MINUTES OF 75th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 28th & 29thAUGUST, 2021, FROM 10.30 A.M. ONWARDS IN GULMOHAR HALL, CONVENTION CENTRE, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI – 110 003.

DAY 1, SATURDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 2021 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

Ar. Habeeb Khan : President (In Chair)
Ar. Sapna : Vice-President

MEMBERS:

	In Person		Online
1	Ar. Kapil Setia	28	Ar. R. Ramesh Kumar (online)
2	Ar. P. Vaitianadin	29	Ar. Bansan Singh Thangkhiew (online)
3	Ar. Lalichan Zacharias	30	Ar. Mahendra Pratap (online)
4	Ar. Abhijit Digambar Shirodkar	31	Ar. Dr. Ranee Vedamuthu (online)
5	Ar. Arvind Kumar Ahirwar	32	Ar. Dr. Kavita Daryani Rao (online)
6	Ar. Amit Kumar Garg	33	Ar. Nilakshi Sarma (online)
7	Ar. Vijay Garg	34	Ar. Nupur Banerjee (online)
8	Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta	35	Ar. Jayalakshmi V. (online)
9	Ar. Pushkar M. Kanvinde	36	Ar. Anil Kumar (online)
10	Ar. Anita Samyal	37	Ar. Yogeeta Rai (online)
11	Ar. Gajanand Ram	38	Ar. Amitava Roy (online)
12	Ar. Maitreyi C. Gupta	39	Ar. Chandan K. Parab (online)
13	Ar. Jagdev Thakur	40	Ar. Lalchhandami (online)
14	Ar. Ritu Singh	41	Ar. Shashi Mohan Srivastava (online)
15	Ar. Puneet Sethi	42	Ar. Narmada Devi Yumnam (online)
16	Ar. P. Satheesh Kumar	43	Ar. Sanjiban Datta (online)
17	Ar. S.K. Patra	44	Ar. P.S. Rajeev (online)
18	Ar. V. Neilazo Metha	45	Dr. G.S. Inda (online)
19	Ar. Dr. Vandana Sehgal		
20	Ar. Navin Sharma		
21	Ar. Bapilu Chai		
22	Ar. Ashutosh Kumar Agarwal		
23	Ar. Abhay Purohit		
24	Ar. Naveen Kanithi		
25	Ar. Nand Lal Chandel		
26	Sh.H.K. Mittal		
27	Sh.Sandip Kumar Deb		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sh. R.K.Oberoi : Registrar-Secretary
Sh. Deepak Kumar : Administrative Officer

The following members were granted leave of absence:

1	Ar. Satish B.V.		

The following members did not attend the meeting and no information was received from them:

1	Ar. Sadiqu Ali D.A.	3	Sh. Mrutyunjay Behera
2	Ar. Rakesh Singh Kushwah	4	Ar. Bimal Patel

The Registrar-Secretary welcomed the President, Vice-President and Members attending 75th Meeting of the Council in person as well online and requested the President to conduct the further proceedings of the meeting.

The President thanked the Vice-President and Members of the Council for sparing their valuable time for attending the Meeting in person as well as online. The President informed the members that due to Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting is being conducted in hybrid mode i.e. physically as well as online.

The President informed the members that due to Covid-19 Pandemic thousands of people have lost their life including Architects and requested the members to observe One Minute silence to pay their homage to the departed souls.

Thereafter, he requested the Hon'ble Members to introduce themselves with special mention of new members who attended the meeting for the first time.

The President presented a brief report on various initiatives and activities initiated by the Council, such as Grant of Scholarship to EWS category students, Manual of Architectural Practice, Amendments to the Architects Act, 1972, Approval to 10+2/10+3 Diploma Course, Amendment to Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 2020, Approval Process Handbook for Architectural Institutions, Complaints against quacks, upgradation of website of COA, presentation before Parliamentary Standing Committee of Rajya Sabha, Meeting with Hon'ble Education Minister, Annual International Essay Writing Competition for Students and Teachers in Architectural Institutions, Filing of Curative Petition, Women Architects' Issues, Presence of Council in social Media, etc.

Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.01	**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 74th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**
	The President informed the members that the Minutes of the 74th meeting of the Council held on 19th December, 2020 were circulated to the members on 23th December, 2020. The Council has received comments from Ar. Vijay Garg on Item No.19.1. The President informed the members last meeting was online meeting and that the Resolution was passed by the Council by majority and the same is as per the deliberations held in that meeting. After discussions the Minutes of 74th Meeting of the Council were confirmed and approved.

ITEM NO.02	**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 74th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**
	The Registrar-Secretary briefed the members on the action taken report on the minutes of the 74th Meeting of the Council held on 19th December, 2020. The President informed the members that State level Committees on professional issues shall be constituted shortly.
ITEM NO.03	**APPROVAL FOR RESTORATION OF NAMES TO THE REGISTER OF ARCHITECTS MAINTAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE UNDER SECTION 32 OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.**
	The Council granted ex-post facto approval to the action taken by the Registrar for restoring names of **4516** Defaulter Architects whose names were restored to the Register of Architects on payment of requisite fees during the period 01.12.2020 to 31.07.2021.
ITEM NO.04	**APPROVAL FOR REMOVAL OF NAMES FROM REGISTER OF ARCHITECTS:**
i)	**ON REQUEST FROM THE CONCERNED ARCHITECT:**

The Council noted that some Architects have surrendered their Certificate of Registration and requested the Council for removal of their names from the Register of Architects as most of them have moved abroad or were not in practice.

The Council approved the removal of names of the architects from Register of Architects as requested by them in terms of Section 29 (1)(a) of the Architects Act, 1972 and accordingly passed the following resolution:

Resolution No.:530

Resolved that:

The names of the following Architects be removed from the Register of Architects as per their request in terms of Section 29 (1)(a) of the Architects Act, 1972:

Sl. No.	Name of Architect	State/City	Registration No.
1.	Mr. Rakesh Paul	Guwahati	CA/2019/108314
2.	Ms. Shivani Sharma	Meerut	CA/2006/038329
3.	Mr. Uday Vithal Godambe	Pune	CA/1980/005941
4.	Ms. Jinju Thomas	Kerala	CA/2016/079802
5.	Ms. Savithri Aryampilly Krishnapriya Vishnu	Guwahati	CA/2019/112437
6.	Mr. Milan Chandra Nath	Guwahati	CA/2005/035906
7.	Mr. Ramesh Purushottam Sangodcar	Goa	CA/1977/003907

	8.	Mr. V.R. Lokender	Hyderabad	CA/1976/003058
	9.	Mr. Suhas Sitaram Kurane	Pune	CA/1997/021714
	10.	Ms. Namitha Ramesh Menon	Pallippuram	CA/2019/107152
	11.	Ms. Neha Madan Rathi	Aurangabad	CA/2012/057318
	12.	Ms. Dhira Mukund Kulkarni	Nagpur	CA/2011/051848

ii) DUE TO DEATH

The Council noted with grief the passing away of some Architects. The members expressed their condolences to the families of the deceased architects and observed one-minute silence.

The Council decided to remove their names from the Register of Architects in terms of section 29(1) (b) of the Architects Act, 1972 and passed the following resolution:

Resolution No.:531

Resolved that:

The names of the following architects be removed from the Register of Architects due to their death as provided under Section 29(1) (b) of the Architects Act, 1972:

Sl. No.	Name of Architect	State/City	REGN. NO.
1	Mr. Pawan Kumar Mehta	Faridabad	CA/1976/03209
2	Mr. Hari Krishan Rakhra	Delhi	CA/1977/03707
3	Mr. Ramakant Dattatraya Karanjkar	Pune	CA/1986/09881
4	Mr. Madho Eknath Rajhansa	Durg	CA/1975/00802
5	Mr. Jagdish Kumar Sharma	Delhi	CA/1979/04907
6	Mr. Bapurao Nathurao Deo	Anantnag	CA/1975/00512
7	Mr. S W Joshi	Nagpur	CA/1979/05412
8	Mr. Ashish Kumar Sinha	Kolkata	CA/1975/00309

ITEM NO.05 **TO CONSIDER AND ACCORD CONCURRENCE ON THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22 AS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.**

The Council perused the Budget Estimates of the Council for the financial year 2021-2022, as approved by the Executive Committee and ratified the same.

ITEM NO.06 **TO CONSIDER THE REPORT/ RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO IT FOR INVESTIGATION.**

The Council perused the report of the Disciplinary Committee in respect of the following cases and decided as under:

1. **CA/DC/428: Shri V.K. Kishore N. Sabne, Thane Vs. Ar. Sandip W. Tandel, Mumbai**

The Council considered the report of the Disciplinary Committee and noted that the complaint of the Complainant is that he was appointment as an architect by the Savali Co-operative Housing Society, Mumbai on 07th June 1995 for providing the Architectural services.

A total fee of Rs. 10/- Lakh was agreed for the services to rendered by him. However, the Respondent Architect took up the project without termination of his services and without obtaining NOC from him. Respondent Architect has also not ensured whether fees of Complaint-previous architect has been paid or not. Thus, the Respondent Architect is guilty of Professional Misconduct.

