



Ministry of Earth Sciences geared up for 36 hour Smart India Hackathon 2017 - Grand Finale to be held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu

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The Smart India Hackathon 2017 Grand Finale is scheduled to be held simultaneously at 26 different nodal centers across India on April 1 & 2, 2017. Ministry of Earth Sciences is a 'Premier Partner' in this initiative and is geared up for 36-hour Hackathon Grand Finale to be held at Chennai, Tamilnadu.

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.

The details pertaining to Ministry of Earth Sciences is as below:

	Problems Statements proposed	Ideas received	Shortlisted Teams for Grand Finale	No. of Youngsters competing in Grand Finale	Nodal Center for Grand Finale
MoES	30	233	58	464	Chennai
Overall event	598	7531	1266	10000+	

Dr M. Rajeevan, Secretary, MoES has said that this event will help in harnessing the innovative power of the young students in solving the problems/challenges posed by the various Govt. departments.

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 RambhauMhalgiPabodini is conducting a unique initiative 'Smart India Hackathon 2017'. 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 sensitize students about Smart India Hackathon 2017. These workshops helped connect students with problems of the nation.

Out of the 7531 idea submissions received for the 598 problems posted by 29 government departments, 1266 ideas have been shortlisted for the 'Grand Finale' on April 1 & 2, 2017, during which 10,000+ youngsters (6 students & 2 mentors per team) will work nonstop for 36 hours to build products based on their ideas across 26 locations in India and will build innovative digital solutions for problems posed by different central government ministries/ departments. To ensure the success of Smart India Hackathon 2017, multiple online training sessions have been organized to train 30,000+ students.

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