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Area of Teaching and Research - Fashion Illustration, Draping, Fundamentals of Design, Trend analysis

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Title of Dissertation of PhD - Development of innovative weft-knitted products using Lyera elastomeric yarn and the effects of processing parameters on the quality of fabric made from them.

Area of Teaching and Research - Textile subjects relevant to Fashion Design done research in the area of testing instruments for various knitted fabrics

Dr. G. Sai Sangurai is an Associate Professor in the Fashion Design Department since 2005. She has industry experience in various field like export house, textile testing laboratory including teaching experience in Textile engineering college. She has also presented and published various research papers in National seminars and research journals.

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Geetha Ranjini, Associate Professor with the department of Fashion Design is FD graduate from NIFT, Bangalore with the award of best fabric development. With the rich knowledge of Fashion Design, Graphic Design for Fashion, Masters in Business Administration and teaching experience of more than 20 years, her present Ph.D. research topic is 'Sustainability of Handloom Industry in Tamilnadu. The Passion for Design education brought her to NIFT, Chennai in the year 2003. Her versatile experience in the field of Fashion industry, Leather, Denim and MBA have helped her to handle multiple subjects.

Her subject focus are Fashion Studies, Draping, Fashion Design and Illustration, History of Costumes, Surface Embellishments, Integrated Design Project, Craft studies and Design process to Collection. She has contributed in prestigious projects like designing for KVIC, uniform design for Renault Nissan, Installation, experience design for Sterling Resorts (Ooty and Mussoorie) and Design Resource Centre for Kancheepuram WSC.

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Title of Dissertation of PhD - Application of eco-friendly natural dyes on cotton silk and wool fabrics.

Area of Teaching and Research - Apparel Fashion and Textiles.

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Pratheepa Raj is Assistant Professor with the Department of Fashion Design and Center Coordinator of FD. She is a Fashion Design Graduate of 2004 from NIFT- Chennai and acquired MBA specializing in International Business. She has worked in apparel Industry and as a passionate design educator, joined NIFT Chennai in 2014 & specialized in area of Fashion, Apparel Design & Development, Luxury & Couture. With a keen focus in Creative Garment Making, she has Gained the Certification of 'Master of TR techniques. She has conducted Design Development & Technical Training Projects for Artisans under Commission of Handicrafts. Has been a Design consultant for various Uniforms Design project and Fashion Shows in Chennai. Contributing as a Design Educator, she has Authored curriculum of 'Fashion technology' course and curriculum for 'Job role of Assistant Designer' Vocational Course of Samagraha Siksha, bilingual for SCERT higher secondary students of Tamil Nadu government.

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Niveathitha S is an Assistant Professor with the Department of Fashion Design from 2022. She did her Masters in design from NIFT Mumbai and Bachelors in Fashion Technology Under Anna University. She is a young and passionate budding academician with around 5 years of experience in academics. She is passionate in research and has authored book chapters and research articles in the area of Handlooms and sustainability that are listed in scopus. She has also presented her papers on national and international conferences on fashion trend forecasting and design process. Her area of specialization lies in Fashion design process, Graphics for fashion, trend analysis and forecasting, styling, History and traditional textiles.

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Dr M. Aravendan is a Professor in Leather Design at NIFT Chennai. His areas of teaching, training, research and consultancy include the areas of Design, Technology and Management of Footwear and Leather Products. He has 28 years of experience-5 years in the Leather and Footwear Industries and 23 years in the Departments of Leather Design and Fashion & Lifestyle Accessories at NIFT Kolkata and NIFT Chennai. He was the Centre Coordinator for Leather Design & Technology, NIFT Kolkata, Fashion & Lifestyle Accessories Design and Leather Design, NIFT Chennai. He served as the Chairperson-Leather Design, NIFT HO, from 2017 to 2020 and UI-IPR, NIFT HO, from 2015 to 2020. Published several research papers in the international research journals and presented papers at International conferences and seminars. Organised CE, Diploma, Training programs and workshops in Footwear Design & Production Technology, CAD, Design Ergonomics, Product development, IPR, and EDP; Seminars on HRD, Technology Trends and Quality Systems for footwear and leather products. Coordinated livelihood projects for women SHGs, craft artisans and underprivileged people in society, sponsored by the State and Central Governments.

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Mr. Sankara Narayanan

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Area of Teaching and Research - Design, Pattern Making and Management

Sankara Narayanan. T.R is an Associate Professor with the department of Leather Design. With an M. Des from NIFT and a Management Graduate from K. J. Somaiya Institute of Management Studies and Research, Mumbai, Sankara Narayanan brings to the table diverse knowledge on Design and Management. He toiled in the industry in various capacities for over 14 years prior to joining NIFT in the year 2012. He has several publications under his name and currently teaches Design, Pattern making, Management subjects among others. He also has to his credit certifications in Transactional analysis, English and Creative Writing.

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Area of Teaching and Research - All relevant design domain, Garments and Goods pattern making, 3-D Digital Modelling, Photography advanced level.

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Mr. T. P. Balachandar

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Area of Teaching and Research - Leather processing, Non-Leather materials, Footwear design & Pattern making.

T. P. Balachandar is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Leather design, he graduated in Leather Technology and post graduated in Footwear science and Engineering at Anna university, Chennai. He is currently pursuing PhD in sports technology, his passion for teaching brought him to NIFT in the year of 2014, he has worked in leather and footwear industry for 14 years prior joining NIFT, he specializes in Leather science, sustainable leather, Footwear design and Leather Accessories design. He has published two research papers in the field of Footwear in International journal.

