

**MINUTES OF THE 20<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2013 (FRIDAY) AT 2:00 P.M. AT PARLIAMENT ROOM AT CHAMBERS, HOTEL TAJ MANSINGH, MANSINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI**

**Present:**

1. Shri Venu Srinivasan – Chairperson
2. Sh. Prem Kumar Gera, Director General, NIFT
3. Smt. Anita Agnihotri, AS&FA, Ministry of Textiles
4. Smt. Monika S. Garg, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
5. Shri. Sunil Sethi, President, FDCI
6. Smt. Rajshree Pathy, Director, Rajshree Spinning Mills Ltd.
7. Shri Premal Udani, M/s Kaytee Corporation Limited

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The following members were granted leave of absence:

1. Shri N.K Singh, Hon'ble M.P. Rajya Sabha
2. Smt. Deepa Dasmunsi, Hon'ble M.P Lok Sabha & MOS (Urban Development)
3. Smt. Saroj Pandey, Hon'ble M.P Lok Sabha
4. Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, M/s Poppys Knitwear Pvt. Ltd
5. Smt. Kavita Bhartia, M/s. Ogaan, New Delhi
6. Shri R.P Sisodia, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development
7. Shri Prashant Agarwal, Managing Director, Bombay Rayon Fashions Ltd.
8. Shri Dilip B. Jiwrajka, Managing Director, Alok Industries Ltd.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2001**

**Confirmation of the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting of National Institute of Fashion Technology held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 (Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m. at Parliament Room at Chambers, Hotel Taj Mansingh, Mansingh Road, New Delhi**

After noting that no comments have been received, the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 were confirmed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2002**

**Taking note of the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting Academic Affairs Committee of the BOG of NIFT**

The Board took note of the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Affairs Committee of the BOG of NIFT held on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2003**

#### **To offer the supernumerary seats of domicile category as “State Domicile Preferential & Foreign Nationals /SARC /NRI Seats**

The Board was informed that in the new NIFT Campuses which are funded by the State Govt., twenty percent (20%) of the total 30 seats i.e. 06 supernumerary seats are offered for admission as State Domicile seats for admission. However, more than 50% seats of State domicile category remain vacant every year and they are considered as lapsed and not converted to any other category / Centre. It was proposed that for optimum utilization of vacant seats of domicile category, the admission of interested NRI candidates at vacant State Domicile Preferential Seats may be allowed.

The Board was further informed that these seats will be displayed as “**State Domicile Preferential & Foreign Nationals /SAARC /NRI Seats**” in prospectus / counseling and admission for NRI wards will be done after counseling for the Domicile Quota along with admissions is over.

The Board considered and approved the proposal of offering the supernumerary seats of domicile category as “State Domicile Preferential & Foreign Nationals /SARC /NRI Seats from the Admissions 2013.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2004**

#### **Achievements of NIFT during the tenure of current Board of Governors from April 2010 to March 2013**

The BOG was apprised of following initiatives taken to introduce/streamline systems in NIFT during the tenure of current Board:

- Membership of AIU
- Policy interventions & systemic improvements- Bridge Programme policy (2011), NIFT’s Means-cum-Merit Financial Assistance Scheme (2011), Issuance of Migration / Provisional Certificates (2011), Inter Discipline Transfer Policy (2011) Faculty Development Programme ( 2011), Study and Sabbatical Leave policy for NIFT faculty and staff (2011), Examination & Evaluation Policy (2012 ), Admission policy (2012), New Centre policy (2012), Endowment Fund Policy (2012), Project policy (2013), Inter Center Temporary Transfer (2013), NIFT Campus Student Exchange (NCSE) Policy (2013), Student Permanent Transfer (SPT)(2013), Students lateral Entry Policy (SLEP) for Regular UG Programmes(2013)
- Introduction of new Courses
- Increase in number of students admitted
- Recruitment of Administrative as well as Academic Staff
- Updation of Manuals
- Statutes and Ordinances of NIFT
- Enhancement in brand value of NIFT- MOU with FIT- Newyork, MOU with BIFT- Bangladesh, MOU with NID, MOU with Textiles Committee, MOU with CBSE, launching of international series ICLAM, Industry Interaction,
- Foreign Exchange Students
- Decentralizing Convocation
- Projects: - Course Development for JSS in Fashion Technology related Trades (Head Office), Research Study of Varanasi Handloom Cluster (Raebareli), E-content Development for Fashion Design & Technology Subjects for MHRD (Chennai),

Uniform Design for Forest Personnel Maharashtra State (Gandhinagar), Design of School Uniform for students of KVS (New Delhi), Designing of Uniform for Air India Crew Member project (New Delhi), Entrepreneurship Programme in Dress Making for ECT, Govt. of Meghalaya (Shillong), Jute Diversification Project (Gandhinagar), Training of Vocational Volunteer Trainers in the identified Model Cluster Schools, (Hyderabad)

- Curriculum Review
- Strengthening and streamlining of financial management in NIFT- regular inspections of audit and vigilance in all Centres, nomination of Deputy Vigilance Officers in all Centres, close monitoring of financial matters
- Delegation of Establishment powers and Financial powers to the Campus Directors

The Board appreciated the above initiatives taken to introduce/streamline systems in NIFT during the tenure of the current BOG by DG NIFT and also the efforts made to put in place transparent Policies which have led to greater level of satisfaction among the stakeholders. The BOG appreciated the initiatives taken by earlier DG Ms. Monika S. Garg and present DG Mr. Prem Kumar Gera to forward the Brand image of NIFT & proposing key changes for better satisfaction of stakeholders and improve the management of 15 NIFT Centres.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2005**

- a) **Approval on exemption given for Ph.D. admission for three candidates of batches - 2009 & 2010**

**And**

- b) **Revised eligibility criteria for Ph.D. admission as suggested in the AAC held on 9<sup>th</sup> may 2012 & 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**

The Board considered and approved the revised eligibility criteria as proposed by the AAC to be included in the Ph.D. Policy of NIFT.

