MINUTES OF THE 74th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, HELD ON SATURDAY, 19th DECEMBER 2020, FROM 10.30 A.M. ONWARDS, ONLINE THROUGH ZOOM APPLICATION.

PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS:

1	Ar. Kapil Setia	20	Ar. Ashutosh Kumar Agarwal
2	Ar. Nand Kishore Negi	21	Ar. Abhay Purohit
3	Ar. Bansan Singh Thangkhiew	22	Ar. Amit Kumar Garg
4	Ar. Alok Ranjan	23	Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta
5	Ar. Amitava Roy	24	Ar. Jayalakshmi V.
6	Ar. J. Manoharan	25	Ar. P. Satheesh Kumar
7	Ar. Pushkar M. Kanvinde	26	Ar. Yogeeta Rai
8	Ar. Anita Samyal	27	Ar. Arvind Kumar Ahirwar
9	Ar. Gajanand Ram	28	Ar. Nupur Banerjee
10	Ar. Satish B.V.	29	Ar. Lalchhandami
11	Ar. P. Vaitianadin	30	Ar. Shashi Mohan Srivastava
12	Ar. Ritu Singh	31	Ar. Mahendra Pratap
13	Ar. Dr. Ranee Maria Leonte Vedamuthu	32	Ar. Pamsi D. Dhanjibhai
14	Ar. Dr. Kavita Daryani Rao	33	Ar. Vijay Garg
15	Ar. S.K. Patra	34	Ar. Govindrao Alias Chandan K. Parab
16	Ar. Sanjiban Datta	35	Ar. Maitreyi C. Gupta
17	Ar. Dr. Vandana Sehgal	36	Ar. P.S. Rajeev
18	Ar. Nilakshi Sarma	37	Shri H.K. Mittal
19	Ar. Anil Kumar	38	Shri Sandip Kumar Deb

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

The following members were granted leave of absence:

1	Ar. Prakash S. Deshmukh	4	Dr. G. S. Inda
2	Ar. R. Ramesh Kumar	5	Ar. Bapilu Chai
3	Shri Prashant Kumar Aggarwal		

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

1	Ar. Jatinder Kumar Saigal	5	Ar. V. Neilazo Metha
2	Ar. Sadiqu Ali D.A.	6	Ar. Upinder Kaur
3	Ar. Rakesh Singh Kushwah	7	Ar. Naveen Kanithi
4	Ar. Narmada Devi Yumnam		

The Registrar-Secretary welcomed the President, Vice-President and Members attending 74th Meeting of the Council online and requested the President to conduct the meeting.

The President thanked the Vice-President and Members of the Council for sparing their valuable time for attending the Meeting. The President informed the members that due to Covid-19 pandemic the meeting is being conducted online. He requested the Hon'ble Members to introduce themselves.

He informed that Ar. Bimal Patel, a member of the Council, has tendered his resignation from the membership of the Council to his nominating authority due to personal reasons. He further informed that Ar. Patel shall continue to be a member till his successor is nominated on the Council by the State of Gujarat.

The President also informed the members that the Council is in receipt of views/ comments from the Central Government's nominee Shri Prashant Kumar Aggarwal, on the agenda and the same were read out in the meeting.

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

ITEM NO.01	**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 72ND MEETING AND THE EMERGENT MEETING (73RD) OF THE COUNCIL.**
I.	**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 72ND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH AND 25THJANUARY, 2020 AT NAVI MUMBAI.**
	The President informed the members that Minutes of 72nd Meeting of the Council were circulated to the Members on 28.02.2020. The views/comments sent Ar. J. Manoharan, Member, were considered and incorporated appropriately. After discussions, the Minutes of the 72nd Meeting of the Council were confirmed and approved.
II.	**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT MEETING (73RD) OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 26th JULY, 2020.**
	The President informed the members that Minutes of the Emergent Meeting (73rd) of the Council held on 26th July 2020 were circulated to the members on 14th August 2020 and no views/comments were received. After discussions the Minutes of 73rd Meeting of the Council were confirmed and approved.
ITEM NO.02	**TO TAKE NOTE OF THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.**
I.	**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 72NDMEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

	The Registrar-Secretary briefed the members on the action taken on the Minutes of the 72nd Meeting of Council held on 24th & 25th January, 2020.
II.	**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF 73RD (EMERGENT) MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**
	The Registrar-Secretary briefed the members on the action taken report on the minutes of the 73rd Meeting of the Council held on 26th July, 2020.
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 5075 Defaulter Architects whose names were restored to the Register of Architects on payment of requisite fees during the period 01.01.2020 to 30.11.2020.
ITEM NO.04	**APPROVAL FOR REMOVAL OF NAMES FROM REGISTER OF ARCHITECTS DUE TO REQUEST OR DEATH.**

The Council noted that some Architects have surrendered their Certificate of Registration and requested for removal of their names from the Register of Architects.

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.:523

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 Number
1	Mr. Radhey Mohan Lal	Delhi	CA/2012/57474
2	Ms. Deepa Raja Rajeswari P.	Kanyakumari	CA/1999/24238
3	Mr. Edwin Albert Raja A.	Kanyakumari	CA/1999/24239
4	Mr. Chandrakant Dattoba Harale	Kolhapur	CA/1975/00818
5	Mr. Shrikant Keshavrao Bhonde	Pune	CA/1979/05347
6	Mr. Sunil Saini	Bhopal	CA/1996/19661
7	Ms. Shehanas A.	Kollam	CA/2014/64619
8	Mr. Swar Manojbhai Kansagra	Ahmedabad	CA/2017/83762
9	Mr. Tushar Modal	New Delhi	CA/2018/97160

10	Mr. Mohammad Rahman Shareef	Hyderabad	CA/2011/53256
11	Ms. Sapna Kaswa	Nagpur	CA/2000/26019
12	Mr. Hemchandra Suryakant Parlekar	Mumbai	CA/1978/04499
13	Ms. Anjali Madhav Pusalkar	Bhilai	CA/1995/18225

The Council decided that a form be devised to be filled in by the Architect who apply for removal of name from the Register of Architects so that the Council may know the exact reason for seeking removal of name from the Register of Architects by the concerned Architect.

Further, 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.:524

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	Registration Number
1	Ms. Deepika Sunil Mangwani	Pune	CA/1989/12036
2	Mr. Nimish Bhupendra Patel	Ahmedabad	CA/1988/11617
3	Mr. Satya Paul Bawa	New Delhi	CA/1975/01882
4	Mr. Nirmal Kanti Datta	Kolkata	CA/1976/03091
5	Mr. Vasant Sitaram Kane	Pune	CA/1975/01633
6	Mr. Madhusudan Gajanan Korde	Mumbai	CA/1991/14352
7	Mr. Priya Das Agarwal	New Delhi	CA/1975/00910
8	Mr. Balbir Singh	New Delhi	CA/1975/01615
9	Mr. Kuldeep Singh	New Delhi	CA/1975/00931

ITEM NO.05 **TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH 2020.**

The President reported that the Executive Committee at its 226th Meeting held on 15.12.2020 has considered the Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of the Council for the financial year ending on 31st March, 2020 and has recommended for placing the same before the Council and that the same may be accepted.

