

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Presented at 14th AGM on 28th May 2022

Dear Members

I am pleased to present to the esteemed Patrons, Individual Associates, Institutional Partners of NISTI and to members of The Textile Institute attached with NISTI, my report on the affairs and activities of NISTI since the 13th AGM held on 24th May 2021.

1. GOVERNING BODY

The present Executive Council (EC) was installed on 24 May 2021 at the 13th AGM with 22 members. On 19th Feb 2022, EC added an additional member, Prof Nien Siao, as Special Invitee. In the wake of change of incumbency as Secretary General, CITI, the outgoing SG, Dr. S. Sunanda requested to opt out as Special Invitee. After the meeting held with new incumbent SG, Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee, she was nominated as Special Invitee representing CITI on 17 May 2022. Prof K N Chatterjee was nominated Jt Secretary by the EC at its meeting on 12 February 2022.

Thus, the EC stood comprised of:

a. Elected

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Dr Darlie O. Koshy – Chairman (until 6 March 2022) | 5. Mr Sudarshan Sharma |
| 2. Prof Vinod Shanbhag – Immediate Past Chairman & Interim Chairman (from 7 March 2022) | 6. Mr Shailesh Kaushik |
| 3. Dr Vijay K Yadav – Hon Secy and Treasurer | 7. Mr Charan Singh |
| 4. Prof Kalesh Nath Chatterjee - Jt Secretary | 8. Prof. Nandita Abraham |
| | 9. Prof. Raj Singh Antil |
| | 10. Mr Prabhunath Pandey |
| | 11. Ms Gurpreet Kaur |

a. Co-opted

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Prof. Vijay K Kothari (Past Chairman) | 3. Dr Kuldeep K Sharma (Past Chairman) |
| 2. Dr. Sainen Kumar Chaudhuri (Past Chairman) | 4. Mr. Vijay Bhalla (Past Chairman) |

a. Special Invitees

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Mr Shantanu Agarwal | 3. Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee (from 17 May 2022) |
| 2. Dr S Sunanda (until 16 May 2022) | |

4. Mr. Balkrishan Sharma
5. Mr Dilip Gianchandani
6. Dr. Akshay Sardana

7. Dr. Vandana Bhandari
8. Dr. Deepti Gupta
9. Prof. Nien Saio

2. NISTI Connect

NISTI extended and strengthened connect with the fraternity in the textile value chain and the present status is as follows:

- Three 3 corporate members of TI associated with NISTI.
- Individuals/company/institutes as part of the NISTI Outreach Drive.
 - 42 NISTI Patrons
 - 4 NISTI Associates
 - 3 NISTI Institutional Partners
- 11 members of The Textile Institute

This was achieved through a special **OUTREACH DRIVE**. The detailed list is provided in Annexure A (page10).

3. GOVERNANCE

a. EC Meetings

Since the 13th AGM, the EC has met on six occasions as follows: (the meeting attendance is indicated in brackets)

28 May 2021 (19) online on ZOOM

30 July 2021 (17) Online on ZOOM

12 Nov 2021 (11) – India International Center, New Delhi

19 Feb 2022 (8) - India International Center, New Delhi

19 Mar 2022 (12) – India Habitat Center, New Delhi

27 May 2022 – Online on ZOOM

Meeting minutes were drafted and circulated for all the meetings among the members and acknowledged. Due procedures of sending the agenda notes before the meeting were meticulously followed.

The strong attendance at each meeting ensured that NISTI affairs and activities were well deliberated and decided with consensus.

b. Standing Committee

At the request of the Chairman, EC agreed to form a special Standing Committee to reduce own burden of normal administrative decision making. The Standing Committee comprised the Chairman, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer, and 3 Past Chairmen. The Committee met on 10th July 2021, 20th Oct 2021, 9th Nov 2021 and 19th Feb 2022.

c. Statutory Audit

The statutory audit conducted by M/s Sanjay Rastogi & Company, has generated audit reports of NISTI for FY 21-22.

d. Filing of IT Return

IT returns have been filed in due time for the financial year 20-21 and acknowledgement received.

e. Updating the signatories in the Bank and Updating KYC

Based on the decisions made in the AGM held on 24th May 2021 and resolved in EC meeting dated 28th May 2021, new signatories, namely the Chairman and Hon Secy-cum-Treasurer were updated on 9th June 2021 in the NISTI Account maintained at PNB, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi. NISTI reapplied for PAN having the correct name and updated with the KYC in the bank records.

f. Revision of Constitution

The changes in the MoA passed in the 13th AGM were followed up with the Auditors and process initiated for up-dation in the records of the Registrar of Societies.

g. Succession of NISTI Office Bearers

Dr. Darlie Koshy relinquished the NISTI Chairmanship on 6 March 2022 due to unavoidable personal reasons. In the wake of that Prof. Vinod Shanbhag was nominated as Interim Chairman till the installation of new successor in the EC held on 19th March 2022.

h. Internal Communication Media

Three WhatsApp Groups, one for NISTI members, the second for EC members, and third for professional exchanges on Technical Textiles, have been in operation since early 2019 to keep the wheels of communication in motion for informing and reporting outside of formal meetings.

