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15,000+ Trained

500+ MNC Engagements

6 Countries

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1. Executive Summary

CA Dhaval Kodilkar is a Fellow Chartered Accountant, globally recognised AI strategist, and the Founder of **Accounting Ally** — a technology-forward business advisory and KPO firm with operations spanning India (Mumbai, Bangalore, Chandigarh) and the United Kingdom. With over a decade of cross-border experience in Financial Reporting, Audit, International Taxation, and Finance Outsourcing, Dhaval has transitioned into one of the most influential voices at the intersection of **Artificial Intelligence and the Finance profession**.

He is a **Perplexity AI Business Fellow**, holds **Generative AI certifications from NVIDIA and Microsoft**, and has trained over **15,000 Chartered Accountants, CPAs and various Professionals across India, Singapore, East Africa, and the Middle East** through various AI Training Programs including ICAI's flagship AI certification programme. His corporate AI training portfolio includes engagements with some of the world's largest enterprises — Larsen & Toubro, Bajaj Finance, Indian Oil, Eicher Group, HCG Group, NPCI and Cricut Group, among others.

"The future of finance is not about choosing between humans and AI — it is about building systems where both works together, with the CA as the architect of trust." — CA Dhaval Kodilkar

2. The Professional Foundation: A Decade of Global Finance Leadership

Dhaval's professional journey began within a leading Chartered Accountant firm and an international Knowledge Process Outsourcing (KPO) organisation, where he built deep expertise across Financial Reporting, Audit Automation, International Taxation, and Finance & Accounts Outsourcing. Over more than a decade, he has collaborated with international networks of Chartered Accountants and led multidisciplinary teams of **350+ professionals** across complex, cross-border engagements.

Core Competencies & Engagement Portfolio

His client portfolio spans listed and multinational corporations in India, the UK, and the US, encompassing mandates in Statutory & Internal Audits, SOX Readiness, IFRS & Ind AS Convergence, Transfer Pricing, and ERP-embedded Controls Implementation. He has directed assignments in M&A Due Diligence, Governance Risk Compliance (GRC) architecture, and Data Protection Frameworks integrating GDPR, HIPAA, ISO 27001, and SOC 2 compliance within enterprise risk systems.

3. AI Leadership: Transforming the Finance Profession

While Dhaval’s professional roots lie in traditional chartered accountancy, his defining contribution to the profession has been in **pioneering the adoption of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Robotic Process Automation (RPA) across the Finance, Audit, Operations, HR, Admin and IT ecosystem**. Today, he is recognised as one of India’s foremost practitioners bridging the gap between AI innovation and finance-domain expertise.

3.1 Contributor to ICAI’s AICA Certification Programme

Dhaval has been instrumental in the development of the **Certificate Course on Artificial Intelligence for Chartered Accountants (AICA) — Level 1 and Level 2**, conducted under the aegis of the **Committee on AI in ICAI**. This is the Institute’s flagship AI upskilling programme — a structured, hands-on certification covering AI fundamentals, natural language processing, machine learning, generative AI in audit and taxation, Python essentials, workflow automation, computer vision, and capstone project development.

The AICA programme has since been rolled out across 700+ batches at ICAI branches pan-India and internationally training over 40000 Chartered Accountants.

3.2 Training 10,000+ Chartered Accountants — India and Beyond

Through his role as a senior faculty member and course contributor for the AICA programme, Dhaval has personally trained more than **10,000 Chartered Accountants** across India, Singapore, East Africa, and the Middle East. His sessions are known for their practitioner-first approach — anchoring every AI concept in real-world finance, audit, and tax use cases that professionals can adopt immediately in their practices.

Geography	Programme	Scale
Pan-India (50+ cities)	AICA Level 1 & Level 2	10,000+ CAs
Singapore & Malaysia	AICA / Corporate Training	Multiple batches
East Africa (Kenya)	AI for Finance Professionals	HCG Kenya & Regional CAs
Middle East	AICA / AI Masterclass	Multiple batches

3.3 Corporate AI Training at Global MNCs

Beyond the CA profession, Dhaval has designed and delivered bespoke AI transformation training programmes for some of the **largest multinational corporations globally**. These engagements are tailored to each organisation’s operational context — mapping AI use cases directly to their finance, audit, compliance, and governance workflows.

