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Overview

Tired of just reading about AI? It's time to start building.

AI for Bharat is a two-phase program designed to help developers in India turn AI theory into practice. Learn key tools and gain hands-on experience through curated workshops and challenges.

Join this nationwide movement bringing together the brightest developers to learn, innovate, and transform India's AI landscape.

👤 1-5 Team Members   ❓ Age 18+   🌐 India   💻 Online

🏆 INR 40 lakhs prize pool

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Learning Phase

- **Hands-on skill development workshop on cloud skills & Gen-AI.**
- **Certificate after lab completion & technical blog submission.**

Building Phase

- **National hackathon challenge for students & professionals.**
- **Cash prizes, recognition & AWS mentorship.**

Who can participate?

This program is exclusively for developers in India so whether you are a student, working professional, startup, or freelancer, get ready to elevate your skills and build for India.

Student

Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate program.

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Professionals

Working full-time or part-time in any sector.

Startups

Startups looking to build or enhance products using generative AI capabilities.

Freelancers

Independent developers seeking to showcase expertise and build a portfolio.

Benefits and Rewards

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Prize Pool of INR 40,00,000

A total prize pool of INR 40,00,000 for top teams across Student and Professional tracks.

Certificate

Earn your AI for Bharat Certificate by completing the workshop and publishing a technical blog on AWS Builder Center.

Expert Access

Hands-on workshops led by AWS experts.

National Recognition

An opportunity for top teams to present their solutions at the Grand Finale to industry leaders.

Networking

Connect with developers across India and collaborate to build AI solutions.

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What will your journey look like?

Step 01

Register for the Hackathon

Secure your spot.

Step 02

Attend live or Watch Workshops On-Demand

Join the exclusive workshops led by AWS experts.

Step 03

Build Project (Workshop Based)

Build projects based on the hands-on workshop content.

Step 04

Earn a Certificate

Earn your AI for Bharat Certificate by completing the workshop and publishing a technical blog on AWS Builder Center.

Step 05

Form Your Team for Hackathon

Assemble your final team (if you haven't already) for the competitive building phase.

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Choose a challenge track (Student or Professional) and select a problem statement.

Step 07

Build Your AI Prototype

Develop your innovative solution using Amazon services like Bedrock, Q, Kiro etc to solve the chosen problem.

Step 08

Submit Your Solution

Upload your working prototype, code repository, deck, and demo video.

Step 09

Wait for Shortlist Announcement

The jury reviews all entries to select the top teams for the Grand Finale.

Step 10

Join Us for Grand Finale

Pitch your solution to industry leaders for a chance to win the cash prize and national recognition.

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Phase 1: The Learning Phase

This phase builds your foundation in cloud and generative AI through guided workshops and hands-on sessions.

Workshops

Live & On-Demand

Deep-dive sessions on intelligent agent design, foundation model integration, and scalable AI architecture.

Hands-On Workshops

Real-Time Application

This is where you build. These sessions are intensive, live, hands-on workshops on AWS Workshop Studio. Participants can follow step-by-step guidance to build real-time applications within Workshop Studio

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Certificates

Official AI for Bharat Certificate

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How to Earn Your Official Certificate

Attend/Watch the Masterclass

Engage with the content, either by attending the live workshop or watching the recorded session.

Complete the Hands-on Lab

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Submit Your Workshop Completion Proof

Submit the project before the submission deadline.

Submit the Technical Blog

Publish a technical blog on **AWS Builder Center** and submit the blog link on the hackathon portal.

Note: Only valid, fully-functional, and timely submissions will receive the official 'AI for Bharat' Certificate of Completion.

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Kiro Heroes: Weekly Challenge

Explore Kiro through a weekly challenge where you build a feature or a prototype and document your process.

Build

Develop a feature/component utilizing Kiro's capabilities (e.g., an AI Agent action, a specific integration, or a novel use of its UI).

Document

Publish a technical blog on AWS Builder Center explaining how you used Kiro, outlining your design choices and implementation outcomes. Explain the technical decisions and outcomes.

Submit

Include clear screenshots or a short video within your blog post to visually prove your implementation. Submit the link to your published blog post on the hackathon portal.

Winners will be chosen based on both engagement and technical quality of their published blogs.

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Gold Winner
Gold Winner
Gold Winner

Keychron K10 Max
Wireless Custom
Mechanical Keyboard
+ Keychron M3
Wireless Mouse

2

Silver Winner
Silver Winner
Silver Winner
Silver Winner
Silver Winner

Gabit
Smart Ring

3

Bronze Winner
Bronze Winner
Bronze Winner

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The Transit Backpack

Week 1   📅 24 Nov 2025

Micro-tools

Build a "Single Purpose Website" that solves one tiny, annoying problem elegantly.(Examples: A freelancer invoice generator, a specific unit converter, a color palette picker).

Week 2   📅 1 Dec 2025

Lazy automation

"I hate doing X, so I built this." Write a script that automates a boring digital task (e.g., renaming 100 files, organizing desktop clutter, summarizing emails).

