

MINUTES OF THE 224th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON THURSDAY, 29th OCTOBER 2020 AT 6.00 P.M., ONLINE THROUGH ZOOM APPLICATION.

PRESENT:

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| 1. Ar. Habeeb Khan | : Chairman |
| 2. Ar. Sapna | : Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Ar. N. K. Negi | : Member |
| 4. Ar. Kapil Setia | : Member |
| 5. Ar. Bansan Singh Thangkhiew | : Member |
| 6. Ar. Ramesh Kumar | : Member |

Ar. Sadiq Ali, Member, could not join the meeting.

In attendance:

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| 1. Shri R.K. Oberoi | : Registrar-Secretary |
| 2. Shri Deepak Kumar | : Administrative Officer |
| 3. Shri Deepak Kumar Singh | : Asst. Administrative Officer |

The Chairman welcomed the members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for the meeting. The Chairman informed the members that this meeting was convened at a short notice as certain urgent matters have to be discussed.

ITEM NO.01	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 221st, 222nd AND 223rd MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that Minutes of the 221st, 222nd and 223rd Meeting of the Executive Committee were circulated to the members on 22nd October 2020 and no comments were received from the Members.</p> <p>The Committee after perusing the Minutes of the 221st, 222nd and 223rd Meeting of the Executive Committee confirmed and approved the same.</p>
ITEM NO.02	ACTION TAKEN REPORT (ATR) ON THE MINUTES OF THE 221st, 222nd AND 223rd MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
i)	221st Meeting ATR :
	<p>The Executive Committee perused the ATR on 221st meeting of EC and while discussing Item No.9, it was decided that the Comprehensive Academic Review (CAR) of the BIT, Ranchi, be undertaken at the earliest.</p> <p>The Committee also requested the Registrar Secretary to arrange for sharing the format of CAR with all EC members.</p>

ii)	222nd Meeting ATR :
	<p>The Executive Committee perused the ATR on 222nd meeting of EC and while discussing Item No.8, the Committee directed that a Chart of all the government institutions with the available faculty details be prepared so that the same may be submitted to the Ministry of Education, Government of Indian and the concerned State Governments for necessary action in the matter.</p> <p>Further, the Committee desired that NATA 2020 Coordination Committee may be requested to provide the report on performance of Ginger Web Pvt. Ltd. towards conduct of NATA 2020 Examination online and to point out the deficiencies noticed in its services since the Committee was directly involved in monitoring the conduct of examination.</p>
iii)	223rd Meeting ATR :
	<p>The Executive Committee perused the ATR on 223rd meeting of EC and while perusing Item No.5, requested the Chairman to finalize the renovation plan of the office of the Council at NBCC Place, Okhla, New Delhi, so that the same can completed at the earliest.</p> <p>Further, the Committee while perusing the Item No.6 stressed that an academic schedule for completing course curriculum of the first semester and second semester of 16 week may be prepared so that the same may be sent to all Institutions/Universities as advisory.</p>
ITEM NO.3	TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE ENQUIRY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO ENQUIRE INTO THE MASS CHEATING ORGANISED BY PARUL UNIVERSITY, VADODARA IN NATA 2020 EXAMINATION.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that an Enquiry Committee consisting of Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta, Ar. Ranee Vedamuthu, Ar. Mala Mohan and Ar. Persi Engineer to enquire into the role of Parul University, Vadodara, in organizing mass cheating in NATA 2020 examination conducted by the Council.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the report of the Committee and expressed its serious concern in the matter. The Committee after deliberations in the matter resolved as under :</p> <p>Resolution No.264</p> <p>Resolved that :</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Parul University, Vadodara, be provided a copy of the Report of the Enquiry Committee; ii) The University be issued show cause notice for : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) For reduction of intake in B.Arch. course to zero for the academic session 2020-21; b) For barring the Institution from making admission to B.Arch. Course from academic session 2021-2022 onwards; c) A penalty of Rs.5 Lacs (Five Lacs Only) be imposed on the institution so as to make it a deterrent for any other person/ institution to get themselves involved in such illegal, unethical and criminal activities. d) Or any other action as Executive Committee may deem fit. iii) A complaint be lodged against faculty members of the Parul University for professional misconduct before the Council;and iv) Any other action as recommended by the Enquiry Committee be taken in the matter.
ITEM NO.4	TO CONSIDER THE REPLY RECEIVED FROM HR-11–GANGA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE & TOWN PLANNING, JHAJJAR.
	<p>As desired by the Executive Committee at its 223rd meeting held on 15thOctober 2020, a comparative chart stating the findings of the surprise inspection report, response received from the institution in response to show cause notice by the Council and the requirements as per the norms of the Council, was placed before the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The Committee noticed that Bank Statement of the Institution regarding payment of salary to faculty members has not been received.</p> <p>The Committee, therefore, deferred the matter to its next meeting.</p>
ITEM NO.5	TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR REVIEW OF THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF PROPOSALS FOR COMMENCEMENT OF NEW ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS– INTRODUCTION OF B.ARCH. COURSE FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2021.
	<p>The Chairman, informed the members that in its last meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided that the institutions which have applied for the introduction of B.Arch. Course for the Academic Session 2020-2021 and whose application have been rejected, they may be provided one opportunity of hearing as some of the institutions have approached court of law against the decision of the Council.The Committee also decided that concerned institution(s) be informed that they will be inspected online on a given date and time.</p>