	The Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31.03.2020 of the Council of Architecture, Council of Architecture (Contributory Provident Fund) Account and Council of Architecture Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme and the Annual Report for the period, as annexed with the Agenda, were perused and approved by the Council and accordingly, the Council passed the following resolution: **Resolution No.:525** **Resolved that**: (a) The Annual Report together with Audited Statement of Accounts for the period ended on 31.03.2020 as placed before the Council be approved; (b) The same be published in the Gazette of India as required under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972; and (c) A copy of the same be sent to the Central Government in terms of the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972. The Council desired that the renovation of the Office of COA at NBCC Place, Okhla, New Delhi, be completed at the earliest. Further, the Council desired that the One Time Fees invested in FDs, General Fund invested in FDs and Security Deposit invested in FDs be reflected separately in Books of Accounts. Further, it was suggested that from next time onwards name of students who won prizes in the Awards programme conducted by Council be also mentioned in the Annual Report. The Council while discussing the progress on the Registration of COA Employees CPF Trust, desired that the Trust Deed be once again got examined in view of apprehensions raised by Ar. Ashutosh Kumar, Member, regarding indemnity to Trustees in the Trust Deed. The President requested Ar. N. K. Negi to examine the matter and submit his report/ recommendations to the Executive Committee so that the issue can be finalised on priority and recognition of Income Tax Department is obtained to avoid any legal implications.
ITEM NO.06	**TO CONSIDER AND ACCORD CONCURRENCE ON THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-21 AS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.**
	The Council perused the Budget estimates of the Council for the financial year 2020-2021, as approved by the Executive Committee and ratified the same.
ITEM NO.07	**TO TAKE NOTE OF THE APPROVAL TO THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE (MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION) REGULATIONS, 2020, BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.**

	The President informed the members that the Council of Architecture submitted the (Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations 2020, have been approved by the Central Government in terms of Section 45 of the Architects Act, 1972. He further informed that the Regulations were launched on 11.08.2020 by Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of India, online at a Webinar conducted by the Council. The same were published in the Gazette of India on 11.08.2020 itself and are in force from 01.11.2020. Some members requested that the Affiliating Universities and other institutions be requested to revise their syllabus in line with the 2020 Regulations so that institutions can teach students as per the Regulations.
ITEM NO.08	**APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2021.**
	The President informed the members that Council of Architecture is required to monitor the maintenance of Minimum Standards as prescribed by the Council for imparting recognised qualifications by the Architectural Institutions. During the Academic Session 2020-2021 the Council approved the Architectural Institutions as under: a) The extension of approval for B.Arch. Course : 381 b) The extension of approval for M.Arch. Course : 66 c) Introduction of B.Arch. Course : 07 d) Introduction of M.Arch. Course : 13 With the above, presently a total of 388 Architectural Institutions have been approved for imparting UG course and 77 Institutions for imparting Master of Architecture Degree Course during the academic session 2020-21. The Council noted the above information.
ITEM NO.09	**TO RATIFY THE CONSTITUTION OF FOLLOWING COMMITTEE(S) CONSTITUTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & PRESIDENT, COA, RESPECTIVELY:**
	The President informed the members that he and Executive Committee looking at the urgency of the work and to carry out the objectives of the Architects Act, 1972 constituted following Committees : 1. **Sub-Committee on Women Architects:** 1.Ar.Sapna, Convenor 2.Ar.Bapilu Chai, Member 3.Ar.Madhavi Desai, Member 4.Ar.Smita Khan, Member 5.Ar.B.V.Satish, Member

	6.Ar.Vidya Singh, Member 2. **Sub-Committee on Manual for Architecture Practice:** 1.Ar.J.Manoharan, Convenor 2.Ar.P.Vaitianadin, Member 3.Ar.N. Mahesh, Member 4.Ar.Vijay Uppal, Member 5.Ar.Prashant Sutaria, Member 6.Ar.Sandeep Shirke, Member 7.Ar.Saleel Ranadive, Member 3. **Sub-Committee for considering the COA's Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 2020 in line with the New Education Policy (NEP):** 1.Ar.Pushkar Kanwinde, Convenor 2.Ar.Durganand Balsawar, Spl.Invitee 3.Ar.A Srivathsan, Spl Invitee 4.Ar.Mamatha P.Raj, Spl Invitee 5.Ar.Sanjeev Singh, Spl Invitee 6.Ar.Vandana Sehgal, Member 7.Ar.Jit Gupta, Spl.Invitee 8.Ar.Persi Engineer, Spl.Invitee 9.Ar.Binumol Tom, Spl Invitee 10.Ar.Rupinder Singh, Spl. Invitee 11.Ar. Ujawala Chakradeo, Spl.Invitee 4. **Committee to increase Council's presence in Social and Digital Media** 1. Ar.Rakesh Kushwah, Convenor 2. Ar.Vivek Gupta, Member 3. Ar.Jayashree Deshpande, Member 4. Ar.Durganand Balsawar, member 5. Ar.Sabreena Khan, Member 6. Ar.Apurva Bose Datta, Member 7. Ar.Nakul Dhagat, Member 8. Ar.Rajesh Advani, Member 9. Ar.Sandeep Pathe, 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.10	**TO HEAR THE FOLLOWING ARCHITECT(S) FOUND GUILTY OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT BY THE COUNCIL.**
	1. CA/DC/469, Shri Sushil Arora & Ors. New Delhi V/s. Ar. M.D.Budhiraja:

The President informed the members that the Council after accepting the Report of the Disciplinary Committee asked the Complainant and Respondent to appear at its 72nd meeting to provide them opportunity of hearing before taking a final decision.

However, the hearing of Complaint was deferred at the the request of the Respondent Architect, Ar. M.D.Budhiraja, on medical grounds. Accordingly, both the Complainant and the Respondent Architects were asked to appear before the Council in the 74th Meeting, 19th December, 2020.

Both the Complainant and Respondent Architect appeared before the Council. The Council requested the Complaint to briefly state about his complaint.

The Complainant stated that he has engaged a contractor for construction of his house and the contractor has engaged Ar. M.D. Budhiraja for providing his professional services including obtaining completion certificate of the building from MCD. The Respondent Architect without visiting the site and without ensuring that the building is complete or not, issued a false certificate/ undertaking to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) that the building is complete in all respects and MCD may issue Completion Certificate. However, on verification of the site the MCD found the building incomplete, unfinished and constructed in violation of Building bye laws and thus sealed the same. The building has been sealed from the last 6 years. The Complainant requested the Council to take strict action against the Respondent Architect.

The Council then asked the Respondent Architect to submit his response/ defence.

The Respondent Architect submitted that he was not original architect of the building and was appointed later on. The Builder has made additional construction after his certification/verification about the completion of building to MCD. He had given measurements in his plans as per existing site and deviations were made afterwards. Whatever had happened had happened because of the builder. The Complainant had paid only Rs.15,000/- and not paid his balance fees. Thus, he has not committed any fault. He requested that the complaint be dismissed.

The Council after deliberations and perusing the Complaint including site photograph, Statement of Defence and Report of the Disciplinary Committee informed the Respondent Architect that he is found guilty of professional misconduct. He has violated Regulation 2 (1) (iii), (viii) and (x) of the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989.

The Council asked the Respondent Architect to submit his response/ reply/ defence on the quantum of punishment. He stated that being an old age person the Council should take a sympathetic decision in the matter.

