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SMART INDIA HACKATHON (SIH2026)

Internal Institute Level Hackathon - SIH2026

Smart India Hackathon is a nationwide initiative to provide students with a platform to solve daily lives problems, and inculcate a culture of product innovation and a mindset of problem-solving. Earlier editions SIH2017, SIH2018, SIH2019, SIH2020, SIH2022, SIH2023, SIH2024 and SIH2025 proved to be extremely successful in promoting innovation out-of-the-box.

Problem statements for SIH2026 are live at <https://sih.gov.in/sih2026PS>

Total 100 shortlisted teams will be nominated for SIH2026 Grand finale to be held in the month of December 2026. Internal hackathon will be conducted at DTU on **11th September 2026** to shortlist best 100 teams. Last date of team registration for Internal Hackathon is **08th September 2026**.

Team **registration link** for Internal hackathon <https://forms.gle/Z4tF9CwprtvhWua06>

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SIH 2026 Guidelines and FAQs

How should the students form a team?

- All team members should be from the 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 mandatorily comprise of 6 members including the team leader
- Each team must have AT LEAST ONE FEMALE TEAM MEMBER.
- As the software edition of the hackathon is digital product development competition, the majority of the team members MUST be well versed with programming skills.
- For the hardware edition, multi-disciplinary teams – which means a good mix of Mechanical Engineers, Electronic Engineers, Computers Engineers, etc are allowed.

What's the selection criteria?

- Post Idea submission process, the ideas will be evaluated by experts.
- 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.
- Working Prototype (not necessarily complete) is mandatory for Software Edition
- Working prototype is preferable for Hardware Edition, but not mandatory

PPT Guidelines

- Kindly keep the maximum PPT limit to 6 pages.
- Stick to PPT format
- All the topics should be utilized for description of your idea.
- Try to avoid paragraphs and post your idea in points.
- Keep your explanation precisely and easy to understand.
- Idea should be unique and novel. If it has a business potential more weightage will be given.
- Apart from this PPT abstract of your idea will be asked separately while submitting

PPT FORMAT [LINK](#)