

**MINUTES OF 207TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 12TH AND 13TH NOVEMBER 2019, FROM 11.00 A.M. ONWARDS IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, CORE 6A,
FIRST FLOOR, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI.**

PRESENT :

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| 1. Ar. Habeeb Khan | : | Chairman, in Chair |
| 2. Ar. Sapna | : | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Ar. N. K. Negi | : | Member |
| 4. Ar. Kapil Setia | : | Member |
| 5. Ar. Ramesh Kumar | : | Member |
| 6. Ar. Bansan Singh | : | Member |
| 7. Ar. Sadiq Ali D.A. | : | Member |

In Attendance :

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

The Chairman welcomed the Vice-Chairperson and members to the 207th Meeting of the Executive Committee and their first meeting consequent upon their election to the Executive Committee. He stressed that fundamental and basic goal is to work for the cause of profession, selflessly and transparently.

ITEMS DISCUSSED ON FIRST DAY (12TH NOVEMBER, 2019):

ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 205TH AND 206TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee perused Minutes of 205th and 206th Meeting of Executive Committee and noted that these minutes have been approved by the then Chairman, Executive Committee but were not circulated to the members for confirmation of the Minutes.

Since the members were not present in these meeting the Executive Committee decided that the Minutes circulated to the earlier members for their views/ comments and thereafter the same be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

ITEM NO.2 TO TAKE NOTE OF ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee perused the action taken report as annexed with the Agenda. The Committee also decided that the decisions taken in respect of institutions in these Minutes be circulated to all members along with observations of the inspectors who inspected these institutions.



ITEM NO.3 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE ORDER DATED 08.11.2019 OF HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA IN CIVIL APPEAL NO.364 OF 2005, AICTE V/S. SHRI PRINCE SHIVAJI MARATHA BOARDING HOUSE COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE & ORS.

The Chairman informed the members that earlier the Division Bench of Hon'ble Bombay High Court vide order dated 8.09.2004 had held that the Council of Architecture is final authority for architectural institutions in the country.

However, this decision was challenged by AICTE before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and in Civil Appeal No.364 of 2005. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its order dated 08.11.2019 upheld the Bombay High Court order dated 08.09.2004 and dismissed the Appeal of AICTE and also held that it is only Council of Architecture which shall prescribe stands for imparting recognized architectural qualifications.

The Executive Committee appreciated the tremendous efforts made by the Advocates of the Council, officers and staff of the Council in the matter. Shri Naveen R. Nath, advocate was invited during the course of the meeting and was congratulated by the Executive Committee. Shri Nath briefed the members about the implications and finer points of the judgement.

The Executive Committee after deliberations decided that a road map for future course of action in the matter be prepared and the matter be also discussed with the officials of MHRD so that the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972 and regulations framed thereunder are given effect to.

ITEM NO.4 TO CONSIDER FOR ISSUANCE OF TENDER NOTICE FOR CONDUCT OF NATA 2020 EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION TO FIRST-YEAR OF 5-YEAR B.ARCH. DEGREE COURSE AND TO FINALISE DATES FOR CONDUCT OF NATA 2020.

The Chairman informed the members that the Council is conducting National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) for Admission to first year of 5-year B.Arch. Degree Course since the year 2006. For conduct of NATA 2020, the Council is required to engage a Service Provider to assist the Council in online registration of candidates, conduct of online examination and offline drawings, evaluation and declaration of results, etc.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that the NATA 2020 Test be conducted Three times i.e. in the Month of April 2020, May 2020 and June 2020 and Tender be issued for engaging a service provider for conduct of NATA 2020 online.

The Executive Committee also appointed Coordination Committee with the following members for conduct of NATA 2020:

1. Ar. Ranee Vedamuthu, Convenor



2. Ar. Arvind Ahirwar, Member
 3. Ar. Sadiq Ali, Member
- Sh. Deepak Kumar Singh, shall assist the committee, maintain records and will keep records of the proceedings of the Committee.