The submissions of the Respondent Architect in his defence are:

i) He was appointed in the general body meeting of Savali Co-operative Housing Society vide letter 11th July 2013 and the services of the Complainant were terminated on 21st March 2013.

ii) His clients have informed that the professional fees of the complainant to the extent of Rs. 9,55,380/- have already been paid to the Complainant.

iii) The concerned developer has also offered the revised fees of Rs. 13 Lakh which was not responded by the Complainant Architect.

iv) He accepted the project much after termination of service of the Complainant and as the entire fee as due to the Complainant was paid, he accepted to carry out the remaining work.

v) The work was related to rehabilitating the tenants who were living on rent. The construction of building was to be done on urgent basis to handover the possession to the concerned tenants. The Project cannot be delayed indefinitely for want of NOC from the Complainant or settlement of his claims.

The Council after deliberations accepted the report of the Disciplinary Committee and after deliberations decided that the complaint be **dismissed** as the Respondent Architects has not violated the Architects (Professional conduct) Regulations, 1989.

Accordingly, the decision of the Council be communicated to the concerned parties.

2. **CA/DC/443: Dy. Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporation Greater Mumbai Vs. Ar. B.S. Joshi, Mumbai :**

The Council considered the report of the Disciplinary Committee and noted that the complaint is regarding preparation of fraudulent

	documents/ plans by the Respondent Architect for construction of additional floors of building. The matter also relates to the hearing held by the Hon'ble Bombay High court in Suit No. 933 of 2016 wherein the Respondent Architect was found not to be answering the questions of the Hon'ble High Court correctly and also appeared to be protecting the defendants in that case. The submissions of the Respondent Architect in his defence are : i) The Hon'ble High court did not find the Respondent guilty of any professional misconduct. The court has only directed the prothonotary and senior master of court to forward a copy of the order to Council of Architecture for their perusal and action. ii) Respondent Architect was associated with the building till construction of parking and stilt floor only. Their role was very limited, and initially they were unable to trace the Intend for Development (IOD) document. However, they could find the same later and had produced before the Hon'ble High Court. The Council also noted the following observations of the Disciplinary Committee: "The Committee perused the records specially the order dated 25th November 2016 of Hon'ble Bombay High Court in Suit No. 933 of 2016. The Committee also perused the Statement of Defence of the Respondent Architect and noted that the Respondent Architect provided all the information available with him to the Hon'ble High Court and may be out of fear and nervousness he could not answer the question to the satisfaction of the Hon'ble Court." The Council after deliberations accepted the report of the Disciplinary Committee and after deliberations decided that the complaint be **dismissed** as the Respondent Architects has not violated the Architects (Professional conduct) Regulations, 1989. Accordingly, the decision of the Council be communicated to the concerned parties. **3. CA/DC/450: Shri Vipin Jain, Madhya Pradesh Vs. Ar. Arun Singh Rajput, Madhya Pradesh** The Council considered the report of the Disciplinary Committee and noted as under: i) The Complainant is an Electric Contractor and has been doing electrical works for Punjab National Bank. He has submitted Bills to the Bank for payment. The Bank asked the verification of same by the Architect - Respondent Architect.

ii) The Complainant alleged that the Respondent Architect demanded bribe from him for verifying/clearing his Bills. He reported the matter to CBI and CBI trapped him red-handed with bribe amount.
iii) The Respondent has brought disrepute to the profession of architects by his unethical and illegal actions.
iv) Though the case registered by CBI was dropped by CBI Court on the reasons of technicality that the Respondent was not a government servant, however, the CBI wrote to other authorities, such as RBI, for delisting the said architect.

The submissions of the Respondent Architect in his defence are :

i) The Complainant has made a false complaint to CBI. Respondent was only an empaneled Architect and not an employee of Bank. He has already approved the Bills of the Complainant.
ii) The work was completed by the Complainant on 6th April and he verified his Bills on 7th April and on 8th the Complainant got him trapped with CBI. Thus, there was no delay on his part for passing/ approving the Bills as alleged by the Complainant.
iii) The CBI Court has dropped the case against him and requested that the Council should also close this complaint.
iv) The PNB has not taken any action against him.

The Council also noted the following observations/findings of the Disciplinary Committee:

(a) The Committee finds that the Respondent accepted Rs.12,000 in cash.
(b) The Committee also noted that the Respondent could not produce any proof, in favor of his version that the accepted money was an advance amount. Rather he admitted in his submission, in hearing dated 19.02.2021, that he was trapped.
(c) The Committee also noted that the CBI found the acceptance of this Rs.12,000 as bribe money and hence wrote to various agencies, including RBI, to blacklist the Respondent.
(d) The Committee takes this matter very seriously as the allegation tarnishes the image/perception of Architect in the mind of common man, hence erodes confidence of common man in the profession, which in turns also hurts the very objective of Architects Act 1972.
(e) The Committee finds the Respondent Architect Guilty of Professional Misconduct for violation of Regulation 2(1) (viii) & (x) of the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989.

The Council after deliberations accepted the report of the Disciplinary Committee and decided that a copy of the report be provided to both parties and they be **summoned to appear before the Council** to provide them an opportunity of hearing in terms of the provisions of Section 30 of the Architects Act, 1972.

Accordingly, the decision of the Council be communicated to the concerned parties.

4. **CA/DC/467: Ar. Sameep Padora, Mumbai Vs. Ar. Gurpreet Singh and Ar. Gurdev Singh, Gurgaon.**

The Council considered the report of the Disciplinary Committee and noted as under:

i) The complaint is related to a competition floated by Ministry of Defence for War Museum. The Complainant was adjudged first and Respondents came second. After, winning of the competition by the Complainant. The Respondent Architects tried various methods to turn the decision of the Jury. They made false complaints against the Complainant and also tried to influence the Jury by alleging the designs made by him is not original design.
ii) Because of the complaints/communications made by the Respondent Architect he could not get the prize money from the Ministry of Defence.
iii) The complaints/communications made by the Respondents were in violation of Architectural Competition Norms, set out in the competition dossier. Respondents were bound to accept the result of jury.
iv) The Respondents flouted the competition norms and made several communications to the various authorities including the Prime Minister of India.
v) The design submitted by him were his original creation and were prepared with the help of a landscape expert.

The submissions of the Respondent Architects in his defence are:

i) During the competition drawings/entries of all participants were exhibited and after declaration of results by the Jury, the Respondents have analyzed the design prepared by the Complainant and found that certain trees which were claimed by him can be relocated to some other place cannot be done after looking at the physical site.
ii) Respondents have only pointed out these issues to jury. They have also found that the design was not original.
iii) They have exercised their right to raise their grievance and bring the true picture/facts before the promoters as the project was of National importance. They also have lost their prize money as the Government has abandoned the Project, being awarded the 2nd prize.
iv) Respondents have not committed any professional misconduct they have exercised their right to seek remedies for their grievances. The abandonment of the Project by the Ministry of Defence for not going ahead with the design of the Complainant shows that his proposal was not upto the mark.

The Council after deliberations accepted the report of the Disciplinary Committee and after deliberations decided that the complaint be

	dismissed as the Respondent Architects has not violated the Architects (Professional conduct) Regulations, 1989. Accordingly, the decision of the Council be communicated to the concerned parties.
ITEM NO.07	**TO CONSIDER THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AGAINST ARCHITECTS FOR ALLEGED PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT FROM THE ARCHITECTS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND GOVT. AGENCIES.**
	The Sections 22 & 30 of the Architects Act, 1972 provides for complaints against architects for professional misconduct. Accordingly, the Registrar-Secretary has received several complaints. The Council perused all the complaints together with the statement of defence, as have placed in the respective appendices in respect of concerned complaints as annexed with the agenda. The Council after considering the complaints together with statement of defence and preliminary report received from the Council Member to whom the respective complaints were referred, unanimously passed the following Resolution : **Resolution No.:532** **Resolved that :** **1.CA/DC/496**-With regard to complaint filed by Shri A.S. Shahpurwala, Mumbai against Ar.Narendra B. P. Chitroda, Mumbai, the Council noted that the complaint is about violation of the NOC granted by Fire Department and submission of fake and bogus completion certificate by the Respondent Architect. The Council noted that the Respondent Architect could not provide the satisfactory answers to the allegations made by the complainant in his statement of defence and, therefore, decided that there is a prima facie case in the matter and the complaint be referred to Disciplinary committee for detailed investigation in terms of provisions of Council of Architecture Rules, 1973. Accordingly, the complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

	2.CA/DC/503-With regard to complaint filed by Shri Gopal Krishna Bhatt, Secretary, (Rural) Local Self-Government Department, Government of Kerala, against Ar. Mathai Mathew, Kerala, the Council noted that the complaint is about violation of the Kerala Municipality Building Rules for construction of a building opposite to Swaraj Bhawan, Thiruvananthapuram. The Respondent Architect has clarified that there is no violation of Building Rules and the same is as per the Kerala Municipality building by Laws. He has further stated that the Vigilance report annexed with the complaint did not cite any specific violation by the Respondent Architect. The Council, therefore, opined that there is no prima facie case of alleged professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect and dismissed the complaint. Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.	
	3.CA/DC/517-With regard to complaint filed by Dr.Laxmi Jagannathan & Ors., Bangalore and others against Ar. Aditya G Kashyap, Bangalore, the The Council noted that the complaint is about the quality of construction of building and also construction of additional floor and also violation of other norms such as Fire safety, Rain water harvesting etc. The Respondent Architect clarified that the building is constructed as per the requirements of the vendor or developer with all facilities intact. The complaint basically relates against the builder and not against the Architect. The Council, therefore, opined that there is no prima facie case of alleged professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect and dismissed the complaint. Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.	
	4.CA/DC/520-With regard to complaint filed by Mr.Swamy V. Katta, Mr. Satyanarayan Murti Swamy Katta,Navi Mumbai against Ar.Vikram G. Dhumal, Navi Mumbai, the Council noted that the complaint is about improper design of the house of the complainant by the Respondent Architect and lack of submission of detailed drawings and specifications, structural drawings, etc.	