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Vijayalakshmi Ravi is an Assistant Professor in Department of Leather Design, Cluster Initiative Coordinator and Sports, adventure and photography club advisor. She is a graduate in Apparel Fashion Design and a Postgraduate in Costume Design and Fashion. She has further completed Master of Philosophy in Costume Design and Fashion and M.B.A specialising in Human Resource Management. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi has also qualified the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by UGC in the year 2015. Currently she is pursuing Ph.D in Costume Design and Fashion on the topic "Empowering Kurumba Tribal Community". She has 11 years of teaching experience and she has presented and published research and review papers in various conferences. She has also attended numerous conferences, workshops and faculty development programs. She has performed various roles in her academical career where she has acted as an External Examiner, Board of Studies member in colleges and universities and has also undertaken consultancy projects. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi received National Merit Certificate from Weaver's Co-operative Society for creating a saree with tribal painting. Her innovative project was funded by UGC for about Rs 2,80,000/- which was entitled "Design & Development of Sarees with Textile Designing Techniques using Kurumba Tribal Painting". She extended her passion and has undergone Leather Garment Pattern Designing conducted by CLRI, Chennai. Passion for teaching and design brought her to join NIFT in the year 2019.

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Area of Teaching and Research - Fashion foresight, Design, and color strategies, Fashion psychology and subculture, Tech-design and AI, youth Marketing.

Dr. Sen Gupta is an Academician, Futurist, Fashion trend analyst, Color strategist, Youth marketing expert, AI enabler, and TEDx speaker. He is the Director- Insights and Principal Investigator of the first-ever national initiative (VisioNxt) to develop AI-enabled indigenous forecasting service for the Indian fashion and retail Industry. With his over two decades of expertise, he has shared his insights with global brands such as Hyundai, Kia Motors, Nike, Sony, British Council, Samsung, Nokia, Wild Republic etc. He has published more than 29 articles, papers & chapters. He is in the board of studies for two institutes and has been in the expert Panel for Lenovo UK Youth round table, Titan paradox Panel, and Poompuhar. Dr.SenGupta has spearheaded the first-ever zonal and youth home color forecast for India (ColorVision20x21), sponsored by Nippon Paint India Ltd. Read more about him here: www.kaustavsengupta.net

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Area of Teaching and Research - Accessories Design, Leather Goods Design & Manufacturing, Craft based Design Projects, Fashion Trend & Forecast Research, Fashion Marketing & Management, Visual & Product Merchandising, Research Methodologies and Design Process, Foundation Program et al.

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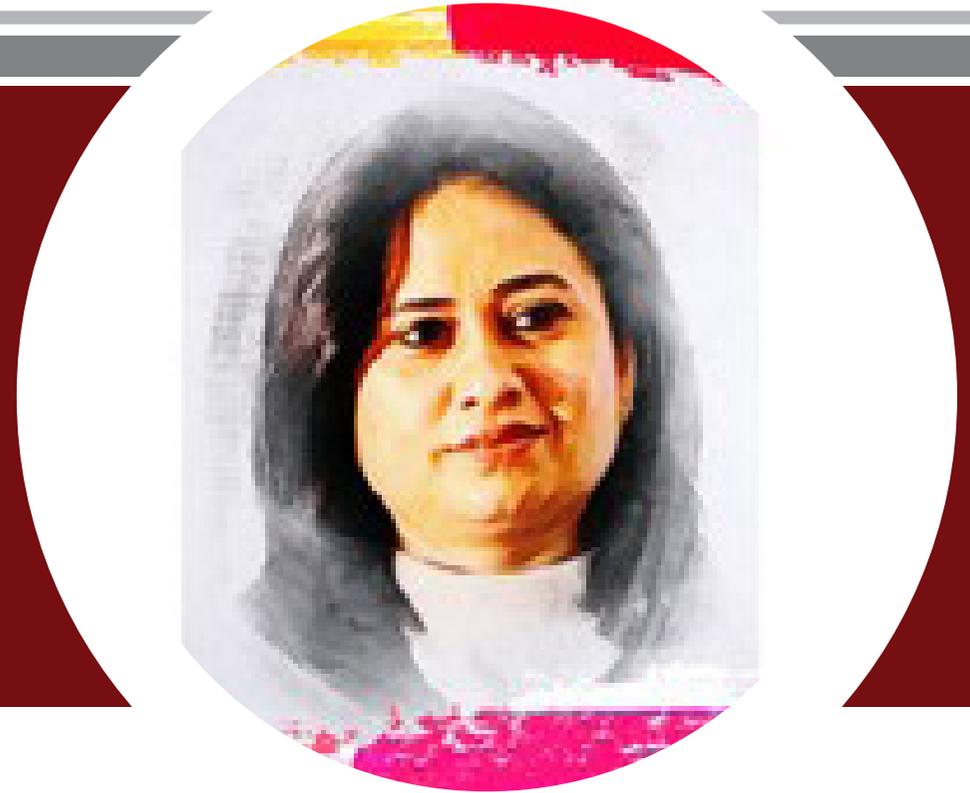
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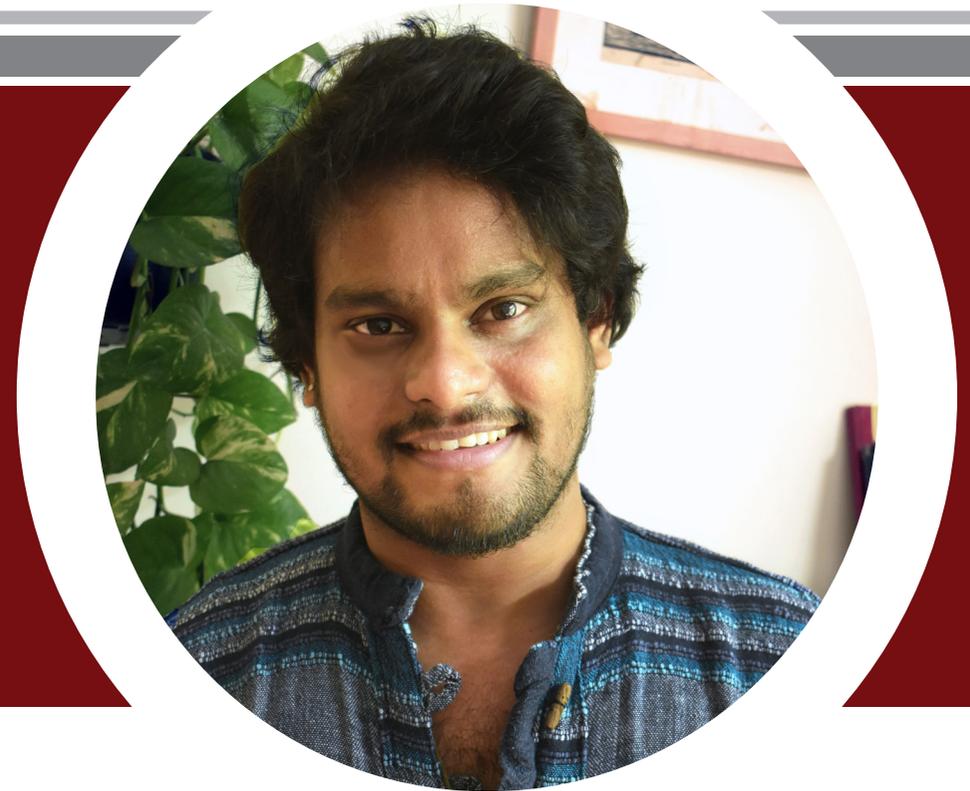
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Mr. Uday Raj R