The terms of reference (scope of work) of the Committee shall be as under:

1. To prepare NATA 2020 Brochure;
2. To prepare NATA 2020 Tender Document for conduct of online test;
3. To supervise and monitor award of work to server provider;
4. To decide time frame of exams;
5. To decide on number of centres in India and Dubai
6. To lay down criteria for selection of questions setters, appoint questions setters, moderation of question, supervision of evaluation, moderation of evaluation;
7. Declaration of results etc.
8. To carry out any other work related to NATA as assigned by the Council.
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The Executive Committee also decided that students can appear three times in the exam and best of three score would be taken as final result.

Further, the Executive Committee after detailed deliberations fixed NATA Fees as under:

1. Single attempt	:	Rs.2,000/-
2. Two attempts	:	Rs.3,800/-
3. Three Attempts	:	Rs.5,500/-
4. Students belonging SC/ST and PWD Category	:	Rs.1700/- (Single attempt) , Rs.3100/- (Two Attempts) Rs.4,800/- (Three attempts)
5. Candidates at Dubai Centre	:	Rs.10,000/- (Single attempt) Rs.18,000/- (Two attempts) Rs. 25,000/- (Three attempts)

ITEM NO.5 TO CONSIDER FINALISING DATE FOR CONDUCT OF FINAL JURY AND AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURAL THESIS - UG AND PG.

The Chairman informed the members that the Council is organising Awards for Excellence in Architectural Thesis at UG and PG level every year for promoting innovation and research in Architectural Education & Profession as well as providing a national platform to students to showcase their education, training & skills.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that Awards programme be conducted in January 2020 coinciding the Full Council Meeting.




The Chairman informed the members that some institutions at Mumbai/Pune are willing to host the Thesis Awards Programme and IIA has also volunteered to host the Dinner. Therefore, it is proposed to have Council meeting on 10th and 11th January, 2020 and the Thesis Awards Programme would be held during these dates.

ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER NO.4-65/2016-TS.VI DATED 02.08.2019 RECEIVED FROM MHRD, GOVT. OF INDIA IN RESPONSE TO COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AS PRESCRIBED IN THE COA 1983 MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS.

The Chairman informed the members that in terms of the decision of the Council taken at its 71st Meeting held on 27.07.2019, the Council vide its letter dated 30.07.2019 requested the MHRD to approve further amendments in the eligibility criteria as prescribed in the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983. In response the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, vide letter dated 02.08.2019, informed that the Competent Authority of the Ministry has not agreed to the proposal of the Council to revise the eligibility criteria.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided to constitute a Sub-Committee with following Members :

1. Ar. Ashutosh Kumar Agarwal, Convenor
2. Ar. Arnab Das Gupta, Member and
3. Ar. A. R. Ramanathan, Member

The Terms of Reference of the Sub-Committee shall be as under :

1. To study and examine the feasibility of incorporation of I.B. Diploma as one of the eligibility including the requirement of having studied chemistry for admission to B.Arch. Course;
2. To work out a proposal in which Architecture as a subject in lieu of any other subject be given weightage/incentive in admission to B. Arch. Course.
3. To study and review the syllabus prepared by the Council for "Architecture" as an elective subject at 10+2 level.
4. Any other matter which the Committee feels relevant in the matter.

The Committee shall submit its report within a month to the Council.

ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER FOR ISSUANCE OF WORK ORDER FOR INTERIOR/ RENOVATION OF COA OFFICE SPACE AT NBCC PLACE, OKHLA, NEW DELHI, TO THE SELECTED TENDERER.

The Members were informed that the Council has purchased an office space in the year 2015 from the NBCC at NBCC Place, Okhla, New Delhi. The Council has issued a Tender for interior/ renovation of the office space so that it can be



put into use. In response 3 bids/ tenders have been received. M/s. Intermerc, New Delhi offered lowest bid/rates.

The Executive Committee deliberated in the detail in the matter and also perused the design/ plan prepared by M/s. Babbar & Babbar Architects in the matter. The Committee discussed the plan in the detail and noted that the same needs revision to suit the requirements of the Council office and Training and Research Centre.

The Executive Committee decided that the Office Space at Okhla shall house the staff presently at 4A IHC and also TRC of the Council. The President and Administrative office along other support staff shall work from 6A IHC Office, provision for the Registrar office has to be at both the places.

