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GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING COLLEGE, BHARUCH

AWARENESS SESSION REPORT SMART INDIA HACKATHON 2026

Pre-Hackathon Orientation & Awareness Drive



Session Date	02/09/2026
Venue	GEC Bharuch Electrical Department
Organized By	GEC Bharuch
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1. About the Session

Overview

An awareness session on Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2026 was organized to introduce students to the national-level hackathon and to prepare them for the institute's internal selection round. The session gave students a clear picture of the SIH initiative — its purpose, the problem statement domains released by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) and participating organizations, and the overall timeline leading up to the national event. It also walked students through the practical steps of participation, including team formation, registration on the SIH portal, and the criteria used to shortlist ideas, so that interested students could move directly from awareness to action ahead of the internal hackathon.

The session was designed as the first step in the institute's SIH 2026 preparation drive, aimed at building enthusiasm early, clearing common doubts about eligibility and process, and encouraging cross-branch teams to start ideating well before the internal qualifying round.

Objectives

- statement domains on offer
- To explain the end-to-end participation process: team formation norms, portal registration, and idea/problem-statement selection
- To clarify eligibility criteria, team size limits, and important dates leading up to the institute's internal hackathon
- To motivate students across branches and years to form teams and register their interest ahead of the internal selection round
- To address student queries and misconceptions about the hackathon format, judging process, and expected deliverables

Session Details

Session Title	SIH2026 Awareness session
Date	02/09/2026
Time	11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Venue	GEC Bharuch Electrical Department
Mode	Offline

2. Participation Summary

Photographs of the Session



3. Outcomes & Feedback

Key Outcomes

The awareness session succeeded in building early momentum ahead of the internal hackathon. Students gained a clear understanding of the SIH 2026 problem statement domains and the process for forming teams and registering on the official portal, which translated into a noticeable rise in student queries and team formation activity in the days following the session. Several cross-branch teams were formed directly as a result of the interactions during the session, and most of the eligibility and process-related doubts raised by students were resolved on the spot. The session also helped surface early interest across multiple problem statement domains, giving the organizing committee a useful sense of where student enthusiasm was concentrated ahead of the internal round.

Participant Feedback

Feedback gathered informally from attendees was largely positive. Students found the session useful in demystifying the SIH 2026 process, particularly the explanation of registration steps and problem statement selection, which they said was clearer than what they had gathered from the official portal alone. Many appreciated having a dedicated Q&A window to raise specific doubts about team size, eligibility, and timelines.

4. Acknowledgement

We sincerely thank the institute's administration for their continuous support and encouragement in organizing this awareness session on Smart India Hackathon 2026. We are grateful to the resource person(s) for generously sharing their time, insights, and guidance, which greatly helped students understand the hackathon process and its expectations. We also extend our thanks to the faculty coordinators for their efforts in planning and coordinating the session, and to the student volunteers whose support ensured its smooth conduct. Finally, we appreciate the enthusiastic participation of all the students who attended, whose engagement made the session a meaningful first step toward the institute's Smart India Hackathon 2026 journey.

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