

**MINUTES OF THE 18th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY
HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2012 (TUESDAY) AT 10:30 A.M. AT INDIA HABITAT
CENTRE, NEW DELHI**

Present:

1. Shri Venu Srinivasan - Chairperson
2. Sh. Prem Kumar Gera, Director General, NIFT
3. Smt. Saroj Pandey, Hon'ble M.P Lok Sabha
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. Smt. Kavita Bhartia, M/s. Ogaan, New Delhi

The following members were granted leave of absence:

1. Sh. N.K. Singh, Hon'ble M.P. Rajya Sabha
2. Smt. Deepa Dasmunsi, Hon'ble M.P. Lok Sabha
3. Smt. Anita Agnihotri, AS&FA, MOT
4. Sh. R.P. Sisodia, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development
5. Dr. A. Sakthivel, Chairman, M/s Poppys Knitwear Pvt. Ltd.
6. Sh. Prashant Agarwal, Managing Director, Bombay Rayon Fashions Ltd.,
7. Sh. Premal Udani, M/s Kaytee Corporation Limited
8. Sh. Dilip B. Jiwrajka, Managing Director, Alok Industries Ltd., Mumbai

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1801

Confirmation of the minutes of 17th Board of Governors meeting of National Institute of Fashion Technology held on 23rd July, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at NIFT, Head Office, New Delhi and continued on 24th July, 2012 at New Delhi

After noting that no comments have been received, the minutes of the 17th meeting of the Board held on 23rd July, 2012 & 24th July, 2012 were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1802

Action Taken Report on last minutes of the BOG meeting

The Action Taken Report on the decisions of the previous meeting of the Board was noted by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1803

Taking note of the minutes of the 9th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Board on Establishment Matters of National Institute of Fashion Technology

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Board on Establishment matters was noted by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1804

Policy for establishing a new NIFT Campus

As per the directions given in the last BOG meeting a presentation on opening of new NIFT Centres was given before the Board by the CVO- NIFT. The Chairman BOG and members felt that NIFT could not start any new Centre till following was addressed:

- i. Low faculty student ratio
- ii. Inadequate Block Grant which NIFT was getting from the Central Government
- iii. Placement opportunities for increasing number of students.

After detailed discussion, the Board approved the Policy for establishing of new NIFT Centre except the clause on Establishment of Extension Centre. Board constituted a following Sub-Committee of the Board with the direction to submit its report on a separate Policy for Establishment of Extension Centre:

- i. Shri. Sunil Sethi, President, FDCI
- ii. Smt. Monika.S.Garg, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
- iii. Smt. Kavita Bhartia, M/s. Ogaan, New Delhi
- iv. Smt. Rajshree Pathy, Director, Rajshree Spinning Mills Ltd.

The Committee was requested to suggest Organisation/ Institutions with whom NIFT Centres can collaborate for setting up such Centres.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1813

Pending proposals for establishing new NIFT Campuses

The Board in principle approved the opening of new NIFT Centre in Chhattisgarh subject to land and fund requirement as per the policy of NIFT. Kumari Saroj pandey suggested that Govt. of Chattisgarh may not be able to give more funds than Rs. 58.65 Crores. She was explained that Rs. 58 Crores of 2007 prices may be sufficient to provide infrastructure for three courses that may result in revenue loss of order of Rs. 50 lakhs every year. If State Govt. would agree to provide annual grant of that order to meet revenue loss, NIFT could consider the proposal. Subject to above decision the Board gave its in principle approval.

Keeping in view the new Policy approved on establishment of new NIFT Centres, the Board considered the pending proposals for establishing new NIFT Centres and directed that the new policy may be circulated to State Government of Punjab, Mizoram, Jharkhand, Tripura, Assam, with a request to submit their proposal as per new policy.

Ms. Saroj Pandey took leave of the Board to attend the Parliament session.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1805

The Recruitment Rules for the post of Directors in NIFT

The Recruitment Rules (RRs) for the post of Directors in NIFT were discussed by the Board. After due consideration, the Board approved the Recruitment Rules for the post of Directors to expand the field of choice i.e. beyond the officers from the Central and State services, candidates from Academic & Industry.