The EC also decided that the CoA will use re-cyclable material/ environment friendly material for interior/renovation of the office and also expenditure to be incurred for the renovation / interior work shall be done as per approved budget.

The Committee, therefore, decided that the EOI issued by the Council for interior/renovation work of the CoA office at Okhla may be cancelled at the earliest and M/s. Babbar & Babbar Architects be asked to prepare the revised plan and based on the same a revised tender be issued for selection of a contractor for interior/ renovation of the office space at Okhla.

The EC decided that the requirements for the Okhla premises should be altered by adding the COA-TRC activities there and removing the President's and other offices from there. It was also pointed that the entrance lobby was too small and needed to be redesigned for participants of TRC who would be large in numbers.

It was also decided to refurbish the office at IHC. The process of appointment of a consultant for the same has to be either by requesting some well-known or renowned architect to design or have a design competition for the same. The Chairman was given the authority to decide on the same.

ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER THE REPLY SENT BY COA ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY FRAMED BY THE MINISTRY OF HRD, GOVT. OF INDIA AND TO CONSIDER THE TEXT/ REPRESENTATION PREPARED BY THE TASK FORCE CONSTITUTED BY THE PRESIDENT, COA, IN THE MATTER.

The Chairman informed the members that he has constituted a task force comprising of Ar. Pushkar Kanvinde, Convenor, Ar. Abhay Purohit, Member, Ar. J. Manoharan, Member, Ar. Arvind Ahirwar, Member, Ar. Ashutosh Kumar Agarwal, Member for preparing concise representation on behalf of the Council on the Draft National Education Policy.

Executive Committee perused the views/ suggestions sent by the Council on Draft National Education Policy to the MHRD vide letter dated 19.09.2019 and



also perused the concise text/ representation prepared by the Task force and appreciated the work done by the them.

The Committee after deliberations decided that the representation prepared by the Committee needs modifications in view of recent judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Since the last date of submission of views/ suggestions was nearing the Chairman was authorized to finalize the same and send to the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India for their consideration.

ITEM NO.9 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PROGRESS OF PRINTING AND PUBLICATION OF COUNCIL'S DIRECTORY OF ARCHITECTS AND HANDBOOK OF PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENTS, ETC.

The Chairman informed the members that the Council publishes a Directory of Architects and Handbook of Professional Documents once in two years. These documents were last published in the year 2015 and could not be published in the year 2017 due to non-availability of advertisements/sponsors to meet the cost of publications.

The members were also informed that tenders were issued for selection of vendors for printing and publishing the Directory of Architects 2019 and Handbook of Professional Documents and work was awarded to lowest bidders i.e. M/s.HT Media Ltd., Greater Noida, UP, for Directory of Architects and M/s.Mittal Enterprises, Delhi, for Handbook of Professional Documents. The cost of these documents would be met out of the revenue received through advertisements received from Building Material and related Companies/ Institutions. The printing and publications of both the documents is in process and a final dummy file is expected shortly.

The Executive Committee noted the progress made in the matter and suggested that Photographs of Council members be also inserted.

ITEM NO.10 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE ORDER DATED 21.10.2019 OF HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA IN SLP (C) No.24702 OF 2019 FILED BY COA AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 04.06.2019 OF HON'BLE MADRAS HIGH COURT IN WRIT PETITION NO.34676 OF 2018 FILED BY T.A.S.A.

The Chairman informed the members that the Academic Society of Architects (TASA) has filed a writ petition No.34676 of 2018 in the Madras High Court challenging the decision of the Council to inspect and grant approval to the architectural institutions as per the COA 2017 Minimum Standards which are yet to approved by the Central Government.

The Chairman further informed the members that the Council has filed an SLP before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the Hon'ble Court has issued notices to the Respondents vide its order dated 21.10.2019. The Executive Committee decided that the application may be filed before Hon'ble Supreme Court for interim relief in the matter.



The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter decided that the Central Government be requested to expedite its approval to the 2017 Regulations and till such time 1983 Regulations shall be applicable to Institutions.

