

Photography workshop to unite elite institutes

Conference cum workshop to be followed by group photo competition where groups will be formed combining participants from different colleges; limited to 200 participants

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Students of the photography club at Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar have arranged a visual imagery conference cum workshop on photography on Sunday. The workshop 'Avant Garde-2013' will bring together students of premier institutes across the city on a single platform.

Bhaskar Das, secretary of photography club said, "The convention aims to bring together artistic minds from elite institutes like NID, CEPT, DAIICT, NIIFT, IIM-A and PDPU and create a platform for interaction among art lovers, amateur photographers and professional photographers. We have already received a huge response from colleges and several elite research institutes, design institutes and professionals." The convention, which has no entrance fee, will register a maximum of 200 participants only.

Dassaid, "Post the convention, we will announce photography competition on the themes of 'Women empowerment'. We will form groups bringing together different individuals to work together and submit entries collectively." Institutes have been roped in to build a collateral relationship with other elite institutes and share knowledge learning mutually.

Pankaj Gautam, an IIT-Gn student who is organising the workshop said, "The aim of this convention is to



Students of the photography club at IIT-Gn are working day and night to put together this workshop. Interestingly, the club sponsors equipment for members

AVANT GARDE-2013

- » Fee: No fees
- » Venue: IIT-Gn, Chandkheda
- » Date: April 7, 2013
- » Time: 10.00 am onwards

build a platform where aspiring young artists can showcase their art regularly and form a guild of young photographers who will get together

to create a social change using the tool of photo journalism."

The workshop will be conducted by Dr Deepak John Mathew of NID who has mastered various fields of photography, Shiv Ahuja, a professional photographer from Delhi who has been featured on various international blogs, *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times* to name a few and Kevin Antao, a freelancer photographer.