	The Respondent Architect has submitted that he is not responsible for the work carried out beyond his drawings, the construction work was done by the contractor. He supplied his drawings in time. The complainant carried out unauthorized illegal construction without the consent and approval of the Respondent Architect. The Council, therefore, opined that there is no prima facie case of alleged professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect and dismissed the complaint. Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.	
	5.CA/DC/521-With regard to the complaint filed by Er. Ashok Chhaganlal Mistry, Rajkot against Ar. Milankumar B Bhatt, Ahmedabad, the Council noted that the complaint is regarding violation of Gujarat Development Control Rules by the Respondent Architect, however, as per the written statement submitted by the Respondent Architect he has submitted that he was never appointed for the said project and he has only given rough layout on verbal details provided to him. The dispute is between the complainant and owner of the building. The Council, therefore, opined that the complaint be dismissed as no prima facie case exists against the Respondent Architect. Accordingly, the complainant and respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.	
	6.CA/DC/522-With regard to complaint filed by Mr.Vijay Pandharinath Jadhav, Pune against Ar.Rahul B Dalvi, Pune, the Council noted that the complaint is about the Respondent Architect not providing the required drawings and also not visiting the site to start construction of the building. Though the Complainant made payment to the Respondent Architect, however, the Respondent Architect did not provide the complete services to him and also there has been a delay in getting occupancy certificate causing loss to the complainant. The response of the Respondent Architect is that he has supplied all the working drawings to the complainant on time and sent several emails attaching the drawings and also requested for his payment. However, after approval of the plans, the Complainant ignored the emails and calls made by the Respondent Architect for his payment.	

	The Council noted that the complainant was trying to avoid the payment to the Architect whereas the Respondent Architect has given all the services required of him though no written agreement between client and the Architect was there. The Council, therefore, opined that there is no prima facie case of alleged professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect and dismissed the case. Accordingly, the complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.	
	7.CA/DC/523-With regard to the complaint filed by Shri Anand Prakash, New Delhi against Ar. Surender Singh, Ghaziabad, the Council noted that the complaint is about the manipulation of documents of shop by the Respondent Architect while he was acting at the local Commissioner of Court during an inspection of shop F-39 and F-40 as orders by District Court Delhi. The Respondent Architect denied the complaint in toto and submitted that he is not an employee of M/s. Gold Cause Construction Private Limited but merely assisted them by providing his professional services. He also submitted that all the measurements that have been done are as per the prescribed procedure. The Council noted that there is a prima facie case against the Respondent Architect as no proper justification of his actions have been submitted in the statement of defence. The Council, therefore, referred the matter to the Disciplinary Committee for detailed investigation as per the procedures laid down under the Council of Architecture Rules, 1973. Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.	
	8.CA/DC/524-With regard to the complaint filed by Shri Kallarakkal Mohmed Ashraf, Kerala against Ar.Suhail A.K, Kerala, the Council noted that the complaint is that the Respondent Architect was unprofessional and unethical while providing his services to the complainant. The Complainant also submitted that the Respondent Architect failed to submit fourth floor plans to the concerned local authorities due to which the work started after tremendous delay and no proper explanation was given by	

	Respondent. The Respondent demanded huge fees from the complainant despite a prior agreement. The Respondent Architect has submitted that the complainant could not get permission from the corporation on time which caused delay in starting the project. Further, the delay happened due to lack of funds with the contractor appointed by the client and also shortage of building materials, etc. and that the he was not responsible for any delays. It was also stated that since the contract was for 2 years and that period was over, he submitted his revised fees to the complainant. The Council opined that there is no prima facie case of alleged professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect and dismissed the complaint. Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.
ITEM NO.08	**TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR AUDITING THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021.**
	The President informed the members that Council at its 69th Meeting held on 13th & 14thApril, 2018 approved a panel of three auditors/ firms on a fixed annual audit fees of Rs.32,000/- per annum and authorized the President, Council of Architecture to appoint the auditor for audit of accounts of the Council. In terms of the above decision, M/s. V. K. Verma & Co. New Delhi, was appointed as Statutory Auditor for auditing the books of accounts of the Council for the financial year 2017-18, 2018-19 and for 2019-2020. The Council decided that M/s. V. K. Verma & Co. New Delhi may be appointed auditors for auditing the books of accounts for the F.Y.: 2020-21. The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Auditors has also requested for revision of their fees. The Council deliberated in the matter and resolved as under : **Resolution No.533** **Resolved that:** i) M/s. V. K. Verma & Co., Auditors, New Delhi, be appointed as auditors for auditing the books of accounts of the Council for the financial year 2020-21;

	ii) The Auditors be paid fees of Rs.40,000/- for auditing the books accounts of the Council of Architecture.
ITEM NO. 09	**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR GRANT OF SCHOLARSHIP TO EWS CATEGORY STUDENTS BY THE COUNCIL.**
	The President informed the members that Executive Committee in its 227th Meeting considered proposal for grant of Scholarship by the Council to the needy students belonging to EWS category who cannot afford the architectural education at undergraduate level. The Executive Committee also considered the proposal in detail including the financial viability and earmarking of funds separately. A Sub-Committee of following experts/ persons was constituted by the Executive Committee to prepare the detailed modalities including eligibility criteria, payment mode, selection of beneficiaries etc. 1.President, CoA 2.Vice-President, CoA 3.Director, SPA, New Delhi 4.President, IIA 5.Ar.Persi Engineer 6.Ar.Jeet Kumar Gupta 7.Registrar, Member Secretary The Council noted that a sum of Rs.20 Crores has been earmarked in the Budget Estimates for the F.Y.: 2021-22 and the interest earned on the fund shall be utilized to support the scholarship to be sanctioned to the needy students from EWS Category. The Council also endorsed the suggestion of the Executive Committee to send the proposal to the Central Government for sanction of grant/funds for the activity. The Members deliberated in the matter in detail and approved the proposal and suggested that the scholarship should be made available to needy and economically distressed students and students who have lost of their earning family member so that their studies do not suffer on account of financial incapacity of the family. The Council desired that the Central Government may once again be requested to nominate its nominee on the Committee so that the Committee may start its functioning at the earliest. Further, the Council also decided that a member from the north eastern states may be included on the Committee.
ITEM NO.10	**TO RATIFY THE CONSTITUTION OF FOLLOWING COMMITTEE(S) CONSTITUTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & PRESIDENT, COA RESPECTIVELY:**

	The President informed the members that the Executive Committee and the President, COA, looking at the urgency of the work and in order to carry out the objectives of the Architects Act, 1972 constituted/ re-constituted several Committees. The details of these committees are as under: **1.Sub-Committee on "Urban Studio Project" research project**: 1. Dr. A. Srivathsan, Chennai 2. Dr. R. Sridharan, Bhopal 3. Dr. Madhumita Roy, Kolkata 4. Dr. Sandeep Virmani, Bhuj 5. Ar. Jayashree Deshpande **2.Sub-Committee on grant of Scholarship to EWS Candidates**: 1.President, CoA 2.Vice-President, CoA 3.Director, SPA, New Delhi 4.President, IIA 5.Ar.Persi Engineer 6.Ar.Jeet Kumar Gupta 7.Central Govt. Nominee 8. Registrar, Member-Secretary **3. NATA 2021 Coordination Committee**: 1. Ar. Ranee Vedamuthu, Convenor 2. Ar. Sapna, Co-Convenor, 3. Ar. Ramesh Kumar, Member, and 4. Ar. Abhay Purohit, Member 5. Ar. Shirish Sukhatme, Special Invitee **4.Fact Finding Committee on IIA Examinations:** 1. Ar. Kavita D. Rao; Convenor; 2. Ar. Shirish Sukhatme, Member; and 3. Ar. Salil Ranadive, Member. **5. Scrutiny Committee**: 1. Ar. Kavita D. Rao, Convenor; 2. Ar. Pushkar Kanvinde, Member; 3. Ar. Chandan Parab, Member; 4. Ar. Arvind Kumar Ahirwar, Member; 5. Ar. Nilakshi D. Sharma, Member; 6. Ar. Gajanand Ram, Member; and 7. Ar. J Manoharan, Special Invitee **6. Sub-Committee on COASOCIAL**: 1. Ar. Vivek Gupta, Convenor

