

**MINUTES OF THE 228<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD FROM 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TO 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2021 FROM 06:30 PM ONWARDS, ONLINE THROUGH ZOOM APPLICATION.**

**DAY 1- WEDNESDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2021 6:30 P.M.**

**Present :**

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| 1. Ar. Habeeb Khan             | : | Chairman               |
| 2. Ar. Sapna                   | : | Vice-Chairman          |
| 3. Ar. Kapil Setia             | : | Member                 |
| 4. Ar. Ramesh Kumar            | : | Member (joined Online) |
| 5. Ar. Bansan Singh Thangkhiew | : | Member (joined Online) |

Ar. Sadiq Ali, Member, did not join the meeting and no information was received from him.

**In attendance:**

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| 1. Shri R.K. Oberoi  | : | Registrar-Secretary    |
| 2. Shri Deepak Kumar | : | Administrative Officer |

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Committee and officials of the Council and thanked them for attending the online meeting. Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.01	<b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 227<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 09<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2021</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that Minutes of the 227<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Committee were circulated to the members on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. No comments have been received on the same.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the Minutes as attached with Agenda and after deliberations confirmed the same.</p>
ITEM NO.02	<b>ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.</b>
	<p>The Executive Committee perused the action taken report on the Minutes of 227<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee and noted the same.</p>
ITEM NO.03	<b>GRANT OF APPROVAL TO THREE/ TWO YEAR DIPLOMA COURSE(S) IN ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTSHIP.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide judgement dated 08.11.2019, in Prince Shivaji Case, upheld that AICTE has no role in Architectural Education. Consequent to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, AICTE has stopped dealing with</p>



	<p>Architectural Education at all levels. The AICTE has also issued Public Notice stating the same.</p> <p>The Executive Committee noted that the Council is in receipt of a letter dated 13.04.2021 from AICTE requesting the Council to clarify, if COA would approve Diploma Courses.</p> <p>Since these Diploma courses cannot be left unregulated, a reply was sent to AICTE that Council shall be granting approval to Diploma Courses and requested the AICTE to forward list of approved institutions awarding Diploma Courses along with Applications received by AICTE. A list of 56 Institutions was received by the Council.</p> <p>Further, a Committee under the Convenorship of Dr. Kavita D. Rao, as Convenor and Ar.Pushkar M. Kanvinde, member and Dr. Vandana Sehgal as member, was constituted to frame the syllabus and standards of these courses.</p> <p>The Executive Committee deliberated in detail in the matter and decided that the Institutions imparting 10+2/ 10+3 Diploma Courses in Architecture be granted approval / extension of Approval on merit and a legal opinion be obtained before proceeding in the matter to avoid any litigation(s) at any later date. Further, the Executive Committee decided that the Council will charges the same fees from these institutions as was being charged by the AICTE.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.04</b>	<p><b>INTRODUCTION OF “URBAN STUDIO PROJECT” AND CONSTITUTION OF CORE COMMITTEE FOR THE SAME.</b></p>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that with an object to develop a research culture within the schools of architecture and strengthen the research activity amongst faculty members and students, it was proposed to initiate a research project named “Urban Studio Project”.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the proposal as sent by the Director, TRC, Pune.</p> <p>The Chairman further informed the members that he has constituted a committee consisting of following experts as members of Core Committee to advise on the implementation of the Research project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. A. Srivathsan, Chennai</li> <li>2. Dr. R. Sridharan, Bhopal</li> <li>3. Dr. Madhumita Roy, Kolkata</li> <li>4. Dr. Sandeep Virmani, Bhub</li> </ol> <p>The Executive Committee deliberated in detail in the matter and approved the Urban Studio Project for undertaking Research activities in collaboration with educational institutions, government agencies, etc.</p>





