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Greetings from MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC) and AICTE.

It's a great pleasure for us to introduce the first of its kind Hackathon of India which is aimed at addressing the national security through extensive use of artificial intelligence. This hackathon is a joint initiative of Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, AICTE along with BPR&D. Manthan is an online Hackathon based on national interests and challenges faced by our intelligence agencies. In the same way as the physical event, the virtual mode emulates most functions, some even better than the physical presence.

MANTHAN 2021 will have two phases. In the first phase, participants are expected to submit their concepts against the problem statements available in the website. These submitted ideas will be evaluated domain related experts and only the innovative ideas will be selected for the Grand Finale or 2<sup>nd</sup> round scheduled from 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021. During the Grand Finale, selected participants are expected to build the solution to demonstrate their concepts and prove to the juries that their ideas are technically feasible and more importantly implementable. Best ideas will be declared winners.

Keeping in view of the above, you are requested to introduce your students about the program and to ask them to register for the hackathon. In addition to that all AICTE approved colleges are hereby requested to nominate 5 teams for the hackathon. Teams can register on the [www.manthan.mic.gov.in](http://www.manthan.mic.gov.in) website. The last registration date is October 10, 2021.

For more information you may email us at [manthan@mic.gov.in](mailto:manthan@mic.gov.in) or call us at 011-2958-1326.

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