	2. Ar. Jayashree Deshpande, Member 3. Ar. Durganand Balsawar, Member 4. Ar. Sabreena Khan, Member 5. Ar. Apurva Bose Datta, Member 6. Ar. Sandeep Pathe, Member **7. Magazine/CA News Letter Editorial Board** 1. Ar. Vandana Sehgal, Convenor 2. Ar. Neelkanth Chhaya, Member 3. Ar. Durganand Balswar, Member 4. Ar. Jaimini Mehta, Member 5. Ar. Dean D'Cruz, Member 6. Ar. Apurva Bose Dutta, Member & Editor 7. Ar. Aarti Grover, Member 8. Ar. Zameer Shakir Basrai, Member The Council approved and ratified the decision taken by the President, COA and the Executive Committee, respectively, for constituting the above committees.
ITEM NO. 11	**TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PROGRESS MADE BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES/ SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.**
	The President invited the attention of the members towards the Appendix-N of the Agenda where details of progress made by various Committees has been elaborated. The Council perused the progress report and appreciated the remarkable and phenomenal work done by various committees including Committee on Manual of Architectural Practice, Committee on Women Architects, NATA 2021 Coordination Committee, Committee on NEP, Committee on Recognition of Foreign Qualifications, Committee to increase Council's presence in Social media, Committee to frame Minimum Standards for Diploma Courses, Scrutiny Committee and all other Committees.
ITEM NO.12	**MATTERS FOR INFORMATION AND KIND PERUSAL OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS.**
i)	**APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL AS A MEMBER OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.**
	The Council noted the appointment of Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta, Member, COA, as a Member of the Disciplinary Committee vide Gazette Notification S.O. 2828(E) dated 14.07.2021 (published on 15.07.2021) and also that the Committee has resumed the investigation of complaints referred to the Committee.
ii)	**RELAXATION IN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO B.ARCH. COURSE FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-2022 DUE TO PANDEMIC OF COVID-19.**

	The Council noted the approval of the Central Government for relaxation in eligibility criteria for admission to Architecture for the academic session 2021-2022 by amendment in the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, and notification of the same published in Gazette of India.
iii)	**AMENDMENTS IN THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.**
	The Council noted that urgent amendments required in Section 37 of the Architects Act, 1972, in view of Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement dated 17.03.2020, have been submitted to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, for further action on the same. The Council desired that the Central Government may be requested to initiate amendments as requested for by the Council.
iv)	**VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**
	The Council noted three vacancies occurred in the membership of the Executive committee and co-option of Ar.Kapil Setia and Ar.Ramesh Kumar to carry on with the duties and functions of the Executive Committee and to have the quorum for conduct of meetings of the Executive Committee. The Council also noted that a request has already been submitted to the Central Government for conduct of elections for the vacancies in the Executive Committee.
v)	**APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEES OF IIA ON THE COUNCIL.**
	The Council noted that the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, vide its notification dated 23thJuly, 2021 has notified the names of new IIA representatives on the Council, namely, Ar. Amitava Roy, Ar. Puneet Sethi, Ar. Abhijit Digambar Shirodkar, Ar. Lalichan Zacharias and Ar. Navin Sharma.
vi)	**COMMUNICATIONS SENT BY COUNCIL TO STATE AUTHORITIES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972 AND RELATED MATTERS:**
	The Council noted the communications sent by the office of the Council on receipt of representations/ complaints from the Architects to concerned State Authorities to comply with the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972.
vii)	**ACTION ON COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AGAINST QUACKS FOR MISUSE OF TITLE AND STYLE OF ARCHITECT.**
	The Council noted the details of action taken by the office of the Council on complaints received regarding misuse of title and style of Architects by Non-Architects/ Quacks. The Council also noted that the same has also been uploaded on the Council's website.
viii)	**ONLINE PUBLIC GRIEVANCE CELL.**

	The Council noted that an Online Public Grievance Cell has been set up in the Council for receiving online complaints from architects, students, general public and other stakeholders for faster redressal of such grievance and also to monitor the progress made on such complaints. The office has received 303 online complaints during the period from 18.10.2020 to 12.08.2021, out of which 279 have been disposed. The office also received 69 grievances online on CPGRAM Website of Govt. of India, from 01.01.2020 to 13.08.2021 out of which 64 have been disposed.
ix)	**UPGRADATION OF WEBSITE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.**
	The President informed that the Council has got designed its new website in order to make it more informative, user friendly and resourceful and to act as repository of various online services and all information required by Architects, Students, Faculty Members, Institutions and general public. The new and reformed website will not only further the mission of Ease of Doing Business of Government of India by providing all services online but will also strengthen the Digital India Movement by bringing in more efficiency and transparency in Council's working. The President also informed the members that Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India, has kindly agreed to launch the new website of Council during the Council meeting on 29.08.2021.
x)	**INTRODUCTION OF E-OFFICE, TRC PORTAL, E- LIBRARY, API FOR VERIFICATION OF ARCHITECTS BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.**
	The Council noted that the process of introducing portal for e-office, TRCs, E-Library and also for verification of Architects by the Local authorities from the website of the Council of Architecture is underway and the selection of vendor for the abovesaid shall be completed shortly.
xi)	**PRESENTATION BEFORE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF RAJYA SABHA ON HRD.**
	The Council noted the information about presentation by the President before Parliamentary Standing Committee of Rajya Sabha on HRD on 5th March, 2021, on working of the Council and need for amendments in the Architects Act, 1972 and on other related issues.
xii)	**MEETING OF PRESIDENT, COA, WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, GOVT. OF INDIA.**
	The Council noted the information about meeting of the President, COA, with Hon'ble Education Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Ji and other Senior Officials of Ministry on the various pending issues including (i) Amendments to the Architects Act, 1972, (ii) Revision of Fees, (iii) Allocation of Land for COA Office in Delhi, (iv) Approval of NATA Web Portal for hosting on NIC Server, (v) Approval of "Samarthya Portal" for hosting on NIC Server, (vi)

	Appointment of Returning Officer for election of members for vacancies in EC, (vii) Use of National Emblem by Council of Architecture etc.
xiii)	**MEETINGS/ PROGRAMMES/ WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT, COA AS CHIEF GUEST/ GUEST OF HONOR/ KEY NOTE SPEAKER.**
	The Council noted the information about the meetings/ programme/ workshops attended by the President, COA, as Chief Guest/ Guest of Honour/ Key Note speaker and appreciated the contribution and efforts made by the President, COA.
xiv)	**WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS/ PROGRAMME SUPPORTED BY COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE AS KNOWLEDGE PARTNER.**
	The Council noted the details of various events, workshops, seminars supported as knowledge partner.
xv)	**RENEWAL OF MOU WITH GRIHA COUNCIL.**
	The Council noted the renewal of MOU with GRIHA Council to continue the collaboration with GRIHA Council for conduct of various programme/ initiatives for betterment of architectural education and profession.
xvi)	**MOU WITH INDIAN NATIONAL TRUST FOR ART AND CULTURAL HERITAGE (INTACH).**
	The Council noted that President, CoA held meeting with Chairman, INTACH for entering into an MOU with INTACH to work together in areas of mutual interest, particularly education, training, capacity building and research in Architecture and Heritage and also that the MOU would be signed shortly.
xvii)	**MOU WITH BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA.**
	The Council noted the signing of MOU with Bamboo Society of India to work jointly in the areas of common interest to jointly take up projects under various schemes of Bamboo Mission, UNIDO, UNDP, USAID and other such national and international agencies involved in the development of bamboo material and construction technologies development sector.
xviii)	**CONDUCT OF ECBC PROGRAMME AND AWARD OF CERTIFICATES.**
	The Council noted the conduct of Training Programme on ECBC for practising architects and faculty members of the Architectural Institutions through its TRCs at Pune and Bhopal attended by participants from across the Country.
xix)	**MEETINGS HELD BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, GOVT. OF INDIA.**

	The Council noted the information about participation by the officials of the Council in various meetings held by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India, for highlighting the issues being faced in entering into MRA with foreign authorities, recognition of qualifications and registration/ licence of Indian Architects.
xx)	**ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE SESSION 2021-22.**
	The Council perused the revised Academic Calendar for the academic session 2021-2022 and also the extension of last date for commencement of classes by the Institutions for B.Arch./ M.Arch. Courses by 1st October, 2021, in view of delay in declaration of results of 10+2 examination, conduct of inspection and approval process of the Council on account of second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.
xxi)	**INSPECTION & APPROVAL PROCESS OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-2022.**
	The Council noted that due to threat of Pandemic Covid-19 and lockdown and travel restrictions, only institutions falling under the following categories are being conducted: i) Institutions applied for additional intake. ii) Institutions against whom complaints are received. iii) Institutions which are given approval earlier for a period of 2-3 years with/without inspection by the Council. The Council also noted that Inspection Committee comprises of Convenor and one local inspector from the same or nearby city/region of the institution in order to visit the institution on the day of inspection to observe the online inspection and for verification of physical infrastructure, facilities and records. In case of approval for Postgraduate course, one additional inspector is appointed alongside Convenor for undertaking online inspection. The Council further noted that remaining Institutions have been granted approval or otherwise by the Executive Committee, based on the information submitted by the Institutions in the application for extension i.e. list of faculty and availability of infrastructure facilities at the Institution.
xxii)	**ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS ADMITTED BY ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS.**
	The Council noted the details of enrolment numbers granted during the period 01.01.2021 to 10.08.2021 by the Council office to students admitted into First Year of B.Arch. Course by Architectural Institutions all over India.
xxiii)	**RECOVERY OF AMOUNT FROM INSTITUTIONS FOR BOOKS SUPPLIED BY THE COUNCIL.**

