



Memorandum of Understanding
between
Council of Architecture (CoA)
and
All India Council for Technical
Education (AICTE)

Date: 26th September, 2025

This Memorandum of Understanding (this "MOU") is entered into between the Council of Architecture (hereafter referred to as "CoA") and All India Council for Technical Education (hereafter referred to as "AICTE") and on this day of 26th September, 2025.

The Council of Architecture (CoA) is having its office at India Habitat Centre, Core 6A, 1st Floor, Lodhi Road, New Delhi and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), having its headquarter at Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070, collectively referred to as "the Parties" desire to enter into an agreement to establish cooperation and partnership with the purpose and conditions laid out in this Memorandum of Understanding).

COA has been constituted under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972, enacted by the Parliament of India, which came into force on 1st September, 1972. The Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education is the nodal ministry/department of CoA. The Act provides for the registration of Architects, standards of education, recognized qualifications, and standards of practice to be complied with by the practicing architects. The COA through its Training and Research Centres works towards conducting various Training Programme for Architect, Faculty members, students and also conducts workshops, seminars and competitions and other activities of professional importance.

All India Council For Technical Education (AICTE) established under the AICTE Act, 1987 enacted by the Parliament of India, for ensuring proper planning and coordinated development of technical education system throughout India, the promotion of qualitative improvements of such education in relation to planned quantitative growth, and regulation & proper maintenance of norms and standards in the technical education system and for the matters connected therewith.

The parties by working together in Technical & Professional Education system seek to bring in a holistic qualitative enhancement in technical education in India specially Art, Design Courses, and enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to establish a strategic partnership in the areas given in more details in the succeeding paragraphs.

1. Purpose, Scope and Objectives

- a. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to exchange and share Professional and Technical Expertise, experience, infrastructure facilities and develop capacities at international level in the field of technical education system.

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- b. The Parties hope to benefit the Institutions, faculty and students from the knowledge, skills, grants/ schemes/scholarships and resources of each other; and
- c. To develop initiatives and strategies for furthering the advancement in Technical Education System in the country.

2. Areas of Cooperation

The Parties shall work together:

- a. to allow existing Architectural Institutions to apply for imparting courses in Art, Design and Planning as existing approved institutions;
- b. to develop course content, syllabus and other norms for Art, Design and Planning Courses, undertake joint inspections, etc.;
- c. to avail the benefits of schemes/ grants/ scholarships / programmes of study for institutions, faculty members, students as approved by the parties;
- d. to allow use of Sambhashini Software for Translation of Documents, Rules, Regulations and Standards, Examination material, course contents, reports, etc. for use of the parties without any consideration;
- e. to undertake joint Training Programme, Workshops, Seminars, etc. for faculty members, students and architects; and
- f. Any other activity(ies)/ programme as the parties may mutually decide to undertake further the objects of this MOU.

3. Term and termination

This MOU will be valid for a period of **two (2)** consecutive years from the date of signing of this MOU by both Parties and thereafter, shall be renewed for a further period of 3 years upon mutual written consent from both Parties.

In case any of the Parties wish to terminate the MOU, a written termination notice should be sent to the other Party. This notice should be sent at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of intention to terminate. In the event of termination, both Parties will take the appropriate steps to bring activities under this MOU to a prompt and orderly conclusion.

4. Intellectual property rights

Neither Party shall use the Intellectual Property of the other Party in any manner whatsoever, without the prior written consent of the other Party.

The Agreement between the two parties, viz. COA and AICTE have no legal binding and financial commitment/implications on AICTE.





5. Privileges and immunities

No provision of this MOU will be construed so as to in any way interfere with the independent decision-making autonomy of the Parties under the respective Acts, with regard to their role, mandate, activities and operations, etc.

6. Dispute settlement

Any and all disagreements/differences / disputes arising hereunder shall be resolved amicably by the designated senior executives/officers of the good offices of both Parties. This MoU contains the entire understanding between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior arrangements, understandings, and agreements, written or oral, on the subject hereof. Any part of this MoU which is not enforceable due to any reason whatsoever will be deemed to be inoperative and the rest of the MoU will continue to be valid and binding on the Parties hereto.


If both the Departments (Organizations) come under the same Ministry/Department, in that case the dispute shall be referred to the Secretary, of that Department /Ministry to resolve the same and their findings shall be bindings on both parties.


7. Entire MOU

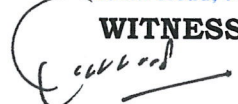
This MOU, together with any attachments, constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior understandings and representations, whether written or oral, relating to its subject matter. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this MOU, and other written or oral understanding between the Parties, the provisions of this MOU shall govern. No amendment to this MOU will be effective unless in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of each party.

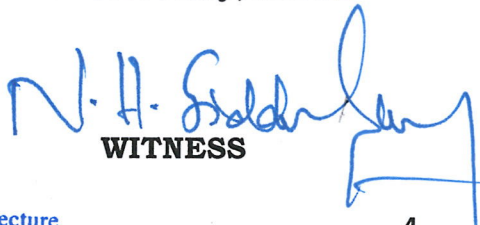
For and on behalf of CoA

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