Participant's Understanding of the Solution

A simple tool solving an important professional problem effectively may score higher than a technically complex solution with limited practical utility.

Shortlisted participants will be required to present and demonstrate their solution live before the Jury and answer questions on its functionality and development.

The decision of the Jury / Organising Committee shall be final.

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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