Organisation	Industry / Sector	Training Focus
Larsen & Toubro (L&T)	Engineering & Infrastructure	AI in Finance, HR & ERP Automation
Bajaj Finance	Financial Services / NBFC	AI for Credit Approval & Sales / Customer Success
Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL)	Energy / Public Sector	AI for Reconciliation, Leakage Detection & SAP Integration, Logistic Management
Eicher Group	Automotive / Manufacturing	AI-Driven Internal Audit & Process Mining, Regional Offices Real Time Data Analytics
HCG, Kenya	Healthcare / Africa	AI in Healthcare Process Automation
Clutterbot, New Zealand	Robotics & Mechatronics	AI for Robotics and Development of Clutterbot

Galderma AG, Switzerland	Pharmaceuticals	AI for Pharma process automation and system integration
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Each engagement follows Dhaval’s signature methodology: begin with a **process review** to identify the “cost of inefficiency” (penalties, reconciliation delays, reporting bottlenecks), and then design AI-powered solutions that deliver measurable ROI within the first quarter of implementation.

3.4 Presence at Marquee Global AI Events

NVIDIA AI Summit, Mumbai (October 2024)

Dhaval participated in the **NVIDIA AI Summit India 2024** held at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai — NVIDIA’s flagship AI conference and one of the most prestigious technology summits globally. The event brought together industry leaders, researchers, startups, and enterprise CXOs to explore generative AI, accelerated computing, and industrial digitalisation.

His engagement at the NVIDIA Summit reinforced his understanding of enterprise-grade AI infrastructure and its intersection with finance-domain applications — insights he has since embedded into his corporate training curricula for organisations like L&T and IOCL, where NVIDIA-powered GPU computing and AI workflows are directly relevant.

SWITCH 2025, Singapore (October 2025)

Dhaval was an active contributor at **SWITCH 2025 (Singapore Week of Innovation and Technology)** — Asia’s premier innovation festival organised by Enterprise Singapore and the National Research Foundation. Held at the Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre, SWITCH 2025 celebrated its landmark 10th edition alongside Singapore’s 60th birthday, convening over 20,000 attendees from 100+ global markets.

His participation at SWITCH deepened his global ecosystem connections and provided firsthand exposure to deep-tech innovations in AI, quantum computing, and sustainable technologies — perspectives that he brings directly into his advisory work for cross-border clients across India, the UK, and the broader Asia-Pacific region.

ICAI AI Innovation Summit (AIS 2025) | Pune - July 2025 | Mumbai – Nov, 2025

Dhaval was a contributor and speaker at the **ICAI AI Innovation Summit 2025 (AIS 2025)**, organised by the Committee on AI in ICAI and hosted at Pune & Mumbai in 2025. AIS 2025 was a landmark two-day event positioned as ICAI’s flagship conference exploring how AI is transforming Accounting, Audit, Taxation, and Governance.

As a course architect and senior faculty of the AICA programme, Dhaval’s presence at AIS 2025 was both strategic and substantive — contributing to sessions on AI adoption pathways for mid-tier firms, the launch of AICA Level 2, and the profession’s roadmap for an AI-first future. The Summit also served as the venue for unveiling new AI tools and frameworks developed under the AI in ICAI initiative.

3.5 Perplexity AI Business Fellowship

Dhaval is a **Perplexity AI Business Fellow** — a distinction awarded through a competitive, invite-only global programme launched by Perplexity AI in 2025. The fellowship is designed for senior professionals with 15+

years of experience in business, strategy, or go-to-market roles, and features masterclasses led by some of the world’s foremost technology leaders, including **NVIDIA CEO Jensen Huang, Box CEO Aaron Levie, Aravind Srinivas, CEO Perplexity, and Databricks CEO Ali Ghodsi.**

As a Business Fellow, Dhaval engages in hands-on workshops exploring real-world AI adoption across industries, with a focus on translating AI capabilities into measurable business outcomes. The fellowship includes an exclusive access to a community of global AI leaders and wherein he provides direct mentorship on building AI-powered workflows. His participation in this programme equips him with cutting-edge insights from Silicon Valley’s AI ecosystem, which he channels directly into his training and advisory work for finance professionals and corporate clients.