In addition, two WhatsApp groups were established, one for the NISTI Patrons and the second for Office Bearers.

4. NISTI STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

a. Focal Themes for Institutional Contribution

During the period under review NISTI decided to establish four focal themes for institutional contribution.

- Textile Value Chain and Sustainability

- Textile Academics, Research ,Knowledge & Skill Upgradation
- Textile Policy Advocacy and Global Linkages
- Textile Innovation, Incubation, Start-up ecosystem, Crafts, Design, and Brands

b. New Email ID on NISTI Domain and Communication Groups

New email ID of NISTI Chairman chairman@nistiregd.in, Hon Secretary & Treasurer sec@nistiregd.in and Jt. Secy jtsecy@nistiregd.in were created on 21st June 2021 and 2nd April 2022 respectively. These were done to streamline NISTI working and for easy availability of information to the successor. Original existing email ID info@nistiregd.in was masked with secy@nistiregd.in and discontinued for communications.

For wider and efficiently communicating communication groups members@nistiregd.in, edu@nistiregd.in, patrons@nistiregd.in and audience@nistiregd.in were created and put in regular use.

c. Chairman Emeritus to Prof Vinod Shanbhag

Chairman Emeritus was conferred on Prof Vinod Shanbhag, Immediate Past Chairman, in the EC dated 28th May 2021 held virtually. However, his in-person honoring was done in the very first in-person EC meeting held on 12th Nov 2021. Dr. Darlie Koshy read the citation for Prof. Shanbhag. Dr. Kuldeep Sharma and Prof. V K Kothari felicitated Prof. Shanbhag with the Citation plaque. Dr. Koshy handed over the Emeritus certificate to Prof. Shanbhag.

d. NISTI Patrons Meet

Post Covid, NISTI held its first in-person Patrons meeting at India International Center on 12th Nov 2021. It was attended by 30 patrons engaging in a very fruitful discussion.

Ginni Filament Limited sponsored the event with financial support of Rs 40,000, thanks to NISTI Patron Mr. Balkrishan Sharma, Sr. VP and unit head at Ginni Filament Ltd.

e. NISTI Founders Day

NISTI was founded on 24 May 1989 while it was registered under the Societies Act on 23rd March 2007. The 34th Founders Day was held on 24th May 2022 at the IIT Delhi. It was a cultural cum family event which saw great performances from the NISTI family members as well as students from the institutional partners of NISTI. Prof Nien Siao delivered yeoman services for hosting the program very effectively and successfully. There were over 250 persons in the audience.

5. EVENTS ORGANISED

a. NISTI 33rd Foundation Day and Webinar on "Textile Industry: Looking Ahead" on 24th May 2021.

NISTI's 33rd Foundation Day Roundtable cohosted by The Textile Institute went very well on 24th May 2021. Eminent industrialists from India, Shri T Rajkumar, Chairman Confederation of Indian Textile Industry and Shri Shishir Jaipuria CMD GINNI Filaments Limited delivered keynote address. World president Ms Katie Greenyer presented theme address while Prof VK Kothari, emeritus professor at IIT Delhi was the discussant.

Event witnessed a large fraternity from India and abroad. Proceedings are available at <https://youtu.be/aggWCl--n0w> on the NISTI YouTube channel.

b. Webinars

- World Youth Skills Day held jointly with Textile Sector Skill Council by organising webinar on "Skilling Youth for Jobs and Entrepreneurship: India@75 and Beyond" on Jul 15, 2021 05:30 PM.
- "India@75 : Leveraging India's Textile Heritage for Leadership" on Independence Day Eve at 4:30 pm on Saturday, 14th August 2021
- NISTI webinar on Innovative Sustainable Solutions in Textile Value Chain. - 5th March 2022, 1100 hrs
- NISTI as supporting partner to Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the International Conference on Technical Textiles held on 12 March 2022 over the Hybrid Platform. The conference organised by CII in partnership with the Ministry of Textiles was based on the theme: Creating the Winning Leap in Technical Textiles.

