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PLAKSHA UNIVERSITY, MOHALI

About प्रयास

This year, Prayas turns its gaze towards a technology that is changing the way we understand it, which is Artificial Intelligence.
But from your understanding, what is more powerful, AI or the purpose behind AI ?

This is the thought that we had when building the idea of Prayas, is AI only as powerful as the purpose behind it.
Hence, came the theme for this year - AI for Good.

Prayas is about looking beyond what AI can do and asking what it should do. It's about using intelligence to solve problems that matter, creating systems that help rather than replace, and imagining possibilities where technology becomes a force for meaningful change.
Bid on technologies you may not yet understand. Trade, negotiate, and strategise your way into the tools you need. Decode stories where humans and machines blur the line between truth and deception. And build solutions where AI meets problems that have no easy answers.

From high-stakes auctions and ruthless negotiations to technological mysteries and challenges that demand you build from the unknown, every challenge puts your logic, strategy, technical instinct, and creativity to the test.
Because the future of AI isn't just about building smarter machines.
It's about building a better world with them.
Welcome to Prayas.
Where intelligence meets intention.



Events



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The Hackathon

Build. Break. Solve.

Organised as part of Prayas- Plaksha University's first inter-college tech fest, the [PLACEHOLDER] is a 24-hour innovation challenge where students come together to build AI-based solutions for real-world problems.
The theme, **AI for Good**, helps the undergrad students explore the same. Teams will be expected to understand the problem they are working on, develop a practical solution and build a working prototype within 24 hours.

The Format

The hackathon will take place in two rounds.

Round 1 - Online Screening

Teams will participate in an online screening round by submitting their problem idea and proposed technology-driven solution.
No prototype is required at this stage. Shortlisted teams will be invited to campus for the final 24-hour hackathon.
The format of submission is going to be basically : through a **PDF/video**

Round 2 - Offline Hackathon

The shortlisted teams will come together on campus on Sep 19 for a 24-hour build sprint, taking their ideas from concept to working prototype.
The four hackathon tracks will be revealed on the day of the hackathon, when shortlisted teams arrive on campus.
Teams will then work on a problem within one of the four tracks and build their solution during the 24-hour sprint.

The Hackathon

Tracks

There will be four tracks, each centred around a different problem space within technology and its applications.

Detailed track descriptions and problem statements will be released on the day of the event.

Mentorship

Each track will have a dedicated mentor guiding teams throughout the hackathon.
Mentorship Format : Mentor checkpoints will be conducted during the mid and at the end of the Hackathon.

Prizes

Total Prize Pool: ₹2,00,000 + prizes
Prize Breakdown:

- Winner: ₹35,000
- Runner-up: ₹15,000

Date: Sep 19, 2026
Duration: 24 Hours
Format: Online Screening + Offline Build-Sprints
Tracks: 4
Track Reveal: On the day of the offline hackathon
Mentor Checkpoints: Mid-hack and end-hack
Team Size: 3-4
Eligibility: BTech students in first to fourth years
Participation: Inter-college teams accepted

BID2BUILD

A strategy and innovation challenge

Money's tight, the task's a mystery, and the auction waits for no one.
Bid2Build is a fast-paced strategy competition that tests strategic thinking, negotiation skills and startup instincts. Participants will bid in teams for a limited pool of tech components including Raspberry Pis, Arduinos, sensors, cameras, IoT modules, etc., using a fixed virtual budget. Post-auction, participants will enter a trading phase, where they will buy, sells and swap resources with rival teams. Once trading is done, the teams will turn their final haul into a startup pitch for a real-world problems. Each pitch will be judged by a panel.

Prize Pool: 20k (10k + 6k+ 4k)

Teams of: 3-4

Event Rules:
Round 1: BID: Tech Auction

- Each team receives a fixed virtual budget for bidding in a live auction for limited quantities of technology components and resources, including microcontrollers, sensors and AI or cloud credits.
- Teams must strategically decide which resources are worth acquiring while staying within their allocated budget, while also considering what theme they have been provided with.

BID2BUILD

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Round 2: TRADE: Resource Exchange

- Teams will be allowed to negotiate with other participating teams for buying, selling or exchanging resources.
- All trades must be completed within the designated trading period. Once trading closes, no further exchange of resources will be permitted.

Round 3: INNOVATE: Startup Pitch

- Teams receive a real-world problem area such as Smart Cities, Healthcare, Sustainability, Education, Disaster Management, etc.
- Teams must develop a solution using only the resources they own.
- Physical prototyping is not required.
- Teams must explain their concept, technology, implementation, and potential impact.
- The final solution will be presented as a startup or product pitch to a panel of judges.

Date: Sep 19, 2026

Time: 3:00-5:00 PM

The Corrupted File

Indian tech history and investigation

Tech history has a bug, try finding it.

A test of deduction, The Corrupted File tests your investigative skills, technical knowledge and logical reasoning. In teams, you'll receive an envelope containing a distorted account of a real event from Indian technological history, interspersed with false claims, anachronisms and misleading details. Using the case files provided, you must identify what's false and reconstruct what actually happened. Once you've cracked the case, present your findings and your version of the truth to a panel of judges.

Prize Pool: ₹10,000 / ₹6,000 / ₹4,000 (1st / 2nd / 3rd)

Event Type: Team-based investigation & puzzle-solving event

Teams of: 3-4

Teams Rules:

- Teams receive an envelope containing a corrupted account of a real event from Indian technological history - a mix of true facts, false technical claims, anachronisms, and misleading information.
- Technical inconsistencies must be identified and explained; historical knowledge alone is not enough.

The Corrupted File

- Supporting material, including documents, diagrams, photographs, and other clues, is provided to help identify what's incorrect and reconstruct the real sequence of events.
- Teams present their reconstructed version of events to the judges, explaining which claims were false, why, and how the evidence led them there.

Date: Sep 19, 2026

Time: 5:30–7:30 PM





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