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To,
The Directors/Principals,
Colleges affiliated/associated to Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Subject: Invitation to Participate in the IBM Z Datathon 2026 – A Global AI & Data Innovation Challenge

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Pleased to inform you about the **IBM Z Datathon 2026**, a prestigious **global virtual datathon** organized by the **Shooting Stars Foundation** in collaboration with IBM ecosystem partners. This international event provides an excellent opportunity for our Under graduate & post graduate students from any stream to showcase their innovation, problem-solving abilities, and technical skills while contributing to real-world societal challenges. Hence you are requested to circulate this information among eligible students and encourage maximum participation in this global innovation challenge.

The event is **free of cost** and is open to students across the world.

Event Details

- **Event:** IBM Z Datathon 2026
- **Dates:** 17–18 October 2026
- **Mode:** Virtual (Online)
- **Eligibility:** All Under graduate & Post graduate college Students
- **Participation Fee:** Free
- **Prize Pool:** USD 50,000+ in prizes and recognition
- **Theme:** AI for Good (Tech for Good)

Datathon Themes:-

- Real-Time AI for Critical Decisions
- AI-Secured: Innovation Without Exposure
- Wildcard: Beyond the Obvious

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Learn from **IBM experts, mentors, and industry professionals.**
- Build innovative AI-powered solutions addressing real-world challenges.
- Gain hands-on exposure to **enterprise technologies** and **IBM Z platform.**
- Enhance problem-solving, teamwork, and innovation skills.
- Compete with students from **50+ countries.**
- Win **international recognition** along with exciting prizes worth **USD 50,000+.**
- Participate virtually from anywhere without requiring any special infrastructure.

No prior coding experience is required, making this an excellent opportunity for students from diverse academic backgrounds.

Registration Link:

<https://www.starhacks.org/ibm-z-datathon-2026>

For any query students can write on **stemprograms@sstarsfoundation.org**

Best Wishes,



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FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

October 17 - 18, 2026

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