c. Cross Talks

- Cross Talk by Mr. Ashok Kulkarni on "Cotton spun lace nonwovens for medicated wipes and other similar applications" on 9th Jul 2021, 06:30 PM INDIA
- Cross Talk by Dr. Roli Purwar on "Electrospun nanofibrous nonwovens for biomedical applications" on 12 July 2021, 05:30 pm INDIA
- Cross Talk with Mr Ashok Vasandani, an International Corporate Trainer, Motivational Speaker and author of book "Magic of WHY", on Saturday May 14 2022 at 03:30 PM IST

d. Lectures

- Lecture on nonwoven/medical textiles by Professor Parik Goswami on the topic "Different strategies for functionalising nonwovens for medical use" on 16th July 2021, 07:00 pm, INDIA

e. Collaborations

Various initiatives for a collaborative working and building synergy were made.

- (i) ASSOCHAM Webinar on "Skill Development for Global Perspectives" - Dr. Darlie Koshy, Chairman NISTI was the key Speaker. Friday, 2nd July at 11:30 am.
- (ii) Mr. Shailesh Kausik helped as resource person for Course on Medical Textiles being organized by CoE in Tirupur under AMHSSC with TAI and Institute of Engineers as co-sponsors. Dr. Roopak Vasishtha, CEO AMHSSC was kind enough to offer free participation to NISTI for the MDP which commenced from 11th June 2021 on "Non-Woven Medical Textiles and allied areas".
- (iii) Letter was written to Shri Shantamanu, IAS, Director General NIFT on 31st May 2021 on Collaboration in the area of Technical and Medical Textiles between NIFT and NISTI.
- (iv) Letter to Shri Pavan Choudhary, CMD & Director General, Medical Technology Association of India was sent on 31st May 2021 on the Collaborative efforts to focus on Medical Textiles / technologies between NISTI and Medical Technology Association of India. Team reconnected through Zoom meeting on Jun 8, 2021, 04:30 PM.
- (v) Note of appreciation sent to Chairman CITI along with the way forward on 21st June 2021.

- (vi) Planning for the Webinar on the theme “Medical Textiles and Apparel: Innovating the Future”, under the sponsorship of CITI, ITTA and NISTI. Letter dated 2nd July 2021.
- (vii) CITI-NISTI CEO Conclave on Technical Textiles planned and discussed at length
- (viii) Competition to create Technical/Medical Textiles based products and letter written to Dr Harkesh Mittal, Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Startup India Seed Fund Scheme of Gol.
- (ix) Letters to IITD (Textile Department), TIT&S, for the NISTI Collaborative Initiatives and proposed MOU, dated 16th Aug 2021. Cooperation and collaboration have been furthered through subsequent deliberations between Chairman and concerned institutional heads.
- (x) Dr Mukul Das, Director, Shriram Institute of Industrial Research, Delhi, offering cooperation of the institute to NISTI activities.
- (xi) Textile Association (India) has invited NISTI to be collaborating partner for its proposed international conference expected to be held in February 2023.
- (xii) Chairman NISTI and President, TAI (Delhi) met on 18 May and agreed to cooperate and collaborate with joint activities.

f. Fresh strides on social media

NISTI retained a common handle **@NISTIREgd** for all the social media platforms namely, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube. The YouTube Channel has got 120+ subscribers and 7 Videos. Likewise, the follower base on the NISTI platforms is as follows, Twitter- 25, Facebook - 32, LinkedIn –135 and Instagram - 19.

6. INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION

a. Joint Promotions of Events:

NISTI actively worked with various institutions in bringing the benefits among the textile fraternity and students. In the process following events and activities were well publicized by NISTI.

1. Texcon 2021, two-day International Conference on Textiles and Apparel, organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on 21 - 22 October 2021 over virtual platform
2. Virtual Interactive Session on “Production Linked Incentive Scheme notified for Textiles & Clothing Sector” arranged by CITI scheduled on Thursday, 21st October 2021, 11.30 A.M
3. ITTA's Certificate Course on Geosynthetics scheduled from 06th - 10th December 2021
4. 6 months course on ‘Advanced Certificate Programme in Business Consulting’ offered by All India Management Association (AIMA) commenced in First week of Jan 2022.
5. Master Class on the Awareness Session on Good Governance Practices for Not-for-Profit Organisations - 16 March 2022 | 1100 - 1230 hrs
6. ‘Reimagine Industry-Academia Partnership’, March 29-30,2022 by FICCI
7. CITI-CDRA Golden Jubilee Celebrations on 12th April 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the theme “KAPAS KI ADHIK UPAJ, SHUDH UPAJ”, "कपासकीअधिकउपज, शुद्धउपज".
8. Awards Announcement: 1st FICCI Industry 4.0 Awards for Industry on 5th May 2022 at 10 am
9. Interregional Cooperation for Effective Internationalisation of Higher Education’ in a VIRTUAL FORMAT from 14th to 16th April 2022
10. Executive Development Program on Global Supply Chain Management & Logistics on April 16th, 2022