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Area of Teaching and Research - ART, Material Design, Prototyping, Craft, Digital Art, photography, Design.

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Title of Dissertation of PhD - "Exploring the recycling potentialities of cotton waste for production of innovative sustainable products"

Area of Teaching and Research - Creative thinking, Traditional textiles of India, World textiles, Non-loom techniques, Sustainability and Natural dyes, Deepening specialisation (Print & Surface), Craft Research and Documentation

Dr. S. Aishwariya is a double gold medallist (UG & PG) with Ph. D on Waste Recycling funded by GOI-DST. To her credits, she has 2 patents, authored 2 books, 4 chapters and published more than 60 papers. Qualified for UGC-NET, she was the recipient of Young Scientist Award, and has been invited to present her research work in IIT-Delhi, ICER-Surat and GE-Switzerland. Passionate about teaching and research she handles Creative thinking skills (FP), Traditional textiles, World Textiles, deepening specialisation, Non-loom techniques, Sustainability & Natural dyes with NIFT Chennai. She is also the Link - Girls hostel NIFT Chennai.

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Title of Dissertation of PhD - A Study on Employability Skills of Textile Technology Students

Area of Teaching and Research - Textile science / Fibre to Fabric, weaving, Textile Processing- I & II, Fabric Quality Control and Assurance and Professional Practices.

G. Krishnaraj started his career with NIFT as an Assistant Professor in NIFT, New Delhi in November 2005. He handled the portfolio of EAC at NIFT, New Delhi till March 2008 and also completed the portfolios such as CIC and Centre Coordinator for Textile Department at NIFT, Chennai. Presently he is holding the portfolio of RIC in NIFT, Chennai. He started his career in the spinning industry and later joined as a Lecturer in Engineering College. He has been in the teaching field now for 19 years. He has presented papers in conferences and published papers related to Textile and Education. He has also been involved in the academic activities, namely, Curriculum Development, class room projects and contributed to various Handloom cluster and Handicraft projects such as Saree Design Project, Temple Applique - Languishing Craft Project, Thirumalpur Cluster Project in Tamil Nadu and visited leading Textile Industries in India for academic purpose.

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Kumaraguru Kasinathan is an Assistant Professor in Textile Design at NIFT. He completed Undergraduate in Textiles from PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore, and Post Graduate in Higher Education on E-learning Practices from Nottingham Trent University. He handled consultancy projects in the area of Design & Product Development for Textile and Apparel Export Houses. He has conducted short-term courses in CAD for Industry Professionals and Students. Presented research papers in IFFTI and national and international conferences.

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Area of Teaching and Research - Print Design, Graphics, ERP, Textile CAD, Apparel CAD, ERP implementation, Project Management, Artificial Intelligence, Meta verse

Dr. M.K. Gandhi has been working in NIFT since 1996. Presently Lead the Integrated Enterprise Solution software development and Deployment team of NIFT. Presently working in Projects of National Importance of NIFT namely VISIONXT and Size India. Completed Doctoral research in "Strategic framework for sustainable ERP implementation in Apparel Industry" from Hindustan University. Published several papers in National International Journals and presented papers in international conferences. He also Played a significant role in implementing New Curriculum structure introduced by NIFT by creating automation process for dynamic learning in 2018. He has Completed PG Diploma in Artificial Intelligence for Leaders from Great Lakes University and University of Texas.