	<p>The Executive Committee also decided that the selected entries from Institutions would be given Research Grant of Rs. Rs.25,000/- to initially fund the project. The progress of the research work will be monitored by the Council from time to time.</p> <p>The expenses incurred by the Council would get recovered from the sale of Books/ publications of the research work.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.05</b>	<b>REVISION OF ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Executive Committee in its 226<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 15.12.2020 approved the Academic Calendar for approval of Architectural Institutions for the Academic Session 2021-2022. However, the schedule could not be adhered to due to second wave of Covid-19 Pandemic and Lockdown restrictions imposed by Government of India all over the country.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter decided to revise the Academic Calendar so as consider the proposal/ applications received from institutions. A copy of the Revised Academic Calendar is enclosed herewith as <u>Appendix-A</u>.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.06</b>	<b>TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON INSPECTIONS OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-2022.</b>
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that in terms of the decision taken by the Executive Committee in its last meeting, inspections have been scheduled for the new applications received for introduction of B.Arch./ M.Arch. course, institutions against which complaints have been received by the Council and Institutions which have applied for Additional Intake in B.Arch./ M.Arch. Course(s)</p> <p>Inspections are being held online through Zoom application. While One inspector inspects online, a local inspector remains physically present at the concerned Institution. Where there are two or more course then two inspectors inspect online.</p> <p>It was further informed that the inspections of following category of institutions are held:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Institutions applied for additional intake,</li> <li>Institutions against whom complaints are received; and</li> <li>Institutions which were given approval earlier for a period of 2 or 3 years without inspection.</li> </ol> <p>Further, it was informed that only institutions which are doing exceptionally well i.e. where 60% students have successfully passed out and there is no</p>

	<p>shortage of academic and physical infrastructure facilities, only their cases will be considered for additional intake.</p> <p>The Registrar-Secretary shared a list of institutions which are due for closure as they could not admit more than 30% students of their sanctioned intake in the B.Arch. Course.</p> <p>The Executive Committee desired that inspection process be expedited so that all the institutions can be informed the decision of the Council at the earliest.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.07</b>	<b>PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS IN THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed that in terms of the decision of the Council, the recommendations made by the Committee on Amendments to the Architects Act, 1972, were placed before the Full Council, by Circulation of papers and majority of the members agreed with the proposed recommendations.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter decided that the proposal be submitted to the Central Government at the earliest requesting them to make appropriate amendments as per the recommendations of the Council.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.08</b>	<b>INVITATION OF BIDS FOR DESIGN DEVELOPMENT OF WEB PORTAL FOR OFFICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, DAK, E-LIBRARY/ E-LEARNING, MOBILE APP, ETC.</b>
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that in order to further automate the processes and functioning of the office Council as well as to carry out the various initiatives of the Council online, Bids have been invited from NIC empaneled vendors for Design and Development of a Web portal for Office Management System, E-library, E-learning and mobile app through GEM Portal.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the Bid Document and noted the same. The Chairman requested the members to send their views, if any, on the same in case any activity is missed out in the proposal.</p> <p>The Registrar Secretary also shown the members new website demo and informed that the same will be made operational very soon.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.09</b>	<b>TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON CONDUCT OF NATA 2021.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that First NATA 2021 Test was successfully conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 and results were also declared.</p>





	<p>The Second Test was scheduled on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, however, due to severity of second wave of Covid-19 Pandemic the same was postponed. The Test is now scheduled to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.</p>
ITEM NO.10	<p><b>FILING OF CURATIVE PETITION AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 01.09.2020 OF HON'BLE SUPREME COURT, DISMISSING THE REVIEW PETITION FILED BY THE COUNCIL AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 17.03.2020 IN CIVIL APPEAL NO.1819 OF 2020, BEFORE THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA.</b></p>
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that Council of Architecture and Ar. Mukesh Goyal have filed separate Special Leave Petitions before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India challenging the decision of Hon'ble Allahabad High Court which held that Architects Act, 1972 is not applicable in service matters and also that Architects Act, does not restrict Architectural services to be carried out only by Architects.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its order dated 17.03.2020 decided that SLPs and held as under:</p> <p><i>37. In the present case, we recognise the power of NOIDA to provide and modify the minimum eligibility criteria for promotion of candidates to the posts of Associate Town Planner and Associate Architect. We further recognise that the authority has significant discretion in how it chooses to title the various posts under its supervision. However, to permit NOIDA to continue to title a post that includes individuals who are not registered architects under the Architects Act as Associate Architect would result in a violation of Section 37 of the Architects Act.xxxx</i></p> <p><i>38. The U.P. Industrial Area Development Act provides NOIDA with the power to make rules for the management of its internal affairs. In exercise of this power, NOIDA formulated the Service Regulations of 1981. Rule 16 of the Service Regulations sets out the Sources of Recruitment' for posts under NOIDA's authority. By clause (iv) of Rule 16 NOIDA has the power to modify the sources of recruitment for posts under its supervision. It is in exercise of this power that NOIDA formulated the Promotion Policy of 2005 which sets out the sources and qualifications for recruitment in its various departments. It is well established that delegated legislation is susceptible to invalidity on the grounds of being ultra vires its parent legislation but also ultra vires other primary legislation. Where the provisions of a primary legislation (the Architects Act) are contradictory to the provisions of a delegated legislation (the Promotion Policy 2005), the provisions of the primary legislation must prevail. Xxxxxx</i></p> <p><b>39. For the reasons stated above, in response to the first question we affirm the decision of the High Court of Allahabad and hold that Section 37 of the Architects Act does not prohibit individuals not registered under the Architects Act from undertaking the practice of architecture and its cognate activities. In response to the second</b></p>



