

Design Institute plans common admission test.

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Ahmedabad : The National Institute of Design (NID) here is planning to introduce a common admission test in all the design related institutions in the country from the next academic year on the lined of CAT for management students.

Though the NID is the only recognized design education institution in the country, a number of industrial houses have set up schools offering “some sort of design course” mainly to cater to their own captive needs. According to executive director Darlie O. Koshy, there are 42 such design – related schools in the country but most of them are in their early stages.

Dr. Koshy has invited representatives of some two dozen such institutions for a meeting here on April 8 to discuss the possibility of a national level “Design Aptitude Test” (DAT) to be conducted by the NID and its scores could be used by the up coming institutions for admission after the top 250 students are admitted to the NID.

The 45- year old NID is keen to graduate into a higher realm of “break through designing” leaving the design education to the new institutions. Dr. Koshy estimated that considering the craze for modern designing in almost every sector, the country could assimilate about 5, 000 design graduate every year while the NID produced oinly 250.

The NID’s Bangalore campus to be inaugurated on March 31, will be decimated to design research in various sectors including defence designing.