As HEAD ERP, he Developed and Deployed a Cloud based application to integrate various academic activities of 17 Campuses of NIFT Technology which covers entire Student Lifecycle Management. Worked in number of Government sponsored Projects which are aimed at uplifting the weaving community. He also served as Member of Executive council NIFT, Board of studies of Institute of Fashion Technology Kollam, Hindustan University, Chettinad University and Garden City University. He also published 3D animated movie called "Virtual Dharshan of Lord Ayyappa" in 2015.

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Title of Dissertation of PhD – A study on the Surface Modification of Polyester Fabrics by Alkaline Hydrolysis

Area of Teaching and Research - Textile Surface Development & Traditional Textiles

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Area of Teaching and Research - Creative textiles, weaving, print & surface, craft, trend study, industrial design, painting, embroidery, storytelling.

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Area of Teaching and Research - Pattern Making, Garment Construction, Design Research, Natural Dyeing

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Area of Teaching and Research - Pattern making, Surface Embellishments, Creative textiles, Draping, craft cluster, Lingerie wear and area of research interest is in Medical Textiles/ Technical textile

Subashini J S is an Assistant Professor in the Knitwear design Department since 2014 at NIFT. She has overall 17years experience in Academic and 1 year in the Industry as a Merchandiser. She worked in a media as a stylist and stylist consultant. She holds a graduate degree in M.Sc., Textiles & clothing and Pre research degree in M.Phil., Textiles & Clothing. At present she is pursuing her Doctorate program in the area of Medical Textiles. she has won 2 state awards for her research in Masters, awarded and sponsored by Tamilnadu State council for science and technology. Her area of teaching specialization is Pattern making, Surface Embellishments, Creative textiles, Draping, craft cluster and Lingerie wear. She has published papers in UGC journals and presented papers in many National and International seminars. Also she has participated and coordinated in various National and International shows. She has developed a functional clothing, coated with metallic oxides for Aids Patients in her pre research program and currently researching on development of functional textiles containing anti-inflammatory and anti-cancerous properties.

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Area of Teaching and Research - Fashion Illustration, Design Process, Portfolio Development and Quality in Higher Education

K. Arul is Associate Professor in Knitwear Design Department, NIFT, Chennai. He joined NIFT in 2005. Specializes in Fashion Illustration, Design Process and Portfolio Development. K. Arul is a Post Graduate of Knitwear Design and Technology from NIFT. He also holds an M.B.A in Education Management and now pursuing Ph.D. from Madras University. Prior to joining as faculty, Arul worked as Knitwear Designer in Tirupur Export Sector which utilized his Design skills to develop for notable brands like Levis, JC Penney, Diesel and other online leading stores. He continues to lead several Design Projects from the Industry. He designed uniforms to Chennai Corporation, M/s Sikshaa Public School, M/s Residency Hotels, Chennai & M/s. Caterpillar India Pvt Ltd, Chennai. Focusing research on Fashion Education and its Quality Parameters he published research papers in AE International Journal of Multi-disciplinary Research, ASEE International Forum and Universal Journal of Educational Research.

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Mr. Nanda Kumar K

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Area of Teaching and Research - Knitting, Patternmaking, Sportswear, Kidswear, Garment Construction, Knitwear Production. Technical Drawing

Nanda Kumar K is an Assistant professor with the department of Knitwear design in Chennai. He is a master of design from NIFT in knitwear Design & Technology. Passion for Knitwear design brought him to join NIFT in the year 2009 at NIFT, Chennai. He has worked in the industry for 7 years and has been an academician now for 14 years. He has a special interest in knitting, Pattern making, Wearable devices, Computer Hardware, Smart Garments.

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Dr. P. Mohanraj

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Title of Dissertation of PhD - 'A Study on Fashion Retail Store Employees' Skill and Capability in Chennai.'

Area of Teaching and Research - Knitting Technology, Fashion Marketing & Merchandising, Business of Knitwear, Fashion Apparel Retail & Knitwear Product Development.

Dr P. Mohanraj is a professor in the department of Knitwear Design. He is a PhD in Fashion Apparel Retail and specialises in fashion Knitwear, Merchandising & Retail and Apparel Export Merchandising. His passion for sharing knowledge brought him to join NIFT in 2001 at NIFT Chennai. Prior to joining NIFT, he worked in the Knitwear and Home Textiles industries in various capacities, including as General Manager and has been an academician now for 20 years. He is also a Chartered Textile Engineer (India). He has had a vast Fashion Apparel industry connection for over two decades and works closely associating with NIFT students, which furnishes the students with Industry Connect. Additionally, He held portfolios such as head of the depts of Knitwear Design and Textile Design, Regional Industry Coordinator, International Linkages coordinator and Project in-charge. He has successfully conceived and undertaken several design research projects at NIFT Chennai. He has conceived and successfully launched Continuing Education (CE) and short-term programs at NIFT Chennai. He specialises in Flat knitting, Computerized Flat Knitting and Circular Knitting, Fashion Marketing & Merchandising & Retail and Apparel Export Merchandising. He has several publications in national and international journals. He is a recipient of the Best Textile engineering contributor award in 2022.