	<p><i>question we disapprove of the view of the High Court of Allahabad and hold that NOIDA cannot promote or recruit individuals who do not hold a degree in architecture recognised by the Architects Act to a post that uses the title or style of architect. However, the authority is free to change the nomenclature of the post to any alternative as long as it does not violate the provisions of the Architects Act by using the style and title of Architect in its name.</i></p> <p>The Council filed a Review Petition before the Hon'ble Supreme court in the matter, however, the same dismissed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 01.09.2020 dismissed the same.</p> <p>The Council in its 74<sup>th</sup> Meeting while considering the matter suggested that the possibility of filing a Curative Petition be explored and the matter be again discussed with Dr. Rajeev Dhawan, Sr. Advocate for his erudite views in the matter.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the copy of draft Curation Petition and approved the same for filing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.11</b>	<b>CO-OPTION OF AR. R. RAMESH KUMAR, AS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that consequent upon expiry of term of membership of Council and re-nomination by U.T. Andaman and Nicobar, Ar. R. Ramesh Kumar ceased to be a member of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The Chairman further informed that he has decided to co-opt Ar. R. Ramesh Kumar, as a member of the Executive Committee to have proper quorum in the Meeting of the Executive Committee and to maintain continuity, in terms of Regulation 20(5) of the Council of Architecture Regulation, 1982.</p> <p>Further, the Committee was informed that that Council has informed the Central Government about vacancies in the membership of Executive Committee and requested them to appoint a Returning Officer to hold elections for casual vacancies. The Committee noted the above information in the matter.</p>
<p>The First day meeting was adjourned at 8 45 p m and it was decided by the Chairman to discuss the remaining item on the next day.</p>	





**DAY 2- THURSDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2021 AT 7.10 P.M.**

**Present :**

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| 1. Ar. Habeeb Khan             | : | Chairman      |
| 2. Ar. Sapna                   | : | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Ar. Kapil Setia             | : | Member        |
| 4. Ar. Ramesh Kumar            | : | Member        |
| 5. Ar. Bansan Singh Thangkhiew | : | Member        |

Ar. Sadiq Ali, Member, could not join the meeting due to pre-occupation and was granted leave of absence.

**In attendance:**

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| 1. Shri R.K. Oberoi  | : | Registrar-Secretary    |
| 2. Shri Deepak Kumar | : | Administrative Officer |

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Executive Committee and officials of the Council to the second day of the online meeting. Thereafter, the remaining agenda of the meeting was taken up.

<b>ITEM NO.12</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEES OF IIA ON THE COUNCIL.</b>
	<p>The Executive Committee noted that the three-year term of members representing Indian Institute of Architects on the Council has ended on 29.07.2018 and the existing members are continuing till their successors are appointed.</p> <p>The Registrar-Secretary informed that Ministry has been requested to notify the new representatives of the IIA on the Council.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.13</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020 BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND CONSTITUTION HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, held a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE), regarding implementation of various provisions of National Education Policy, 2020 and establishment of Higher Education Commission of India (HECI).</p> <p>It was stated that Agriculture Education and Architecture Education would be brought under the purview of HECI.</p>