The RRs for the post of Director (F&A) and Director (Administration) were also approved as proposed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1806

The Recruitment Rules for the post of Registrar and Joint Director in NIFT

The Recruitment Rules (RRs) for the post of Registrar and Joint Director in NIFT were considered and approved by the Board as brought out in the agenda notes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1807

Delegation of Financial Powers

The Board directed that a presentation on delegation of Financial Powers may be made in the next meeting of the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1808

Delegation of Powers in Establishment and Administrative matters

The Committee considered and approved the delegation of Establishment and Administrative Powers to Centre Directors (except power of engagement of manpower through Placement Agency) as recommended by the Standing Committee of the Board on Establishment matters of NIFT.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1815

Endowment Fund Policy

The Board considered and approved the Endowment Fund Policy including the following modifications made by the Ministry of Textiles.

- (i) Two Center Directors to the Managing Committee will be nominated by the Ministry of Textiles.
- (ii) Utilisation of the funds especially, in regard to funding of recurrent activities like scholarships, seminars, etc. will be sent to Secretary (Textiles) for information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1821

Proposal for decentralization of Convocation

The proposal for decentralization of Convocation from the current year i.e. 2012 was considered and approved by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1822

Proposal for fees increase from 2013-14 onwards

The Board was informed that the Committee formed for the purpose is working on the report. The Board directed that the decision regarding revision in fee may be taken by the Finance & Audit Committee (F&AC) and the decision of this Committee will be ratified in next BOG Meeting.

Tabled Agenda

Procurement of infrastructure in Kannur Centre

The Board considered and approved the proposal of procurement of infrastructure amounting to Rs. 4.42 Crores in Kannur Centre subject to reimbursement of the funds by the State Govt. of Kerala. The Board further directed that DG may follow up with State Government for early reimbursement.

Chairman BOG had to leave because of his prior engagements. Before leaving Chairman BOG requested Smt. Rajshree Pathy to Chair the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1814

Constitution of State Level Advisory Committee for NIFT Centres and its terms of reference

The Board considered and approved the constitution of State Level Advisory Committee along with its term of reference for NIFT Centres as brought out in the agenda notes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1820

Release of remaining payment for procurement of furniture items in July, 2011 by Jodhpur Centre

The agenda was deferred to next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1809

The revised preliminary estimate towards the construction of permanent NIFT Centre at Shillong

The agenda could not be discussed and deferred to next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1810

New degree programmes at NIFT Centers.

The Board was informed that at the time of inauguration of Bhubaneswar Centre on 30th March, 2012, Minister had declared that two more courses will be introduced in 2012. The Senate and the Board on earlier occasion had directed that for the purposes of financial viability and for optimum utilization of the infrastructure and other resources, NIFT should start more programmes in the new Centers. Accordingly, New Degree programmes have been started w.e.f. July 2012 at the following Centres:

1. NIFT Bhubaneswar : Fashion Design, Accessory Design
2. NIFT Kannur : PGDS & FMS
3. NIFT Chennai : Accessory Design

The Board granted its ex-post facto approval for the same.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1811

NIFT Offshore Centre at Mauritius- Update- 31.08.2012

Update on Mauritius Centre as on 31.08.2012 was noted by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1812

Expansion of Delhi Campus and exploring alternatives for construction of Noida Campus

Due to paucity of time, this item was deferred by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1816

Status of Admissions – 2012

Status on Admission-2012 was noted by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1817

Status of 1st quarter income & expenditure for the financial year 2012-13 including Capital Expenditure

Status on first Quarter details of Income & Expenditure of NIFT for the Financial Year 2012-13 was noted by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1818

Physical and financial progress of NIFT construction projects.

Status on physical and financial progress of NIFT construction projects was noted by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1819

Enhancement in honorarium and conveyance reimbursement to guest faculty

The proposal approved by the F&AC by circulation was ratified by the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1823

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.