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**INTERNAL CIRCULAR**

**Subject:** Department-Level Internal Evaluation and Team Selection for Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2026 (Reference: SIH 2026 Announcement Notice dated 22 August 2026)

All Heads of Academic Departments are hereby informed that the institute has received over 100 team registrations across software and hardware editions for SIH 2026. To ensure qualitative selection and comply with national nomination guidelines, an Internal Department-Level Hackathon must be conducted to shortlist teams prior to central nomination on the official SIH portal. This internal screening will streamline submissions and prevent portal overloads or last-minute registration bottlenecks.

**Action Items for Departments**

- **Participant Verification:** Review the department-specific registered team list shared by the central coordinator (Prof. P. D. Sathya).
- **Evaluation:** Conduct a thorough project/idea evaluation using the prescribed institutional evaluation format.
- **Recommendation Letter:** Submit an official recommendation letter signed by the Head of Department endorsing the top shortlisted teams.
- **Activity Report:** Prepare and submit a brief department-wise activity report documenting the internal hackathon (including evaluation panels, photographs).

**Key Deadlines**

- **Evaluation Window:** On or before **03 September 2026**
- **Final Submission Deadline:** **03 September 2026 by 5:00 PM** (Submit all shortlisted results, score sheets, and recommendation letters to the Central SIH Coordinator Prof. P. D. Sathya)

Timely submission is essential to facilitate the final verification and upload of selected teams on the National SIH 2026 Portal within the prescribed schedule.

  
**SIH Institute Coordinator /**

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