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May 14, 2025

**Sub: Constitution of the Board of Studies in Dance-Bharata Natyam of the Maya Somaiya School of Music & Performing Arts (A Constituent Academic Unit of Somaiya Vidyavihar University).**

**Ref: Clause No. 24 of the First Statutes of Somaiya Vidyavihar University**

The Board of Studies in Dance-Bharata Natyam of the Maya Somaiya School of Music & Performing Arts (A Constituent Academic Unit of Somaiya Vidyavihar University) - as approved by the Vice-Chancellor of the Somaiya Vidyavihar University.

(1) The Board of Studies in Dance-Bharata Natyam shall consist of the following members, namely:-

a) The Chairman, Board of Studies

*Shri. Pt. Niladri Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Music & Performing Arts, Maya Somaiya School of Music & Performing Arts.*

b) Academician – Member

*Dr. Sucheta Chapekar - Well known Indian Classical Dancer, Choreographer, Researcher, Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee. Founder of Kalavardhini-dance school. Pioneer to introduce Marathi compositions in Bharata Natyam.*

c) Industry – Member

- 1. Smt. Priyadarsini Govind, an internationally renowned Bharata Natyam Dancer, Teacher, Choreographer and former Director Kalakshetra, Chennai conducting workshops across the world specially in padams.*
- 2. Smt. Rama Vaidyanathan, a known name in the field of Bharata Natyam today creating waves with her modern approach and new choreographies.*

d) Research Institute – Member

*Dr. Sujatha Mohan - Associate Professor and Research Supervisor – Vel's University, Chennai, Assistant Professor – University of Silicon Andhra, California. And Head of the Department – Natya, Dr. MGR Janaki College, Chennai and Guest Faculty, Sastra University, Chennai.*

e) Alumni Industry – Member

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f) Faculty – Member (Professor)

*Dr. Urmimala Sarkar (Bharata Natyam) – Retired Professor, School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi-110 067, India.*

g) Faculty – Member (Associate Professor)  
*Dr. Aadya Kaktikar, Associate Professor, Department of Art, Media and Performance, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR.*

h) Faculty – Member (Assistant Professor)  
*Ms. Nandini Krishna, Adjunct Faculty, Bharata Natyam, MSSMPA.*

i) Student – Member  
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j) Special Invitee  
*Mrs. Savita Moghe, Deputy Director, MSSMPA*

(2) The powers and functions of the Board of Studies shall be such as may be specified by the Statutes.

(3) The Board of Studies shall meet at least twice in every year.

(4) The quorum for the meetings of the Board of Studies shall be one third of the sitting members.

(5) Dean, Faculty of Music & Performing Arts, SVU shall be the permanent invitees.

(6) The term of the Board of Studies will be for three years.

Issued, as approved by the Vice Chancellor

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Prof. Nandkumar Gilke  
Registrar

To:  
All the members

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