

The National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019

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The National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was introduced in Rajya Sabha. **The Bill seeks to amend the National Institute of Design Act, 2014**, which declares the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad as an institution of national importance.

Key features

- The Bill seeks to declare four National Institutes of Design **in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, and Haryana as institutions of national importance.**
- **Currently, these institutes are registered as Societies under the Societies Registration Act, 1860** and do not have the power to grant degrees or diplomas.
- On being declared institutions of national importance, **the four institutes will be granted the power to grant degrees and diplomas.**

Institute of National Importance (INI)

- It is a status that may be conferred on a premier public higher education institution in India by an act of Parliament of India, an institution which **“serves as a pivotal player in developing highly skilled personnel within the specified region of the country/state”**.
- Institutes of National Importance receive special recognition and funding from the Government of India.