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Hackathons foster student exchange

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CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU These events aid in research: AICTE head Collaborative research is important in today's world and events like hackathons, which bring together students, will pave the way for it, said Anil Sahasrabudhe, chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

Addressing mediapersons on the sidelines of the second edition of the Singapore India Hackathon 2019, being held in IIT Madras, Mr. Sahasrabudhe said that they hoped to continue organising the Hackathon and encourage student exchange. "Similar opportunities for student exchanges will increase," he said.

The Singapore India Hackathon has 20 teams with six members each — three from India and three from Singapore. The themes of the Hackathon, this year, are 'good health and well being', 'quality education' and 'affordable and clean energy'. Hospital waste management, attentiveness and attention detection in students were among the topics based on which students were given problem statements and asked to come up with solutions.

The winning teams are scheduled to receive their awards from Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the IIT-Madras campus on Monday.

"There are several new ideas which emerge from Hackathons and institutions should take them seriously. At NTUitive in **Nanyang Technological University**, we translate research ideas into commercial opportunities and similarly, IIT-Madras too fosters such innovations," said Subra Suresh, president, NTU Singapore. The NTU had hosted the first edition of the Singapore India Hackathon in 2018.