ITEM NO.11 TO CONSIDER REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH CONDUCTED COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC REVIEW FOR PREVIOUS UNAPPROVED B.ARCH. BATCHES ADMITTED BY OR08- DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AT-SARANG, PO-IGIT, DIST-DHENUKANAL ODISHA.

The Chairman informed the members the Council of Architecture had appointed an Academic Review Committee to conduct Comprehensive Academic Review for the previous B.Arch. batches admitted by OR08 - Department of Architecture & Planning Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology At-Sarang, PO-IGIT, Dist-Dhenukanal, Odisha, without the valid approval of the Council of Architecture during academic sessions 2014-2015 (29 students) & 2015-2016 (34 students) so that their regularization could be considered.

The Executive Committee perused the report of inspectors and noted that several shortcomings have been noticed by the Committee.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that the concerned University/ Institution be informed that they were mandatorily required to seek approval of the Council for imparting B.Arch. Course but they failed to do so and report of the Comprehensive Academic Review also observed shortage of senior faculty and recommended for re-submission of student's design thesis.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter desired to seek a legal opinion on what remedies can be offered to these students including conduct of exit test. The Executive Committee also decided that the University may be asked not to award degree to these students till further communication from the Council.

ITEM NO.12 TO CONSIDER REQUEST(S) RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTION(S) IMPARTING B.ARCH. COURSE FOR CLOSURE OF INSTITUTION FROM ACADEMIC SESSION 2019-2020.

The Executive Committee noted that TN14, Salem School of Architecture, Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar, Engineering College Campus, has requested the Council for its closure and also deposited the prescribed charges of Rs.5 lakh.

The Executive Committee after deliberations appointed a two-member Committee of Ar. J. Manoharan, Member and Ar. Jaya Laxmi, Member, to visit the institution and talk to students and faculty members if they have any objection to the closure and also visit the institutions where students would seek







admission if it has the necessary faculty and infrastructure facilities for accommodating extra students. Further, the Executive Committee also decided that institution shall submit NOC from University and also consent from students.

Accordingly, the decision of the Council be informed to the concerned institution.

ITEM NO.13 FINALISATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 71ST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The Chairman informed the members that the Minutes of the 71st Meeting of the Council held on 27.07.2019 were circulated to the members in the Month of September 2019 and views/ comments on several Items have been received from the Council Members.

He further informed that he has reviewed the Minutes and a comparative statement is prepared for kind perusal of the Members. The members perused the comparative statement of the Minutes as annexed with the Agenda and approved the same.

ITEM NO.14 TO DISCUSS THE CONDUCT OF TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAMME/ SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME AND PUBLICATIONS WORK BEING CARRIED OUT FROM COATRC, PUNE.

The Chairman informed the members that he had discussions with the Prof. Jayashree Deshpande, Director, COATRC Pune and has approved the programme already scheduled by the TRC, Pune.

The Executive Committee also decided that President and Vice President shall visit COA TRC Pune at the earliest to take stock of the various programme and activities there, and discuss the future plans with Ar. Jayshree Deshpande, Director, TRC, Pune.

ITEM NO.15 TO DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS & OTHER CONSULTANTS ON VARIOUS BODIES.

The Chairman informed the members that Council is required to make its nominations on various bodies institutions like AICTE, SPAs, Municipal Bodies/ Authorities etc., and also for Jury Members in Architectural Competitions for selection/ appointment of Architects etc.

The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter decided that a complete list of nominees of the Council be placed before it for appropriate consideration.

ITEM NO.16 STAFF APPOINTED ON REGULAR BASIS RECENTLY IN COA AND PROCEDURES OF APPOINTMENT.

The Executive Committee noted that some staff has been appointed on regular basis in the Council and their details were placed in the 71st meeting held on



27.07.2019. Some of the members raised regarding pay scale etc. given to these employees.

The Executive Committee directed that pay scales given to the above employees may be mentioned in the minutes of the Council. The Executive Committee further decided that the process and qualifications provided under the Recruitment Rules of the Council be followed strictly for recruitment of employees in the Council.

ITEM NO.17 TO DISCUSS THE RESPONSIBILITY & LAIBILITY OF COUNCIL TOWARDS CPF TRUST MEANT FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNCIL.