	<p>The Ministry further desired that a road map may be developed by the Council for their revised roles as PSSBs and also transformation of existing standalone HEIs into Multi-Disciplinary HEIs.</p> <p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that during meeting the Ministry was requested to approve an exit exam to be conducted by the Council so as monitor the standards of passout students from the concerned architectural institutions before registering them as an Architect. However, the same is not reflected in the Minutes of meeting sent by the Ministry.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 received from the Ministry and after deliberations authorized the Chairman to take appropriate steps in the matter including having a meeting with the Hon'ble Minister and concerned officials of the Ministry.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.14</b>	<b>PROGRESS MADE FOR PREPARATION OF MANUAL OF ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Sub-Committee on Preparation of Manual of Architecture Practice so far held 58 meetings and draft final version of 4 volumes has been prepared and sent to the content writer. The Council has availed the services of a professional content writer Mr. Saurabh Karandikar, Mumbai, to draft the volumes in proper shape and book form.</p> <p>The Volume 5 is also under preparation and will be completed soon. After the necessary changes by the content writer the Manual will be placed before the Executive Committee for its approval.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter noted the remarkable progress made by the Committee and decided that the Sub-Committee be requested to make a presentation before the Executive Committee on the contents of various parts/ volumes of the Manual at the earliest.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.15</b>	<b>PROGRESS MADE ON CARRYING INTERIOR WORK OF THE OFFICE SPACE OF THE COUNCIL AT NBCC PLACE, OKHLA, NEW DELHI.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Council has purchased an additional office space in the year 2013-14 at NBCC Place, Okhla, New Delhi.</p> <p>An Architect/ consultant M/s. Babbar and Babbar Associates, New Delhi, was appointed to prepare design and plan for carrying out the interior work of the same. The Consultant was asked to revise the plans/ estimates and tender document based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee.</p>

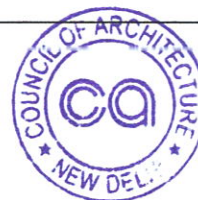




	The Executive Committee decided that a Tender be floated for appointment of a contractor for carrying out the interior work of the office of the Council at NBCC Place Okhla, New Delhi.
<b>ITEM NO.16</b>	<b>PROGRESS MADE ON AMENDMENTS IN THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE EMPLOYEES RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION REGULATIONS, 1999.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that in view of manifold increase in activities and functions of the Council, the Full Council in its 67<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11.03.2017 vide Resolution no. 484 approved the creation of several posts in the Council by amending the Council of Architecture Recruitment and Promotional Regulations 1999. The proposal of the Council was submitted to the Central Government for according its approval.</p> <p>However, the Ministry of H.R.D., Government of India vide their letter dated 18.12.2019 made certain observations on the Council's proposal and sought views of the Council.</p> <p>The Chairman further informed that the Executive Committee constituted a Sub-Committee consisting of Ar. Kapil Setia, Convenor Ar. N.K. Negi, Member and other members for considering observation of the Central Government for preparing the revised proposal. An outside expert Mr. Ravindra Kumar was also appointed to assist the committee.</p> <p>The Chairman requested Ar. Kapil Setia to expedite the recommendations of the Committee so that further action on appointment to various posts can be initiated to cope with the increased workload in the Council.</p> <p>Ar. Kapil Setia, Convenor informed the members that the Sub-Committee will be submitting its report/ recommendations to the Council shortly.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.17</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER THE REPLY DATED 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER, 2020 RECEIVED FROM AR. HARSHIT SADH REGARDING HIS INVOLVEMENT IN ORGANIZING MASS CHEATING IN NATA 2020 EXAMINATION AS A FACULTY OF PARUL UNIVERSITY.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that Ar. Harshit Sadh, a Faculty member of the Parul University, Gujarat created a Whatsapp Group of students in the name of Parul University and online answers were provided to student during the NATA 2020 examination conducted by the Council.</p> <p>The Council has letter dated 14.09.2020, and letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 asking Ar. Harshit Sadh, to submit his response/reply in his defence regarding his involvement in organizing mass cheating in NATA 2020 examination before a final decision is taken by Council against him.</p>