	The Council deliberated in detail in the matter and observed that the Respondent Architect has failed in his duties as professional by signing on a verification/ certification form stating an incomplete building to be complete and submitted the same to MCD. Thus, the Respondent Architect acted negligently. The Council after deliberations and upon application of its mind passed the following Resolution/ Order in terms of provisions of Section 30 (2) of the Architects Act, 1972: **Resolution No.:526** **Resolved that :** 1. The Respondent Architect is suspended from practice as an Architect for a period of 6 months for acting negligently in submission of a verification / certification form before MCD in respect of an incomplete building certifying the same as complete; and 2. He is directed to surrender his Certificate of Registration for a period 6 months to the Council of Architecture. The Registrar-Secretary is directed to communicate the decision of the Council to the Respondent Architect for compliance and to Complainant and MCD for information.
ITEM NO.11	**TO CONSIDER THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AGAINST ARCHITECTS FOR ALLEGED PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT FROM THE ARCHITECTS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND GOVT. AGENCIES.**
	The Council perused the Complaints, Statement of Defence of Respondent Architects together with the Preliminary Report submitted by the concerned Council members and after deliberations passed the following resolution in terms of Council of Architecture Rules, 1973 : **Resolution No.527** **Resolved that :** 1) **CA/DC/344**- With regard to Complaint filed by Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Local Self Govt. Department, Govt. Secretariat. Thiruvananthapuram against Ar. Lathika I Nair, Thiruvananthapuram, the Council, the Council opined that there is a prima facie case exists against the Respondent Architect as the Respondent Architect had submitted certificate(s)/ undertaking about the compliance of building bye-laws for alteration of a building. However, after collapse of building, an enquiry was conducted by the complainant and the certificates issued by the Complainant were found to be contrary to building bye-laws. The Council, therefore, decided to refer the matter to Disciplinary Committee for detailed investigation as per the procedures laid down under Rules 36 and 37 of the Council of Architecture Rule 1973.

Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

2) **CA/DC/488** - With regard to Complaint filed by Shri Prakash P. Kukreja, Ulhasnagar against Ar. Swapnil Sunil Mangala Wagh, Ulhasnagar, the Council opined that there is no prima facie case of professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect as building was already approved/ regularized the competent authority as per relevant rules/ bye-laws for occupation. The Council, therefore, dismissed the Complaint.

   Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

3) **CA/DC/495** - With regard to Complaint filed by Shri Harrish K. Bajaj, New Delhi against Ar. Desh Bandhu, Ghaziabad, the Council opined that there is a prima facie case exists against the Respondent Architect, as there appears to be mis-statement/ calculation of dimensions by the Respondent Architect of the Complainant's property. Though the Respondent Architect claims that the same were not prepared by his office.

   The Council, therefore, decided to refer the matter to Disciplinary Committee for detailed investigation as per the procedures laid down under Rules 36 and 37 of the Council of Architecture Rule 1973.

   Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

4) **CA/DC/496** - With regard to Complaint filed by Shri A.S. Shahpurwala, Mumbai against Ar. Narendra B.P.Chitoda, Mumbai, the Council decided to the refer the matter back to Ar. P.S. Rajeev, Member, COA, for re-examination and submission of his preliminary report in the matter after considering the statement of defence of the Respondent Architect and other supporting papers translated in English.

5) **CA/DC/506** - With regard to Complaint filed by Shri Maneesh Jawahar, Mumbai against Ar. Pooja Ashley, Mumbai, the Council opined that there is no prima facie case of professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect. The Council noted that Respondent Architect was engaged for providing design and construction services. The complaint is about unsafe electrical wiring and fixtures along with open wiring leading to overheating and potential risk; substandard usage of materials such as plywood, paint, etc.

   The Complaint is made after two years of contract completion period and complete professional fees of the Respondent Architect is still not paid by the Complainant. The Council, therefore, dismissed the Complaint.

Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

6) **CA/DC/509** - With regard to Complaint filed by Shri Santosh B. Tiwari, Mumbai against Ar. Jaydeep Haridas Sinha, Dombivali (East), the Council opined that there is no prima facie case of professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect. The Council noted that Respondent Architect was appointed by the Managing Trustee of Shri Dyaneswar Math Trust and no complaint has been made by him. Further, the fees of the Respondent Architect has not been paid by the Trust. Hence, no case of professional misconduct is made out against the Respondent Architect. The Council, therefore, dismissed the Complaint.

Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

7) **CA/DC/510** - With regard to Complaint filed by Shri Vikram Karamchandani, Mumbai against Ar. Aniket Pawar, Thane (W), the Council noted that the Complainant vide his letter dated 04.02.2020 has sought withdrawal of his complaint. The Council, therefore, dismissed the Complaint as withdrawn.

Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

8) **CA/DC/511** – With regard to the complaint filed Shri R. S. Gaikwad, Secretary, Tilak Nagar Tribhuvan Co-operative Housing Ltd, Mumbai against Ar. Vivek Nandan Prasad, Andheri (E), the Council opined that there is no prima facie case of professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect. The Council noted that the complaint is about not performing the work entrusted to the Respondent Architect. Whereas the Respondent Architect made all efforts including preparation of revised feasibility report for the project but MHADA did not give its approval. Hence, no case is made out against the Respondent Architect. The Council, therefore, dismissed the Complaint.

Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

9) **CA/DC/512** – With regard to complaint filed by Mrs.Sunita Suryakant Ghatkar, Mumbai against Ar. Sankar Ratikant Sarkar, Jogeshwari (E), the Council opined that there is no prima facie case of professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect. The Council noted that complaint is filed out of personal differences. The work in question was a repair work of an old building and area cannot be increased by Architect in his drawings/plans. Respondent was appointed only for the purpose of making estimates of repairs by the MHADA in a consumer case going on between the Complainant and MHADA. Further, the Executive Engineer of MHADA (the Client) has stated that no wrong has been done by the Respondent Architect. The Council, therefore, dismissed the Complaint.

Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

10) **CA/DC/513** – With regard to the complaint filed by Mr. Anand A. Tiwari, Mumbai against Ar. Swapnil D. Sawant, Mumbai, the Council opined that there is no prima facie case of professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect. The Council noted that no documentary evidence has been enclosed by the Complainant regarding their allegation of Respondent Architect making correspondence with MCGM. The Respondent Architect submitted supervision memo on 20.07.2019 for completion of Wing "B" only without changing FSI parameters of last approved plans dated 17.01.2011 and as per the Consent Agreement passed by the DRT Court. Hence, no case is made out against the Respondent Architect. The Council, therefore, dismissed the Complaint.

Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

11) **CA/DC/514** - With regard to the complaint filed by Shri Prasanna Shantaram Chamankar, Mumbai against Ar. Prithvijeet Rajaram Chavan, Mumbai, the Council opined that there is no prima facie case of professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect. The Council noted that the Complainant has made 4-5 allegations against the Respondent Architect, none makes a case of professional misconduct against him. Further, when the developer who appointed the Complainant stands terminated so also the services of the Complainant. The new developer has submitted revised plan as per provisions of new DCR Regulations. The Complainant had already approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter and his SLPs were dismissed as withdrawn. The Council, therefore, dismissed the Complaint.

Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

12) **CA/DC/515** – With regard to complaint filed by Dr. Akhilesh Kumar Pandey, Pune against Ar. Deepali Dattaraya Yadav, Pune, the Council opined that there is no prima facie case of professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect. The Council noted that complaint is regarding Respondent allegedly issuing unauthorized, illegal and fake completion certificate dated 01.02.2008. However, the Respondent Architect has categorically denied about issuing such certificate. She also stated that the complaint suffers from delay and latches as it is filed after more than 12 years. The Council also noted that apart from the working stage completion certificate dated 01.02.2008 no other document about appointment of architect has been enclosed by the Complainant to substantiate his complaint. The Council, therefore, dismissed the Complaint.

Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

13) **CA/DC/516** - With regard to complaint filed by Shri Indresh Kumar, Deputy Director, (OSB), DDA against Ar. K.B Kanal, New Delhi, the Council noted that the Respondent Architect has expired. The Council, therefore, closed the Complaint.

Accordingly, the Complainant be informed of the decision of the Council.

14) **CA/DC/519** – With regard to complaint filed by Ar. Rahul Agarwal, Jaipur against Ar. Shrikrishnan, Jaipur, the Council noted that the complainant vide his letter dated 04.12.2020 has withdrawn his complaint. The Council, therefore, dismissed the Complaint as withdrawn.

Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

15) **CA/DC/503** - With regard to complaint filed by Shri K.Gopal Krishna Bhatt, Thiruvananthapuram against Ar. Mathai Mathew, Cochin, the Council decided to refer the matter to some other Council Member for his preliminary Report.

16) **CA/DC/517** - With regard to complaint filed by Dr. Lakshmi Jagannathan & Ors, Bangalore against Ar. Adithya G Kashyap, Bangalore, the Council decided that the relevant information i.e. legible drawings/ plans, be obtained from the Complainant/ Respondent Architect and furnished to the member for submitting preliminary report.

17) **CA/DC/518** – With regard to the complaint filed by Mr. Bharat Kumar KVS, M/s. Geosense Surveys, Visakhapatnam against Ar. Uday Deepak Master, Mumbai, the Council opined that there is no prima facie case of professional misconduct against the Respondent Architect. The Council noted that the matter is about conversion of INS Virat as a tourism facility. However, the project was abandoned halfway. The Respondent Architect did not get payment. Client of the Architect stated that the work of surveyors was not upto their satisfaction. Though the Architect has not written anything to the Complainant. The Council observed that the Complainant may invoke Arbitration clause as per their agreement for settlement of his fees. No case of professional misconduct is made out in the matter. The Council, therefore, dismissed the Complaint.

Accordingly, the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

ITEM NO.12	**TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.**

	The President informed the members that the Architects Act, 1972 was enacted in the year 1972 and requires amendment to cope with the challenges posed by the present times. The comprehensive amendments are required especially in view of recommendations of Parliament Standing Committee on HRD to carryout comprehensive amendments in the Architects Act, 1972. The Council constituted a Committee consisting of following Members for finalising the proposal of the Council, as prepared from time to time. 1. Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta, Convenor 2. Ar. Kapil Setia, Member 3. Ar. Mala Mohan, Member 4. Ar. P.R. Mehta, Special Invitee 5. Ar. Balbir Verma, Special Invitee The Revised Proposal as finalised and recommended by the Committee was considered by the Full Council at its 72nd Meeting and it was decided to reconsider the same in the light of the provisions of National Education being formed by the Central Government. Further, to have wider consultations on the proposed amendments in the Architects Act, 1972 a webinar was held to have the views and suggestions of all the stake holders. The Council also uploaded the proposal on its website so that all stake holders can view and make their views/suggestions on the same, if any. The Council has received several views/suggestions on the same. After cessation of membership of Ar. Mala Mohan the Committee has been re-constituted as under : 1. Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta, Convenor 2. Ar. Kapil Setia, Member, 3. Ar. N. K. Negi, Member 4. Ar. Mala Mohan, Special Invitee 5. Ar. P.R. Mehta, Special Invitee 6. Ar. Balbir Verma, Special Invitee The President further informed the members that the views/ suggestions received on the proposal were referred to the Committee for appropriately considering the same and suggesting a final proposal for consideration of the Council. The President requested Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta, Convenor to submit their report/ recommendations to the Council as early as possible so that the same may be finalised and may be submitted to the Central Government. Further, the President asked the Registrar-Secretary to send the compilation of views/ suggestions received by the Council to all the members for their information.
ITEM NO.13	**TO TAKE NOTE OF JUDGEMENT DATED 17.03.2020 OF THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA IN CIVIL APPEAL NO.1819 OF 2020, COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE V/S. MUKESH GOYAL AND OTHERS.**

The President 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.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its order dated 17.03.2020 decided that SLPs and held as under:

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

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

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 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.*

It was further informed that the Council filed a Review Petition, duly vetted by Dr. Rajeev Dhawan, Sr. Advocate, however, the same was dismissed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

The Council after deliberations in the matter suggested that the possibility for 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.

	The Members desired that a copy of the review petition filed by the Council before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India may be sent to all the members for their information.
ITEM NO.14	**TO DISCUSS NEW NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY-2020, AS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND ITS IMPACT ON THE ROLE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE IN ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION.**
	The President informed the members that the Government of India has approved the new National Education Policy 2020 for regulating and monitoring the education at all levels. The National Education Policy envisages constitution of Higher Education Commission of India which will function as an umbrella organisation for regulating and monitoring the Standards of Education in the country. The Education policy also envisages constitution of National Higher Education Regulatory Authority, National Accreditation Council, Higher Education Council, General Education Council, National Higher Education Qualification Framework and Professional Standards Setting Bodies. The roles of bodies like the Council of Architecture has been proposed as setting the standards or expectations in the fields of learning and practice while having no regulatory role. The Council perused the National Education Policy 2020 as annexed with the Agenda. The Registrar Secretary also informed about the two Meetings held in the Ministry of Education, Government of India about the implementation of NEP and restructuring of Council of Architecture. The Council held detailed deliberations in the matter and decided that Architectural Education and Profession are interlinked and cannot be separated. Further, it is in public interest that regulation of both education and profession remains at one place since the general public has to be served by the qualified and competent professionals. The current day challenges specially the globalisation has made it mandatory that educational standards are prescribed, monitored and assessed as per the demands of the profession. The same should be dealt with by the same body. The Council, therefore, was of the unanimous view that Architectural Education should remain with the Council of Architecture only. The Council may carry out the objects set forth in the New Education Policy and accordingly modify or make new Regulations with the approval of the Central Government. The Council requested the Central Government to not to divest it from its responsibility to regulate architectural education. This would obliterate the objects of the Architects Act, 1972.

