

Final Report on UCO Bank–IEST Hackathon 2025

The **UCO Bank–IEST Hackathon 2025** was successfully organized in collaboration with **UCO Bank** and the **Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur**, with the objective of fostering innovation, creativity, and industry–academia collaboration in the areas of **FinTech** and **Cybersecurity**.



Event Overview

- **Registration & Idea Submission:** 17th April – 1st May 2025
- **Shortlisting of Teams:** By 10th May 2025
- **Prototype Development Period:** Until 18th July 2025
- **Final Presentation & Evaluation:** 5th September 2025 (Friday) at the Alumni Seminar Hall, IEST Shibpur
- **Prize Distribution Ceremony:** 17th September 2025 at **ITC Royal Bengal, Kolkata**

A total of **19 teams** from various departments of IEST Shibpur registered for the hackathon. Out of these, **10 shortlisted teams** competed in the **Grand Finale** on 5th September 2025.

Final Results

The competition was rigorous, with teams showcasing highly innovative and technically robust solutions. The winners are as follows:

- **First Prize (₹4,00,000):** Team *Data Seekers*
- **Second Prize (₹2,50,000):** Team *CAZZIT*
- **Third Prize (₹1,50,000):** Team *BUFFER*

- **All Finalist** has received an amount of **₹7,500** as token of appreciation.

The prize money was fully sponsored by **UCO Bank**, as part of its commitment to nurturing young innovators and supporting technological advancements in the banking sector.



Prize Distribution Ceremony

The **Prize Distribution Ceremony** was held on **17th September 2025** at the **ITC Royal Bengal, Kolkata**. The event was graced by:

- **Director, IEST Shibpur**
- **MD & CEO, UCO Bank**
- **DFS Nominee Director**
- **Senior Advisor, Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**

The dignitaries lauded the efforts of the students, faculty coordinators, and UCO Bank officials for making the event a grand success. They emphasized the importance of such hackathons in bridging the gap between academia and industry, and in powering future innovations in the banking and financial services sector.



Significance & Future Opportunities

- The hackathon provided a unique platform for students to apply their technical knowledge to solve **real-world banking challenges**.
- It strengthened the **industry–academia collaboration** between UCO Bank and IEST Shibpur.
- The winning teams, along with other finalists, have been given the opportunity to participate in the **Global FinTech Festival (GFF) – 2025**, to be held on **7th October 2025**, where they will represent UCO Bank under the theme: *“Investment Pitches, Powering the Future of Banking Innovation – PSB Hackathon Series 2025.”*

UCO Bank will sponsor the **air travel and accommodation expenses** of the participating students at GFF-2025. Certificates of Appreciation will also be issued by the **Indian Banks’ Association (IBA)** to all teams as a token of encouragement.



Acknowledgements

The organizers extend heartfelt thanks to:

- **UCO Bank Management** for sponsoring the event and supporting young innovators.
- **Evaluation Committee Members** from UCO Bank and external experts for their fair and insightful judgment.
- **Faculty and Student Coordinators** of IEST Shibpur for ensuring smooth execution of all stages.
- **Indian Banks' Association** for guiding the next stage of the teams' participation at GFF-2025.

Conclusion:

The **UCO Bank–IEST Hackathon 2025** has set a benchmark for collaborative innovation in the financial technology domain. It not only celebrated the spirit of competition and creativity but also opened pathways for students to contribute meaningfully to the future of banking innovation.