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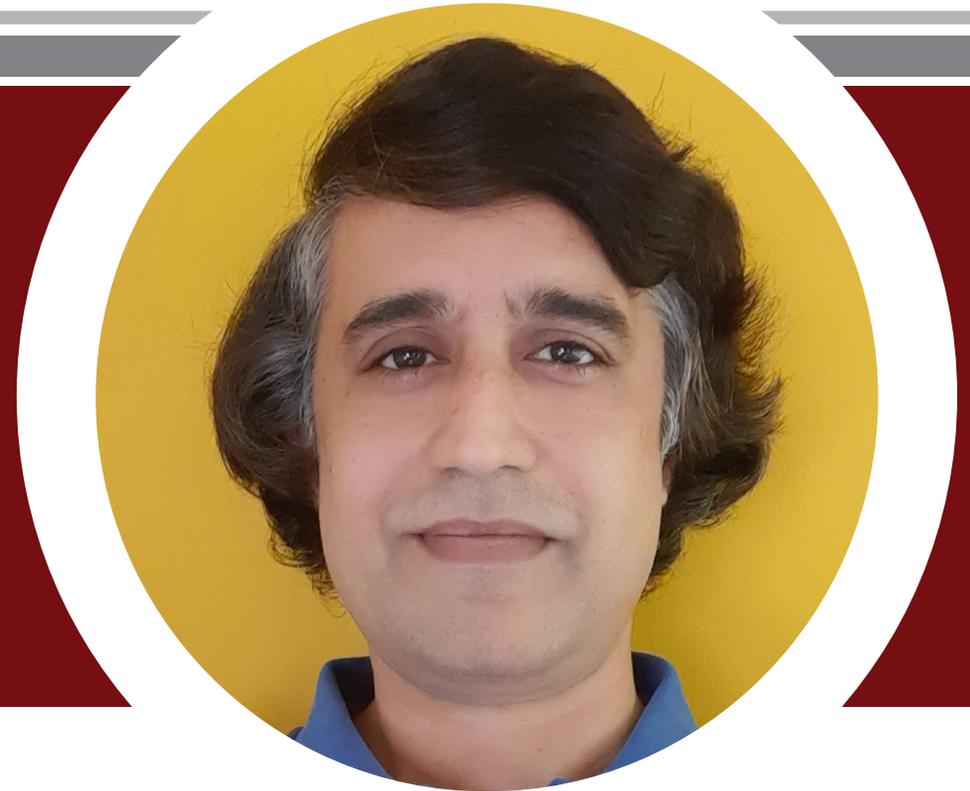
Since 2005 I have been working in NIFT, in 2005 I joined as an Assistant professor and I got regularized in 2008 as an Assistant professor. I got promoted as an Associate professor in the year of 2019. In 2011 I was given portfolio of CI&DL(Coordinator of international and domestic linkages) and till 2014 worked for the same. I was a member of several committees and especially for the Placement committee almost every year since 2006. I was part of the students counselling and admission during 2010 and 2011 which happened at HO New Delhi.

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A thorough believer in imparting holistic style to Design Education, he initiates pep Talks, Lectures, Workshops, Seminars to benefit the Student community for a fresh interactive outlook. Design Consultancy, Uniform Projects, Prospectus Layout Design & Graphic Design, Innovative Documentation are some of the commitments he has been involved as Mentor & Coordinator.

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Title of Dissertation of PhD - 'Perception and Functionality of Unisex Clothing : an Empirical study among Fashion Designers'

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Dr. Sunitha Vasan is a Professor in the Knitwear Design Department. She has a wide experience in the Knitwear Industry and had joined at Chennai at the inception of the Department in 2000. She is a GMT Alumni of NIFT, Chennai which is being further upgraded to MFTech. She has completed her Doctoral Degree in Textile Management and also has a MBA Degree. An amalgamation of Experience in Design Department along with Technology and Management Learning, she is able to contribute to all the disciplines in NIFT. She has been holding various academic and administrative posts all these years. During her tenure as the Chairperson of Knitwear Design Department, she had spearheaded the new curriculum for the department. She has quite a number of publications in national and international journals to her credit. She has coordinated training programmes for faculty, industry personnels and some of the MDPs.

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Lordsun Sivakumar S is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Fashion Communication, NIFT Chennai. He has done M.Sc Costume and Fashion Design and has gained academic knowledge from various institutions which include NIFT and NID. He is currently pursuing PhD in Fashion Forecasting.He has been associated with NIFT Bengaluru from 2014. He has been a part of the many facets of the fashion industry including Academics, Apparel Industry, Fashion Retail and associated with many Fashion shows, worked for French Connection License office India and various Europe and US brands like Lee, Wrangler, HIS, Rip curl, Oxbow, S-Oliver, Diesel, French Connection. He has written two books on Fashion Design and Management, published by, Dream Zone, CCTS Pvt Ltd, (Books: "Fashion Management" in 2012 and Fundamentals of Fashion Design" in 2013). He directed and witnessed the longest fashion show which was acknowledged and certified in the Guinness world record in- 2018 and Unique world record -2018. He has also initiated and directed the nonstop and longest fashion show which was acknowledged and certified by the Limca book of Records in 2013. He was invited to give expert lectures across various fashion colleges and Institutions in the country

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Area of Teaching and Research - Communication Design, Digital Presentation Techniques, Digital Design, DataMining, RDBMS, IPR

Dr. Martin Jeyasingh Mathews is a Professor with the Department of Fashion Communication. He is an enthusiastic and optimistic educator with his own creativity and innovation. He has earned degrees [Ph.D in Information Technology and Fashion] from Bharath Institute of Higher Education& Research , Chennai and M.Phil, M.C.A. He is also a Doctoral Committee member for Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai and NIFT listed Ph.D. Supervisor. He was External Examiner for Ph.D VivaVoce at AMET UNIVERSITY, Chennai .As he is associated with NIFT since 2003. He has versatile experience in holding the various portfolios as CC and unit in-charge in NIFT. He has undergone a international training on Graphic Design and Integrated Media skills at SCAD,Hong Kong. His research papers on Fashion forecasting and Data mining associated to Apparel sector issues which has been published in the peer reviewed journals and presented numerous research papers garment industry issues in the National and Internal Conferences.

