

entific research and the need for an institutional framework to support the progression of science and encourage young people to pursue careers in the field.

### ■ **Govt Issues Guidelines Enabling Institutions to Offer Technical Textiles Degree Programmes**

The Ministry of Textiles has approved two guidelines for the National Technical Textiles Mission. The first guideline pertains to the enabling of academic institutions to offer technical textiles degree programs and updating existing programs with technical textiles coursework. Institutions may receive grants of up to Rs. 20 Crore for introducing a full-time postgraduate program in technical textiles and Rs. 10 Crore for an undergraduate program. The second guideline, the General Guidelines for Grant for Internship Support in Technical Textiles (GIST), involves the empanelment of eligible companies and the implementation of internships. Grants of upto Rs. 20,000 per student per month will be provided to empaneled companies for a maximum of two months to support internships for engineering students