

## **“Let’s see Hackathon through the eyes of SIH Winners”**

An interactive session with Winning team interviewed by Dr. Dhananjay Patel and Prof. Preeta Patil held online on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020, 4.30 PM

*During the interaction, students shared their thoughts and Experiences regarding “**Smart India Hackathon – World’s Biggest Open Innovation Model.**” In this interactive session students shared their trials and tribulations and how they have overcome it to achieve success. Their experiences clearly showcased that how **team efforts can lead to stupendous success.***

### **Introduction**

Smart India Hackathon started with the theme “No problem is too big...No idea is too small” is a nationwide initiative to provide students with the platform to solve some of the pressing problems we face in our daily lives, and thus inculcate a culture of product innovation and a mindset of problem solving. This initiative has proven to be extremely successful in promoting innovation, out of the box thinking in young minds, especially engineering students from across India.

### **Marvel of VITians**

Smart India Hackathon started in the year 2017 has made lasting impression on students all over India. Seeing the innovative ideas at display in this competition, students from Vidyalankar Institute of Technology decided to participate from the year 2019 onwards and **our students made a mark by clinching Gold both in 2019 as well as 2020.** Students not only **showcased their technical prowess but also displayed qualities like Patience and Perseverance.** They shared their experiences and determination to win.

### **Success Mantra for the upcoming team**

During the interaction with the winning team, various important points were highlighted and the success mantra for winning was derived. There is no easy path for winning. **Hard work, Self Confidence, Dedication, selecting the right team which is well balanced, who have expertise of Hardware, Software, Algorithms is extremely essential.**

### **Contribution of Vidyalankar Family**

Faculty members have always sowed the seeds of curiosity in the minds of students. They have fully supported the students in all possible ways in this venture. Students have acknowledged the support provided by the faculty members and our Institute. Courses sponsored by Vidyalankar Institute of Technology through Coursera have helped the students learn a lot about new trends in technology and be upgraded which has helped them in this competition. Students in their interview have appreciated this initiative taken by the Institute.