## CoEP, NCL set to host Smart India Hackathon

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Pune: The grand finale of the 'Smart India Hackathon 2018–Software edition' will be held simultaneously on Friday and Saturday at 28 different nodal centres across the country, including College of Engineering, Pune (CoEP) and National Chemical Laboratory (NCL).

A statement issued by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) stated that the competition, which was launched on October 16 last year in Pune, aims to harness creativity and expertise of students, build funnel for 'Startup India, Standup India' campaign, crowdsource solutions for improving governance and quality of life, and provide opportunity to citizens to provide innovative solutions to India's daunting problems.

From Pune, CoEP and NCL would be the nodal agencies. The AICTE under the aegis of Union ministry of human resource development and in collaboration with 14c, My-Gov, Persistent Systems and Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini has organised the hackathon.

The hackathon includes two sub-editions. Software edition is a 36-hour software product development competition. The hardware edition, which involves building of hardware solutions, will be held later this year.

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