

VIHANG CHHEDA

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Researcher and builder with interests spanning technology, economics, and public policy. Built a student analytics tool that reached 57,000 users through pure word-of-mouth. Published author on practical technology applications. Combines rigorous research capability with hands-on experience building and deploying solutions.

RESEARCH & WRITING

MACRO & micro

2026 - Present

Personal Newsletter | vihangchheda.substack.com

- Authored "The Trade Deal That Isn't About Trade": original analysis arguing the EU-India FTA is strategic insurance against multilateral system collapse, not a traditional trade negotiation
- Synthesized WTO dysfunction, Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism implications, and geopolitical hedging into an accessible 3,000-word narrative
- Identified the "why" behind India crossing its red lines when mainstream coverage focused only on the "what"

The AI Starter Kit: A Practical Guide for Everyday Use

September 2023

Published Author (Amazon Kindle)

- Published practical AI guidebook early in the ChatGPT wave: recognized the paradigm shift and acted while most were still evaluating
- Presented work to **Union Minister Piyush Goyal** (Commerce & Industry); recognized by **Maharashtra Business Training Board (MBTB)**
- Demonstrated ability to translate technical concepts (prompting techniques, AI tool workflows) for general audiences

EXPERIENCE

NM Attendance

2023 - Present

Creator & Maintainer | [NMAttendance](#)

- **Identified a universal student pain point** (attendance tracking) and taught myself to build a solution despite zero coding background: used GPT-3.5 before "AI-assisted development" was a concept
- **Achieved instant product-market fit**: went viral on college WhatsApp groups within hours of sharing with friends; captured 100% of my batch as users
- **Scaled to 57,000+ users through organic word-of-mouth alone**: no marketing, no paid acquisition; users spread it batch-to-batch, college-to-college
- Maintaining and iterating based on user feedback; actively used during academic terms

Raj Software Technology India Ltd

2025

Automation Consultant

- Transformed messy operational problem (meeting scheduling, attendance tracking, certificate distribution) into end-to-end automated system
- Built natural language chatbot interface enabling non-technical staff to query and control the system conversationally
- Eliminated approximately 8 hours of manual coordination work weekly; system remains in active daily use

Deepak Maru and Co

2022 - 2024

CA Articleship

- Completed articleship training across audit, taxation, and compliance engagements
- Applied analytical skills developed through CA curriculum to client deliverables

KNAV India

2021 - 2022

CA Articleship, US Tax Department

- **Led automation initiative (pre-ChatGPT)**: identified repetitive manual workflows and built solutions to reduce coordination overhead
- **Early AI evangelist**: championed ChatGPT integration when it launched; advocated for practical applications while colleagues remained skeptical
- Prepared tax documentation for multinational clients with complex structures (100+ subsidiaries)

Raj Foundation

2020 - 2021

Volunteer, Education Initiative

- Led effort to maintain educational continuity during COVID-19 lockdowns through digital adoption
- Coordinated transition to remote learning technologies for community education programs

PROJECT

Final Progress

2025

Personal Productivity Tool

- Designed gamified study-tracking system for personal use with weekly stakes-based competition; used actively for 25+ weeks during CA Final preparation
- Built cross-platform data synchronization (Excel VBA to Google Sheets to live web dashboard)
- Analyzed personal productivity data to identify optimal work patterns: applied quantitative thinking to self-improvement

EDUCATION

Chartered Accountancy (ICAI)

CA Final: May 2026 (Pending) | CA Intermediate: 2022 | CA Foundation: 2021, 308/400

Narsee Monjee College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai

B.Com | 2024

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Vidyalaya

Awarded for upholding school value of **Integrity**; Assistant House Captain, Student Body; Multiple SOF Olympiad medals

SKILLS

Research & Communication: Policy analysis, literature synthesis, long-form writing, translating technical concepts

AI Tools (Daily Use): Claude, ChatGPT, Gemini (including API integration), n8n, Zapier

Technical: AI-assisted web development, Excel VBA, Google Apps Script, API integration

Domain: Research, financial analysis, regulatory frameworks, US taxation

INTERESTS

AI Governance | Geopolitics | Reading (currently: The Social Contract by Jean-Jacques Rousseau) | Research Rabbit Holes