	The Council noted the efforts made by the office for recovery of amount due towards books sent to architectural institutions.
xxiv)	**PROGRESS MADE REGARDING ALLOCATION OF LAND BY GOVT. OF KARNATAKA IN BANGALORE.**
	The Council noted the office is following up with concerned authorities of the Bangalore University for taking possession of land allotted to the Council.
xxv)	**COURT CASES BEING DEFENDED BY THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE:**
	The Council noted the details of Court cases being defended/ instituted by the Council.
xxvi)	**PROGRESS MADE REGARDING RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTORY PROVIDENT FUND TRUST.**
	The Council noted that the report/ recommendations of Ar. N.K. Negi regarding the indemnity clause for Trustees of the CoA Employees Contributory Provident Fund Trust has been submitted to the Council Office and is listed in the additional agenda.
xxvii)	**SUPPLY OF INFORMATION UNDER THE RTI ACT.**
	The Council noted the information on supply of information under the RTI Act by the office.
xxviii)	**CONDUCT OF NATIONAL APTITUDE TEST IN ARCHITECTURE (NATA) 2021 EXAMINATION.**
	The Council noted the information on conduct of NATA 2021 Examination for admission to B.Arch. Course in terms of the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972 and Regulations framed thereunder and the efforts made by the NATA Coordination Committee and staff of the Council for successful conduct of the Test.
xxix)	**REGISTRATION OF NEW ARCHITECTS.**
	The Council noted that during the period 01.01.2021 to 06.08.2021 6947 persons have been registered as Architects. The Council also noted that out of 133952 persons registered as on 12.08.2021, presently 111400 architects hold valid registration.
xxx)	**INFORMATION ON RENEWAL/ RESTORATION AND FINE/ ADDITIONAL FINE RECEIVED FROM ARCHITECTS.**
	The Council noted the fees received during the period from 01.04.2021 to 12.08.2021 towards renewal/ restoration/ fine and additional fine from the Architects.
xxxi)	**PRINTING/ PUBLICATION OF DIRECTORY OF ARCHITECTS AND HANDBOOK OF PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENTS 2020.**

	The Council noted the publication of Directory of Architects and Handbook of Professional Documents 2020.
xxxii)	**TO TAKE NOTE OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME/ WORKSHOPS, ETC. CONDUCTED AT COATRC, PUNE AND BHOPAL.**
	The Council noted the Training Programme, Workshops and other activities undertaken by the Training and Research Centres of Council at Pune & Bhopal for promotion of architectural education, research and professional development in the country.
xxxiii)	**CONDUCT OF NATIONAL THESIS AWARDS IN UG & PG THESIS AND ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE.**
	The Council noted the information about conduct of UG & PG Theses and Architectural Heritage Awards programme.
xxxiv)	**CONDUCT OF ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION (FOR STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE AND YOUNG ARCHITECTS).**
	The Council noted the information about conduct of COA Annual International Essay Writing Competition (for Students of Architecture and Young Architects) launched in May 2020 to promote the culture of research in architecture and to engage the energy, creativity, and vision of the to-be young architects in promoting a culture of nation building.
xxxv)	**CONDUCT OF COA ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION (FOR TEACHERS IN SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE).**
	The Council noted the information on COA Annual International Essay Writing Competition 2020 (For Teachers in schools of Architecture) launched in December 2020 to promote Research in Architecture, to support awareness about Architectural Education, as well as to get new ideas and propositions on various subjects related to Architectural Education and Profession.
xxxvi)	**TO TAKE NOTE OF PUBLICATION OF BOOKS BY THE COUNCIL:**
	The Council noted the information on publication of various books by the Council for the benefit of Architectural students and faculty members with an objective to promote Architectural education, research and innovation.
xxxvii)	**CONDUCT OF ARBITRATIONS FOR ADJUDICATION OF DISPUTES BETWEEN ARCHITECTS AND THEIR CLIENT(S).**
	The Council noted the information about appointment of Arbitrators for adjudication of disputes between the Architect(s) and their Client(s).
xxxviii)	**ANTI-RAGGING MEASURES IN ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS**:
	The Council noted the information on Anti Ragging Regulations of UGC for prevention of ragging in Architectural Institutions.

xxxix)	**RELAXATION OF REQUIREMENT OF PASSING NATA FOR ADMISSION IN CENTRALLY FUNDED TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS AND SPAs IN B.ARCH. COURSE THROUGH JEE AND CSAB.**
	The Council noted the information on keeping in abeyance the requirement of passing NATA for admission to B.Arch. Course in CFTIs, which give admission to students in the B.Arch. Course on the basis of the JEE Examinations (JEE) and Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB), for the academic session 2021-22 as per advise of the Ministry.
xxxx)	**UNTIMELY DEMISE OF SHRI SUDHIR CHANDRA WORKING AS LOWER DIVISION CLERK IN THE COUNCIL.**
	The Council noted the information about untimely death of Shri Sudhir Chandra working as Lower Division Clerk in the Council, on 02.08.2021, due to heart failure and observed one minutes silence to pay its homage to the departed soul.
ITEM NO.13	**REMOVAL OF NAME OF SHRI OM MUKUNDRAO NAGARKAR, AHMEDNAGAR FROM THE REGISTER OF ARCHITECTS IN TERMS OF SECTION 29(2) OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT ON ACCOUNT OF FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION MADE BY HIM.**
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that on receipt of an application from Mr. Om Mukundrao Nagarkar with all the required documents (self-attested) Registration No.CA/2020/126097 was granted to him and system generated intimation through email about grant of registration was also sent to Mr. Om Nagarkar on 22.12.2020. Meanwhile, on 29th December 2020, Registrar, COA, received a complaint from Ar. Arshad Shaikh, Chairman, IIA, Ahmednagar Centre against Mr.Om Mukundrao Nagarkar, stating that he had done two years post metric Diploma in interior from one autonomous institute in Ahmednagar in 2006. Since then, he is practicing as interior designer in Ahmednagar. It was also informed that Mr.Om Mukundrao Nagarkar hasn't undergone architectural education in any College of Architecture and is not eligible for registration as an architect. In view of the above complaint, the Certificate of Registration was withheld by the Council and Mr.Om Mukundrao Nagarkar was asked to submit the original documents to Council for verification. However, no information is received from him till date. The Council also forwarded the documents submitted by Mr. Om Nagarkar to the Registrar, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, requesting them to verify the candidature and authenticity of documents submitted by him. However, no response is received from the Registrar, Shivaji University, Kolhapur till date in the matter. In addition the Council forwarded the same documents to the Principal, Shri V.B.Patil Trust's Appasaheb Birnale College of Architecture, Sangli, Maharashtra, for their verification. Principal, Shri V.B.Patil Trust's Appasaheb Birnale College of Architecture, Sangli has informed the Council vide letter

	dated 27.03.2021 that Mr.Om Mukundrao Nagarkar is not a bonafied student of Shivaji University, Kolhapur. The Council vide its letter dated 07.06.2021 again requested Mr. Om Nagarkar to submit the original papers for verification and also stating that in case Mr. Nagarkar fails to submit the original papers for verification, the Council shall assume that the candidate has obtained registration from the Council by fraud, misrepresentation and by suppression of material facts to a statutory authority of Government of India and Council shall initiate appropriate legal action for committing fraud against the Organisation by submission of self-attested copies of fake/sham documents of a professional qualification for getting registered as an Architect. The Council held detailed deliberations in the matter and noted that Mr. Om Mukundrao Nagarkar has been provided sufficient opportunity by the Council to prove genuineness of the documents submitted by him and also to submit his reply in the matter, however, he has repeatedly failed to respond to communications sent by the Council. The Council, therefore, passed the following resolution : **Resolution No.534** **Resolved that** : (a) Name of Mr.Om Mukundrao Nagarkar, registered vide Registration No.CA/2020/126097, be removed from the Register of Architects in terms of Section 29 (2) (a) of the Architects Act, 1972, on account of misrepresentation and submission of false, sham and fake documents to Registrar, Council of Architecture; and (b) An FIR be lodged in the Lodhi Colony Police Station, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, for committing fraud, cheating and forgery and other illegal acts made by him with the Council of Architecture to seek registration as an architect for unlawful gains.
ITEM NO.14	**FILING OF CURATIVE PETITION IN CIVIL APPEAL NO.1819 OF 2020, BEFORE THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA.**
	The Council noted the progress made about filing of Curative Petition.
ITEM NO. 15	**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MANUAL OF ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE.**
	The President, informed the members that a Sub-Committee was constituted on 22.02.2020, for preparation of Manual of Architectural Practice under the convenorship of Ar.J Manoharan with members namely Ar.Vijay Uppal, Ar.P.Vaitianadin, Ar.Salil Ranadive, Ar.Sandeep Shikre, Ar. Prashant Sutaria and Ar.N Mahesh. Consequent upon cessation of membership of Ar. J. Manoharan, Ar. P. Vaitianadin has been appointed as Convenor of the Sub-Committee.

