

S.P.I.T HACKATHON

The S.P.I.T. Hackathon 2020, organized by the Student Council, in association with CSI-S.P.I.T was conducted on the 1st and 2nd of February 2020 at Sardar Patel Institute of Technology, Mumbai.

The event witnessed more than 1000 applications from colleges across the country, out of which 35 teams were selected for the final round to be held in the premises of S.P.I.T.



The inauguration ceremony was conducted at SPJIMR auditorium on the morning of 1st Feb. In attendance were the Principal of S.P.I.T., Dr Y.S.Rao, the Coordinator, Corporate Relations of S.P.I.T., Mr Vinod Sikka and Prof. Kailas Devadkar, Faculty Coordinator of CSI-SPIT, along with experts from Seuretek, Mr Mustafa Shaikh, Mr Sanket Wagh, LTI, Ms Priyanka Allen and SP-TBI, Mr Sharif.

The audience was addressed by Dr Y.S.Rao, who extended a warm welcome to all to S.P.I.T. and spoke about the culture and beliefs of S.P.I.T. This was followed by Mr Sanket Wagh from Seuretek, who took the stage to explain what their company is about to the entire crowd and gave everyone a great perspective about the world of Computer Security.

Ms Priyanka Allen from LTI then took to the stage and interacted with all participants through a very informative session which was very well received by the audience due to its connection with students' lives.

Experts from SP-TBI also spoke about how students are expected to innovate and come up with the next groundbreaking idea and how they can go about it.



The ceremony concluded with the Technical Secretary, Shreya Oak, giving the vote of thanks. The teams were provided lunch, evening snacks, dinner, midnight snacks and energy drinks and breakfast on Day 2 to ensure that all their focus remains on coding.



Coding by all teams immediately began and continued nonstop for the next 24 hours. There were exhaustive mentoring rounds with every team getting 3 interaction rounds with industry mentors and also from past Smart India Hackathon winners to understand problem statements, ask queries and get suggestions on their products. Experts from Sequaretek interacted with participants via the voice call, whereas experts from Zubi.io and Enroot were actually present during the hackathon for mentoring.

All participants were provided comfortable accommodation during the night to catch a few winks. There was a dedicated gaming lounge for recreational purposes. Volunteers also distributed T-Shirts and stickers from S.P.I.T. Hackathon to all participants.

On the morning of the second day, the final evaluation process commenced, with each team having to prepare a presentation and display their product to the judges. After minuscule scrutiny of every team across a process that took more than 5 hours, the top 10 finalist teams were selected.



The top 10 finalists now had to pitch their products to a panel of judges with a dedicated Question and Answer session for each team. After careful evaluation of each team, results were finalized.

The closing ceremony of S.P.I.T. Hackathon had in attendance, Dr.Y.S.Rao, Principal of S.P.I.T, and the judges of the hackathon, Mr Mustafa Shaikh from Sequaretek, Mr Nishant Kumar from Zubi.io and Ms Ruchi Gour from Scholr. Mr Kumar from Zubi.io spoke about blockchain as an emerging technology and the upcoming National Level Blockchain Hackathon being organized by them.



Before announcing the winners, all top 10 teams of S.P.I.T. Hackathon were felicitated with Wolfram Award Letters and goodies in a bid to make sure that nobody's efforts went unrecognized, followed by which the top 3 winners were announced.

In 3rd place was Team BackPropG-2+2 from Sardar Patel Institute of Technology. They received a cash prize of Rs.8000, the 3rd Place trophy, credits worth 2500\$ from Crowdera and CodingBlocks T-Shirts.

In 2nd place was Team Majestico from SIES, Navi Mumbai. They received a cash prize of Rs.12000, the 2nd Place trophy, credits worth 2500\$ from Crowdera and CodingBlocks T-Shirts.

The winning team of S.P.I.T. Hackathon 2020 was team KEDS from Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, Mumbai. They took home a cash prize of Rs. 20000, the 1st Place trophy, credits worth 7500\$ from Crowdera and CodingBlocks Tshirts.

All top 3 winning teams are eligible for 6 months free pre-incubation for their ideas at SPTBI.

The winner of the Blockchain track, team BackPropG-2+2 also gets direct entry to the National Finals for the Zubi Blockchain Hackathon.

S.P.I.T. Hackathon received an overwhelmingly positive response from all participants with regards to all arrangements, food, and all service provided with many participants telling us that it was among the best hackathons they'd been to and that they would be recommending it to others to attend the next edition.



We would like to thank all our sponsors, professors, participants, volunteers and everyone who helped make S.P.I.T. Hackathon 2020 such a great success.