	<p>In response Ar. Harshit Sadh vide his email dated 15.09.2020 and email/ letter 23<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, submitted his reply.</p> <p>The Executive Committee noted that this matter was also placed in the 226<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee but was deferred in view of the Writ Petition filed by the Parul University before Delhi High Court regarding reduction of intake in B. Arch Course by the Council and sought stay of same. However, the Hon'ble Court has dismissed the Application of petitioner seeking Stay of order of the Council. The matter was last listed before the Hon'ble Court on 05.03.2021.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the Council's letters dated 14.09.2020 and 20.11.2020 and response received from Ar. Harshit Sadh vide letter dated 15.09.2020 and 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020 and noted that concerned architect has acted irresponsibly, recklessly and deliberately chose to play fraud with the Council by making a Whatsapp Group of students who intend to appear in the NATA 2020 Examination and illegally helping them by providing live answers of questions during the examination. He has applied his knowledge and skills for illegal purposes and to degrade the standards of architectural education as prescribed by the Council.</p> <p>His direct or indirect involvement has also resulted in degradation of the sanctity of the national level Aptitude Test conducted by the Council and loss of goodwill and reputation in the eyes of Public.</p> <p>His illegal and unethical actions have brought disrepute to the Council of Architecture and have badly affected standards of architectural education set out by the Council of Architecture.</p> <p>The Executive Committee noted that the above actions of Ar. Harshit Sadh show that he has violated Regulation 2 (1) (i), (ii), (viii), (ix) and (x) of the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989.</p> <p>The Executive Committee, therefore, decided that the matter be placed before Full Council for taking a prima facie view in the matter in terms of Council of Architecture Rules, 1973.</p> <p>The Executive Committee further decided that the concerned architect be informed of the decision of the Committee in the matter.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.18</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMITTEE.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Executive Committee constituted a Committee of Ar. Kapil Setia, Convenor and Ar. N.K Negi, Member with other members for considering the report of the Administrative Reforms Committee.</p>





	<p>This matter was placed in 226<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee but was deferred for want of report of the Committee. The Report / Recommendations of the Committee are still awaited.</p> <p>The Chairman requested Ar. Kapil Setia, Member, to expedite the report of the Committee in the matter.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.19</b>	<b>REPORTING OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AGAINST FARZI ARCHITECTS.</b>
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that complaint form for making complaints online/ offline against violation of the Architects Act, 1972, by non-architects has been hosted on the Council's website.</p> <p>Further, in terms of the decision of the Executive Committee, the action taken on these complaints has been uploaded on the Council's website for information of the all concerned.</p> <p>The Registrar-Secretary also shared a Revised Format of Notice to be sent by the Council to persons violating the Act. The Executive Committee after perusing the draft notice approved the same.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.20</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED BY COATRC PUNE FROM PROF. ABHAY PUROHIT, NAGPUR, ON CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE THROUGH DIGITAL MODE.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Director, COATRC Pune, is in receipt of a proposal from Prof. Abhay Purohit, Member, COA, regarding conduct of International Conference on Architecture Education in collaboration with COATRC Pune.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the proposal and noted that the expenditure proposed for the conference is on the higher side. The Committee, therefore, decided that Prof. Jayashree Deshpande be requested to join the meeting of the Committee to clarify the details in the matter.</p> <p>With the above discussions this item was deferred for consideration on the next day of meeting.</p>
<p>The second day meeting was adjourned at 8.45 p.m. to be continued next day to discuss the remaining items.</p>	



**DAY 3- Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 2021, 6.30 p.m.**

**Present :**

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| 1. Ar. Habib Khan              | : | Chairman      |
| 2. Ar. Sapna                   | : | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Ar. Kapil Setia             | : | Member        |
| 4. Ar. Ramesh Kumar            | : | Member        |
| 5. Ar. Bansan Singh Thangkhiew | : | Member        |

Ar. Sadiq Ali, Member, did not join the meeting and no information was received from him.

**In attendance:**

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| 1. Shri R.K. Oberoi  | : | Registrar-Secretary    |
| 2. Shri Deepak Kumar | : | Administrative Officer |

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Committee and officials to the Third day of the online meeting. Thereafter, the remaining agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.20	TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED BY COATRC PUNE FROM PROF. ABHAY PUROHIT, NAGPUR ON CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE THROUGH DIGITAL MODE.
	<p>As decided by the Executive Committee while considering this item previous day i.e. 01.07.2021, Prof. Jayashree Deshpande, Director, TRC Pune, joined the meeting of the Committee and informed that she received this proposal from Prof. Abhay Purohit and the financial estimates are given by him. This activity can be regular activity of TRC. This international conference will provide a good exposure to practising architects and academicians make them abreast of the developments happening at international level.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that expenditure on Digital platform, integration, event management, website development, online/ offline publicity, secretariat expense and miscellaneous expended can be curtailed. The conference can be held online on zoom by providing different links for different sessions. Further, to accommodate the participants there can be two sessions i.e. morning and afternoon, for three days.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after having detailed discussions in the matter decided that programme be planned in such a way that the expenditure is limited within Rs. 12 to 15 Lakhs only. The Executive Committee further desired that collaboration/ association from international architectural regulatory bodies/ associations may also be explored. This activity can become self-sustaining activity in long run by collecting registration fees and sale of publications which will have a good content.</p>





