PRESS RELEASE

COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE (COA)
NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURAL THESIS

The 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". In addition, Council of Architecture and GRIHA Council has jointly instituted **"**National Awards for Excellence in Architectural Thesis on Sustainable Architecture Design".

The award ceremony for the **"National Awards for Excellence in Architectural Thesis"** was conducted at D.Y. Patil School of Architecture, Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra) on Friday, January 24th, 2020, which was attended by eminent architects, professionals, academicians, teachers and students in Architecture from all over the country.

Ar. Habeeb Khan, President, COA welcomed the distinguished guests and audience attending the event and expressed his happiness about the huge response on this initiative of the Council. Further, he emphasized the role of the Architecture students in shaping the built environment and preserving the architecture heritage of the country. He also released the COA Publications namely, i) The Archiving Architectural Thesis 2017 & ii) Journal of Council of Architecture on Sustainable Development.

The past Presidents of COA namely Ar. Premendra Raj Mehta, Ar. Vijay Sohoni, Ar. Uday Gadkari and Ar. Biswaranjan Nayak graced the occasion as Guests of Honour, and were felicitated by Ar. Habeeb Khan, President, COA.

1) COA National Awards For Excellence in Architectural Thesis on Sustainable Architecture Design 2019

1 number of Rs.75,000/- (which includes Rs.55,000/- by cheque, Rs.15,000/- crossword voucher and Rs.5000/- books) to each winner &2 numbers Rs.25,000/- for each runner-up. The awards were given in the hands of **Ar. Premendra Raj Mehta** to winner Ramya Geetika Vaddiparti and in runner up category to Chatterjee Archit Rathin & Veduka Shanmuka Teja.

2) COA National Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Architectural Thesis 2019

3 numbers of Rs.75,000/- (which includes Rs.55,000/- by cheque, Rs.15,000/- crossword voucher and Rs.5000/- books) to each winner & 7 numbers Rs.20,000/- for each presenter. The awards were given in the hands of **Ar. Vijay Sohoni** to winners Ankur Karmakar, Fabya Thaila Chandy Mohammed, Vyoma K.Popat and in presenters category to Akash Zinzuwadiya, J.P.K. Vinod, Jaykumar Narendra Katre, Mona V, Somik Ranjan Beura, V. S. Akshita, Vengatesh R.

3) COA National Awards for Excellence in Post Graduate Architectural Thesis 2019

3 numbers of Rs.75,000/- (which includes Rs.55,000/- by cheque, Rs.15,000/- crossword voucher and Rs.5000/- books) to each winner & 3 numbers Rs.20,000/- for each runner-up. The awards were given in the hands of **Ar. Uday Gadkari** to winners Neha Goyal Tater, Shreya Shah, Tarika Jigar Asarawala and in runner-up category to Akanksha Jitendra Wakhare, Chinmay Kulkarni, Madhura Chandrashekhar Rasane.

4) COA Awards for Excellence in Documentation of Architecture Heritage".

3 numbers of Rs.75,000/- (which includes Rs.55,000/- by cheque, Rs.15,000/- crossword voucher and Rs.5000/- books) to each winner & 2 numbers Rs.25,000/- for each runner-up. The awards were given in the hands of **Ar. Biswaranjan**

Nayak to winner colleges GJ15, Shantaben Manubhai Patel School of Studies and Research in Architecture in Interior Design, New Vallabh Vidyanagar, KL02, School of Architecture, TKM College of Engineering, Kollam, Kerala, UP06, Amity School of Architecture & Planning Amity University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh and in runner-up category to KA21, School of Architecture Srinivas Institute of Technology, Managalore, Karnataka, PJ04, Chitkara School of Planning & Architecture, Jhansla, Punjab.

5) JK AYA Best Architecture Student of the Year Award 2019.

JK cement ltd has come forward to collaborate with COA and promote the JK AYA best Architecture Student of the Year Award was jointly conducted with the COA National program for Excellence in Architectural Thesis. The award was given in the hands of **Dr. Vijay D. Patil**, Chancellor & President, D.Y. Patil University.

The said Awards program has been instrumental in creating awareness amongst the students, architects and general public about importance of Architecture in day-to-day life and the role of an Architect in the development of the society. The program also helps to underline the need and ways to preserve our architectural heritage & monuments across the country.

The Award encourages students to excel in their academic pursuit and spread the awareness about Architecture and the Architect's role in the development of the society through exhibitions and open juries associated with the awards program.

All the members of the Council with its Executive Committee Members namely Ar. Nand Kishor Negi, Ar. Kapil Setia, Ar. Bansan Singh Thangkhiew, Ar. R. Ramesh Kumar, Ar. Sadiq Ali D.A graced the occasion. Prof. Jayashree Deshpande, Director COA-TRC, Shri R.K. Oberoi, Registrar, CoA and Shri Deepak Kumar, Administrative Officer, CoA also graced the occasion with their presence.

The auspicious occasion was made possible with the distinguished presence and contribution of the jury members namely, Ar. Roshni Udyawar, Ar. Shekhar Bagool, Ar. Shaily Mahera for Sustainable Design; Ar. K.B. Jain, Ar. Smita Khan, for Documentation of Architectural Heritage; Ar. Utpal Sharma, Ar. B. S. Bhooshan, Ar. Partharanjan Das, for Post Graduate Thesis Awards in Architecture 2019; Ar. Punita Mehta, Ar. K. Jaisim, Ar. Rajiv Mishra for UG Awards and with the dedicated efforts and contribution of the Award Committee consisting of Prof. Aniruddha Pal and Dr. Rama Subramanian.

Ar. Sapna, Vice-President, CoA proposed the vote of thanks to all the distinguished guests present on the occasion especially to the Past Presidents of the Council, Prof. Jayashree Deshpande, Director-COATRC and DR. Vijay D Patil, Hon'ble Chancellor and President, D.Y. Patil University and to the entire team of the D.Y Patil School of Architecture for making this program a grand success.