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Dear Director,

You are aware that Smart India Hackathon is a nationwide initiative aimed at providing 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 SIH2019, we received problem statements from 90+ private companies (eg: Tata, Mahindra, ITC, Unilever, Indian Oil, GE Healthcare, etc.) and 18 Central (ISRO, Dept. of Atomic energy, MHRD, etc.)

'Problem Statements' for Smart India Hackathon 2019 (SIH2019) initiative are now available on www.sih.gov.in . For the first time, students will have opportunity to win large number of prizes worth more than Rs. 2.5 crore.

We hope to have minimum 10- 15 teams per institution in the first round of idea submission for which the last date is 20th Jan 2019. The 'Grand Finale' for Software edition is scheduled on 9th and 10th March while the Grand Finale for Hardware edition will be in 2nd week of June 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

For more details you may reach out to Mr. Vivek Kulkarni (9689984200) or Dr. Mohit Gambhir (9810341200) or Ms. Disha Singh (9881237573).

We expect encouraging participation from your Institution.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S.S. Sandhu)

Directors of IITs/IIITs/NITs/SPAs