The Perplexity Business Fellowship is not merely an academic credential — it represents membership in a global network of practitioners who are defining how AI transforms business strategy, research, and decision-making at the enterprise level.

3.6 AI Certifications

Certification	Issuing Authority	Domain
Generative AI Certification	NVIDIA	Enterprise Gen AI, LLMs & GPU Computing
Generative AI Certification	Microsoft	Copilot, Azure AI & Productivity Automation
Perplexity Business Fellow	Perplexity AI	AI for Business Strategy & Enterprise Workflows
AICA Faculty & Course Developer	ICAI (Committee on AI)	AI for Chartered Accountancy

3.7 Innovative AI Solutions: Industry Impact at Scale

Dhaval’s contribution extends far beyond training and education. He has designed and deployed **production-grade AI solutions** that have helped organisations across industries automate mission-critical processes, reduce operational costs, and strengthen governance frameworks. His solutions sit at the intersection of Generative AI, enterprise ERP systems, and domain-specific finance and audit workflows.

Customer Success Process Automation

Designed AI-powered customer lifecycle management systems that integrate with CRM platforms to automate onboarding, query resolution, sentiment analysis, and proactive risk flagging. These solutions have reduced customer churn and improved Net Promoter Scores for clients in the technology and consumer products sectors.

Finance & Accounts Process Transformation

Built end-to-end Gen AI workflows for accounts payable and receivable automation, bank reconciliation, inter-company elimination, and real-time financial reporting dashboards. These implementations have reduced month-end close cycles by up to 40% and virtually eliminated manual reconciliation errors for mid-market and enterprise clients.

Internal Audit Process Reimagination

Developed AI-driven audit analytics platforms that perform automated data extraction, anomaly detection, trend analysis, and exception reporting across 5 million+ daily transaction datasets. These tools empower internal audit teams to shift from sample-based testing to full-population analysis, dramatically improving audit coverage and risk detection accuracy.

SAP / Oracle Database Integration with Gen AI

Architected seamless integration layers between enterprise ERP systems (SAP, Oracle) and Generative AI tools, enabling natural-language querying of financial databases, automated variance analysis, intelligent report generation, and predictive analytics. These integrations allow CFOs and controllers to interrogate their financial data in plain English, reducing reliance on IT teams and accelerating strategic decision-making.

At IOCL, Dhaval's AI solutions directly addressed recurring reconciliation delays and operational leakage points, translating into quantifiable cost savings and improved regulatory compliance posture.

3.8 Thought Leadership & Public Speaking

Dhaval is a sought-after keynote speaker and panelist at business conclaves, technology conferences, and professional development events. His sessions are characterised by a rare combination of deep technical fluency in AI and an authentic practitioner's understanding of the finance and audit profession's real-world challenges.

- **Keynote Speaker** at the “AI in ICAI” events — ICAI's dedicated platform for AI adoption in the profession
- **Speaker at Business Conclaves** — addressing CXOs, CFOs, and Board members on AI-driven governance and profitability strategies
- **Contributor to ICAI Publications** — Author of the landmark article in the ICAI Journal (May 2024) on AI's impact on the CA profession
- **Corporate Workshop Facilitator** — at L&T, Bajaj Finance, IOCL, Eicher Group, HCG Kenya, Cricut Singapore, and other leading enterprises
- **International Presence** — NVIDIA AI Summit (Mumbai), SWITCH 2025 (Singapore), and ICAI AI Innovation Summit (Pune & Mumbai)

4. Blueprint: Dhaval's Approach to AI in Finance

Across his training programmes, corporate engagements, and advisory mandates, a coherent set of principles defines Dhaval's approach to implementing AI within finance organisations. These principles have been tested, refined, and validated across engagements with enterprises ranging from Indian PSUs to global MNCs.