	The Council authorised the President to impress upon the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Secretary, Department of Higher Education Ministry and other officers about the important role and functions of the Council in architectural education and to take all steps as may be required in the matter.
ITEM NO.15	**CONTRIBUTION TO PM CARES FUND FOR COVID 19 PANDEMIC RELIEF WORK & DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTIONS/ GENERAL PUBLIC.**
	The President informed the members that in order to contribute to the efforts made by the Government of India to contain the Covid 19 Pandemic, it was decided to solicit donations from Architects, Architectural institutions and general public, in order to make contribution to the PM Cares Fund in the Covid-19 pandemic period. The Council has received a sum of Rs.3,79,334/- from the contributions received from the institutions, architects & Council staff. The President further informed that the Council has earmarked a sum of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupee Twenty Lakhs) in Budget of 2020-2021 towards Council's contribution to the PM Cares Fund. The Council appreciated the initiative taken by the President and decided that a sum of Rs. 25/- Lakhs be contributed to PM Cares Fund by combining the donations/ contribution received by the Council and the Council's own contribution.
ITEM NO.16	**TO TAKE NOTE OF PROGRESS MADE BY THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES CONSTITUTED BY THE COUNCIL.**
	The President invited the attention of the members towards the Appendix-Z 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 several committees including Committee on Women Architects, NATA 2020 Coordination Committee, Committee on Manual for Architectural Practice, Committee on NEP, Committee on Recognition of Foreign Qualifications, Committee to increase Council's presence in Social media, and all other Committees.
ITEM NO.17	**MATTERS FOR INFORMATION AND KIND PERUSAL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.**
I)	**AMENDMENT IN THE ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO B.ARCH. COURSE FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2021.**
	The President informed the members that the Council at its 73rd meeting held on 26th July 2020 resolved that the requirement of minimum 50% marks in 10+2 exam be relaxed as a onetime measure due to Covid-19 pandemic since the exam schedules of some Boards/ institutions were affected and the students were awarded final marks based on their previous performances or otherwise.

	The resolution passed by the Full Council was submitted with the Central Government and the Central Government approved the amendments in COA Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 1983 by amending the Regulation 4(1) relating to eligibility for admission to B. Arch course for academic session 2020-2021 only. The Council members perused the Gazette Notification and thanked the Ministry for prompt approval granted to the amendments in the eligibility for the academic session 2020-201 as a one-time measure.
II)	**RECONSTITUTION OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.**
	The President informed the members that the Disciplinary Committee is constituted by the Central Government by notification in the official Gazette and consists of Members as provided under Rule 35 of the Council of Architecture Rules, 1973. Shri Navneet Kumar, Ex-officio Member from the CPWD ceased to be a Member of the Council consequent upon cessation of his Membership. Accordingly, he also ceased to be a Member of the Disciplinary Committee. Accordingly, the Council requested the Central government to re-constitute the Disciplinary Committee. The Ministry of Education, Government of India vide notification dated 27.10.2020 has re-constituted the Committee and now the Committee shall start investigation of cases referred to it by the Council. The Council noted the above information.
III)	**RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN ARCHITECTURAL QUALIFICATIONS BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.**
	The President informed the members that Section 15 of the Architects Act provides for recognition of foreign architectural qualifications by the Central Government after consultation with the Council. The Central Government referred several request(s) received by it for recognition of foreign architectural qualifications for consultation with the Council. The Council after examination of such qualifications made its recommendations to the Central Government. The Central Government has accepted the recommendations made by the Council and has notified the same. The Council members perused the gazette notification issued by the Central Government and thanked the Central Government for prompt action in the matter.
IV)	**CONDUCT OF NATA 2020 EXAMINATION.**

	The President informed the members that the Council is conducting National Aptitude Test in Architecture for admission to the first year of 5-year B. Arch course. The NATA 2020 was scheduled to be held on 19.04.2020 and Second Test on 31st May 2020. However, on account of Covid-19 pandemic the test got delayed and was conducted on 29.08.2020 & 12.09.2020, after relaxation in lock down restrictions imposed by the Government of India. The drawing test was also conducted online. 30253 candidates registered for the examination held on 29.08.2020 and 29158 students registered for the examination on 12.09.2020. 22556 Candidates appeared on the examination held on 29.08.2020 and 20631candidates appeared on the examination held on 12.09.2020. 20882 Candidates passed the examination held on 29.08.2020 and 19865 candidates passed the examination held on 12.09.2020. The Members noted the above information and appreciated the efforts made by the Council in conduct of NATA 2020 during the pandemic period.
V)	**PUBLICATION OF HANDBOOK OF PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENTS AND DIRECTORY OF ARCHITECTS-2020.**
	The President informed the members that the process for publication of Handbook of Professional Documents and Directory of Architects 2020 edition is underway and the same shall be published soon. The members noted the above information.
VI)	**ALLOTMENT OF LAND BY GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA WITHIN THE CAMPUS OF BANGALORE UNIVERSITY AT GNANA BHARATI CAMPUS, BANGALORE.**
	The President informed that the Council requested the Bangalore University for allotment of 2 acres of land for establishing its Training and Research Centre at Bengaluru. The Bangalore University recommended the request of the Council to the Government of Karnataka. The Government of Karnataka has allotted 2 acres of land in favour of Council on lease for a period of 30 years on an Annual lease rent of Rs. 2 lakhs. It was also informed that the Bangalore University has been requested to communicate the Council about the steps to be taken for taking possession of the said land. The President requested Ar. B.V. Satish, Member, to assist the Council by taking up the matter with the Bangalore University.
VII)	**HOSTING OF ONLINE COMPLAINT FORM AGAINST NON-ARCHITECTS ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE.**

	The President informed the members that the Council has hosted on its website a complaint form for making complaints online/ offline against violation of the Architects Act, 1972, by non-architects. The Council has received 95 complaints online against unregistered persons/ quacks during the period from 26.05.2020 to 30.11.2020 and appropriate action has been initiated on these complaints. The Council appreciated the initiative taken by the Council in public interest so that quacks/ unqualified persons do not call themselves as Architects in violation of the Act. The Council desired that a statement of all such complaints be placed on the Council's website for information of all concerned.
VIII)	**SETTING UP OF ONLINE PUBLIC GRIEVANCE CELL IN THE COUNCIL.**
	The President informed the members that the Council has setup an Online Public Grievance Cell for receiving online complaints from architects, Architectural Institutions, Faculty, students, general public and other stakeholders for faster redressal of such grievance and also to monitor the progress made in such complaints. This will enhance the efficacious disposal of the requests received by the office of the Council. The members appreciated the initiative taken in the matter.
IX)	**PROGRESS OF THE WORK DONE FOR SETTING UP AND REGISTRATION OF CPF TRUST.**
	The President informed that in terms of approval of the Council, Employees Contributory Provident Fund Trust was registered and the process for recognition of the same from Income Tax Department, Govt. of India, has also been initiated. Further, as decided by the Executive Committee, the Ex-officio member from CPWD is also being made as a Member of the Trust. Though the Trust Deed was got examined from an Advocate who suggested an alternative text. However, Ar. Ashutosh Kumar, Member, expressed certain reservations on the indemnity clause in the Trust Deed and stated that the Council should not grant indemnity to the Trustees. The matter was discussed in detail and the President requested Ar. N. K. Negi, Member, to examine the matter and submit his report in the Executive Committee so that appropriate steps can be taken in the matter.
X)	**CONDUCT OF ECBC PROGRAMME AND AWARD OF CERTIFICATES.**
	The President informed the members that the Council has conducted 13 Training Programme on ECBC for practising architects and faculty members of the Architectural Institutions. All the 415 participants have been issued participation certificates signed by the authorities of the Council and BEE. The Council appreciated the action taken in the matter.

