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Sub: 'Smart India Hackathon 2017' initiative

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in collaboration with various Partners is planning a unique initiative '**Smart India Hackathon 2017**' that aims to harness the creativity and talent of 30 lakh students from all engineering colleges across India for the benefit of our nation. I am very happy to be associated with this unique initiative as Chief Patron.

Hackathons are 36 hrs non-stop digital programming competition during which large number of teams compete to offer innovative solutions for solving any given problem statement. For 'Smart India Hackathon 2017', we hope to get the problem statements from different ministries/govt. departments which will be used for challenging the students to propose innovative solutions. As this initiative is on the lines of Smart India mission envisaged by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, our Ministry of HRD has decided to support it wholeheartedly.

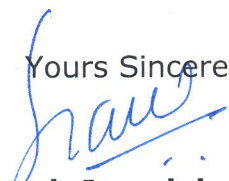
As the 'Chief Patron' for 'Smart India Hackathon', I request you all to join us to ensure success of this one-of-a-kind initiative. Moreover, Smart India Hackathon has the potential to be the biggest hackathon in the world till date and is likely to be cited in the Guinness Book of World Records.

I hope various ministries, NGOs and private organizations will become 'Partners' in this noble initiative. Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE & Organizing Committee, Smart India Hackathon (email-chairman@aicte-india.org) coordinate further on our behalf.

Let us together inspire the young generation to think, adopt and act on '**India First**' philosophy.

A programme brochure is enclosed for your ready reference.

Yours Sincerely,


(Prakash Javadekar)