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Ministry of  
Human Resource Development  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

You are aware that Smart India Hackathon is a nationwide initiative aimed at proving platform for our technology students to offer innovative solutions for pressing problems, thus inculcating a culture of product innovation and a mind-set of problem solving. For Smart India Hackathon-2019, we received 504 '**Problem Statements**' from 95 Industries (e.g. Tata, Mahindra, ITC, Unilever, Indian Oil, GE Healthcare, etc.) and 18 Central Govt. ministries/agencies (ISRO, Dept. of Atomic energy, etc.)

These 'Problem Statements' are now available on [www.sih.gov.in](http://www.sih.gov.in). **For the first time, students will have opportunity to win prizes worth more than Rs. 2.5 crore.** The details regarding SIH2019 are attached along with this email.

We hope to have minimum 10- 15 teams per institution/university in the first round of idea submission for which the last date is 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019. The 'Grand Finale' for Software edition is scheduled on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019.

The primary objective of SIH is to harness the creative energy and ability to our technology students across all technology institutions (more than 50 lakh students from 6000+ institutions) to think out-of-the-box and offer innovative solutions for the development of our nation. Undoubtedly, SIH has helped India establish world's largest Open Innovation Initiative.

Just like its prequel, Smart India Hackathon 2019 would involve 2 sub-editions:

- Software Edition will be a 36 hour non-stop software product development competition
- Hardware Edition will be a 5 days long hardware product development competition

We hope you will find SIH-2019 initiative very interesting. For more details you may reach out to Mr. Vivek Kulkarni (9689984200) or Dr. Mohit Gambhir (9810341200) or Ms. Disha Singh (9881237573).

With Warm Regards

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