



# CANARA SUR&T HACKATHON

## *Canara Bank Conducts Cyber Suraksha Hackathon to Foster Innovation in Cybersecurity*

**Bengaluru, 31/07/2025** – Canara Bank hosted the grand finale of its Cyber Suraksha Hackathon at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. The initiative, focused on cybersecurity innovation, brought together some of the brightest student minds from across the country to develop solutions for real-world cyber challenges in the banking sector.

The prestigious event was graced by **Chief Guest Shri A.K. Goel, Chief Executive of IBA, Shri K. Satyanarayana Raju, Managing Director & CEO, Canara bank, Shri Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia, Executive Director, Canara bank, Shri Bhavendra Kumar, Executive Director, Canara bank, Smt J Sailaja Rani, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Capt. Shri Sridhar Warriar, Registrar, IISc and other dignitaries. Sri A Ramesh Babu, Chief Information Security Officer, Canara Bank**, welcomed all delegates and highlighted the importance of such initiatives.

Speaking at the event, **Sri K. Satyanarayana Raju, MD & CEO of**

**Canara Bank**, added, “Canara Bank is proud to be part of this initiative fostering innovation and cybersecurity. This aligns with our commitment to Digital India and building a secure financial ecosystem.”

**Executive Director Shri Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia** commented, “Events like this bridge the gap between talent and technology in the banking sector.”

**Executive Director Shri Bhavendra Kumar** stated, “This Hackathon highlights how collaboration and innovation can drive impactful digital solutions.”

The hackathon attracted participation from talented students from across the country. Over the course of the event, participants tackled problem statements related to data protection, anomaly detection, and critical cybersecurity use cases relevant to banking. The challenges were carefully curated to push boundaries of technical skills, creativity, and ethical problem-solving.

The hackathon ran from May 26 to June 15, 2025 for idea submissions, followed by prototype development starting from June 18 to July 20, 2025 via HackerEarth platform. The event saw 4723 registrations from institutes such as IITs, NITs, IISc, and colleges across India with 756 project prototypes out of which 105 project prototypes were shortlisted for next round. Finally, around 10 teams were shortlisted for the final presentation.

A total prize amount of Rs. 12.25

lakhs was awarded to all the finalists. Showcasing innovation and problem-solving skills, Team Finvat from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow emerged as the winner, securing the 1st Prize of Rs.5 lakhs.

Canara Bank reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing talent and building a secure digital future through continuous collaboration with academia, industry experts, and visionary leadership.

Finally, the event was concluded with vote of thanks by **Sri K Murali Mohan, DGM, Canara Bank.**



**LIGHTING OF LAMP**





**Sri A Ramesh Babu, GM  
& CISO welcoming Sri A  
K Goel, Chief Executive,  
IBA**



**Sri K Murali Mohan,  
DGM welcoming Sri K  
Satyanarayana Raju, MD  
& CEO**



**Welcome Address by Sri A Ramesh Babu, General  
Manager & CISO, Cyber Security Wing**



**Keynote Address by Sri K Satyanarayana Raju, MD & CEO**



**Address by Chief Executive, IBA**





Address by Sri Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia, Executive Director



Address by Sri Bhavendra Kumar, Executive Director

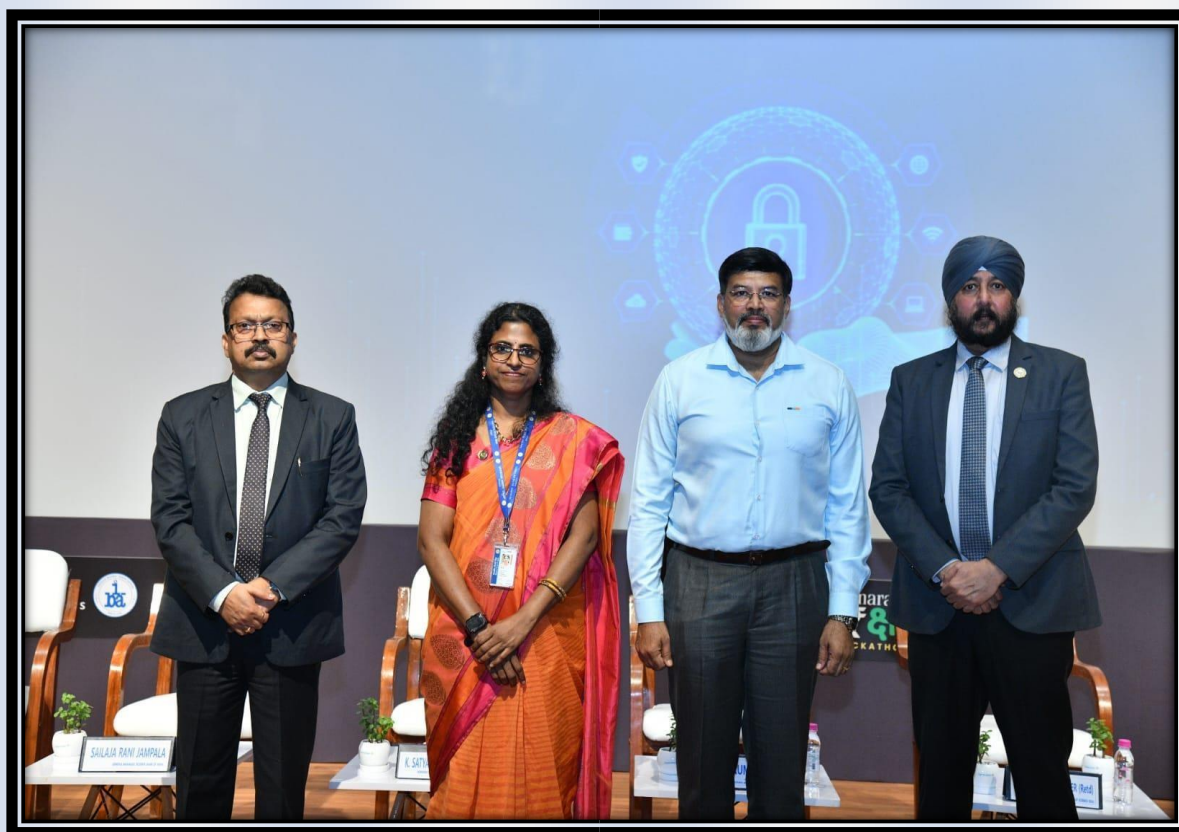


**Address by Smt J Sailaja Rani, General Manager, RBI**



**Address by Capt. Sridhar Warriar (Retd.), Registrar, IISc**

## Glimpses of Event









**Vote of Thanks by Sri K Murali Mohan, DGM, Cyber Security Wing**



**Leadership Ensuring Cyber Suraksha in Canara Bank**