11. 56th Shriram Institute Founder Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof. Anurag Kumar, Honorary Professor Electrical Communication Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru on April 23, 2022. His talk was on "Cyber Physical Systems for Industry 4.0.
12. FICCI 1st National Conference on Industry 4.0 - India @ 2047 & FICCI Industry 4.0 Awards on 5th May 2022.
13. Empanelling as Consultants with TI and connected 21 interested professionals with TI.
14. CII's Business Summit 2022, 11-12 May 2022 at Taj Palace Hotel, Sardar Patel Marg, New Delhi

b. Institutional Meetings and Visits

Visits were made to various institutions:

TIT&S, Bhiwani

Hon Secy Visited the institute on 12th Nov 2021 and discussed with the Director Dr. G K Tyagi on various activities and encouraged them to join as Institutional partners. Dr Tyagi reciprocated favorably and allowed TIT&S to become institutional partner in Dec 2021.

This was followed by a visit of Interim Chairman and Patron Dr. RA Lal on 19th May 2022 to TIT&S.

High Performance Textiles Pvt Limited, PIET Panipat

NISTI delegation, comprising Interim Chairman, Hon Secretary and Dr Kuldeep Sharma visited Panipat on 2nd May 2022 and accomplished the following:

Met Dr. Nandan Kumar at his company High Performance Textiles Pvt Ltd and discussed on areas of cooperation for students, focused webinar on High Performance Textiles. A more futuristic outlook of his associating with NISTI were also discussed which shall take shape in near future. He since then has joined as Patron.

Met Mr. Vikas Chachra, TAI Delhi President at his company White Water Creations. Possible areas of association with TAI were explored.

Detailed discussions were held with Mr. Rakesh Tayal, Vice Chairman PIET and joined by Dr. Rajat Baldua, HoD Textile Dept. While exploring various ways of associating with NISTI, very enriching aspects of their vision came along. Thoughts were laid on enrolling Mr. Rakesh Tayal as NISTI Patron which were taken quite favorably by him. Gratitude was expressed on behalf of NISTI for becoming institutional partner and was briefed on the various services the NISTI would be offering. Team visited the high-class incubation center called RISE built up on 20,000 sq ft with all the modern setup of AI, machine learning, CAD tools. Services such as improving operational performance, know how exchange with industry while the Costs of travel/stay/ overheads is met by industry associate, were also discussed. Mr Rakesh Tayal was requested for his good offices to convey to Mr Suresh Tayal, Secretary, Panipat Exporters Association, NISTI'S appreciation as well as invitation to initiate cooperation between exporters and NISTI.

Lovely Professional University (LPU)

Zoom meeting was held on 7th April 2022 and attended by Mr. Sandeep, Dr. Monica, others to plan the association of the Fashion Design Dept of LPU with NISTI as Institutional Partner. Since then, it is learnt

that those higher authorities have provided green signal to the department to proceed with joining up with NISTI.

NSUT, Dwarka New Delhi

Dr. Vijayant Agarwal invited Chairman on 5th Oct 2021 to NSUT and discussed on various collaborative areas for the students and building their entrepreneurial skills. Subsequently on 27th April 2022 Interim Chairman, Hon Secy and Prof. K N Chatterjee visited again and interacted with the students. Interest was visible among students for initiating a student forum. The visitors were introduced to the work of first year fashion design students that had been exhibited specially for the occasion. Prof Vinod Shanbhag provided individual feedback to the students and later addressed them on key trends occurring in the design world.

7. INTERFACE WITH TI HEADQUARTERS

Interactions with the headquarters of The Textile Institute were cordial. Meetings were held with the TI office bearers to ensure that there was no infringement of the TI rules regarding section through the induction of local professional participation and association with NISTI by individuals and organizations under the OUTREACH DRIVE. Nomenclature of such joinees was agreed to mutual satisfaction.