The Registrar informed the members that Council of Architecture is not having pension for its employees and has adopted the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme since its inception.

The Council is required to contribute 10% of the basic of the employees and similar deductions are made from the salary of employee and the rate of interest is paid as per the declaration/ announcements made by the Central Government from time to time.

Though the Funds were managed by the Council in a separate account which is duly audited every year by the auditors of the Council yet as required no separate Trust was registered to manage the said funds.

As per the legal advice, a Trust Deed was got prepared and the same was approved by the Executive Committee and now the same has also been registered in the Sub-Registrar, NCT of Delhi, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. It was also decided that after completion of process of registration, a new bank account shall be opened in the name of CPF Trust and would be operated by the office bearers of the trust and President or any other member from the council will not be a signatory to the trust account.

The Executive Committee after deliberations decided that one Council Member, namely, nominee of CPWD, shall be ex-officio Member of the Trust apart from other Trustees as stated in the Trust Deed. The Trust be got recognized from the concerned authorities and all required procedures be followed.

ITEM NO.18 TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF NEW WEBSITE OF COUNCIL & EXISTING IT COMMITTEE.

The Chairman informed the members that the Council constituted a Sub-Committee on Information Technology in order to look into the IT needs including makeover of website of the Council and suggest measures for the same. The Committee consists of Ar. Alok Ranjan, Convenor, Ar. Mala Mohan, Member, Ar. Ashutosh Kumar Agarwal, Member, Ar. Shamit Manchanda, Expert (Special Invitee) and Ar. Anand Bhatt, Expert (Special Invitee).



In order to make the website of the Council more user friendly and informative and maintenance of database on latest softwares, the Council issued a Tender and also appointed the successful tenderer to carry out the work. The Executive Committee perused the Tender Document and Work Order issued to the concerned tenderer.

The Chairman informed the members that he had discussions with the vendor and has seen presentation. He has already done the designing/ planning of the software and now requires data from Council for implementation and making it live.

The Committee deliberated in detail in the matter and stressed on maximum use of IT tools in the working of the Council and decided that the work of website be got completed at the earliest.

The Executive Committee also discussed that the interface design of the Council website should also be changed. The standard templates offered by the NIC on gov portal were discussed and one of the templates was finalised. The vendor was asked to give a quote of the same and further procedure to be followed as per norms.

The First day meeting was adjourned for the next day with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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SECOND DAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 2019 OF 207TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

PRESENT :

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| 1. Ar. Habeeb Khan | : | Chairman, in Chair |
| 2. Ar. Sapna | : | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Ar. N. K. Negi | : | Member |
| 4. Ar. Kapil Setia | : | Member |
| 5. Ar. Ramesh Kumar | : | Member |
| 6. Ar. Bansan Singh | : | Member |
| 7. Ar. Sadiq Ali D.A. | : | Member |

In Attendance :

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED ON SECOND DAY (13TH NOVEMBER, 2019):

ITEM NO.19 TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE NORMS TO BE APPLIED FOR INSPECTIONS OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2021.

The Chairman informed the members that Council is required to inspect the architectural institutions for monitoring the compliance of the minimum standards prescribed for imparting recognized qualifications and granting intake of students to the concerned institutions.

For the academic session 2019-2020, the colleges were inspected as per Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of 2017, however, the Hon'ble Madras High Court vide its order dated 04.06.2019 has restrained the Council from implementing the 2017 norms. The Council has also filed an SLP (C) No.24702 of 2019 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the Hon'ble Court in its hearing held on 21.10.2019, has issued notice to the Respondents.

The Council deliberated in detail in the matter and resolved that as under:

Resolution No:258

Resolved that :

- i) All the existing architectural institutions be asked to furnish online information in prescribed format in accordance with CoA Minimum



Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 1983 and accordingly be inspected as and when required;

- ii) All new proposals for imparting B.Arch. Course be invited as per 1983 standards and accordingly be assessed as per 1983 norms only; and
- iii) The Central Government be requested to expedite its approval to the 2017 Regulations so that the institutions are inspected as per current norms and standards.

