Singapore, Nov 15, 2018:

Twenty teams from Singapore and India, with university and college students selected on a nationwide basis, participated in the hackathon. Each team had 3 students and a dedicated mentor. A total of 120 participants took part in the 36-hour hackathon on November 12-13, ending with grand finale on November 14. Nanyang Technological University and MHRD'S Innovation Cell organized this SINGAPORE-INDIA HACKATHON-2018 under the theme "Solution for humanity". Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the awards to the winning teams of the India-Singapore Hackathon 2018 on 15 November. Earlier in the year, Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, during his visit to Singapore, proposed to the Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong that India and Singapore should organize a joint hackathon to harness and showcase the "innovation potential" of youth. High Commission of India in Singapore facilitated the event in collaboration with Ministries of Education, and Foreign Affairs of Singapore.   Problems posed to the teams were in the areas of mapping, synchronizing output of diverse social media, shared digital identity verification etc.

Photo Details: Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Education Minister of Singapore Ong Ye Kung from Left to Right Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE,Mr Deep Bhattacharya(IV year CSE),Mr. D. Arutselvan(IV year ECE),Mr. Kartik Venkataran (IV year CSE), and mentor Dr. Rajeswari Sridhar, Associate Professor and Head of Department of Computer Science Engineering

NIT Trichy was one among the two NITs that represented the Indian contingent and most of the other teams were from the IITs. The members of the teams were chosen based on their programming skills. Mr. Kartik Venkataran(IV year CSE), Mr Deep Bhattacharya(IV year CSE) and Mr. D. Arutselvan(IV year ECE) and mentor Dr. Rajeswari Sridhar, Associate Professor and Head of Department of Computer Science Engineering were the members of the team from NIT, Tiruchirappalli. They were selected based on a screening process by the MHRD after which they underwent a 2-day orientation at IIT-Bombay before their departure to Singapore in order to equip themselves for the Hackathon.

5 teams each from both the countries were short listed for the finale.

NIT Trichy bagged the overall 2nd prize from among both the teams with a cash award of $6,000 SGD for building an effective learning platform based on crowd sourcing and live chat for expert interaction in an Neuro-Linguistic Processing engine. The learning platform can tag topics to summarize the concepts in the form of mind maps and give recommendations for prerequistes and reelated topics with links to resources.

Prof.Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT, Tiruchirappalli congratulated the team.

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