	The Sub-Committee has prepared draft of 5 Volumes of the Manual. The Committee held 65 official meetings (apart from consultative meetings held in between), every Saturday from February 2020 onwards. The President further informed the Council members that members of the Sub-Committee have been invited to explain the process followed by the Sub-Committee and to give brief introduction of each part. Accordingly, the Convenor and other members made presentation of various parts of the Manual before the Council Members. Ar. Salil Ranadive explained Volume 1 and Volume 5, Ar. Prashant Sutaria and Ar. N. Mahesh explained Volume 2, Ar. Sandeep Shikre explained Volume 3 & 4. The sample set of Five-Volumes was also inaugurated and shown to the Council member. The Council members appreciated the phenomenal work done by the Committee Members who devoted so much for preparation of this manual. The Council members also congratulated the President, COA, on this achievement for preparing the Manual which not only will guide the young architects but will also help the Senior Most Architects and also Client/ Promoter about various facets of architecture and appointment of architects for different architectural services. The members deliberated at length on each part of the Manual of Architectural Practice and resolved as under : **Resolution No.535** **Resolved that** : i) The Manual of Architectural Practice is hereby approved as conditions of engagement and scale of charges for architects in terms of regulation 2(1)(xii) of the Architects Professional Conduct Regulations ,1989. ii) The Manual of Architectural Practice be adopted by for implementation by all the authorities for appointment of architects for availing their professional services. iii) The Manual be sent to CPWD, MES, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India and State Governments for issuing appropriate directions for adopting the same by Govt. Departments/ PSUs/ Local Bodies while appointing architects for their projects. iv) The Manual be uploaded on the Council's website and appropriate steps be taken for spreading awareness about the same in architecture fraternity and general public.
	The First day meeting was adjourned at 7.30 p.m. to be continued on next day.

DAY 2, SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER, 2021 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

Ar. Habeeb Khan : President (In Chair)
Ar. Sapna : Vice-President

MEMBERS:

1	Ar. Kapil Setia	28	Ar. R. Ramesh Kumar (online)
2	Ar. Abhay Purohit	29	Ar. Bansan Singh Thangkhiew (online)
3	Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta	30	Ar. Amitava Roy (online)
4	Ar. Arvind Kumar Ahirwar	31	Ar. Satish B.V. (online)
5	Ar. Lalichan Zacharias	32	Ar. Dr. Kavita Daryani Rao (online)
6	Ar. Vijay Garg	33	Ar. Nupur Banerjee (online)
7	Ar. Amit Kumar Garg	34	Ar. Mahendra Pratap (online)
8	Ar. P. Satheesh Kumar	35	Ar. Jayalakshmi V. (online)
9	Ar. Pushkar M. Kanvinde	36	Ar. Nilakshi Sarma (online)
10	Ar. Jagdev Thakur	37	Ar. Yogeeta Rai (online)
11	Ar. Anita Samyal	38	Ar. Anil Kumar (online)
12	Ar. Gajanand Ram	39	Ar. Chandan K. Parab (online)
13	Ar. Puneet Sethi	40	Ar. Shashi Mohan Srivastava (online)
14	Ar. P. Vaitianadin	41	Ar. Maitreyi C. Gupta (online)
15	Ar. Ritu Singh	42	Ar. Narmada Devi Yumnam (online)
16	Ar. Dr. Ranee Vedamuthu	43	Ar. P.S. Rajeev (online)
17	Ar. Abhijit Digambar Shirodkar	44	Prof. G.S. Inda (online)
18	Ar. S.K. Patra		
19	Ar. Dr. Vandana Sehgal		
20	Ar. Navin Sharma		
21	Ar. V. Neilazo Metha		
22	Ar. Ashutosh Kumar Agarwal		
23.	Ar. Bapilu Chai		
24	Ar. Naveen Kanithi		
25	Ar. Nand Lal Chandel		
26	Shri H.K. Mittal		
27	Shri Sandip Kumar Deb		

The following members were granted leave of absence:

1	Ar. Lalchandami		Ar. Sanjiban Datta

The following members did not attend the meeting and no information was received from them:

1	Ar. Sadiqu Ali D.A.	3	Shri Mrutyunjay Behera
2	Ar. Rakesh Singh Kushwah	4	Ar. Bimal Patel

The President welcomed the members to the Second day meeting of the 75th meeting of the Council of Architecture. Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO. 16	TO CONSIDER GRANTING APPROVAL TO DIPLOMA COURSES IN ARCHITECTURE.
	The President informed the members that Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide judgement dated 08.11.2019, in Prince Shivaji Case, upheld that Council of Architecture is the sole authority for architectural education. Consequent to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, AICTE has stopped dealing with Architectural Education at all levels and has also issued a press notification to this effect. The Council received a letter dated 13.04.2021 from AICTE requesting the Council to clarify if COA would approve Diploma Courses. It was decided that the Diploma courses cannot be left unregulated and Council would consider all such institutions on merit. Accordingly, a reply was sent to AICTE that Council shall be granting approval to Diploma Courses and requested the AICTE to forward list of approved institution awarding Diploma Courses along with Applications received by AICTE. A list of 56 Institutions was received by the Council from AICTE. The Council ratified the action taken by the Executive Committee for granting approval to Diploma Courses in Architecture after 10+2/ 10+3 examination. Further, as advised by the Council's advocate the State Governments be also involved to enforce the standards as may be set out by the Council. The Council also decided that a single regulation dealing with Diploma, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Courses be made for setting minimum standards for imparting these qualifications.
ITEM NO.17	**TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO REVIEW EXISTING RECOGNIZED FOREIGN ARCHITECTURAL QUALIFICATION UNDER THE ARCHITECTS ACT,1972.**
	The President informed the members that a Committee consisting of Ar. Kavita D. Rao, Convenor, Ar. J. Manoharan, Member, Ar. Chandan Parab, Member, Ar. Pushkar Kanvinde, Member and Ar. Gyanendra Singh, Special Invitee, was constituted keeping in view that there are several foreign architectural qualifications recognised under the Architects Act since the enactment of the Act in the year 1972 but the Council is not aware whether such qualifications are still valid or not; and also whether they are 4 year or 5 year course (integrated Masters/ Ph.D course). The Committee was mandated to examine the qualifications presently notified under the Act for the purpose of registration as an architect with the Council and to make appropriate recommendations about the status of these qualifications.

	The Committee was also mandated to bifurcate these qualifications into UG, PG and PH.D. Level. Undergraduate level will be basic qualification for registration and other higher qualifications will be additional qualifications for recruitment in Architectural Institutions and in Govt. Service, etc. The Committee after examining the matter has submitted its report to the Council. The Council perused the report of the Committee and agreed that list of Recognised Foreign qualifications notified by the Central Government may be deleted and replaced by a set of parameters to be satisfied each and every qualification for according equivalence/ recognition, which are as under : a. At least 5 years of study in an architectural programme. Applicants must qualify and be eligible to apply for registration in the country of study. b. Mandatory Internship in India. c. Examination on Professional Practice. In the case of candidates who have secured their qualifications from institutions which are not accredited/ recognised for the purpose of registration as an architect, a Written Examination would be conducted. The Council also noted that the Committee is also drafting Regulations to be followed by the Council in the matter. The Council, therefore, decided that the recommendations of the Council along with draft Regulations as and when finalized by the Council should be submitted to the Central government for its approval.
ITEM NO.18	**TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE (MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION) REGULATIONS, 2020.**
	The President informed the members that the Central Government has approved the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020 to regulate the minimum standards of education and training in architecture institutions. However, it is felt that in order to have an effective system for compliance of the Regulations by the Architectural Institutions and also to have a transparent approval process system in the Council, the 2020 Regulations need amendments. The proposed amendments were also part of proposal of Draft Regulations approved by the Council in the year 2017. The Council after detailed deliberations in the matter Resolved as under :

	Resolution No.536 **Resolved that** : i) The Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020 be amended as per the proposal attached herewith as **Appendix-A**. ii) The proposal be submitted to the Central Government for according its approval in terms of Section 45 of the Architects Act, 1972.
ITEM NO.19	**TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS IN THE COUNCIL'S PERSPECTIVE POLICY ON ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION.**
	The President informed the members that the Perspective Plan for Growth of Architectural Education was approved by the Executive Committee and Full Council and was implemented from the academic session 2021-2022. However, during the course of scrutiny of applications submitted by Architectural Institutions, a need was felt for amendment in some of the clauses of the Perspective Plan in view of certain inconsistencies in various zones. The Executive Committee in its 229th Meeting held on 22nd July, 2021 to 28th July, 2021 discussed the matter in detail and was of the view that the clauses may hamper growth of architectural institutions and their financial viability and amended certain clauses. The perused the amendments made by the Executive Committee and ratified the same. A copy of the amended Perspective Plan for Growth of Architectural Education is enclosed herewith as **Appendix-B**.
ITEM NO.20	**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE "APPROVAL PROCESS HANDBOOK" FOR ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS.**
	The President informed the members that the Council appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of Ar. Pushkar Kanvinde and Ar. Binumol Tom, to prepare the Approval Process Handbook of Council so that entire process becomes transparent and known to all stakeholders. The Council perused draft Approval Process Handbook as annexed with the agenda and after deliberations in the matter noted that certain clauses in this Handbook are common with the proposed amendments in COA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) 2020. The Council also decided that the perspective policy as approved by the Council may also be incorporated in the Approval Process Handbook appropriately. The Council decided to approve the same and desired that the same be finalized in terms of proposed amendment Regulations.