Further, the Executive Committee decided that necessary changes be made in the software and immediate steps be taken for availing support and maintenance of the online portal from NIC so that the work is carried out smoothly and without glitches.

The Executive Committee also perused Panel of Inspectors and decided that the same needs review. The Committee also decided that all Council members be requested to suggest 3-4 names of Architects having atleast 10 years of experience in practice/ teaching and of upmost integrity for inclusion in the Panel of Inspectors for inspecting Architectural Institutions.

The Executive Committee also decided to re-constitute the Scrutiny Committee for scrutinizing the inspection reports and information furnished by the architectural institutions as under :

- 1. Dr. Kavita D. Rao, Convenor;
- 2. Ar. Gajanand Ram, Member;
- 3. Ar. Arvind Ahirwar, Member;
- 4. Ar. Chandan Parab, Member; and
- 5. Ar. Nilakshi Sharma, Member

ITEM NO.20 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR CONDUCT OF INSPECTIONS OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS FOR IMPARTING RECOGNISED ARCHITECTURAL QUALIFICATIONS.

The Executive Committee perused the Draft Academic Calendar as annexed with the Agenda and after deliberations and discussions approved the same and directed that the same be placed on the website of the Council and all Institutions be also informed.

A copy of the approved Academic Calendar for the academic session 2020-2021 is enclosed herewith as Appendix-A.

ITEM NO.21 TO CONSIDER THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.

The Executive Committee perused the Council's proposal for Comprehensive Amendments to the Architects Act, 1972, clause by clause. While, the Executive



Committee concurred with the most of the amendments, it decided that the proposal be got re-examined in view of the recent Supreme Court Judgement dated 08.11.2019 and the National Education Policy of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

ITEM NO.22 TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES RELATED TO COATRC AT BHUBANESWAR BHOPAL AND BENGALURU.

The Executive Committee deliberated in detail on the functioning and setting up of TRCs at Bhubaneswar, Bhopal and Bengaluru. The Committee directed that a detailed chronological summary, since inception of each TRC to till date, be prepared including expenditure incurred by the Council for setting up and running each of the TRCs.

The Executive Committee desired that the TRC of the Council should act as centre of excellence and provide for academic upgradation. Further, the Executive Committee constituted a Sub-Committee to prepare DPR for Training & Research Centre of the Council :

1. Prof. Pushkar Kanvinde, Convenor
2. Ar. Prakash Deshmukh, Member
3. Prof. Prasanna Desai, Member
4. Prof. Jayashree, Deshpande, Director, COATRC, Member

The Sub-Committee shall also undertake following :

1. To suggest academic upgradation to meet international standards;
2. To review and audit the process of activities of TRC;
3. To establish feedback mechanism in the TRCs.

The Executive Committee also decided that each TRC will have a Director and a Mentor who will be senior architect/ academician. Further, the Executive Committee decided to constitute a Steering Committee, which will monitor the functioning of all TRCs of the Council;

1. President, CoA, Chairman
2. Vice President, Vice-Chairman
3. Ar. N K Negi, Convenor
4. Ar. Kavita Daryani Rao, Member
5. Ar. Prem Chandravakar, Special Invitee
6. Ar. Durganand Balsawar, Special Invitee
7. Ar. A. Srivathsan, Special Invitee
8. Ar. Jayashree Deshpande, Director, TRC, Pune to act as Secretary to the Steering Committee.

The Executive Committee authorized the Chairman to constitute committee/sub-committee and to nominate members as deemed fit. It was also decided to have a special zone for the North East under the guidance of Ar.



Bansan Singh Thangkhiew. The east zone would consist of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Orissa states also.

ITEM NO.23 TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF MANIFESTO AND FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION BY THE COUNCIL.

The Executive Committee discussed and deliberated several issues concerning professional and education which were part of election manifesto of the team for betterment of function of the Council and for architectural education and profession in the country and noted that the process has already been initiated.

ITEM NO.24 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMITTEE.

