FAQs for Smart India Hackathon 2019 participants

How do I register for Smart India Hackathon 2019?
***We strongly encourage all participating team members to begin their team registration process by downloading Smart India Hackathon SIH App from Google Play Store.**

Please note:
1. ***Please note that the registration of SIH App and that of the designated website is separate and both have to be completed.***
2. Registration of teams must be done by a Team Leader only.
   The registration process is simple. All you need to do is…
   - Visit sih.gov.in
   - Create a login id for your team
   - Fill all the required fields
   - Don't forget to click 'Submit'
   - Bingo! You are now ready to submit your application.

How should we form a team?

- All team members should be from same college; no inter-college teams are allowed. However, members from different branches of the same college/ institute are encouraged to form a team.
- Each team would comprise of 6 members including the team leader.
- As the software edition of the hackathon is digital product development competition, majority of the team members MUST be well versed with programming skills. For the hardware edition, we encourage multi-disciplinary teams – which means your team should have a good mix of Mechanical Engineers, Electronic Engineers, Product Designers and Programmers.
- Colleges **MUST** issue a letter on their letterhead stating the names of the team and team members.
- The team leader's name should be clearly specified in the letter.
- Clearly communicate the email-ids and mobile numbers of all team members as well.
- The Team Name should be unique and not contain the name of your institute in any form.
- The letter should bear the seal of the college/ institute along with signature of the principal/dean/ institute director.
- A scanned copy of this letter in PDF form is to be mandatorily uploaded during online application process.
- For Software Edition, after teams are shortlisted, each team will either be allotted 2 mentors or they will have the option of selecting them from the industry or academia. For Hardware Edition, only Industry mentors are encouraged – specifically those with over 5 years of hands on experience in hardware industry.

How do we submit our idea?
Please note: Idea submission must be made by the Team Leader only.
- Submission dates should be strictly followed. No exceptions will be made.
- Submission is required to be done on sih.gov.in in the prescribed format. The format is available on the website.
- After login, fill in all the required details for submission of the idea.
- Entries to be sent only in the prescribed format; otherwise they are bound to get rejected.

· Upload the PPT in the prescribed format, stating the idea and letter from the college (as stated above) to complete the application process.

What is a selection criteria?
· Evaluation criteria will include novelty of the idea, complexity, clarity and details in the prescribed format, feasibility, practicability, sustainability, scale of impact, user experience and potential for future work progression.
· Preferences will be given to entries from North east while selecting between two similar ideas.

When/where will the shortlisted ideas be announced?
· Notification about selected teams will be sent to their respective nodal center and will also be announced on the portal.
  You may keep a track of all the latest notifications and updates about the event through **Smart India Hackathon App** on Google Playstore.
  Be available for meetings and training during the preparation phase; will be notified in advance

General information regarding the Grand Finale
· If a team is selected for the final Hackathon, members will need to travel to the assigned center which can be anywhere in India.
· For Software Edition, selected teams will be allowed to have 2 seniors as mentors. Mentors can be professors/teachers/ experienced professionals from industry. On selection, total team size will be (6+2). For Hardware Edition, we may allocate 2 – 3 industry professionals as mentors who will be sponsored by the organizing team for travelling to nodal centers for Grand Finale.
· Each college/institute will be responsible for the travel and accommodation of their teams for the finale.
· Each college/institute will issue a stamped photo ID to each member of the teams selected
· College photo ID is mandatory for participating in the finale.

What are the prizes to be won?
· Prizes for the top winners under different categories are
  o 1st prize - Rs.1,00,000/-
  o 1st runner up - Rs.75,000/-
  o 2nd runner up - Rs.50,000/-

Miscellaneous Information
· Intellectual property (IP) of the idea would belong to the college/institute and the team members jointly. However, team members will make their product available for free for the government institution for which they are working.
· Selected ideas need to be further developed so that they can be productized before the government institution(s) will be able to utilize it; more efforts beyond the finale are required from the selected teams thereafter.