	The Executive Committee asked the Director, COATRC Pune, to accordingly revise the proposal and take further necessary action in the matter for the organizing the International Conference.
<b>ITEM NO.21</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER AND REVIEW THE PROGRESS MADE BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that several Committees have been constituted to assist the Council in carrying out its statutory duties and other related activities and assignments.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the progress made by various committees and decided that all the committees be requested to complete their proceedings at the earliest and submit their report/ recommendations to the Council for further action in the matter.</p>
<b>ITEM NO 22</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER THE REPLY OF AR. VIJAY GARG ON THE ENQUIRY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON MISUSE OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, COA.</b>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Full Council while considering the issue of misuse of office President, COA, by Ar. Vijay Garg, in its 74th Meeting held on 19.12.2020, vide Resolution No.:529, resolved as under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Council prima facie agreed that certain lapses have occurred on the part of Ar. Vijay Garg, Former Acting President and future course of action need to be discussed and deliberated, hence the matter is deferred.</li> <li>2. The Council also decided that complaints against other ex-office bearers including this should be disposed of at the earliest. The Council also decided that a copy of the Enquiry Report be provided to Ar. Vijay Garg to submit his reply on the same to the Council.</li> </ol> <p>In terms of the decision of the Council the report of the Enquiry Committee was provided to Ar. Vjay Garg. Ar. Vijay Garg vide his letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 submitted his response in the matter to the Council.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the reply received from Ar. Vijay Garg and noted that reply given by Ar. Vijay Garg could not justify the actions taken by him during his Tenure as Acting President, Council of Architecture. He has compromised with his integrity and acted in conflict of interest. He acted beyond the call of the high office held by him by favouring the HR11-Ganga Institute of Architecture and Town Planning, Rohtak in sanction of intake of students for imparting B.Arch./ M.Arch. course.</p>



	<p>The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations observed that actions Ar. Vijay Garg during his tenure as Acting President of Council has resulted in violation of Regulation 2 (1) (i), (ii), (viii), (ix) and (x) of the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989.</p> <p>The Executive Committee, therefore, decided that the matter be placed before Full Council for taking a prima facie view in the matter in terms of Council of Architecture Rules, 1973.</p> <p>The Executive Committee further decided that Ar. Vijay Garg be informed of the decision of the Committee in the matter.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.23</b>	<b>PROGRESS OF THE WORK DONE FOR SETTING UP AND REGISTRATION OF CPF TRUST.</b>
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed that the Council in its 74<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19.12.2021 noted that Council of Architecture Employees Contributory Provident Fund Trust was registered and the process for recognition of the Fund from Income Tax Department, Govt. of India, has to be initiated. However, Ar. Ashutosh Kumar, Member, expressed certain reservations on the indemnity clause in the Trust Deed.</p> <p>The Council decided that Ar. N. K. Negi, Member, be requested to examine the indemnity Clause and submit his report in the Executive Committee so that appropriate steps can be taken in the matter.</p> <p>Accordingly, CPF Trust Deed was sent to the Ar. Negi vide Council's letter dated 14.01.2021 with a request to examine the matter and submit his report/ recommendations in the matter. The Council vide its letter dated 18.03.2021 and 02.06.2021 requested Ar. Negi to submit his report. However, the same is still awaited.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after deliberations decided that Ar. N. K. Negi, Former Member, EC, be requested to submit his report/ observations in the matter and in case he finds the Trust Deed in order, he may inform the same accordingly.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.24</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF SAVINGS A/C NO.12201110000075 IN HDFC BANK LIMITED, IN NAME OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE CONTRIBUTORY PF ACCOUNT.</b>
	<p>The Registrar Secretary informed the members that the Council opened a Savings A/c with Centurian Bank of Punjab which later got merged with HDFC Bank Limited. The Account is in the name of Council of Architecture Contributory PF. The President and Registrar are the authorized signatory for operation of this account.</p> <p>This account is not being operated as the Council is having its Account in State Bank of India, Parliament Street, New Delhi and Canara Bank (earlier</p>





