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SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (SCOPE)

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INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA CONCLAVE

AI STUDENT STARTUP IDEA PITCH COMPETITION

SYNTAX TO STARTUP

Turning Code into Capital

Transform Your AI Idea into an Impactful Venture



23-10-2026

SJT 307

ABOUT THE EVENT

Syntax to Startup provides a premier platform for students to transition innovative research, algorithms and AI concepts into commercially viable solutions. UG, PG and PhD scholars are invited to present their theoretical frameworks, machine learning models, and early-stage prototypes to a distinguished panel of industry pioneers, venture capitalists and academics.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Academic Validation

Present and defend your innovation before academic and industry experts.

Commercial Acceleration

Gain access to incubation opportunities, mentorship and potential seed funding.

Industry Visibility

Showcase your intellectual property to corporate partners actively seeking next-generation AI talent.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submission Link:

<https://forms.gle/YphhoLdtotgEEgHa9>

Prospective teams must submit a proposal document (template given on the above google form link) covering the following structured sections:

- **Executive Summary:** A concise overview of the AI solution and its overarching value proposition.
- **Problem Statement:** A clear, academically grounded definition of the real-world problem being addressed.
- **Technical Architecture:** An explanation of the underlying AI methodologies, algorithms, data structures, or datasets utilized.
- **Market Viability & Commercialisation:** An analysis of the target market, scalability, and how the concept intends to transition from "code to capital."

TANGIBLE OUTCOMES

- MVP Validation
- Incubation & Acceleration
- Industry-Academia IP Formations
- VC Matchmaking
- Co-authorship & Publication Pathways

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Intellectual Innovation — 15%
- Methodological & Engineering Rigour — 15%
- Commercial Scalability & GTM — 15%
- Prototype Showcase & Defence — 40%
- Technology Readiness Level (TRL) — 15%

RESOURCE PERSONS

Mr. Padmanabhan Venkataramani,
General Manager, M/s. Atos.ai,
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Cofounder, SamaSama Intelligence,
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KEY AI DOMAINS

- Healthcare
- Finance
- Sustainability
- Education
- Enterprise Infrastructure

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- ✓ Currently enrolled Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral students
- ✓ Teams of 1 to 3 members
- ✓ Cross-disciplinary teams are highly encouraged
- ✓ Projects may range from conceptually sound frameworks to early-stage working prototypes.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission Portal Opens	19 September 2026
Proposal Submission Deadline	09 October 2026
Finalist Notification	19 October 2026
Grand Finale Pitch	23 October 2026

First Prize Rs. 3000/-

Second Prize Rs. 2000/-

Third Prize Rs. 1000/-

REGISTRATION FEE
₹350/-
(including GST)

SCAN TO REGISTER

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/5PHjFQsCpE51ji367>

