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IndiaAI Impact Hackathon 2026

MVJ College of Engineering organised a **Hackathon** titled **IndiaAI Impact Hackathon 2026** on **09-02-2026** at **8:30 am**, in the **Smt Rajalakshmi Seminar Hall**.

The event began with a formal inauguration by the Principal of MVJ College of Engineering, who highlighted the importance of innovation and AI-driven problem-solving for societal impact. This was followed by insightful sessions led by the Head of the Department, ISE, who addressed the relevance of emerging technologies in engineering education. The keynote address was delivered by Ms Urooj Akhtar Khan, Program Manager, VRIF, VTU, who shared valuable perspectives on AI initiatives, industry expectations, and opportunities for students in the field of Artificial Intelligence.

The event saw active audience engagement from students, who participated enthusiastically in discussions, demonstrations, and idea-sharing activities related to AI applications. Several interactive moments and student-driven presentations added vibrancy to the program.

Special highlights of the event included practical demonstrations of problem statements, collaborative brainstorming sessions, and an introduction to real-world challenges aligned with the India AI Impact Hackathon. The emphasis on innovation, teamwork, and solution‑driven thinking made the event highly efficient.

Objectives of the Event

The event was organised with the aim of introducing students to real-world AI-driven problem-solving and motivating them to participate in the India AI Impact Hackathon. The primary objectives of the event were:

- To create awareness about the India AI Impact Hackathon and its societal significance by showcasing how AI can address challenges in agriculture, healthcare, manufacturing, and public safety
- To provide students with expert insights through keynote sessions highlighting industry expectations and AI career opportunities
- To encourage student participation and engagement by explaining the prob-

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lem statements, demonstrating example applications, and motivating teams to ideate and develop impactful AI-based solutions

Event Overview

The event began at 8.30am with a welcome address by Principal of MVJ College of Engineering, followed by an engaging session by **Ms. Urooj Akhtar Khan, Program Manager, VRIF, VTU**. The presentation covered several vital themes of the India AI Impact Hackathon, offering students a clear understanding of how artificial intelligence can be applied to solve real-world challenges. The session provided deep insights into the seven major problem domains, ensuring students gained both conceptual clarity and practical motivation. providing deep insights into the subject matter. A total of 136 students participated from different department.

- Students showed keen interest and actively participated in discussions, asking questions, and sharing ideas related to real-world implementation of the problem statements. The interactive nature of the session helped students understand both the technical and societal impact of the proposed solutions.

Figure 1: Beginning of the India AI Impact Hackathon Orientation

Figure 2: Participants with the Guest of Honour during the event

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Day	Time	Session Details
Monday, February 9 2026	8.30 - 10 am	Welcome Address
	10 - 10.30 am	Registration
	10.30 - 1 pm	Solving AI problems
	2 - 8 pm	Finding Solutions for Problem statements

Table 1: Schedule of the Event

Figure 3: Interaction during the session

Outcomes and Impact

Participants worked on real-world problem statements, encouraging creativity, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary collaboration—core goals of the IndiaAI Impact initiative

- Promotion of Innovation-Driven Problem Solving:
- Exposure to Real-World Application Scenarios:

Conclusions

The AI Impact Hackathon successfully strengthened participants' hands-on AI skills and encouraged innovative, real-world problem-solving, fulfilling its core objectives.

The event also provided students with valuable exposure to practical AI applications, with top teams advancing to the State Level Hackathon—highlighting the overall success of the initiative.

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