	<p>Accordingly, the Council received Review Applications from 10 institutions. These institutions were inspected online by a Committee of Ar. Kavita D. Rao and Ar. Pushkar Kanvinde, as appointed by the Chairman, Executive Committee.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after perusing the Review Applications and Inspection reports decided as under:</p>
	<p>1.APP/N/JK/2020/2484 Islamic University of Science & Technology, Pulwama, J & K</p>
	<p>The Executive Committee accorded approval to the institution for imparting B.Arch. Course for the academic session 2020-20201 with an intake of 40, subject to appointment of requisite faculty before the commencement of classes.</p>
	<p>2.APP/N/KL/2020/2592 DC School of Architecture and design, Trivandrum</p>
	<p>The Executive Committee accorded approval to the institution for imparting B.Arch. Course for the academic session 2020-20201 with an intake of 40, subject to appointment of requisite faculty before the commencement of classes.</p>
	<p>3.APP/N/KL/2020/2656 MGM School Of Architecture, Ernakulam</p>
	<p>The Executive Committee noted that the required infrastructure facilities and faculty is not available in the Institution and therefore rejected the proposal of the Institution for imparting B.Arch. Course.</p>
	<p>4.APP/N/KL/2020/2659 MGM College of Architecture, Mallapuram</p>
	<p>The Executive Committee noted that the required infrastructure facilities and faculty is not available in the Institution and therefore rejected the proposal of the Institution for imparting B.Arch. Course.</p>
	<p>5.APP/N/WB/2020/2651 Sister Nivedita University, Kolkatta</p>
	<p>The Executive Committee accorded approval to the institution for imparting B.Arch. Course for the academic session 2020-20201 with an intake of 40, subject to appointment of requisite faculty before the commencement of classes.</p>

	6.APP/N/AP/2020/2123 YVR COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, Vishakhapatnam
	The Executive Committee noted that the required infrastructure facilities and faculty is not available in the Institution and therefore rejected the proposal of the Institution for imparting B.Arch. Course.
	7.APP/N/MH/2020/2126 Universal College of Architecture, Palghar, Maharashtra
	The Executive Committee accorded approval to the institution for imparting B.Arch. Course for the academic session 2020-20201 with an intake of 40, subject to appointment of requisite faculty before the commencement of classes.
	8.APP/N/MP/2020/2654 School of Design, Sri Satya SaiUniversity of Technology and MedicalSciences, Bhopal
	The Executive Committee accorded approval to the institution for imparting B.Arch. Course for the academic session 2020-20201 with an intake of 40, subject to appointment of requisite faculty before the commencement of classes.
	9.APP/N/MH/2020/2263 S.S.P ShikshanSansthas Siddhi Collegeof Architecture, Pune
	The Executive Committee noted that the required infrastructure facilities and faculty is not available in the Institution and therefore rejected the proposal of the Institution for imparting B.Arch. Course.
	10.APP/N/KA/2020/2200 GSSS School of Architecture For Women, Mysuru
	The Executive Committee accorded approval to the institution for imparting B.Arch. Course for the academic session 2020-20201 with an intake of 40, subject to appointment of requisite faculty before the commencement of classes.
	The Executive Committee decided that all the institutions granted approval by the Council will be inspected by the Council and the details shown by them in their online inspection be verified and hence the video recording of the online inspection be preserved in the records of the respective inspection.

