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**From:** Kaushik Halder, IAS  
Commissioner  
Department of Information Technology & Electronics  
Government of West Bengal

**To:** The Principal  
Elite Institute of Engineering &  
Management, Kannamadhupur,  
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**Sub: Invitation to participate in Bengalathon – India's First State Level Hackathon**

**Sir/Madam,**

We are happy to inform you that Department of Information Technology and Electronics has launched Bengalathon 2018 - a technology based competition, on 3rd November 2017. The Department has rolled out a pilot project in Sector 5, Salt Lake, Kolkata with five real life challenges, inviting solutions from companies in and around Kolkata. The response to the pilot event was overwhelming with solutions developed using high end technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, IoT, Robotics and Analytics. Further, after the success of Pilot implementation, the Department has launched the competition state wide, inviting applications from every technical individual.

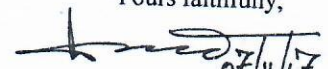
The state wide roll out will consist of 2 stages, viz. idea submission and prototype demonstration which would run for a period of 2 and half months and culminate in Bengal Global Business Summit 2018 (January 2018). In idea submission stage, the applicants will be submitting their idea online. The second (final) round will take place at Kolkata, where applicant has to present the working prototype of the idea to the jury. Both the rounds would be consisting of different jury panels and based on the judgment/marks obtained in each round, the participant qualifies for the subsequent rounds.

As your institute is one of the premier institutes in the State, we look forward to active participation from students of your institution by showcasing their innovative ideas into a viable real life solution that would help to create a better society. Government of West Bengal in the IT & Electronics Department will play the support role for channeling the entrepreneurial energy of the participants in the right direction in order to become a formidable player in the technology domain in the future.

For more details, please visit our website <http://bengalathon.wb.gov.in>

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Yours faithfully,

  
Commissioner