ITEM NO.21	**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS FOR POSTGRADUATE COURSES.**
	The President informed the members that the Council has constituted a Sub-Committee consisting of Ar. Kavita D. Rao, Convenor, Ar. Abhay Purohit, Member, Ar. Prabhjot Kaur, Ar. Ujwala Shirish Chakradeo, Ar. Jaffar Ali Khan, Ar.Aarti Grover, Ar. Chakor Mehta as special invitees, to prepare Minimum Standards of Architectural Education for Postgraduate Courses in Architecture. The Committee has submitted its interim report and final report/ recommendations shall be submitted soon. The Council noted the information and requested that the report of the Committee be expedited.
ITEM NO.22	**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS FOR DIPLOMA COURSE.**
	The President informed the members that he has constituted a Sub-Committee under the Convenorship of Dr. Kavita D. Rao, as Convenor and Ar. Pushkar M. Kanvinde, member and Dr. Vandana Sehgal as member, to frame the syllabus and minimum standards for imparting of Diploma Course in Architecture. The Council noted that Committee has submitted its report in the matter and same is listed in additional agenda.
ITEM NO.23	**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME FOR FACULTY MEMBERS OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS.**
	The President informed the members that a One-Man Committee comprising of Ar. Pushkar Kanvinde was constituted to prepare Career Advancement Scheme for Faculty Members of Architectural Institutions based on 2020 Regulations. The Council perused the Career Advancement Scheme and after deliberations decided that same be referred to Dr. Ranee Vedamuthu, Dr. Kavita D. Rao and Dr. Vandana Sehgal for their suggestions and harmonizing the same with the qualifications prescribed for faculty members in COA 2020 Regulations.
ITEM NO.24	**TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CADRE RESTRUCTURE OF GOVT. ARCHITECTS.**
	The President informed the members that a Sub-Committee on Cadre Restructure of Govt. Architects was constituted so that Model/ Standards Cadre Strength of Architects in Government Departments can be prescribed for adoption by the concerned State Governments according to

	workload/ budget on construction of buildings. Earlier Ar. N. K. Negi was Convenor of this Sub-Committee and after expiry of his term Ar. Kapil Setia was appointed as Convenor. Ar. Kapil Setia briefed the Council members on the Model Cadre structure suggested by the Sub-Committee. He also informed that the Committee after collecting information from various states on the budget allocated for construction of buildings, existing cadre strength, qualifications, etc. prepared the Model Cadre Structure for adoption by the concerned State Governments/ UTs/ authorities. He also requested the members to suggest if this should part of Manual of Architectural Practice or not. The Council deliberated in the matter and resolved as under: **Resolution No.538** **Resolved that :** i) The Guidelines on Role of Architects in Government Services 2021 is hereby approved and the same be circulated to all the State Government/ UTs and other authorities for adoption by them. ii) The same is approved to be part of the Manual of Architectural Practice as Volume 6.
ITEM NO.25	**TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF TOPIC OF TRAFFIC AWARENESS IN SYLLABUS OF B.ARCH. COURSE.**
	The President informed the members that in order to spread awareness and to sensitize students of architecture about traffic planning and issues related to traffic, it is proposed to include a Chapter on Traffic Awareness in the syllabus of B.Arch. Course as prescribed in COA Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 2020. The members perused the draft syllabus and appreciated the initiative. The Council after deliberations decided that the same be prescribed as an Elective subject in B.Arch. Course and all the concerned Universities and Institutions be informed to incorporate the same in the syllabus.
ITEM NO.26	**IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020 BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND CONSTITUTION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION OF INDIA.**
	The President informed the members that the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, held a meeting on 15thApril, 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). It was stated that Agriculture Education and Architecture Education would be brought under the purview of HECI.

	The Ministry vide its letter dated 22.04.2021 &12.05.2021, desired that a road map may be developed by all the Councils for their revised roles as PSSBs and also for transformation of existing standalone HEIs into Multi-Disciplinary HEIs. The Council perused the letter dated 12th May, 2021 received from the Ministry and Council's letter dated 14.07.2021 sent to the Ministry in the matter and decided that the Ministry be requested to not to include the Architecture Education under the proposed Higher Education Commission. Like Pharmacy, Law, Medicine, Chartered Accounts etc. Architecture Education should be regulated under the Architects Act, 1972 only.
ITEM NO.27	**TO CONSIDER THE REPORT / RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS.**
	The President informed the members that the Council has constituted a Committee consisting of Dr. Kavita D. Rao, Convenor and Prof. Pushkar Kanvinde, Ar.Chandan Parab as members to examine the references received from the Central Government for recognition of Foreign Architectural Qualifications under Section 15 of the Architects Act, 1972. The Committee has submitted its report in respect of following qualifications: a. Mr. Karsh Ajay Shah, B.Arch.Degree, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA; b. Mr. Nidhip Mehta, B.Arch. Degree, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA ; c. Ms. Mirza Asif Ali Beigh, Bachelor of Architectural Engineering, Imam Khomeini International University, Iran; d. Ms. Syed Nida Madni, Bachelor of Architectural Engineering, Imam Khomeini International University, Iran; and e. Ms. Sobiya Zehra, Bachelor of Architectural Engineering, Imam Khomeini International University, Iran. f. B.Arch. Degree awarded by I.E. University, Spain. The Council perused the report of the Committee and after detailed deliberations in the matter resolved as under : **Resolution No.539** **Resolved that :** i) The Central Government is requested to **not to recognize the B.Arch.Degree, awarded by New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA** and **Bachelor of Architectural Engineering Degree awarded by Imam Khomeini International University, Iran**, under Section 15 of the Architects Act, 1972, as they do not meet the course curriculum prescribed under the Council of

	Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, for imparting recognised qualifications; ii) The **B.Arch. Degree awarded by IE School of Architecture & Design, Spain**, may be recognised by the Central Government under Section 15 of the Architects Act, 1972, provided the candidate(s) applying for registration has opted for and completed the Internship successfully, for a period of at least 6 months.
ITEM NO.28	**TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF AR. HARSHIT SADH REGARDING HIS INVOLVEMENT IN MASS CHEATING BY STUDENTS OF "PARUL UNIVERSITY WHATSAPP GROUP" IN NATA 2020.**
	The President informed the members that the Executive Committee in its 229th meeting held on 22nd July to 28thJuly, 2021, noted 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. The Council has sent a letter dated 14.09.2020, and letter dated 20thNovember, 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. In response Ar. Harshit Sadh vide his email dated 15.09.2020 and email/ letter 23th November, 2020, submitted his reply. The Council perused the communications sent by the Council, replies/ responses received from Ar. Harshit Sadh and recommendations made by the Executive Committee of Council and after having detailed deliberations in the matter decided that there is prima facie case against Ar. Harshit Sadh and the matter is referred to Disciplinary Committee for detailed investigation in terms of the Council of Architecture Rules, 1973. The Council also decided that that Registrar, Council of Architecture shall be complainant in this case. Accordingly, the Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.
ITEM NO.29	**TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF AR. VIJAY GARG, FORMER ACTING PRESIDENT, COA.**
	The President informed the members that the Council in its last meeting (74th Meeting) held on 19.12.2021, while considering the issue of misuse of Office of President, COA by then Acting President, Ar. Vijay Garg, vide Resolution No.529, decided as under:

	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.* 2. *The Council also decided that other complaints against other ex-office bearers including this should be disposed off 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. Accordingly, a copy of the report of the Enquiry Committee was provided to him vide Council's letter dated 23.12.2020. Ar. Vijay Garg vide his letter dated 9th January, 2021 submitted his response in the matter to the Council. The President further informed the members that Ar.Vijay Garg has accepted his mistake of not disclosing that he was a student on M.Arch. Course in HR-11, Ganga Institute of Architecture & Planning, Jhajjar, Haryana. The Council Members deliberated in the matter at length and observed that a code of conduct and ethics for Council members needs to be prescribed to stop occurrence of such incidents and also penal action for the same. The Council, therefore, resolved as under: **Resolution No.540** **Resolved that :** i) The Council may prescribe Regulations on Code of Conduct and Ethics for Members of the Council of Architecture and the same be placed before the Council for its approval.
ITEM NO.30	**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION OF OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**
	The President informed the members that the terms of following members have ended or coming to end: 1. Ar. N. K. Negi, 2. Sh.Prashant Kumar Agarwal, 3. Ar. Upinder Kaur, 4. Ar. J. Manoharan, 5. Ar. Prakash Deshmukh, 6. Ar. Jatinder Kumar Saigal, 7. Ar. Alok Ranjan, 8. Ar. Pamsi D. Dhanjibhai, 9. Ar. Satish B.V., and 10. Ar. Pushkar Kanvinde.

