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**Sub: Participation of IITs, IIITs and NITs in Smart India Hackathon 2022 - reg.**

Dear *Director,*

Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) in coordination with the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2022 during the National Innovation Week held under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022.

In the last 5 years, SIH has evolved into the World's largest Open Innovation Model to solve some of the pressing problems we face in our daily lives, and thereby successfully inculcated a culture of product innovation and a mindset of problem-solving. Moreover, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has applauded the SIH initiative on multiple occasions which has helped kick start the hackathon culture in India. The previous editions of SIH proved to be extremely beneficial for the students in establishing startups and employment opportunities in various organizations.

Likewise, the past editions of Smart India Hackathon, this year's edition, SIH 2022, focuses on software and hardware approaches to develop innovative solutions against challenges given by various organizations. This year we have received around 530 problem statements from more than 50 Ministries, Departments, PSUs, and Private Industries.

In this regard, I would like to invite the participation of students from graduate, post-graduate and PhD courses from various streams of NTs and NIT's to register in large numbers and submit innovative solutions across the various problem statements. Please visit [www.sih.gov.in](http://www.sih.gov.in) for more details.

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*With best wishes.*

Yours sincerely,

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