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Title of Dissertation – Skill Set Requirement for Sewing Machine Operations in Garment Manufacturing Units' from NIFT, New Delhi

Area of Teaching and Research - Plant Layout, Sustainable Manufacturing, Industrial Engineering, Production Planning, Merchandising, Cost Control, Skill Development and Ergonomics

Dr. Amit Kumar Anjanee is an Associate Professor in the Department of Fashion Technology (Apparel Production) at NIFT, Chennai. He did his PG Diploma in Garment Manufacturing Technology (GMT) from NIFT Kolkata in 2002, Master of Fashion Technology from NIFT, Chennai and Master of Business Administration from MDU, Rohtak. He has over 20 years of teaching, research and management consulting experience in Garment Manufacturing Technology and Business Administration. He has held positions in the industry as Management Consultant in Technopak Advisors, India and was involved in various plant start-ups, reengineering & skill development projects. He has also worked as Head- Planning & Operations. He has participated in national and international conferences and authored articles related to Garment Manufacturing Business, Sustainable Development, Skill Set Requirements & Brand Marketing. His area of interest includes Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, and Business Intelligence.

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Mr. A.O. Abdul Salam Sait is an Associate Professor with the Department of Fashion Technology at NIFT Chennai. He has M. Tech Textile Technology from Anna University, Chennai. He is having 25 years of teaching experience at NIFT apart from having 07 years of Industrial working experience with leading textiles and apparel manufacturing industries. He has been offered with various academic administrative responsibilities at NIFT such as Centre Coordinator for BFT & GMT programs, Unit In-charge for Projects, Placement Coordinator, and Industry Institute Interactive Coordinator during different time periods of his service. He handles subjects like Sewn Products Machinery & Equipment, Spreading & Cutting of Apparel Products, Ergonomics, Technical Textiles, and Smart Textiles etc. His area of research interests in Fashion Clothing Brands and Its Consumer behavior. He Published research articles in national and international journals. He also participated in a number of symposiums, seminars, trade fairs, and exhibitions held in the national and international arena.
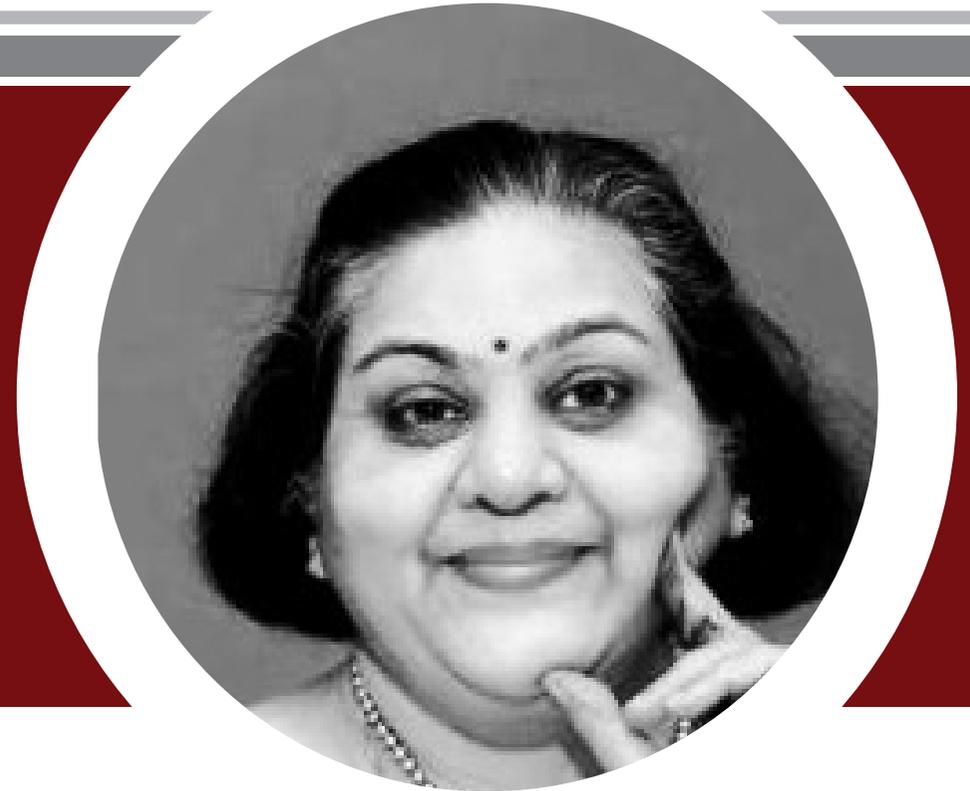
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Title of Dissertation of PhD - 'Flattening of the World and the Indian Garment Industry-a study of the changing scenario with special emphasis on the Chennai Garment Industry.'