ITEM NO.6	TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF MH99-RAMESH PHIRODIA COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, AHMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA FOR GRANT OF EXTENSION OF APPROVAL FOR B.ARCH. COURSE FOR 2020-2021.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Executive Committee in its 222nd meeting held on 28th September, 2020, while considering the request of MH99-Ramesh Phirodia College of Architecture, Ahmednagar, for grant of extension of approval for the academic session 2020-2021, decided that Ar. Gauri Nitin Shiurkar and Prof. Jayshree Deshpande may conduct surprise inspection of the institution to confirm the list of faculty members submitted by the institution and submit their report at the earliest.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the surprise inspection report of the Institution and noted serious shortage of faculty. The Committee after deliberations decided to grant extension of approval with an intake of 20 students for the academic session 2020-2021, subject to compliance with the norms of the Council.</p>
ITEM NO.6	TO CONSIDER THE COMPLIANCE RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTION(S) IN RESPECT OF M.ARCH. DEGREE COURSE.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Executive Committee in its previous meetings directed some institutions for submission of their compliance with the norms of the Council for considering their proposal for imparting M.Arch. Degree Course.</p> <p>The Executive Committee considered the compliance submitted by the institutions and decided as under :</p>
	1. GA01, Goa College of Architecture Campal, Panaji:
	The Executive Committee after perusing the concerned records decided that the Institution be asked to inform the status of appointment of faculty.
	2. GJ09, Shri GijubhaiChhaganbhai Patel Institute of Architecture, Interior Design and Fine Arts
	The Executive Committee noted that there is no professor in the Institution and therefore decided to reject the request of the Institution to impart M.Arch. Course.
	3. WB05, Om Dayal School of Architecture
	The Executive Committee noted that institution lacks the required faculty and therefore decided to reject the request of the Institution to impart M.Arch. Course.

	4. WB06, Techno India University School of Architecture
	The Executive Committee noted that the Institution has not identified the required faculty for PG course as per COA Norms, therefore, decided to reject the request of the Institution to impart M.Arch. Course.
ITEM NO.7	ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.
I)	TO CONSIDER REQUEST RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTION IMPARTING B.ARCH. COURSE FOR CLOSURE OF INSTITUTION FROM ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2021.
	<p>The Executive Committee perused the communications received from MH112, Ashokrao Mane College of Architecture, VatharTarf Vadgaon Vathar Tarf Vadgaon, Tal- Hatkanangale, Kolhapur Maharashtra, for closure of the Institution.</p> <p>The Committee noted that last year no student was admitted by the Institution and the Institution has also deposited the prescribed charges of Rs.5 lakh to Council.</p> <p>The Committee after deliberations in the matter approved the closure of the Institution from the academic session 2020-2021.</p>
II)	TO RATIFY THE CONSTITUTION OF SUB-COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERING THE COA'S MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS, 2020 IN LINES WITH THE NEW NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY (NEP).
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that he has constituted a Sub-Committee consisting of Ar. Pushkar Kanwinde, Convenor, Ar. Vandana Sehgal, Member and Ar. Durganand Balsawar, Ar. Jeet Gupta, Ar. A. Srivathsan, Ar. Ujwala Chakradeo, Ar. Persi Rusi Engineer, Ar. Mamatha P. Raj, Ar. Binumol Tom, Ar. Sanjeev Singh, Ar. Rupinder Singh as special invitees.</p> <p>The terms of reference of the Sub-Committee are as under :</p> <p>i) To assess current status of Architecture education and building community, explore and evaluate various options and consulting various stakeholders (Academicians, management, professionals, students, etc); and</p> <p>ii) to elaborate Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020 and prepare the Suggestive</p>

	<p>roadmap or handbook which may assist and guide Architecture Education institutions in the process of adapting to New Education Policy 2020.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter ratified the decision taken by the Chairman, Executive Committee and desired that the Sub-Committee should submit its report within 2 months.</p>
<p>III)</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 01.06.2020, SUBMITTED BY AR. VIJAY GARG REGARDING MISUSE OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.</p>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that Ar. Vijay Garg, vide his letter dated 21.04.2020 and 01.06.2020 has submitted his reply in response to the letter dated 04.04.2020 issued by the Council regarding misuse of office of the President, Council of Architecture, to favour HR11-Ganga Institute of Architecture & Town Planning, Jhajjar, Haryana, by according approval for B.Arch. Course with intake of 80 in B.Arch. and for 20 in M.Arch Course for three years.</p> <p>At the relevant point of time Ar. Vijay Garg was pursuing M.Arch.(Landscape Architecture), from the same institution and also chaired the meeting of Executive Committee wherein the decision to grant approval to the above stated Institution was taken, which is sheer misuse of powers.</p> <p>On conduct of surprise inspection at the institution on 14.11.2019, it was found to be imparting deficient education and failed to adhere to the minimum standards as prescribed by the Council.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the relevant communications and after detailed deliberations passed the following resolution:</p> <p>Resolution No.265</p> <p>Resolved that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The matter be placed before the Full Council for treating the same as complaint of professional misconduct against Ar. Vijay Garg for favoring HR11-Ganga Institute of Architecture & Town Planning, Jhajjar, Haryana, by granting it approval contrary to the norms of the Council. ii) A complaint be filed with the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, requesting the Central Government to take appropriate legal action for Misconduct of Ar. Vijay Garg.

IV)	TO PLACE THE DETAILS EXPENSES INCURRED SO FAR AS THE BUDGET APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
	The Executive Committee desired that a detailed statement of Expenditure against the Budget as approved by the Executive Committee, as on 30.09.2020, be placed at the next meeting for information of the Executive Committee.
The meeting ended at 10.10 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.	
