

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

SMART INDIA HACKATHON 2018

Chandigarh, 2nd April, 2018: The Chandigarh Education Department's entries sent to the Ministry of HRD for Smart India Hackathon-2018 (software edition) has dominated the winning spree at the two-day grand finale of the event held in one its center at NOIDA on Friday last.

Out of the six awards given at the finale, three were bagged by the teams which have proposed technological/digital solution to the challenges and problems proposed by the Chandigarh Education Department.

The ministry had invited problem statements of various departments from state government/UTs. Of the four problems, three of its problems were found of paramount importance to be solved by use of technology. Its problem statement of Comprehensive mobile application App for students and its digital solution won the first prize of Rs 1,00,000. The award is given to the Team Cyber Knights5 which has demonstrated a very comprehensive mobile application App solution to the problem.

Second runner up prize of Rs 50,000 was awarded to Team Tech Whiz which has proposed and developed Web and App based solution for Predictive Student Analysis and a special award was given to Team Bug Smasher whose digital solution to biometric/facial recognition attendance system identified by the department.

The teams who have developed best digital solutions to various problems will work with the officials of the education department, Chandigarh to provide the digital solution to cited problems in the coming days.

36-hour grand finale ended on March 31 in which more than 10,000 engineering and management students participated at 28 Centers set up across the country where they have demonstrated their proposed and digital developed solutions of problems identified across the country by various department.

Sh. Bikram Singh Rana, SLO, Dr Surender Dahiya, Director, SCERT, Mr Arjun Dev, Deputy Director (Admn), Higher Education, Prof Pardeep Singh Walia, PGGCG-11, Dr Sunita, CCET, and Mohd Javed O/o Director Higher Education attended the event to judge the digital solutions provided by 58 teams compete at NIET, Noida Centre.

Sh. Anurag Agarwal, IAS, Home Secretary-cum-Secretary, Technical Education and Sh. Rubinderjit Singh Brar, PCS, Director, Technical Education, Chandigarh, congratulated all the officials whose efforts brought laurels to the city.