	<p>Syndicate Bank), Connaught Place, New Delhi and all transactions are made in these accounts.</p> <p>It was further informed that in order to avoid multiplicity of accounts and for better monitoring of accounts and management of funds, it is proposed to close the Savings A/c. No. 12201110000075 in HDFC Bank Limited, M-39, Connaught Circus, New Delhi – 110001, and funds available in this account be transferred in the Saving Account of Council of Architecture Contributory Provident Fund in State Bank of India, Parliament Street Branch, New Delhi.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter resolved as under :</p> <p><b>Resolution No.270</b></p> <p><b>Resolved that :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Savings A/c. No. 12201110000075 in HDFC Bank Limited, M-39, Connaught Circus, New Delhi – 110001 be closed; and</li> <li>The funds available in this account be transferred in the Saving Account of Council of Architecture Contributory Provident Fund in State Bank of India, Parliament Street Branch, New Delhi.</li> </ol>
<b>ITEM NO.25</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER ISSUING ONLINE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO ALL ARCHITECTS HOLDING VALID REGISTRATION SIGNED DIGITALLY BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES.</b></p>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Council is issuing printed/ paper based Certificate of Registration to persons registered as architects. The Certificate of Registration is to be maintained by the registered architects throughout their life. The endorsement of extension is done on the Certificate manually every year or after 10 years in case of online payment.</p> <p>The preservation and maintenance of the paper-based Certificate becomes very difficult as some time its lost in transit or torn out during postage or remain untraceable or gets faded. There have been cases when Certificate of Registration have also been forged by non-architects.</p> <p>Therefore, it is proposed to issue Online Certificate of Registration (in pdf file password protected) on the First Time Registration as well as on subsequent renewals every time.</p> <p>The Online Certificate having the relevant details such as, name, registration number, validity, photograph and signature of architect and Scanned and Digitally Signed by President and Registrar/ Secretary will be sent on e-mail of the concerned architect which can be printed by them for</p>



	<p>their use. In case, anyone wishes to verify the details of the concerned architect, he can do so on Council's website.</p> <p>With the issuance of Online digitally signed Certificate of Registration the existing Certificate of Registration shall stand revoked/ invalid in due course of time.</p> <p>The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and welcomed the proposal for issuance of Online Certificate of Registration. The Committee decided that a comparative study of certificate(s) being issued by other Bodies like National Medical Commission, Bar Council, Institution of Chartered Accountants, etc. be undertaken and the Central Government be also informed of the same.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.26</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER ISSUING IDENTITY/ REGISTRATION CARD TO ALL ARCHITECTS HOLDING VALID REGISTRATION WITH THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.</b></p>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that Council is presently issuing Certificate of Registration to the persons registered as Architects which contains their particulars, photograph and sign. Though in the past Identity Cards were issued on request to architects but due to lack of financial viability the same were discontinued.</p> <p>He further informed that the Council has been receiving requests from Architects to consider issuing Identity Cards to them so that they can use the same everywhere to show that they hold valid registration as an Architect and also as a valid identity proof. This will also enable the concerned authorities and general public to identify an Architect and also stop misuse of title and style of architect and impersonation by non architects.</p> <p>It is, therefore, proposed to issue Identity/ Registrar Card to all Architects having valid registration with the Council to be valid for period of validity of Certificate of Registration.</p> <p>The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter in detail decided and appreciated the proposal and decided as under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Council should give wide publicity and wide information to all architects about issuance of Identity Card to be issued free of the cost by the Council on receipt of request for the same within a period of 90 days from the date of announcement.</li> <li>2. For the first time, the Identity Cards shall be issued free of cost on receipt of request within prescribed date from the concerned architect(s) holding valid registration with the Council and thereafter on payment of Rs.200/-</li> </ol>





	3. Request for issuance of Identity Cards received after 90 days of announcement shall also be charged @Rs.200/-.
<b>ITEM NO.27</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER THE DETAILS ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT AT COATRC PUNE &amp; BHOPAL.</b>
	<p>The Executive Committee perused the details of activities and functions undertaken by the Council's Training and Research Centres at Pune &amp; Bhopal. The Executive Committee appreciated the efforts made for promotion and development of architectural education by the TRCs of the Council.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the Committee Members that the MOU entered into between MANIT Bhopal and Council regarding housing its TRC within their premises would end on 10.10.2021 and as per terms of MOU 6 months prior notice is required.</p> <p>The Chairman further informed the members that he has requested Prof. N. Sridharan, Director, SPA Bhopal, Bhopal to provide space to Council for running its TRC in Bhopal and also a faculty member who act as Honorary Director of the TRC Bhopal to run activities and programme in collaboration with each other.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after deliberations approved that the TRC Office at MANIT Bhopal be shifted to SPA, Bhopal and appropriate formalities for the same be undertaken.</p> <p>After consideration of this item the Chairman left the meeting due to some urgent work and requested the Vice-Chairman to Chair the meeting for rest of the Items.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.28</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER THE REVISED DRAWINGS/ PLANS, ETC. RECEIVED FROM M/S. BABBAR &amp; BABBAR ASSOCIATES FOR CARRYING INTERIOR WORK OF OFFICE SPACE OF COUNCIL AT NBCC PLACE, OKHLA, NEW DELHI.</b>
	<p>The Executive Committee perused the revised drawings/ plans, BOQ and 3D views as submitted by M/s. Babbar and Babbar Associates, for carrying out the interior work of the office space of the Council at NBCC Place, Okhla, New Delhi.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations decided that the Tender document be prepared for appointment of a Contractor for carrying out the interior work of the Office of the Council at NBCC Place, Okhla, New Delhi and timelines be prescribed for the completion of the work.</p>
<b>ITEM NO.29</b>	<b>TO TAKE NOTE OF THE WORK DONE BY TEAM OF "COASOCIAL".</b>