Area of Teaching and Research - Apparel Quality, Apparel Manufacturing, Merchandising, CSR and Sustainability

A graduate of Delhi University with a Master of Fashion Technology from NIFT (PGD in GMT, NIFT 1990-92), and M.A and Doctorate in Economics, Dr. Satyan boasts an extensive industry experience, working with renowned brands like Liz Claiborne, Otto Versand, Triburg, Eddie Bauer, and with leading Chennai exporters and private consultant since 1992. She has been associated with NIFT Chennai since 2002. A prolific reader, researcher, and collector of knowledge, she specializes in all subjects related to apparel manufacturing with a passionate interest in Sustainability. A firm believer in the amalgamation of design and technology, she has coordinated several prestigious design and technical projects at NIFT for FICCI, KVIC and Sterling Resorts. She has authored over twenty-six papers/chapters in books through National/International presentations and publications and guided students of graduate, postgraduate & bridge program studies and doctoral candidates. She is an active contributor to the administrative structure of the institute holding many responsible academic and administrative posts.

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Title of Dissertation of PhD – Area - Threads, Seams and Sewing Dynamics

Area of Teaching and Research - Apparel automation, Stitchless Technology, Technical Textiles, Industrial Engineering, Operations Management

Dr. D Samuel Wesley an alumnus of IIT Delhi & PSG College of Technology has been with NIFT as faculty since 2005. His professional experience in the field of Textiles and Apparel spans more than three decades. He has authored a book on Sewing Technology and published several research papers in peer reviewed International and National Journals and also presented papers in International Conferences. He is a recipient of DST faculty travel award to UNLV, USA and IFFTI faculty exchange award to RMIT, Australia.

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Title of Dissertation of PhD - Investigation of Physiochemical and Mechanical Properties of Banana Peduncle Fiber Reinforced Composite Material.

Area of Teaching and Research - Sustainable Production, Natural Fiber Composites, Textile Science, Technical Textiles, Garment Construction, TQM, Plant layout, Technical Drawing, Engineering Graphics and 2D & 3D AutoCAD.

Mr. D. Praveen Nagarajan is an Associate Professor, Department of Fashion Technology, NIFT, Chennai. He did his B.E., M.Tech (Textile Technology) and Ph.D. in Geo Textiles. He has more than 17 years of Teaching experience & 5 Years of Industrial experience. He is specialization in Sustainable Production, Natural Fibre Composites, Textile Science, Technical Textiles, TQM, Plant layout, Technical Drawing, Engineering Graphics and 2D & 3D AutoCAD. He has published four articles in International Journals and also a reviewer for international journals. He was contributed as Regional Industry Coordinator from 2010 to 2013, Centre Coordinator – BFT (Apparel Production) from 2017 to 2021, Sports Club Faculty Advisor and active member of various committees at NIFT. He received an appreciation letter from DG-NIFT & Textile Ministry for his commendable job.

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Title of Dissertation of PhD – Experimental Investigation on Mechanical and Dynamic Mechanical Properties of Natural Fibre composites

Area of Teaching and Research - Pattern Engineering, Product Design & Development, Smart Wearable, Natural Fiber Composites.

Dr. Murugan Thangaraj joined NIFT in 2008 as Assistant Professor and got Promoted as Associate Professor, belongs to Department of Fashion Technology and currently holding the position of center coordinator - M.F.Tech., and specializes in Patten Engineering, Product Design & Development, Smart Wearables and Technical Textiles. He submitted a PhD Thesis titled, Experimental Investigations on Mechanical and Dynamic Mechanical Properties of Natural Fiber Composites. He has several publications in the area of natural fiber composites, seam puckering and product development in National, International journals and Conferences.

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She is Specializes in Pattern Making, Garment construction, Pattern Engineering, Draping, 3D body Scanning & Garment Simulation, 2D Apparel Cad & Grading (Lectra, Tukatech, Optitex & CLO 3D Software's).

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Title of Dissertation of PhD – A study on the Knowledge Management Practices among Exclusive and Multi Brand Apparel Retail Outlets in Chennai District

Area of Teaching and Research - Technology Integration in Apparel Manufacturing, IoT, Data Analytics, AI & Machine Learning for Fashion

Dr. Raghuram Jayaraman is a Professor in the Department of Fashion Technology with over 22 years of experience. He is an expert in Computer Applications and Knowledge Management for fashion business and is profusely known for identifying, analyzing and enabling systems & technologies to achieve the strategic objectives of the institute. He served in various Academic Administration and Executive Leadership positions at NIFT and visited several industry and academic institutes in USA, Middle East, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Cambodia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Egypt and Jordan to strengthen NIFT - Industry - Alumni engagements. He specializes in Technology Integration for Apparel Manufacturing, Industry 4.0, Fashion Data Analytics, AI & Machine Learning for Fashion.

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Title of Dissertation of PhD - Development and Quality Assessment of Nano Finishes on Cotton Fabrics for Innovative Products

Area of Teaching and Research - IT Applications In Garment Production Technology, IoT, Mechatronics and Robotics

Russel Timothy is a Professor associated with the Department of Fashion Technology and at present the chairperson of the Department. He has a Ph.D. in Nanotechnology and specializes in technological application with garment production. Passion for teaching and research in technological innovations had brought his to join NIFT during the year 1997 at NIFT, Bangalore. He had been an academician now for more than 30 years. He specializes in Apparel Production Technology and Management, IT applications, E-commerce, IoT and AI. He has good publications in national and international journals.

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Dr. A. Sasirekha is an Associate Professor with the Department of Fashion Management Studies. She is specialized in Research methodology and HR. She has been an academician for more than 17 years.

