

**Dear Alumni,**

**Professional Networking among Alumni of 5 Institutes (FDDI, IIFT, IIP, NID & NIFT)**

A unique initiative to bring about a convergence of the five institutes under the Ministry of Textiles and Commerce & Industry was initiated in 2022. The objective is to encourage convergence between the institutes to foster an industry-academia interface and build a global professional network through engagement with the alumni of the five institutes. The five institutes are namely the Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), National Institute of Design (NID) & National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT).

One of the main focuses of this collaboration is to create a professional network among the alumni of the five institutes with the following objectives.

1. To create a **Global Alumni Network platform**.
2. To build a two-way symbiotic culture to foster cross-linkages among alumni of all institutes.
3. To continuously compile and formulate a regular update mechanism of the alumni database of individual institutes.
4. To create an ecosystem for developing a 360-degree support system for the alumni, students, faculty in general, and the institutes at large.
5. To create an efficient professional & academic think-tank for a multidimensional impact on India's emerging global creative economy.

As the starting point for this collaboration, the five institutes have come together to host a few professional meets with alumni of all the five institutes in five different cities namely Gandhinagar, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai & Bengaluru. The objective of these professional meets is to disseminate the concept of convergence of the five institutes as envisaged by the Hon'ble Minister. The meet will serve as a platform for the alumni of the five institutes to come together and deliberate possibilities to build a Global Professional Network.

All the alumni are cordially invited to the third meet of the series, scheduled on 24<sup>th</sup> November '2023 at Footwear Design and Development Institute, Kolkata Leather Complex, Gate no-3, Mauza Karaidanga, JL No. 32-35, Gangapur, Dist. South 24 Paraganas, Kolkata, 743502

<b>Agenda (5.00 PM to 10.00 PM)</b>
Presentation on the Idea of the Convergence
Overview of the 5 Institutes
Open House discussion on Convergence with the alumni
Performances or some planned activity
Vote of Thanks
Followed by Dinner



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**The last date for registration is 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.**

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