XI)	**IMPLEMENTATION OF PERSPECTIVE POLICY PLAN FOR ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS W.E.F. ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-2022.**
	The President informed the members that the Policy on Perspective Plans for Architectural Institutions as approved by the Executive Committee was circulated to the members of the Council for approval on 08th July 2020. The policy will be implemented for Architectural Institutions w.e.f. academic session 2021-2022. The Council after deliberations approved the implementation of the policy from the academic session 2021-2022.
XII)	**COA LOGO USAGE POLICY AS FRAMED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**
	The President informed the member that the Executive Committee in its 210th Meeting held on 21st& 22nd February, 2020, framed a policy for use of logo of Council in public events, seminars, etc. He elaborated the policy as follows: **USAGE POLICY FOR THE LOGO OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE:** 1. The logo is protected from being used incorrectly or inappropriately. 2. The logo cannot be used for any commercial endorsements or unauthorised support under any circumstances. The unauthorized support shall be decided by the EC of the council. 3. The logo can be used with permission for one event/conference/seminar or any other such use as deemed fit by the council. The said permission shall be deemed to have been given only once to any institution/organisation/entity. For any subsequent event/conference /seminar, new permission shall be taken from the council office. 4. The permission has to be given in writing from the office of the Registrar of Council who will seek the permission of the EC in special cases arising outside this policy. 5. No permission is needed if the logo is being used by a journalist for official writing in the media he/she is employed with, media outlet using the same for editorial content. However, prior to use of the logo, written communication to the council is made beforehand. 6. The use of the logo with any colour other than black, white or gold is not permitted. 7. Further guidance for use of the logo after written permission, is as follows:- • Do not alter or deform the shape of the logo in any way. The logo must appear exactly as shown in the image below: the elements, proportions and relationships must not change along with the text below the logo. The graphic and the text together combine to become the logo. • Do not replace the logotype with a different typeface. • Do not imitate any element of the logo, for any purpose.

- Do not use the logo or logotype as an element in titles, headlines or text.
- Do not place competing visual elements (including but not limited to other logos) close to the logo.
- Do not set type near to the logo that could be construed as a corporate slogan or motto.
- Do not display the logo more prominently than your own trademarks, logos and names. This includes, but is not limited to company name, trade name, product name, service name, technology name, social media name or handle. However, the logo shall be placed appropriately in a clear visible way.
- Do not use the logo in any orientation other than horizontally.
- Do not use or register the logo (or any part of it) as part of another trademark, logo or name. This includes but is not limited to a company name, trade name, product name, service name, technology name, social media name or handle.
- Do not use the logo in any manner that expresses or implies that Council of Architecture has any affiliation, sponsorship, endorsement, certification, or approval of your product, service, or company ad also the philosophy, thought process or the theme and content of the event/conference/seminar etc.
- Do not use the logo to make fun of Council or portray it in a negative way.

8. Council reserves the sole right to alter or refuse any permission to any third party to use its logo if such use does not comply with these guidelines or as stipulated/altered from time to time.

9. Also use of the logo of the council in conjunction with advertisement/support of any alcoholic beverage or tobacco products is strictly prohibited.

10. The Council logo shall not be used for anti-government protests of any kind, governmental policy criticism or anything suggesting or implicating government in/under any circumstances.

11. Council logo is available for use based on above policy, subject to the terms of its use so defined (the "Usage Policy"). Permission is granted to use the logo only on the conditions set forth in this Usage Policy and not otherwise. The logo is the sole and exclusive property of Council. Your use of any logo implies acceptance of, and agreement with, the terms of the Usage Policy. Any use of the logo that does not comply with the Usage Policy is not authorised. Council reserves the right to revoke its approval of use of the logo at any time. "*Council*" *herein above refers to Council of Architecture.*

The Council deliberated in the matter in detail and ratified the policy on use of logo of the Council. The Council decided that the same be circulated to all members of the Council and be hosted on Council's website as well.

XIII)	POLICY ON CLOSURE OF THE ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS.

The President informed the members that the Executive Committee at its 210th meeting held on 21st & 22nd February, 2020, approved the policy for closure of Architectural Institutions in order to streamline the process of closure of institutions and same the interest of students. The policy is follows:

- An existing Institution seeking Closure, through its Promoter, shall apply to the Council, in prescribed format along with documents as may be required, and payment of charges of Rs.5,00,000/-. In case the institution has submitted Security Deposit to the Council, the amount may be deducted from the Security Deposit and balance amount, if any, be refunded to the institution.

- The Council shall not consider for Progressive Closure of an institution. The application submitted by institution shall be considered for complete closure and the students, if any, pursuing B.Arch. Course shall be transferred/migrated to appropriate semester/level of the course to other institutions approved by the Council in the State within the sanctioned intake as per the available vacancy of seats. The institutions/universities receiving the migrated students from such institutions applying for closure may be required to conduct examination, classes etc. in case student(s) have any pending papers/backlogs in previous semesters.

- The application for closure shall be approved by the Council subject to submission of following documents by the institution:

  i. Details of B.Arch. course being imparted at the institution along with year-wise number of students admitted/passed out (if any) from institution since inception of the course.
  ii. Year-wise list of current students (if any) studying the B.Arch., course including name, father's name, date of birth, enrolment numbers issued by Council, NATA/Aptitude Test marks/rank with Roll No, year/semester of course, previous ATKT subjects & status of pass/fail, etc.
  iii. Reasons for closure of institution.
  iv. The permission/NOC of the concerned University and competent authority of the respective State/Central Government.
  v. The consent/NOC of the B.Arch. students currently studying, if any, is obtained.
  vi. Certificate from competent authority of institution that no matter related to students are pending at the institution.
  vii. Certificate from competent authority of institution that all marksheets have been issued to the B.Arch. students for their previous examinations.
  viii. Undertaking from competent authority of institution that all original certificates of the students shall be returned to the students after application for closure is approved by the Council.
  ix. No due certificate of salary and other allowances/dues of faculty, non-teaching staff.

	x. Certificate that no Court case is filed/ pending against the Institution related to conduct of B.Arch. course and no Charge sheet is filed against the Institution. ❖ In case the institution did not commence the B.Arch. course after approval from the Council and did not admit any students, only relevant documents, as may be applicable, shall be submitted by the institution." The Council deliberated in the matter in detail and ratified the Policy on Closure of Institutions and further decided that the same be hosted on the Council's website.
XIV)	**CONDUCT OF ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION.**
	The President informed the members that the Executive Committee of the Council at its 213th meeting held on 28th April 2020 considered the proposal for conduct of Essay Writing Competition in order to support awareness about Architectural Education and to promote Research in Architecture as well as to get new ideas and propositions on various subjects related to Architectural Education and profession and it was decided to conduct Annual International Essay Writing Competition. Ms. Asmita Patnaik & Savale Tikle, (Student's Category) and Ms. Shayari Kamble & Rohit Dhawale (Young Architects Category) candidates were declared winners for First Position. The members noted the information and appreciated the initiative.
XV)	**CONDUCT OF AWARD PROGRAMMES BY THE COUNCIL.**
	The President invited the attention of the members that Council of Architecture has been organizing "National Awards for Excellence in Architectural Thesis" for past several years for both undergraduate (since 2006) and Postgraduate Course (since 2015) in order to motivate the students pursuing their course in Architecture to excel in their academic pursuit. In 2018, the Council also instituted a new award namely, "COA Awards for Excellence in Documentation of Architecture Heritage" with an objective to encourage interest and talent amongst students of architecture across the country in understanding, documentation of heritage buildings so as to develop & promote sensitivity and awareness towards India's rich architectural heritage. In addition, Council of Architecture and GRIHA Council, are also jointly awarding "National Awards for Excellence in Architecture Thesis on Sustainable Architecture Design" by inviting students of Bachelor's and Master's degree program based on their thesis projects. This joint Award is an effort to spread awareness about sustainability in design among the future architects of the country.

