Smart India Hackathon 2017 Grand Finale in Pune on Saturday, 1st April

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) today announced that the much awaited Smart India Hackathon 2017 Grand Finale is scheduled to be held on April 1 & 2, 2017 simultaneously at 26 different nodal centers across India. MeitY is a 'Premier Partner' in this initiative. Launched on Nov 9, 2016 in New Delhi, Smart India Hackathon 2017 harnesses creativity & expertise of students, builds funnel for 'Startup India, Standup India' campaign, crowdsources solutions for improving governance and quality of life, and provides opportunity to citizens to provide innovative solutions to India's daunting problems.

Here is a quick snapshot of details pertaining to our ministry:

	Problems Statements proposed	Ideas received	Shortlisted Teams for Grand Finale	No. of Youngsters competing in Grand Finale	Nodal Center for Grand Finale
Our Ministry	21	463	52	416	Pune, Maharashtra
Overall event	598	7531	1266	10000+	

Smt. Aruna Sundararajan, Secretary, MeitY had said that *"The idea of having Hackathon is that the students across the country have the opportunity to contribute their creativity to solve some of the country problem and outcome of this exercise will probably help us to actually come up with innovative solutions of many issues which we face in India today"*

Smart India Hackathon 2017 is expected to become the 'world's biggest open innovation model' that other countries can replicate. Since Hackathon as a concept is new to India, AICTE arranged 26 awareness workshops across India to sensitized students about Smart India Hackathon 2017. These workshops helped connect students with problems of our nation. Out of the 7531 idea submissions received for the 598 problems posted by 29 govt. department, 1266 ideas have been shortlisted for the 'Grand Finale' on April 1 & 2, 2017, during which these teams will work nonstop for 36 hours to build products based on their ideas across 26 locations in India. For the first time, 10,000+ youngsters (6 students & 2 mentors per team) will work non-stop for 36 hours to develop products for our nation. To ensure the success of Smart India Hackathon 2017, multiple online training sessions have been organized in hope of training 30,000+ students.

About Smart India Hackathon 2017

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) under the aegis of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and in collaboration with i4c, MyGov, Persistent Systems, NASSCOM and Rambhau Mhalgi Pabodini is conducting a unique initiative 'Smart India Hackathon 2017'. For the first time ever, 29 different government ministries and departments came together and posed 598 problem statements to 30 lakh technical students from India. During the 36-hour Grand Finale scheduled to be held on April 1 & 2, 2017, teams of thousands of technology students will build innovative digital solutions for problems posed by different central govt. ministries/ departments. Smart India Hackathon 2017 would be the first massive scale hackathon initiative in India; unprecedented in the nation's history. Winners stand to get cash prizes and a chance to be part of the NASSCOM's 10,000 Startups program.

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