

As you know the current world is faced with design opportunities galore and design education has improved at an unprecedented rate. Chitrakatha, this year henceforth, will be connecting these happenings together.

And what connects us more than the oceans? The roaring waves of change, the water that has nourished and connected us since the beginning of life.

Climate change haunts everyone around the globe, roaring down unheard from the polar icecaps. Water remains an ever-embroiling issue, and we are set on consuming more than what can be sustained. As homo sapiens of the current era, it's high time that we question lifestyle choices, food, and health. Gender and identity, the shattering of derogatory stereotypes, the significance of languages and education, across the oceans, across the earth. Everything requires our attention. Let's think about the trails we've left behind, and the ones we're set on, in this ever changing world with it's issues of communal tolerance, disaster management and cultural homogeneity. But also stepping back from all this, let's not forget that our sustenance requires joy. Without laughter and humour, the world would be bleak indeed.

All your ideas, all your concepts, everything you create and tell as your design story, must reflect upon the brevity of these chief issues of the world; our world. Because that is what we, as students of design, are here for.

Wait no longer !

Join this first ever student Design Olympic, from the NID by the bay.

The Topics are:

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| 1. Water | 8. Energy | 15. Sustainability |
| 2. Health | 9. Identity | 16. Looking into the future |
| 3. Humour | 10. Language | 17. Cultural Homogeneity |
| 4. Food | 11. Tolerance | 18. Waste Management |
| 5. Lifestyle | 12. Info Wars | 19. Disaster Management |
| 6. Education | 13. Closed Systems | |
| 7. Sex and Gender | 14. Climate Change | |