He further informed that the during the time when last meeting of the Concil was held, the Award ceremony for the **"National Awards for Excellence in Architectural Thesis"** was conducted at D.Y.Patil School of Architecture, Dr.D.Y.Patil University Campus, Vidya Nagar Sector-7, Nerul, Navi Mumbai on Friday, January 24th 2020 which was attended by Hon'ble Council Members, eminent architects, professionals, academicians, teachers and students in Architecture from all over the country.

There was a notable presence of all the past Presidents of COA namely Ar.Vijay Sohoni, Ar.Uday Gadkari, Ar.Biswaranjan Nayak, Ar.Premendra Raj Mehta and Ar.Vijay Garg, Past Acting President.

The auspicious occasion was made possible with the distinguished presence and contribution of the jury members namely:

i) Ar.Roshni Udyawar, Ar.Shekhar Bagool, Ar.Shaily Mahera for Sustainable Design
ii) Ar.K.B.Jain, Ar.Smita Khan, for Documentation of Architectural Heritage
iii) Ar.Utpal Sharma, Ar.B.S.Bhooshan, Ar.Partharanjan Das, for Post Graduate Thesis Awards in Architecture 2019
iv) Ar.Punita Mehta, Ar.K.Jaisim, Ar.Rajiv Mishra for UG Awards

The Award Committee was consisted of Prof.Anirudh Paul, Dr.Rama Subramanian.

The details of the four awards are as follows:

1. NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURAL THESIS 2019 & JK AYA BEST ARCHITECTURE STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD 2019. (Rs.75,000/- to each winner & Rs.20,000/- to each runner up)
2. COA NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN POST GRADUATE THESIS IN ARCHITECTURE 2019 (Rs.75,000/- to each winner & Rs.20,000/- to each runner up)
3. GRIHA's NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURAL THESIS ON THE SUBJECT OF SUSTAINABLE DESIGN-2019 (Rs.75,000/- to each winner & Rs.25,000/- to each runner up)
4. COA STUDENTS' AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN DOCUMENTATION OF ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE 2019 (Rs.75,000/- to each winner & Rs.25,000/- to each runner-ups)

The Council members noted the above information.

XVI)	**CONDUCT OF TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR PRACTISING ARCHITECTS, FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS BY COA TRC AT PUNE AND BHOPAL.**

The President informed members about the details of training programme, seminar and webinar held by TRC Pune and TRC Bhopal as under :

A. ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS IN ARCHITECTURE AND PROFESSIONALS :

Sr. No.	Name of Programme	Name of Coordinator	Dates	No. of Participants
1.	Teaching Indian Architectural History	Dr. Vaishali Latkar	11th to 15th May 2020	1782
2.	Learning to Teach and Teaching to Learn: Architecture Online	Prof. Jayashree Deshpande	26th to 30th May 2020	1562
3.	Advanced Building Services	Dr. Rama R. Subrahmanian	02nd, 03rd, 06th and 07th July 2020	2261
4.	Conscious Induction of Skills in Architectural Pedagogy: The Need of Time	Dr. Gauri Shiurkar	15th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st July 2020	793
5.	Teaching Climate Responsive Design Approach	Prof. Abhay Purohit	28th September to 02nd October 2020	69

B. ONLINE WEBINAR FOR TEACHERS IN ARCHITECTURE AND PROFESSIONALS:

Sr. No	Name of Workshops	Name of Coordinator	Dates	Total registration received
1.	Adjusting to the New Normal: Resilience in Difficult Times	Smt. Vibha Deshpande	20th November 2020	95

C. ONLINE WEBINARS FOR STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE:

Sr. No	Name of Workshops	Name of Coordinator	Dates	Total registration received
1.	Just Give me Some Space	Ar. Suha Riyaz Khopatkar	22nd May 2020	824
2.	Just Give me Some Space	Ar. Suha Riyaz Khopatkar	24th July 2020	127
3.	Adjusting to the New Normal: Resilience in Difficult Times	Smt. Vibha Deshpande	20th November 2020	740

2. The programme conducted by TRC Bhopal are as under :

Event	Title	Date	Attended
Webinar	NEP 2020 and Traditional Knowledge in Architecture and Planning: Opportunities and Challenges	28th Oct. 2020 at 4 PM - 5 PM	181
Webinar	Spatiotemporal Continuum of Traditional Knowledge in Architecture: A Narrative on India	28th Nov. 2020 at 4 PM - 5 PM	118

The Council perused the information and appreciated the efforts made by TRCs in the times of pandemic by conducting training programme online.

XVII) PUBLICATIONS OF BOOKS/ DOCUMENTS BY COUNCIL'S TRC.

The President informed the members that the Council through its TRCs has undertaken the printing / publications of books/ journals etc.:

1. The following books have been distributed to the colleges of architecture in India
   - Archiving Architectural Thesis 2017
2. The following book is in press and will be published shortly
   - Journal of Council of Architecture: Sustainable Development
3. The following book is in final stage and shall be printed and published shortly
   - Journal of Council of Architecture: Heritage and Conservation
4. 02nd proof reading of following book is done and corrections/suggestions sent to the respective college
   - Archiving Architectural Thesis 2018

	• Documentation of Architectural Heritage 2018 The Members noted the above information. Dr. Vandana Sehgal, Member, requested that the quality and content of the journals be maintained upto requisite standards so that the same is in good demand and become a useful resource of information for students and faculty members.
XVIII)	**INITIATIVES FOR INCREASING COUNCIL'S PRESENCE/ OUTREACH THROUGH EVENTS, SOCIAL, PRINT & DIGITAL MEDIA IN THE SOCIETY.**
	The President informed the members that in order to increase the Council's presence through events, social, print and digital media several initiatives are initiated including conduct of 3 outreach programmes at (i) Chandigarh; (ii) Chennai; and (iii) Bangalore, apart from holding various webinars, professional tasks, etc. Further, various awareness programmes about Architecture were organised online. The President informed that the outreach programme could not be conducted in other parts of the country in view of Covid 19 pandemic. The President also informed the members that a Committee has also been constituted for suggesting ways and means for increasing the presence of the Council in the society.
XIX)	**NON-RECEIPT OF NAME(S) OF NOMINEES ON COUNCIL FROM FOLLOWING STATES/ UTS/ BODIES.**
	The President informed the members that in terms of Section 3(3) of the Architects Act, 1972 various Bodies/ Authorities are nominating their representatives in the Council of Architecture. The Council is yet to receive the fresh nominations from Indian Institute of Architects and Union Territory of Daman and Diu and Ladakh. He informed that elections of the IIA are underway and the Council may receive names of new nominees of IIA soon. The President further informed that it is expected that concerned authorities in Daman and Diu also may send the name of their nominee soon.
XX)	**ENHANCEMENT OF FEE BEING CHARGED BY COUNCIL FROM ARCHITECTS.**
	The President informed the members that as recommended the Council at its 72nd Meeting held on 24th and 25th January, 2020, a proposal for revision of fees was submitted with the Ministry of Education, Government of India, on 18th November 2020, for suitably amending the Council of Architecture Rules, 1973 for enhancing the fees being charged from the Architects. The Ministry has informed that the proposal is under their active consideration.

