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## After 8 decades, Doon School looks to South, East for students



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**DEHRADUN:** In the era of growing chain of international schools, the pre-independence period Doon School hasn't lost its charm either.

Hundreds of parents register their wards every year in hope of seeking admission in one of India's prestigious schools that gave personalities like late prime minister Rajeev Gandhi and World and Olympic champion shooter Abhinav Bindra.

Founded in 1935 by SR Das, the Doon School hasn't changed

much. But with the times, the school is looking forward to adopt couple of changes.

The school management has taken a note of the fact that it has less representation from the southern and north eastern states.

The school's headmaster Matthew Raggett, who last year took over the reins of institution, throws thrust on having students from region that largely remained unrepresented.

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cratic India. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from boys in the South and East of the country," the headmaster said on Tuesday.

Moreover, the school intends to take drastic change in its

admission procedure commencing in April.

The school will hold group interviews rather than individual one-on-ones.

The headmaster says prospect of 189 individual interviews does

not provide evidence of how a boy would interact with his peers.

Raggett, who headed Leipzig International School in Germany before joining the Doon School, feels the concept of tuitions and coaching running young brains turn them into "parrots".

Keeping this in consideration, the school from this year will ask admission seekers to upload previous results and certificates of extra-curricular activities—in a bid to get the right idea about the student.

Additionally, the verbal and

non verbal reasoning tests will be combined into one and the questions will be altered so they are less like the papers one can find in the market place. "We are not interested in seeing who can be trained to take a test, rather we want to see who can think, recognise pattern, make predictions and apply what they know to new situations," he said.

Doon is consistently ranked the best residential school of the country. It remains a boys-only school despite calls to do away with the tradition. Old boys of the school are popularly known as Doscos.