Week 3   📅 8 Dec 2025

The data weaver

Build a dashboard that mashes up two unrelated data sources to show something interesting. (Examples: Weather vs. Zomato Orders, or Stock Prices vs. Moon Phases).

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Retro revival

Recreate a classic game (Snake, Tetris, Minesweeper) or a retro UI (Win95 style) but add a modern AI twist to it.

Week 5 📅 22 Dec 2025

The local guide

Build a simple tool that "understands" your specific city or culture. It could be a slang translator, a street food recommender, or a local traffic estimator. Constraint: You must rely on a custom context file (product.md) to teach Kiro about the local nuances.

Week 6 📅 29 Dec 2025

The architect (Capstone)

Don't write code. Generate the perfect Product Requirement Doc (PRD) and Architecture Spec for your Main Hackathon Idea.

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With your skills validated, move into the national hackathon to solve real-world problems using AI.

Student Track

Focus on innovative, early-stage ideas, prototyping, and community impact.

Professional/Startup Track

Focus on enterprise use cases, scalable business solutions, market viability, and solutions addressing critical societal needs.

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Compete in the hackathon to win from a prize pool of

₹40,00,000

Hackathon Journey

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Registration & team formation

Sign up individually or as a team (max 4 members).

All participants must register on the platform and finalize their teams within the registration window.

Problem statement release

Release of the categorized problem sets.

Problem statements for both Student and Professional tracks will be announced simultaneously.

Selection & Building

Select your problem statement and begin prototyping.

Teams must select one problem statement based on their chosen track.

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📅 Submission deadline

Final submission of all required items.

Prototype, deck, code repository and video demonstration must be uploaded by the deadline.

📋 Evaluation

Internal expert panel review and scoring.

Submissions are rigorously evaluated against the criteria shared below.

📣 Finalists announcement

Top teams invited to the Grand Finale.

The best teams from each track will be announced and invited for the Grand Finale.

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What to submit?

Prototype

A functional, working code prototype using Amazon Bedrock and/or Amazon Q.

Code Repository

Link to your Github repository.

Video Pitch (Max 3 mins)

A concise, engaging video demonstrating the functionality of the prototype, explaining its features, and outlining its impact. Must be uploaded to a public video hosting service.

Submission Blog

Write a technical blog on AWS Builder Center.

Submission Presentation

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- Key Features and Differentiators
- AWS services utilised
- Market Opportunity and Viability (Crucial for Professional /Startup Track)
- Future Roadmap and Vision

Evaluation Criteria

Technical excellence `30%`

Effective and innovative use of AWS services. Code quality, scalability, robustness, and architecture design.

Innovation & creativity `30%`

Uniqueness of the idea, novelty of the approach, and cleverness in solving the chosen problem statement.

Impact & relevance `25%`

Potential for real-world impact in India. Clarity on how the solution addresses the problem and its potential for growth.

Completeness & presentation `15%`

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Hackathon Timeline

- **Registrations Begins**
  Nov 10, 2025

- **Learning Phase (Hands-on workshops) Begins**
  Nov 10, 2025

- **Learning Phase (Hands-on workshops) Ends**
  Jan 11, 2026

- **Problem Statement Reveal**
  Jan 13, 2026

- **Problem Statement Explainer Session**
  Jan 16, 2026

- **Idea Submission Phase Begins**
  Jan 13, 2026

- **Idea Submission Phase Ends**
  Jan 25, 2026

- **Initial Shortlist Announcement**

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Registrations Ends
Feb 1, 2026

Prototype Development Phase Begins
Feb 10, 2026

Prototype Development Phase Ends
Feb 22, 2026

Final Shortlist Announcement
Mar 10, 2026

How To Pitch Session
Mar 12, 2026

Virtual Pitching - Student Track
Mar 16, 2026

Virtual Pitching - Professional Track
Mar 17, 2026

*Please note that the timeline is tentative and may be subject to change.

Frequently Asked Questions

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Registration & Team Formation

01 Is there a registration fee to participate? +

02 Can I participate as an individual? +

03 What is the maximum size of a team? +

04 Can a team consist of a mix of students and professionals? +

05 Can I change my team members or track after registration? +

Learning Phase, Workshops & Certificates

06 What specific AWS services will be covered in the workshops? +

07 Will the workshops be available on-demand if I miss the live session? +

08 What are the requirements to earn the official certificate? +

09 Is the certificate mandatory to participate in the final hackathon? +

10 How long do I have to complete the project for +

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Hackathon & Submission

11 How do I choose a problem
    statement?   +

12 Can I build on existing
    personal or open-source
    code?   +

13 What are the most
    important elements of the
    final submission?   +

14 Will there be technical
    support available during
    the Building Phase?   +

Prize Money & Finales

15 What kind of prizes will
    be awarded?   +

16 Is the Grand Finale an
    in-person event or
    virtual?   +

17 How will the prize money   —
    be distributed to a
    winning team?

The prize money will typically be awarded
to the Team Leader, who will then be
responsible for the division and
distribution of the funds among the other
team members.

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