

Government of India
Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion

Subject: Pre-legislative Consultations for amending National Institute of Design Act, 2014 to bring the four new NIDs within its ambit so as to declare them Institutions of National Importance (INI) on the pattern of NID, Ahmedabad.

The National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, set up in 1961, is an autonomous organization under the administrative control of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion. It is a premier educational and training institution which conducts multidisciplinary graduate and post-graduate programmes, and also provides research avenues in the area of design education. Functioning from three Campuses at Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar in Gujarat and at Bengaluru in Karnataka, NID, Ahmedabad has been recognized as a scientific and industrial research organization by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. It was declared as an Institution of National Importance with the passing of the National Institute of Design Act, 2014 which governs all matters relating to the affairs of the Institute.

Realising the increasing importance of design in improving quality of products and services and thereby accelerating the economic and industrial development of the country, Government of India approved the National Design Policy (NDP) in February 2007. One of the components of the Action Plan for implementation of the National Design Policy was spreading quality education in design to all regions of India, and for this purpose, it envisaged setting up four more National Institutes of Design on the pattern of NID, Ahmedabad in different regions of the country during the 11th Five Year Plan. In pursuance of the Policy, it was decided to set up four National Institutes of Design at Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Hyderabad (the then Andhra Pradesh), Kurukshetra (Haryana) and Jorhat (Assam) on the lines of NID, Ahmedabad. Approval of the Cabinet to provide financial support of Rs 434 crore for establishing the four NIDs and registering them as Societies under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 was sought, which was accorded on 28th February 2014 with the modification that the NID proposed to be established in Hyderabad may be located in Vijayawada.

NBCC (India) Limited, New Delhi has been awarded the work of planning, designing and construction work relating to the establishment of the four new NIDs for which the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh have already provided the required land free of cost. Construction of NID buildings in all the four places is in different stages of progress and is likely to be completed by the end of 2018. Meanwhile, academic activities have started in NID Vijayawada and NID Kurukshetra in the transit campuses made available by the respective State Governments. NID Ahmedabad is closely mentoring the academic activities of these NIDs so as to follow the pattern of NID Ahmedabad. It is expected that academic activities in all four Institutes will start by the next year.

As the new NIDs are being established on the pattern of NID Ahmedabad and will be developed as Centres of Excellence in design education, it is proposed to bring them within the ambit of NID Act 2014 and also to declare them as Institutions of National Importance. A Bill to amend the NID Act for the purpose has been drafted in consultation with the Ministry of Law. Once the Bill is enacted, the provisions of NID Act will be applicable to the four new NIDs and each of them will be an Institution of National Importance.

Comments/views of the stakeholders/general public on the proposal may be sent to Dr. Ashish Kumar, Sr. Development Officer, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India within 30 days from the date of publication. These will be taken into account before finalizing the proposal and the amending Bill.

Date: 4th December 2017.

Place: New Delhi