At NIFT, Chennai, she has held several additional charges. She has presented papers at National Conferences and published papers in national and international journals on various topics. One of her papers awarded as The Best paper at a national conference. She was one of the editorial team members in a Quarterly journal and a Biannual Journal. She has also undertaken Industry internships with one national and one international brand. She also guides classroom projects and various research projects. She had coordinated a few Govt. Sponsored projects, as well. In addition, she is guiding Research scholars. She has coordinated many training programs for students and faculty too. She has presented the Statistical tools for the analysis of data for faculty.

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Area of Teaching and Research - Fashion technology, management, and design, Design Research, Marketing Research

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Sowndarya M is Assistant Professor with the department of Fashion Management Studies, She has done her Master's degree in Master of Fashion Management Studies and specializes in Merchandising. She has started her industry experience with H&M from Management Trainee (June 2016 to June 2017), As garment Technician (June 2017 to Sept 2018), As Merchandiser (Sept 2018 to Dec 2020) after obtaining expertise and constant improvement in global brand H&M for about 4.6 years, she started to explore and support development of In house brands of domestic brand VNH as Category Head from (Mar 2021 to Oct 2021) for about 7 months.

She specializes in Merchandising, Vendor management, Developing of seasonal market plan with optimal mapping, Product risk assessment & Children safety regulation, Assortment planning, Brand Development and Cost/Budget Optimization.

She has also been part of various projects in Industry such as,

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Title of Dissertation of PhD – Impact of CSR compliance on the social and economic performance of apparel companies in Tamilnadu

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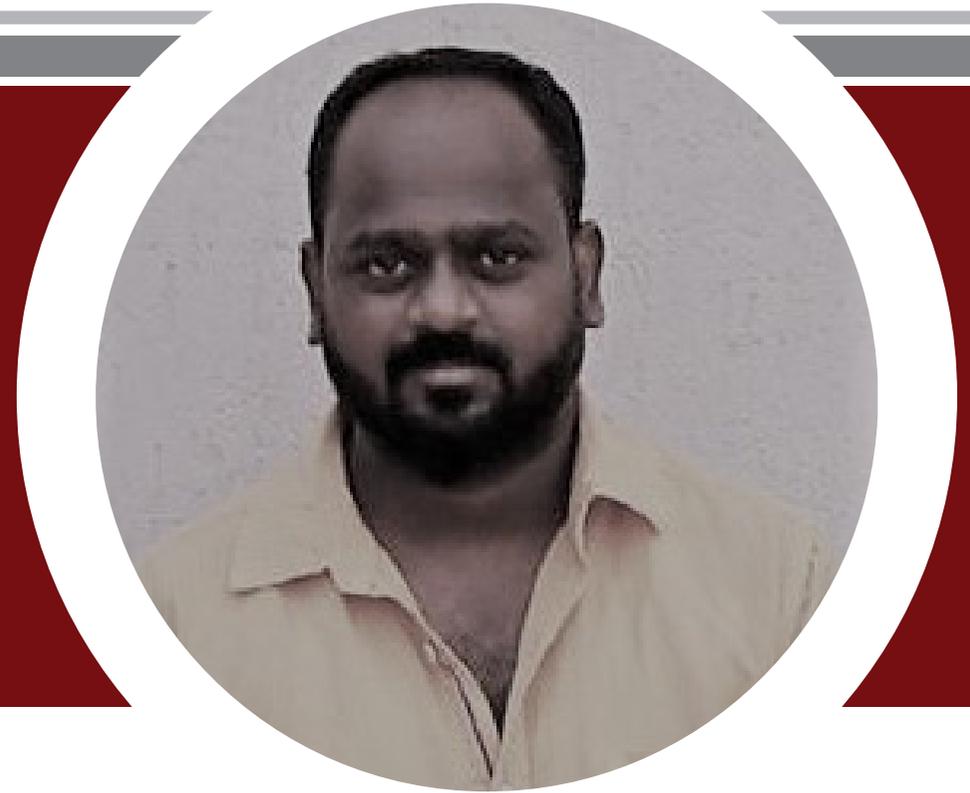
Dr. S. Angammal Santhi joined the Department of Fashion Technology NIFT Chennai in January, 2002. Since her inception into NIFT till 2018, she was handling System Software and Application Software related subject areas and upgraded herself to handle the business transformational technologies. Then as a faculty of the Department of Fashion Management since 2018, she has handled the People Management subjects, Retail Technologies, Retail Management and Omni channel Sales Management. In this digital era, she also built her competencies to teach the essentials of the digital marketing transformation strategies. She has to her credit several National and International publications. She has keen interest in handling the cluster studies whereby appropriate marketing intervention can be provided with the help of students to improve the livelihood of the artisans. Presently, she is the course co-ordinator of the MFM department.

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Area of Teaching and Research - Fashion Marketing, Merchandising, CEMRO, Branding & Branded entertainment, Consumer behaviour and Neuro marketing

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Dr. R Kishore Kumar, whose major is in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) joined as an Assistant Professor in NIFT, Chennai in 2021. He holds a PhD from IIT Kharagpur and his area of specialisation is speech processing, pattern recognition, parallel processing, web service security, and web content mining. Kishore has worked in the Mandi project which was funded by the Department of Information Technology, New Delhi. He is currently deputed as an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Engineer in the VisioNxt Project for developing deep learning models for fashion apparel and accessories. He has publications in the area of speech processing and web content mining in national and international journals, including three in Science Citation Indexed (SCI) journals. His other hobbies include playing badminton and exploring new places around the city.

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