	<p>The Executive Committee noted that in order to spread awareness about the importance of architecture in society and also to share the wisdom and experience of senior architects and academicians, the Council through its online platform "COASOCIAL" is organizing various talks, discussions and reads for the benefit of practicing architects, academicians, students and general public.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the list of programme as attached with the agenda and appreciated the remarkable work done by the Members of the Committee.</p> <p>The Executive Committee also decided to revise the Constitution of COASOCIAL Sub-Committee as under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ar. Vivek Gupta, Convenor</li> <li>2. Ar. Jayashree Deshpande, Member</li> <li>3. Ar. Durganand Balsawar, member</li> <li>4. Ar. Sabreena Khan, Member</li> <li>5. Ar. Apurva Bose Datta, Member</li> <li>6. Ar. Sandeep Pathe, Member</li> </ol> <p>The Executive Committee decided that the Committee be paid lumpsum honorarium of Rs.30,000/- for the previous meetings held so far and programme conducted by them and from now onwards they be paid sitting fees as approved by the Council for its Committee(s)/Sub-Committee(s).</p>
<b>ITEM NO.30</b>	<b>ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.</b>
	No other item was discussed
<p>The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.</p>	







## Council of Architecture

APPENDIX - A

Dated : 30.06.2021\*

### REVISED ACADEMIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APPROVAL PROCESS OF ARCHITECTURE COURSES FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-2022

Event	Last date for Application	Charges for Application	Extended date with Penalty	Last date for issue of LOI	Period of Inspection	Last date for communicating approval/ refusal	Last date for receipt of Review application
Application for Extension of Approval by existing institutions due for inspection	8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021	Rs. 1 Lakh per Course	15 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021 with penalty of Rs. 10,000/-	-	1 <sup>st</sup> June to 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2021	20 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021	31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2021
Application for Additional Intake by existing institutions	8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021	Rs. 2.50 Lakh (40 intake)	15 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021, with penalty of Rs. 25,000/-	26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> June to 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2021	20 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021	31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2021
Application for introduction of PG course (M.Arch.) by existing institutions	8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021	Rs. 2 Lakh per course (20 intake)	15 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021, with penalty of Rs. 25,000/-	26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> June to 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2021	20 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021	31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2021
Application for introduction of UG course (B.Arch.) by new institutions	8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021	Rs. 5 Lakh for 40 intake only	15 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021, with penalty of Rs. 25,000/-	26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> June to 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2021	20 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021	31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2021

Note: 1.

- Applications for introduction of UG course (B.Arch.) and additional intake shall be accepted by the Council only for an intake of 40 and shall be processed in terms of the Perspective Plan for growth of Architectural Education prescribed by the Council (available at COA website).
- No new institution will be permitted in regions falling under Category IV of Perspective Plan of COA for introduction of B.Arch. course.
- Applications for additional intake shall be accepted only from institutions which have been imparting B.Arch. course for a minimum period of 3 years (i.e. at least 3 batches at the institution).
- Any institution which has applied for introduction of B.Arch. for academic session 2021-22, may withdraw its application prior to inspection with charges of Rs. 50,000/-.
- The process for filling of online forms for existing/ new Institutions at the portal of the Council at [www.coa.gov.in](http://www.coa.gov.in) shall commence with effect from 01.01.2021.
- The Classes for B.Arch. shall commence latest by September 1, 2021. \* Approved in 228<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 30.06.2021 to 02.07.2021.