The Chairman briefed the members that the Executive Committee of the Council constituted Administrative Reforms Committee to look in to the alleged irregularities in the appointment of Shri R. K. Oberoi as Registrar, COA and suggest/ recommend on Administrative Reforms in the functioning of COA office. The Committee submitted its report to the then President, COA, for further action in the November 2017. The then President after expiry of his term as President and Member of the Council forwarded the said report to the MHRD. The MHRD vide its letter dated 19.11.2018 forwarded the same to Council for further necessary action.

The letter dated 19.11.2018 was considered by the Executive Committee and it was decided to seek original report from the Members involved in the Committee including the former President, COA. Whereas Ar. Ranee Vedomuthu, Convenor and Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta, Member informed that the report was handed over to the then President, COA; no communication was received from Mr. C. B. Mishra, Sr. Consultant who was third member of the Committee and also from the former President, COA, Ar. B. R. Nayak.

The issue was again discussed in the 197th meeting of Executive Committee held on 21.11.2018 and 201st Meeting held 05.04.2019 and it was decided by the Executive Committee, that in absence of original report matter cannot be considered till such time original report in placed on record.

The Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that since the Convenor of the Committee Ar. Ranee Vedomuthu has signed the photocopy of the complete report, the Council may proceed with further necessary action in the matter.

ITEM NO.25 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

I) EXTENSION OF CONTRACTUAL APPONTMENT OF SHRI J. P. DHAUNDIYAL.

The Chairman informed the members that Shri J. P. Dhaundiyl was appointed as Consultant (PR) w.e.f. from 26.11.2018 on a consolidated



salary of Rs.30,000/- per month initially for a period of 6 months and his appointment has been extended from time to time. His last extension was done upto 25.11.2019.

The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and also held personal interaction with Shri J. P. Dhaundiyal and decided that his contractual appointment be extended for further period of 6 months. Shri J.P. Dhaundiyal would be required to ensure Council's presence and updated information on social media including Newspapers, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, etc. He is also required to make a media and PR policy for the Council for consideration of the Executive Committee.

II) APPOINTMENT OF A FINANCIAL ADVISER.

The Executive Committee noted that the Council is undertaking various activities and incurring expenditure to run its affairs. To improve the financial efficiency and evaluate and analyses the various activities/expenditure.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations decided to appoint a Financial Adviser on Honorary basis without any remuneration. However, the advisor shall be entitled for travel and Accommodation during his visit to Council twice a month. The term of the Advisor would be co-terminus with the term of current President, COA. President suggested the name of Ar. Sunil Digwekar as Financial Advisor on no remuneration basis, which was approved by the Executive Committee.

III) TO CONSIDER THE REQUESTS MADE BY TCS FOR RELEASE OF THEIR BALANCE PAYMENT REGARDING CONDUCT OF NATA 2018.

The Chairman informed the members that the representatives of TCS company which conduct online NATA 2018 Test on behalf of the Council have met him for release their balance payment. The Council withheld their payment consequent upon noticing lapse in their services and non-receipt of complete drawings sheets of students.

The Chairman also informed that the representatives of the TCS has agreed that their 5% payment may be retained towards deficiency of service which was caused in the conduct of examination and rest of the payment may be released to them.

The Chairman also informed the Executive Committee that various meetings of negotiations were held with the representatives of the TCS. The EC approved the 5% deduction offered by the TCS representative as final settlement.



IV) CONSTITUTION OF TASK FORCE ON PROFESSIONAL ISSUES:

The Executive Committee deliberated in detail and noted that there are several professional issues affecting architects and needs immediate intervention of the Council. The Executive Committee, therefore, constituted a Sub-Committee of following members:

1. Ar. Ashutosh Kumar Agarwal; Convenor
2. Ar. Kapil Setia; Member
3. Ar. Chandan Parab; Member ; and
4. Ar. P. S. Rajeev, Member

The terms of reference of Sub-Committee are as under :

- i) To prepare procurement policy for appointment of Architects in Govt. Departments the present context; and
- ii) To consider the Professional Documents of the Council, namely, Conditions of Engagement and Scale of Charges for Architectural Services, Urban Design, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture, Architectural Competition Guidelines and Architect's Professional Liability. Etc.
- iii) The Sub-Committee shall complete its assignment within 2 months.

