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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
D.O. No.1-25/2016-TS.II
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Dear Secretary,

Subject: Invitation to join us as a 'Partner' for the Smart India Hackathon 2017.

This is to intimate that the Ministry of HRD, along with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in collaboration with i4c, is planning to hold the 'Smart India Hackathon 2017' involving all the technology institutions across India in January/February 2017.

A Hackathon is a 36-hrs non-stop digital programming competition during which student teams compete to offer innovative solutions for solving any given problem statement. The 'Smart India Hackathon 2017' will be the biggest Hackathon initiative in the world through which we plan to reach out to more than 30 Lakhs technology students to think out of the box and offer innovative and disruptive digital solutions for some of the daunting problems faced by our Nation. More importantly, this initiative will help institutionalize the model for harnessing the creativity and technical expertise of more the youth in the technical institutions.

The main USP of our 'Smart India Hackathon 2017' initiative is that the problem statements will come directly from different ministries/ institutions/ govt. departments based on their requirements which will be used to challenge students for developing innovative digital solutions. I would be grateful if your department poses 30-35 challenges which would help us to reserve a nodal centre that exclusively focuses on the challenges posed by your Ministry/Department. Dr. Abhay Jere, Secretary, Organizing Committee, Smart India Hackathon will coordinate further on our behalf.

Expectations from your Ministry/Department:

- Assign an appropriate officer from your Ministry/Department who will help identify 30-35 problem statements applicable to your ministry and your allied organizations.
- A video message (approx. 10 mins) from you highlighting the philosophy behind the problem statements. As this message will be seen by all students, the message should convey the primary requirements of your ministry.
- Nominate 'Judges' for competition and make arrangements for their travel and stay.
- Agree to host one of the 33 centres for the Smart India Hackathon 2017.
- Offer Prizes to the Winners in your category. (1st prize - Rs.1,00,000/-; 1st runner up - Rs.75,000/-; 2nd runner up - Rs.50,000/-)

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I would request you to intimate the name and contact details of the nodal officers from your Department/Ministry before 10th September 2016 with whom we can tie up the details.

Yours sincerely,


(Vinay Sheel Oberoi)

Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments, Govt. of India (as per list)