4.1 Five Guiding Principles

#	Principle	What It Means in Practice
1	Problem-First, Not Tool-First	Begin with clear pain points — compliance penalties, reconciliation delays, slow reporting cycles — and then map AI use cases to those specific issues. Never start with a technology and go looking for a problem.
2	SOPs & Systems as Foundation	Ensure processes are documented and systems are well-designed before layering AI on top. Automation built on broken processes only scales the dysfunction.
3	Practical Over Theoretical	Focus on tools and workflows that users can adopt within the first week — not on abstract AI theory. Every training session concludes with at least three implementable use cases.
4	Human + AI Collaboration	Frame AI as a co-pilot that augments professional judgment rather than replacing professionals. Human remains the architect of trust; AI handles the heavy lifting on data and pattern recognition.
5	Continuous Learning	Stay plugged into global innovation ecosystems (NVIDIA Summit, SWITCH, Perplexity Fellowship) and regularly update training content and implementation playbooks to reflect the latest developments.

These principles make Dhaval’s AI initiatives **credible to CXOs, controllers, and audit heads** who are wary of hype but open to tangible improvements. His ability to translate technical capability into boardroom language is what sets his engagements apart.

5. What Finance Leaders Can Learn: From Buzzword to Business Case

A consistent pattern in Dhaval’s work is the **translation of AI from an abstract buzzword into specific, quantified business cases** — for example, linking AI opportunities directly to recurring SEBI penalties at a listed financial services client, or mapping AI-driven reconciliation to operational leakage reduction at IOCL. This framing helps boards and CFOs see AI as a **governance and profitability lever** rather than a discretionary experiment.

5.1 The “Cost of Inefficiency” Framework

Finance leaders looking to replicate Dhaval’s approach can start by mapping their own “cost of inefficiency” — the cumulative impact of fines, delays, write-offs, manual rework, and reporting bottlenecks — and then exploring where AI tools can reduce those costs in measurable ways. This exercise alone, even before deploying any tool, often reveals six- and seven-figure savings opportunities hiding in plain sight.

Inefficiency Category	Typical Pain Point	AI Solution Pathway
Regulatory Penalties	Recurring SEBI / GST / ROC fines	AI-driven compliance calendars & auto-filing alerts
Reconciliation Delays	Weeks-long bank & inter-company matching	ML-based auto-matching with exception flagging
Reporting Bottlenecks	20+ day month-end close	Gen AI dashboards with real-time consolidation
Manual Rework	Data entry errors, duplicate invoices	RPA + computer vision for invoice processing
Audit Coverage Gaps	Sample-based testing missing anomalies	Full-population analytics with anomaly scoring

6. Why Attend a Session by CA Dhaval Kodilkar?

If you are a CXO, Chartered Accountant, CPA, Department Head, AGM / GMs or any Professional working in Industry in any domain who is looking to move beyond the AI hype and into real, measurable outcomes for your practice or organisation, a session with Dhaval offers something rare: the combination of deep Business domain expertise with hands-on AI fluency, validated across 15,000+ professionals and some of the world's largest enterprises.

#	What You Take Away	How It Changes Your Work
1	Implementable AI use cases	Walk out with 5–10 use cases you can deploy in your practice or organisation within the first week
2	Cost-of-Inefficiency mapping	Build a business case your board or partners will approve — not theoretical, but anchored in your own numbers
3	Hands-on Gen AI proficiency	Gain practical fluency with tools like Claude, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Copilot, and Python-based automation frameworks
4	Global best practices	Benefit from insights drawn from NVIDIA Summit, SWITCH Singapore, and the Perplexity Fellowship network
5	A practitioner, not a theorist	Learn from someone who has built and deployed AI solutions at L&T, IOCL, Bajaj Finance, and 500+ other organisations

“Dhaval doesn’t just talk about AI — he brings the tools, the use cases, and the business case. You leave his sessions knowing exactly what to do on Monday morning.”