V) CONSTITUTION OF FIVE ZONAL COMMITTEES:

The Executive Committee decided to constitute 5 zonal committees (East, West, North, Central and South) to help the Council in establishing its outreach in each and every corner of the country and address the concerns of concerned stake holders.

The Executive Committee authorized the Chairman to constitute committee/sub-committee/Zonal Committees.

It was also decided to take up the matter with few organizations who have come forward to host these programs on no cost basis to the Council and with full organizational autonomy to council.

The Chairman informed that one such organization namely FoAid has come forward for this. The Registrar was requested to work out the details in the matter and put up before the EC for approval.

VI) IMPLEMENTATION OF E-OFFICE SOFTWARE OF NIC IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL

The Executive Committee noted that NIC is providing e-office service for the Govt. of Depts/ Undertakings, the Council may also request them to provide the e-office software to make the office paperless and reduce maintaining of large files/ records.



VII) AUTHORISATION TO CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO TAKE DECISION ON SURPRISE INSPECTIONS.

The Executive Committee authorized the Chairman to appoint inspection teams for conduct of surprise inspections by the Council.

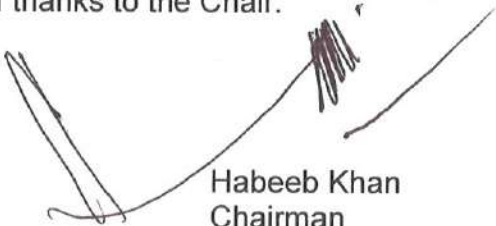
VIII) TO APPOINT A FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE ON THE COMPLAINT OF SHRI R. RAMARAJU REGARDING AR. VIJAY GARG, AS GHOST STUDENT OF M.D. UNIVERSITY.

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 16.09.2019, received from Shri R. Ramaraju, Chennai, regarding conduct of elections for the heads of architectural institutions and also enclosing therewith a complaint against Ar. Vijay Garg, regarding undertaking M.Arch. Degree course from M.D. University in regular full-time mode without attending a single class.

The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter decided to appoint a Fact-Finding Committee and authorized the Chairman to appoint appropriate expert (s) on the Committee.

The meeting ended at 3.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


R. K. Oberoi
Registrar – Secretary


Habib Khan
Chairman
Executive Committee





Council of Architecture

Dated : 13th November, 2019

ACADEMIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APPROVAL PROCESS OF ARCHITECTURE COURSES FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2021

Event	Last date for Application	Charges for Application	Extended date with Penalty	Last date for issue of LOI	Period of Inspection	Last date for communicating approval/ refusal	Last date for receipt of Review application
Application for Extension of Approval by existing institutions due for inspection	15 th January, 2020	Rs.1 Lakh per Course	24 th January, 2020 with penalty of Rs.10,000/-	-	31 st January to 15 th March, 2020	15 th April, 2020	15 th May, 2020
Application for Additional Intake by existing institutions	15 th January, 2020	Rs.2.50 Lakh (40 intake)	24 th January, 2020 with penalty of Rs.25,000/-	31 st January, 2020	15 th February to 31 st March, 2020	30 th April, 2020	15 th May, 2020
Application for introduction of PG course (M.Arch.) by existing institutions	30 th December, 2019	Rs.2 Lakh per course (20 intake)	15 th January, 2020 with penalty of Rs.25,000/-	31 st January, 2020	15 th February to 31 st March, 2020	30 th April, 2020	15 th May, 2020
Application for introduction of UG course (B.Arch.) by new institutions	30 th December, 2019	Rs.5 Lakh for 40 intake only	15 th January, 2020 with penalty of Rs.25,000/-	31 st January, 2020	15 th February to 31 st March, 2020	30 th April, 2020	15 th May, 2020

Note: 1. The Classes for B.Arch. shall commence latest by September 1, 2020.

2. Applications for introduction of UG course (B.Arch.) and additional intake shall be accepted by the Council only for an intake of 40.

3. Applications for additional intake shall be accepted only from institutions which have been imparting B.Arch. course for a minimum period of 3 years (i.e. at least 3 batches at the institution).

4. Any new institution applying for introduction of B.Arch. may apply for withdrawal of application before inspection with charges of Rs.50,000/-.
