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BANGALORE BANNERGHATTA ROAD CAMPUS

**IN COLLABORATION WITH MOZILLA FOUNDATION
PRESENTS**

Mozilla-CHRIST Human Scale
AI Buildathon 2026
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ABOUT

The Mozilla-CHRIST Human Scale AI Buildathon 2026 is a national student builder programme run by CHRIST University, in partnership with Mozilla Foundation. Over an eight-month arc from the open call to a 48-hour national Buildathon, undergraduate and postgraduate teams from across India shall design and build multilingual, offline-first AI prototypes for real communities, spanning education, health access, agriculture and climate, accessibility, civic and welfare access, worker rights, and community information systems.

Teams move through a three-stage funnel, application screening, regional virtual pitches, and the final buildathon an withestablished judge network, and CHRIST University's national outreach and operations infrastructure.

Every prototype is expected to be usable offline or in low connectivity, grounded in an Indian language, and built with responsible AI safeguards from the start.

MOZILLA FOUNDATION

The Mozilla Foundation is a global non-profit organization dedicated to building a better technological future for all. Mozilla is known for pioneering human-centered technology and open-source software, and advocates for digital rights, user privacy, and trustworthy AI ecosystems. Through grants, community initiatives, and worldwide advocacy, the foundation supports innovators and builders who prioritize public benefit over data extraction.

CHRIST UNIVERSITY

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) is a premier higher education institution in India, recognised for its academic rigor, holistic education, and commitment to social responsibility. Known for fostering innovation and community engagement, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) aims to serve as the operational engine for the Buildathon using its extensive institutional network to bring together diverse student builders across the country.

Together, the Mozilla Foundation and CHRIST University hope to bridge global vision with local implementation. This Buildathon unites top-tier institutional infrastructure with open-source expertise, enabling undergraduate and postgraduate teams from across educational disciplines and throughout the country.





PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Stage 1: Application Screening: The initial evaluation ensures that proposed projects align with the core ethos of Human Scale AI. Applications are thoroughly reviewed against a structured evaluation rubric:

Stage 2: Virtual Pitch (Regional Sessions): Shortlisted teams move to regional virtual pitch sessions conducted across six major geographical hubs: Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Warangal, Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, and Guwahati

Stage 3: The National Buildathon: The top-performing teams from across India earn their spot at the flagship, 2 day in-person national buildathon held at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore.

ELIGIBILITY & TEAM COMPOSITION

Undergraduate and Postgraduate students enrolled in any Indian university.

Team Size: 3 to 5 members per team.

Age Limit: 18 to 25 years old.

Teams must consist of a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 5 members. Teams must include at least one non-Computer Science member or domain expert. **(Interdisciplinary teams receive bonus scoring)**

AWARDS & CASH PRIZES

First Prize: Winning team representatives earn an all-expenses-supported opportunity to attend MozFest in Barcelona, connecting with global leaders in open source, digital rights, and trustworthy AI.

- **Second Prize:** ₹50,000 cash prize.
- **Third Prize:** ₹30,000 cash prize.

Special Recognition Awards:

Three promising teams will share an additional pool of ₹10,000 each

Incubation and Intellectual Property

Support: To ensure that impactful prototypes don't end when the buildathon wraps up, selected designs and prototypes will be onboarded for long-term growth. High-potential projects will receive dedicated incubator support via IIIT Kottayam.

Patenting and Further Development:

Selected teams will get technical mentoring, assistance with intellectual property/patenting processes, and engineering guidance to scale their solutions for actual community deployment.

REGIONAL EVENTS

- **Bangalore**
- **Chennai**
- **Hyderabad**
- **Mumbai**
- **New Delhi**
- **Cochin**

TIMELINE

- **July:** Inauguration
- **August:** Registrations Open
- **September:** Regional Pitching Events
- **October:** Selection Phase
- **November-December:** Prototype Development
- **January:** Buildathon

REGISTRATION & FEE STRUCTURE

To participate in the nationwide funnel, student teams must complete registration according to the following structure:

Base Registration Fee:

₹2,000 per team.

Per-Member Fee:

₹1,000 per team member.

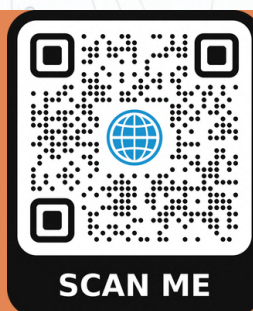
Registration Cost Breakdown

Example:

- **3 Member Team:** ₹2,000 (Base) + ₹3,000 (Members) = ₹5,000 total
- **4 Member Team:** ₹2,000 (Base) + ₹4,000 (Members) = ₹6,000 total
- **5 Member Team:** ₹2,000 (Base) + ₹5,000 (Members) = ₹7,000 total

HOW TO REGISTER

Registrations will be open in August.



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