



वास्तुकला परिषद्
Council of Architecture

वास्तुविद् अधिनियम, 1972 के अंतर्गत भारत सरकार का एक स्वायत्त सांविधिक निकाय
(An Autonomous Statutory Body of Govt. of India, under the Architects Act, 1972)

Ref: CA/5/Academic-YSR Univ-Illegal
October 21, 2022

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Sub. : **Illegal Notification issued by Dr. YSR Architecture and Fine Arts University** for admission into 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. degree course for 2022-2023 – reg.

Dear Sir,

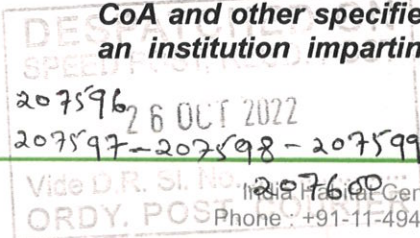
The attention of the Council of Architecture has been drawn to an illegal Notification issued by the Convenor, Architecture Admissions, Dr. YSR Architecture and Fine Arts University for admission into 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. degree course for 2022-2023, without having sought prior approval of the Council of Architecture for imparting B.Arch. course.

In this regard, I have to inform you that under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972, the Council has been regulating the Architectural Education in the country. The Architecture and Architectural Education are governed by the Architects Act, 1972 (a special Central Act), enacted by the Parliament of India and no other body or authority has any role to play in respect of Architecture or Architectural Education and Architectural Institutions.

The authority of the Council of Architecture over any other body including AICTE has been upheld by the various High Courts, in respects of various aspects of Architectural Education, namely, introduction of Architectural Courses, Grant of Intake, and Eligibility for admission to Architecture Courses, etc.

I would like to apprise you that **the Council of Architecture is the final authority for fixing the norms and standards of the Architectural institutions in the country.** The Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide order dated 08.11.2019 in the Civil Appeal No. 364 of 2005 filed by AICTE, has also recently held that all the educational institutions in the field of architecture would have to follow the Norms and Regulations prescribed by the Council of Architecture. The Hon'ble Supreme Court also upheld the judgment dated 08.09.2004 of the Hon'ble Bombay High Court forming subject matter of Appeal No.364 of 2005 and dismissed the appeal of the AICTE.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court held that **"We accordingly hold that so far as recognition of degrees and diplomas of architecture education is concerned, the 1972 Act shall prevail. AICTE will not be entitled to impose any regulatory measure in connection with the degrees and diplomas in the subject of architecture. Norms and Regulations set by CoA and other specified authorities under the 1972 Act would have to be followed by an institution imparting education for degrees and diplomas in architecture."** The





Hon'ble Court made it clear that the AICTE would not have any regulatory control over the concerned institution so far as architecture education is concerned.

Further, the qualifications listed under the schedule appended to the Architects Act, 1972 in terms of the Section 14 and 15 are only recognised for the purposes of the Act, namely, using the title and style of architect, practice of the profession of an Architect, recruitment to superior posts and services under the Central / State Government in the field of Architecture.

From the above, it is evident that the Council of Architecture is the only Statutory Body empowered to regulate, monitor and lay down norms for architectural education i.e. 5-year B.Arch. degree course to be imparted at colleges/institutions & Universities in the country. Therefore, only Rules, Regulations, Norms and Guidelines prescribed by the Council of Architecture under the Architects Act, 1972, are binding and in force for the discipline of Architecture.

It is informed that the Council grants approval and intake to an institution only after a thorough assessment of the academic and physical infrastructure available at the institution vis-a-vis the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education prescribed by the Council under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972. As such, all the institutions imparting 5-year B.Arch. degree course in the country are required to admit students into B.Arch. course only within the intake sanctioned by the Council for a particular academic Session. **Any admission made by an institution beyond the intake approved of the Council is void ab initio and shall be treated as illegal.**

In view of the above, the admission notification issued by the University is void-ab initio and admissions, if any, made by the university shall be void ab initio and illegal.

Further, any students, if illegally admitted by the institution/University shall not be issued enrolment numbers by the Council nor considered eligible for registration as architects so as to practice the profession of an architect under the Architects Act, 1972. The admission of these students as such is void ab initio. *The institution and affiliating University alone shall be responsible for inconvenience and hardships faced by the students.*

In view of the above, your University is hereby directed to comply with the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972 and Regulations framed thereunder and accordingly, cancel the admission notification with immediate effect and further, issue a corrigendum on the website and in leading newspapers that it shall not make any admissions in B.Arch. course for the academic session 2022-2023.

It is requested that the Council may be kept posted with the action initiated by your university in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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