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS HANDLED BY EC MEMBERS

The EC's efficiency and effectiveness in execution was considerably enhanced by the able performance of assigned administrative tasks by EC members:

- Dr. K N Chatterjee as Jt Secretary has meticulously worked on various domains and helped Dr. Vijay Yadav as Hon Secy in discharging his responsibilities.
- Dr. Darlie Koshy as Chairman until 6th March 2022 for the guidance and leading discussions with various institutions. He has been instrumental in initiating the Cross-Talk series and NISTI Outreach drive.
- Mr. Balkrishan Sharma for all the prompt support and facilitating Ginni Filaments Ltd in sponsoring the NISTI's first EC since 2019 and patrons meet at India International Centre.
- Dr. S. Sunanda for the coordination and ensuring a great connect between NISTI and CITI.
- Mr Prabhunath Pandey for continuous updates & upgrades on the NISTI website and for onboarding the NISTI Outreach drive on website.
- Mr S Kaushik for coordinating, administering WhatsApp Forums and facilitating lectures and cross-talks
- Prof Nien Siao for ably conducting and moderating the NISTI Webinar on sustainability and NISTI Founders Day
- Ms Gurpreet Kaur and Mr. S Kaushik for taking forward the focal task force.
- Mr Sudarshan Sharma, Mr. Vijay Koul, Mr. Prabhunath Pandey, Prof. KN Chatterjee for meticulous arrangements for NISTI Founders Day

- Prof V K Kothari and Prof Kushal Sen for overseeing facilitation of IIT Delhi infrastructure for NISTI's utilization for Founders Day and AGM.

9. COMPLETION OF TENURE BY CURRENT EC

The current EC has completed its extended tenure and will retire with the completion of the 14th AGM. It has been the undying endeavor of the EC to be actively engaged and to conduct the affairs of NISTI with transparency and utmost sincerity as well as integrity. From the foregoing account, it can be clearly inferred that NISTI has created institutional bonds with textile educational sector, national industry bodies. Collaboration and cooperation have been the hallmark of NISTI functioning under the direction of the current EC. The success and achievement are no less the result of encouragement received from NISTI membership through the postings in the WhatsApp group. The EC is grateful to every member for graceful feedback and suggestion.

The Chairman thanks the EC for the solid support received from and generous engagement of precious time by all its members. The Chairman is grateful to the Elders for the discrete advice and guidance extended whenever requested.

This EC hands over reins of the NISTI governance to the successor EC with best wishes for a successful tenure and even more splendid achievement that may put the current EC in its shadow.

Dr. Vijay Yadav
Hon. Secretary
NISTI (REGD.)

Annexure A.

List of NISTI Joinees Under Outreach Drive

Patrons

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Dr. Darlie Koshy | 22. Mr. Brahm Prakash Saxena |
| 2. Dr. Vijay Yadav | 23. Prof Nien Siao |
| 3. Mr. Sudarshan Sharma | 24. Prof Vijay Kumar Kothari |
| 4. Mr. Charan Singh | 25. Dr. Akshay Sardana |
| 5. Mr. Shailesh Kaushik | 26. Mr. Inder Mohan Aggarwal |
| 6. Prof. KN Chatterjee | 27. Mr. Rameshwar Dayal Gupta |
| 7. Prof Vinod Shanbhag | 28. Mr. Rajendra Saxena |
| 8. Prof. Kushal Sen | 29. Mr. Kishore Motwani |
| 9. Dr. RS Antil | 30. Mr. Prabhunath Pandey |
| 10. Dr. KK Sharma | 31. Mr. Surinder Mahajan |
| 11. Dr Ram Asrey Lal | 32. Mr. Dilip Gianchandani |
| 12. Mr. Vijay Bhalla | 33. Mr. Gopal Bhasin |
| 13. Mr. Shantanu Agarwal | 34. Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee, SG (CITI) on rolling basis |
| 14. Mr. Gowardhan Reddy (Handlooms, AP/Telangana) | 35. Mr. Rahul Chawla |
| 15. Mr. Avinash Gupta | 36. Dr. Sailen Chaudhuri |
| 16. Ms Monika Sharma | 37. Mr. R K Asthana |
| 17. Mr. Balkrishan Sharma | 38. Dr. Naveen Padaki |
| 18. Mr. Naveen Nandi | 39. Mr. M K Garg |
| 19. Mr. Parveen Garg | 40. Dr. Nandan Kumar |
| 20. Mr. Ramesh Gundannavar | 41. Mr Svetoslav Makaveev |
| 21. Mr. Vijay Kumar Koul | 42. Dr. Surender Kumar |

Associate

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| 1. Prof Nandita Abraham | 3. Mr. Somesh Singh (Craft Village) |
| 2. Dr. J. V. Rao | 4. Mr. Rajesh Mittal (Cedaar Textiles) |

Institutional Partner

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. TIT&S - for 50 students | 3. NSUT, Dwarka - for 50 students |
| 2. PIET Panipat - for 50 students | |