	The President informed that all the above members have contributed greatly in affairs of the Council and supported it as part of its various Committees, as inspectors for inspection of institutions, as evaluators, as guide and mentors for running the affairs of the Council smoothly and for betterment of the architectural fraternity. The Council praised the contribution of these members and expressed its best wishes for their good health and future endeavors. Ar. Pushkar Kanvinde, who was present in the meeting was felicitated by the President and Vice-President, Council of Architecture and members paid their standing ovation to him and other members present online.
ITEM NO.31	**ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**
I)	**LAUNCHING OF NEW WEBSITE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE**
	Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Govt of India, launched the new website of the Council of Architecture and appreciated the initiatives being taken by the Council of Architecture. He sought views/ suggestions of the Council Members on streamlining the approval process system of buildings in State Governments as part of ease of doing business initiative of Government of India.
II)	**TO CONSIDER ISSUING ONLINE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO ALL ARCHITECTS HOLDING VALID REGISTRATION SIGNED DIGITALLY BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES.**
	The President informed the members that the Council is issuing paper-based Certificate of Registration to persons registered as architects. Certificate is to be maintained by the architects throughout their life and the endorsement for extension of validity is done on the Certificate manually every year/ or after 10 years in case of onetime payment. The preservation and maintenance of the 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. The Council deliberated the matter in detail and decided that the Council may issue new Certificate (on good quality paper) which shall have the date of issue, name, registration number, photograph and signature of the concerned architect to all the registered architects in new format having QR code. The Certificate shall also have a mention that digital certificate (in pdf file password protected) shall be issued separately for extension of validity. The registered Architects shall have to surrender the old certificate enabling the Council to issue New Certificate to them which shall be issued free of cost. Architects shall be required to preserve the new Certificate issued to them by the Council and will have to apply for duplicate certificate in case

	the same is lost/ shall have to surrender the same in case of non-payment of fee and in case do not want to continue to style as Architect. With the issuance of Online digitally signed Certificate of Registration for renewal/extension of validity, endorsement on the Certificate of Registration (new format) shall not be any more required. The online digital Certificate shall have the details of extension of validity apart from other details like name, registration number, photograph and signature of architect and shall be Digitally Signed by President and Registrar/ Secretary. The digital certificate will be sent on e-mail of the concerned architect. In case, anyone wishes to verify the details of the concerned architect, he can do so on Council's website. The Council members deliberated in the matter and appreciated the initiative of the Council and decided that the steps may be initiated to issue new certificate of registration (in revised format) to all the registered architects after surrendering of old Certificate by them and for extension of validity/ renewal Online digital Registration Certificate (in pdf password protected) be issued. The Council further decided that the information regarding the same be sent to the Central Government.
III)	**TO CONSIDER ISSUING IDENTITY/ REGISTRATION CARD TO ALL ARCHITECTS HOLDING VALID REGISTRATION WITH THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.**
	The President informed the members that the Executive Committee in its 228th Meeting held from 30TH June to 2ND July, 2021 noted that the 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. He further informed the members that the Council has been receiving requests from Architects to consider issuing Identity Cards to them so that they can use the same everywhere as a proof 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. The Council after deliberations approved the proposal for issuance of Identity Cards to all Architects who hold valid registration with the Council and further decided as under: 1. The Council should give vide 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. 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/- 3. Request for issuance of Identity Cards received after 90 days of announcement shall be charged @Rs.200/-.
IV)	**TO CONSIDER THE REPORT/ RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED FROM ONE-MAN COMMITTEE OF AR. N. K. NEGI ON THE INDEMNITY CLAUSE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE EMPLOYEES CPF TRUST DEED.**
	The perused the report/ recommendations received from Ar. N. K. Negi regarding indemnity clause in the Council of Architecture Employees CPF Trust Deed. The Council after deliberations in the matter requested Ar. Ashutosh Kumar Agarwal to finalise the relevant clause and submit the same to the Council Office. The Council also decided that the Executive Committee may finalize the same after receiving of comments from Ar. Ashutosh Agarwal on the same for taking further action in the matter by the Council Office.
V)	**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION FOR DIPLOMA REGULATIONS.**
	The President informed the members that he has constituted a Sub-Committee under the Convenorship of Dr. Kavita D. Rao, as Convenor and Ar. Pushkar M. Kanvinde, member and Dr. Vandana Sehgal as member, to frame the syllabus and minimum standards for imparting of Diploma Course in Architecture. The Council desired that the syllabus be circulated to all Institutions imparting Diploma courses for their views/ suggestions and thereafter the same be finalized and placed before Council for its approval.
VI)	**TO CONSIDER THE INTERNAL AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021.**
	The Council perused the report of Internal Auditors of the Council for the financial year 2020-2021 and decided that appropriate action be taken on the issues highlighted by the Auditor.
VII)	**TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON REVIEWING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO B.ARCH. COURSE.**
	The President informed the members that a Sub-Committee consisting of Prof. Abhay Purohit, Convenor, Ar. Ashutosh Aggarwal, Member, Ar. A.R.

	Ramanathan, Member and Ar. Arunabha Dasgupta, Member, has submitted its report regarding review of eligibility for admission to B.Arch. Course specially the I.B. Diploma Course. The Council after deliberations requested the Convenor to revise the report by including bridge courses in humanities apart from mathematics and physics.
VIII)	**TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERING THE COA'S MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS, 2020 IN LINES WITH THE NEW EDUCATION POLICY (NEP).**
	The President informed the members that a Sub-Committee consisting of Prof. Pushkar Kanvinde, Ar. Vandana Sehgal, Member, Ar. Durganand Balsawar, Spl.Invitee, Ar. Jit Gupta, Spl.Invitee, Ar. A. Srivathsan, Spl.Invitee, Ar. Persi Rusi Engineer, Spl.Invitee, Ar. Mamatha P. Raj, Spl.Invitee, Ar. Binumol Tom, Spl.Invitee, Ar. Sanjeev Singh, Spl.Invitee, Ar. Rupinder Singh, Spl.Invitee, to assess current status of Architecture education and building community, explore and evaluate various options and consulting various stakeholders (Academicians, management, professionals, students, etc.) to elaborate Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020 and prepare the Suggestive roadmap or handbook which may assist and guide Architecture education institutions in the process of adapting to New Education Policy 2020. The Council perused the report of the Committee and decided to defer the matter till such time further details are received on NEP implementation.
IX)	**TO CONSIDER REPORT/ RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SUGGESTING FEE STRUCTURE FOR B.ARCH. COURSE.**
	The President informed the members that a Sub-Committee consisting of Dr. Vandana Sehgal, Convenor, Prof. Abhay Purohit, Member, Prof. Abhijit Shirodkar, Special Invitee, Dr. P.S.N. Rao, Special Invitee, was constituted to study the fee structure of B.Arch. course being followed by the Institutions/Universities in the country and make its report/ recommendations for regulating & formulating Fee Structure for B.Arch course, which could be referred to and implemented by various Fee Regulatory Bodies and competent authorities in the States/UTs of the country. The Council perused the report of the Committee and decided to defer the consideration of the same in the next meeting.
X)	**With the permission of the Chair Ar. Lalichan Zacharias, requested that Examination for Associate Membership of the Indian Institute of Architects be not stopped by the Council.**

	The President clarified that Council has already approved for conduct of examination in online mode as per SOPs suggested by the Council. Further, the Council has asked IIA to stop admitting fresh candidates till its examination system and facilities are assessed by the Council. Further, it was pointed out that the IIA has not facilitated inspection by the experts of the Council so as to ascertain whether it is following the minimum standards required for imparting a recognized architectural qualification as membership of IIA is considered equivalent to B.Arch. Degree Course. The members representing IIA requested that the terms of conditions of the inspection team be further detailed out to IIA and IIA will cooperate with the Council and facilitate inspection immediately.
XI)	**With permission of the Chair, Ar. Ashutosh Kumar raised the issue of liability of inspectors appointed by Council for inspection of Architectural Institutions, specially the validity of the land records, etc.**
	The Council deliberated in the matter and decided that the documents/ land records related to ownership of institutions be got examined from the Advocates of the Council and inspectors be not asked to check the veracity of the same, though physical verification of land, buildings, etc. shall be the responsibility of inspectors.
XII)	**With the permission of the Chair, Ar. Amitava Roy raised the issue of delay in approval of Architectural Institutions by the Council.**
	The President clarified that the decision of the Council to institutions shall be communicated at the earliest.
The Vice-President thanked the President, Members of the Council for attending the meeting and making their valuable contribution. She also thanked the Registrar-Secretary, Administrative Officer and other officers and employees of the Council for organizing such a fruitful meeting in hybrid mode in the pandemic situation. The Second day meeting ended at 4.30 p.m.	
