

IGNOU Students Participate in the Smart India Hackathon 2019

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and AICTE in association with i4c and Persistent Systems have launched the Smart India Hackathon initiative (SIH). This is a unique Open Innovation Model for identifying new and disruptive technology innovations to solve the challenges faced in our country. It's a non-stop product development competition, where problem statements are posed to students for innovative solutions. In SIH 2019, the students would also have the opportunity to work on challenges faced within the private sector organisations and create world class solutions for some of the top companies in the world, thus helping the Private sector to hire the best minds from across the nation.

More than one Lakh technical students from different organizations across India are expected to participate in this event. In this context, IGNOU also encouraged its students especially from Computer Sciences (MCA, BCA, etc.) to participate in this initiative. As the event is related to Computer Sciences, the School of Computer Sciences was also requested to inform and mobilise its students to participate in this initiative. Out of the identified/interested students, 6 teams were constituted as per the SIH guidelines. In consultation with SOCIS, NCIDE facilitated the teams in registration and submission process as IGNOU's Single Point of Contact (SPOC).

Once students were identified and they had registered on the SIH website (<https://www.sih.gov.in/>), they may login on the website, select the problem statement of their preference and submit ideas to them. SIH2019 provides problem statements from leading public and private organizations, union ministries and NGOs in India. There would be ONE single winning team for every problem statement posted on the portal. The last date of submission was January 20, 2019.