

# BENGAL COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, DURGAPUR

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## PRESS RELEASE

(SMART INDIA HACKATHON 2017)

The **Smart India Hackathon 2017** was one of the biggest Hackathon in the world till date organised by AICTE under aegis of MHRD and in collaboration with i4C, Persistent Systems Ltd., UGC, NASSCOM, Rambhau Prabhodini Mhalgi, SumaSoft Pvt. Ltd, Deloitte, ACM India, NIC, and MyGov. **It was launched on Nov. 9, 2016 by Shri. Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister of HRD, Government of India and Chief Patron, Smart India Hackathon 2017.** It was for the first time that 29 different government ministries and departments came together and posed 598 problem statements to technical students participating in this grand initiative. 7531 idea solutions were received from 2100+ technical institutions in India. In the Grand Finale held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017, around 10,000 participants coded non-stop for 36 hrs for building tools which our nation might be able to use for solving various societal problems. It make us feel proud to say that Bengal College of Engineering and Technology was shortlisted to participate in the Grand Final Hackathon 2017 programme in which 2100+ institutions participated at 25+ Nodal Centre generating more that 7531 ideas for national building and making digital India with best quality of life to all the citizens of India. **Mr Rohan Saxena (IT, 4<sup>th</sup> year), Atif Quamar (IT-4<sup>th</sup> Yr), Durlav Banerjee (CSE-4<sup>th</sup> Year), Sweta Kumari (IT, 4<sup>th</sup> Yr), Suruche Kanodia (IT-4<sup>th</sup> Yr), Roquiya Tasneem (IT-4<sup>th</sup> Yr)** participated in this National Level Event and secured 10<sup>th</sup> position among all the colleges present at the Hubli Nodal Centre, Karnataka. Apart from Bengal College of Engineering and Technology, other colleges from Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka etc. participated in this programme. The students of BCET developed a software for propagating the Ayush System of Medicine under Ayurveda for the benefit of society, under the title of Tech. Warriors. This recognition from the Smart India Hackathon speaks a lot about the quality of education imparted at the college. We hope that appreciation received by the AICTE, New Delhi, MHRD and other Ministries under Govt. of India shall inspire other colleges in West Bengal to achieve excellence in development of initiatives for the growth of our nation.