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Prof Pradyumna Vyas was the former Director of National Institute of Design (NID), India's premier design institute. He is currently a Senior Advisor of Design Promotion and Innovation at Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), India's premier industry association and a Board of Director of the World Design Organisation (WDO).

Prof Vyas acquired a Masters in Industrial Design from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay and was awarded an 'Honorary Master of Arts' degree in 2010 from the University for the Creative Arts in Farnham, United Kingdom.

With more than 36 years of professional and teaching experience in different spheres of design, Prof Vyas had been associated with NID for 30 years, first as a faculty member and later on as the Director of the institute (2009 - 2019).

Prof Vyas has been at the helm of design affairs and his illustrious career has been marked with several national and international milestones and accolades. His contribution in the formation India Design Council, 2009, was marked by Prof Vyas being nominated as its first Member Secretary by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, a post he had retained until his retirement from NID in 2019. During his tenure as Director, NID received the status of Institute of National Importance by the Act of Parliament. He assisted the Government of India during the setting up four new NIDs across the length and breadth of the country. Through India Design Council, he launched India Design Mark in association with Japan Institute of Design Promotion (JDP) on the line of G-Mark.

He has been conferred with multiple awards in recognition for his contributions to design education and promotion, to name a few, World Education Congress, 2015, awarded him for his 'Outstanding Contribution to Education'; he was awarded a 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by Times Education Icons 2017 along with being a jury member for the special awards screening panel at Good Design Award (G- Mark) by the Japan Institute of Design Promotion, Japan consequently in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016.

In 2019, he has been awarded the honor of 'Good Design Fellow', by the Japan Institute of Design Promotion (JDP), Tokyo.

Prof Vyas was appointed as a 'Distinguished Professor' of Shanghai Academy of Fine Arts, China, at the Shanghai Global design Summit, 2019.