The Board was informed that during the admission of Ph.D. programme 2009 & 2010, the eligibility criteria required the candidates to have relevant PG degree through regular program. Certain candidates of 2009 viz., Prof. (Ms.) Vandana Narang, Prof. (Ms.) Shalini Sud and of 2010 batch Prof. (Mr.) Suhail Anwar were given exemptions on the eligibility criteria for acquiring of PG Degree for Ph.D.

Deliberate discussion took place on the mode of acquiring Ph.D. degree and it was decided that PG degree acquired through Long distance/Correspondence should also be considered for candidature of NIFT Ph.D. as well as in the NIFT recruitment. The Board directed that NIFT Recruitment Rules may be modified to this extent.

Keeping in view, the long rich teaching experience of Ms. Vandana Narang, Ms. Shalini Sud and Mr. Suhail Anwar, the Board considered and approved the candidature of Ms. Vandana Narang and Ms. Shalini Sud from 2009 batch and Mr. Suhail Anwar of 2010 batch.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2006**

##### **Student permanent transfer policy for students of regular PG and UG programmes**

The Board considered and approved the Student Permanent Transfer Policy for students of regular PG and UG Programmes as brought out in the agenda notes. The Board also recommended that same may be implemented from the year 2013.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2007**

#### **Student Lateral Entry Policy (SLEP) for admission to 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of regular UG programmes of NIFT**

The Board was informed that due to drop-out of students attributed to various reasons approx. 200 seats remain vacant every year which has caused huge revenue losses to NIFT and affected financial viability of new campuses such as those located at Kannur, Kangra and Jodhpur. Through this “Student-Lateral Entry Policy” NIFT would be in a position to offer the vacant seats created due to cancellation of registrations at various NIFT campuses to candidates who have obtained a diploma/ degree in the field of Fashion/ Textile/ Handloom Design/ Science or Technology from Colleges/Institutes run by Central/ State Governments or recognized by AICTE. This policy will provide opportunity to students who have acquired skills and knowledge in above mentioned fields and generate funds for NIFT campuses by filling the vacant seats.

The Board considered and approved the “Student-Lateral Entry Policy”. The Board observed that State of Kerala is rich in textiles industry and there is a good demand for textiles graduate also therefore NIFT Kannur Centre should concentrate on introducing Textile courses in order to meet the industry demand and to make the Centre financially viable.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2008**

#### **Cases of Mr. Nitin Rana and Mr. Jairaj Thinger for consideration of end-term re-examination approval by circulation –reg.**

The Board was informed that Mr. Nitin Rana, a student of F&LA, Semester-IV and Mr. Jairaj Thinger, student of PGDS-II of NIFT New Delhi fulfilled the overall attendance of 75% but had shortage of attendance due to medical problem in one subject which was taught in modular format. Therefore, their case of relaxation of shortage of attendance and allowing them in the re-examination was placed before the AAC and the AAC approved the same by circulation and took note of the same in its 10<sup>th</sup> AAC meeting held on 27/02/2013.

In view of the above, the Board considered and ratified the decision of end-term re-examination taken by the AAC in the cases of Mr. Nitin Rana and Mr. Jairaj Thinger.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2009**

#### **Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

(A)

#### **TABLED AGENDA ITEM**

#### **Delegation of Powers to Finance & Audit Committee of the BOG**

The Board was informed that due to revision in the Delegation of powers of Director General, Director (HO), Campus Director and other officers in Campus in the 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors (BOG) meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013, a need has arisen to make revision in the delegation of powers of the F&AC.

In view of the above, the Board considered and approved the following revision in the Delegation of Powers of F&AC:

S.no.	Area of Delegation	Delegation of powers to F&AC
1.	Purchase of Capital Items / works.	Full powers to purchase any items / works of value above Rs. 25 Lakhs that is not provided in the Budget.
2.	Disposal of surplus stores	To be deleted
3.	Re-appropriation of Budget under Major Budget Head of Capital and Revenue Budget <b>(New item)</b>	Full Powers of re-appropriation from one Major head to other Major Head in the approved Budget.
The other delegations of F&AC as in Finance manual remain unchanged.		

**(B)** The Board expressed its concern on opening new Centres before making the existing ones financially viable. The Board raised the issues of faculty shortage. The Board directed that the possibility of setting up NIFT Centre as turnkey project may be explored and after setting up the same, it may be handed over to State Government to run the same. Thus, keeping in view the shortage of faculty and brand equity of NIFT, the Board recommended that in near future no new NIFT Centre may be opened.

**(C)** While discussing the vacancy at senior positions at NIFT, the Board noted that posts of Director (Admin) and Director (Finance) at NIFT Head office and Deputy Registrar (F&A) at NIFT Centres should be normally filled with candidates on deputation from Government. For such candidates, the eligibility criteria (being a Chartered Accountant) should be relaxed. In case of non-availability of suitable officers for the posts mentioned above from the organized services, the Selection Committee chaired by the Chairman BOG may decide to fill the same with candidates from Industry/Academic institute through a fresh recruitment drive.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.