ITEM NO.18	TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN ARCHITECTURAL QUALIFICATIONS UNDER THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.

The President informed the members that Council's Committee on Recognition of Foreign Architectural Qualifications consisting of Prof. Kavita D. Rao, Prof. P.M. Kanvinde, Ar. J. Manoharan and Ar. Chandan Parab has examined the following references received from Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for recognition of foreign architectural qualifications under Section 15 of the Architects Act, 1972:

1. Request received from Mr. Lovnish Kumar for recognition of B. Arch Degree awarded by Politechno di Milano, Milan, Italy.

2. Request received from Mr. Mohit Dobaria for recognition of M. Arch Degree awarded by School of Architecture Planning and Preservation, University of Maryland, USA.

3. Request received from Mr. Karsh Ajay Shah and Mr.Nidhip Mehta for recognition of B. Arch Degree awarded by New Jersey Institute of Technology, New Jersey, USA.

4. Request received from Ms. Swati Agarwal for recognition of B.SC in Architecture degree from the University of Bath, UK.

The Council perused the report(s)/ Minutes of the meeting of the Committee and resolved as under :

Resolution No.528

Resolved that :

1. Request received from Mr. Lovnish Kumar for recognition of **B. Arch. Degree awarded by Politechno di Milano, Milan, Italy**, cannot be considered as the candidate has undergone his three qualifications from three different countries and has not done the major subject of Thesis. There is also no information about the recognition of the qualification in the respective foreign countries.

2. Request received from Mr. Mohit Dobaria for recognition of M. Arch. Degree awarded by School of Architecture Planning and Preservation, University of Maryland, USA, cannot be considered as the Institution is accredited by NAAB and not by NCARB which is registering authority for Architects in USA. The candidate has done his internship in a construction Company and not with an Architect. The basic qualification of the candidate is B.Tech. (Civil) and thereafter he took admission in the M.Arch. Course of Maryland which is not comparable with a 5-year B.Arch. Degree Course of an Indian University.

3. B. Arch Degree awarded by New Jersey Institute of Technology, New Jersey, USA, along with 6 months training under an Architect in India, may be considered for recognition under Section 15 of the Architects

	Act, 1972, as most of the subjects prescribed in the Council's regulations are there in the course curriculum though internship is not part of the Course Curriculum. 4. Request received from Ms. Swati Agarwal for recognition of B.SC in Architecture degree from the University of Bath, UK, cannot be considered as she has undergone 5-year B.Sc. programme which is not comparable with a 5-year B.Arch. Degree Course of an Indian University.
ITEM NO.19	**ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**
1)	**TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE ENQUIRY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ENQUIRE INTO THE MISUSE OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE BY AR. VIJAY GARG, THE THEN ACTING PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.**
	Before taking up the item the President requested Ar. Vijay Garg, Member and Ar. Amit Garg, Member, to wait in online waiting room for discussions on this matter, since the matter is related to them. The President informed the members that the Council received a Complaint from Ar. R. Rama Raju, Chennai against Ar. Vijay Garg stating that he is pursuing his M. Arch Course from HR-11,Ganga Institute of Architecture and Planning, Jhajjar, Haryana, as a ghost student and other related issues. The Executive Committee at its 225th meeting held on 03rd November 2020, constituted an Enquiry Committee consisting of Dr. Kavita D Rao, Convenor and Ar. Ramesh R. Kumar as Member to enquire into the misuse of the office of President of COA by Ar. Vijay Garg the then Vice-President and Acting President of COA. The report of the Enquiry Committee was considered by the Executive Committee at its 226th Meeting held on 15th December, 2020 and it was decided to place the report before full Council for taking appropriate decision in the matter. The Council perused the Complaint and Enquiry Report dated 14.12.2020 and deliberated the matter at length. The members who were part of earlier EC have denied the allegation about their being aware of the fact that Ar.Vijay Garg was pursuing M.Arch. Course from Ganga Institute of Architecture and Planning, Jhajjar and also stated that they did not take part in the decisions, whenever matters related to their institution came before the Executive Committee. The Council expressed serious concern over the conduct of former Acting President for not disclosing to Council about his pursuing M.Arch. Course from Ganga Institute of Architecture and Planning and for chairing the EC Meeting where decision about intake of the same institution was taken by the Executive Committee.

	The Council after detailed deliberations resolved as under : **Resolution No.:529** **Resolved that :** 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. After completion of this item Ar. Vijay Garg, Member and Ar. Amit Garg, Member, were again invited to the meeting but Ar. Vijay Garg could not join the meeting.
2)	**TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 10TH DECEMBER 2020, RECEIVED FROM MRS. JESSIE GEORGE PEREIRA & ORS., COMPLAINANT, REGARDING WITHDRAWAL OF COMPLAINT NO. CA/DC/351 FILED AGAINST AR. HARISH D. GANDHI.**
	The President informed the members that the Full Council at its 66th Meeting held on 25th August 2016 considered the report of Disciplinary Committee and decided to keep the Complaint in abeyance since a criminal case is pending on the same issue against the Developer. Now the Complainant vide his letter dated 10.12.2020, has withdrawn his complaint. Accordingly, the Council dismissed the Complaint as withdrawn. Both the Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.
3)	**EXTENDING FAREWELL TO OUTGOING MEMBERS.**
	The President invited the attention of the members that term of some of the Council members who are elected from IIA is over and they are continuing till their successors are elected. Since IIA elections are underway, the exiting members may not remain as members of the Council. The President thanked them for their valuable contribution, guidance and support to the Council and conveyed his best wishes in the future endeavours. He stated that some of the outgoing members are part of Committee of the Council namely, Ar. Prakash Deshmukh, Ar. J. Manoharan and Ar.Amitava Roy and requested that they may continue to make their contribution as part of these Committee.
4)	**ACCREDITATION OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS.**

	With permission of the Chair, Dr. Vandana Sehgal, Member, requested that the Council should start accreditation process of architectural institutions so as to have ranking and healthy competition among institutions. This will not only increase the quality and standards of architectural institutions but also help the students/ parents to choose the best institution for undergoing education. The President informed that he had met the Chairman of National Board of Accreditation to work jointly for accrediting architectural institutions. He assured that the Council will take all steps to move ahead in the matter.
5)	**LIVE TELECAST OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.**
	The President informed the members that the social media plays a very important role for dissemination of information and educating the stakeholders and proposed that the proceedings of the Council meeting may be made live on Social Media so that the general public, architects and all concerned can view the deliberations of the Council and aware of the decisions taken by the Council. The Council held deliberations in the matter and decided that presently it may not be desirable to have proceedings of the Council live since the Council take various action and decision during the Council meetings being a quasi-judicial body. The deliberations and discussions may be quoted out of context and the Council office will always be engaged in issuing clarifications and defending such deliberations. There are always chances of misuse of information on social media. Therefore, it was decided not to make the proceedings of the Council live on the social media

Ar. Sapna, Vice-President, Council of Architecture thanked the President, Council Members for very fruitful discussions and successful conduct of the meeting.

She also thanked Registrar-Secretary and other Officers and Employees of the Council who worked tirelessly for successful conduct of the meeting.

The Meeting ended at for 6:45 PM.

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