

MINUTES OF THE 252nd MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON FRIDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 2023 FROM 11.00 A.M. ONWARDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, NEW DELHI AND ONLINE ON ZOOM APPLICATION.

Present:

- 1) Prof. Abhay V. Purohit, Chairman – In Chair
- 2) Ar. Gajanand Ram, Vice-Chairman
- 3) Ar. Lalichan Zacharias, Member
- 4) Ar. R. Ramesh Kumar, Member
- 5) Ar. Nand Lal Chandel, Member (Attended online)
- 6) Ar. P. Vaitianadin, Member (Attended online)
- 7) Ar. Punit Sethi, Member

In attendance:

- 1) Shri R.K.Oberoi, Registrar-Secretary
- 2) Shri Deepak Kumar, Administrative Officer

The Chairman welcomed the members attending the meeting physically as well as online and officials of the Council and thanked them for sparing their valuable time.

Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.01	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 250TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND JUNE, 2023.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Minutes of the 250th Meeting of the Executive Committee were circulated to the Hon'ble Members on 20TH July, 2023.</p> <p>The members invited the attention of the Chairman towards item no. 8 of the minutes and desired that the last para of the item authorizing the Chairman to decide for Honorarium for officers and employees of the Council be removed from the minutes.</p> <p>With the above change, the minutes of 250th EC minutes were confirmed by Executive Committee and signed by the Chairman.</p>
ITEM NO.2	TO TAKE NOTE OF ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 250th MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 02ND JUNE 2023.
	<p>The Executive Committee perused the action taken report and noted the same.</p>
ITEM NO.03	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 251ST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2023.

	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Minutes of the 251st Meeting of the Executive Committee were circulated to the Hon'ble Members on 28th July, 2023. No comments have been received from members.</p> <p>The members invited the attention of the Chairman towards item no. 1 and requested that the last para of the item authorizing the Chairman to decide for Honorarium of Officers and Employees of the Council be removed from the minutes.</p> <p>With the above change, the minutes of 251st EC minutes were confirmed by Executive Committee and signed by the Chairman.</p>
ITEM NO.04	TO TAKE NOTE OF ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 251st MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 24th JUNE 2023.
	The Executive Committee perused the action taken report and noted the same.
ITEM NO.05	TO TAKE NOTE OF AMENDMENTS IN THE ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO B.ARCH. COURSE.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that he had discussed the issue related to revision in eligibility criteria for admission to B.Arch. Course with Ms. Saumya Gupta, JS(TE), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, for bringing the same at par with Engineering Course.</p> <p>Accordingly, approval of the full Council was sought vide letter dated 05.06.2023, by circulation of papers, for amending the eligibility criteria for admission to B. Arch course.</p> <p>After approval of the Resolution by the Full Council the same was submitted to the Ministry for their approval. Accordingly, the Council submitted letter dated 13.06.2023 to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, for according its approval.</p> <p>The Ministry vide its letters dated 17.07.2023 approved the amendments in Regulation 4(1) of the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, for the academic session 2023-2024 as under :</p> <p><i>“(1) No candidate shall be admitted to architecture course unless she/he has passed 10+2 or equivalent examination with Physics and Mathematics as compulsory subjects along with either Chemistry or Biology or Technical Vocational subject or Computer Science or Information Technology or Informatics Practices or Engineering Graphics or Business Studies with at least 45% marks in aggregate or passed 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics as compulsory subject with at least 45% marks in aggregate.”</i></p> <p>Further, Ministry vide its letter dated 19.06.2023, approved the amendments in Regulation 4(2) of the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, as under :</p>

	<p>“(2) The candidate needs to qualify an aptitude test in architecture conducted either by NTA (i.e. JEE) or “NATA” conducted by the Council of Architecture.”</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the Gazette notifications for amending the Council of Architecture (MSAE) Regulations, 2020 issued by the Council.</p>										
ITEM NO.06	<p>TO RATIFY THE DECISION TAKEN BY CHAIRMAN, EC, IN DECIDING THE INTAKE OF INSTITUTIONS FOR B.ARCH./ M.ARCH./ DIPLOMA COURSES.</p>										
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that after receipt of several requests from the institutions to communicate status of their intake for the academic session 2023-2024 and in view of commencement of counselling for admission to B.Arch/ M.Arch./ Diploma Courses in most of the states, he considered the assessment reports / application forms/ replies in response to show cause notices from Institutions along with scrutiny reports and accordingly decided the intake/ approval period of the Institutions.</p> <p>The intake/approval has already been communicated to the concerned institutions.</p> <p>The Executive Committee members perused the list of Institutions as listed in the agenda and desired that the list should also include information about previous deficiencies and remedial action taken by the concerned institutions after issuance of show cause notice by the Council. A list of institutions along with their intake is enclosed herewith as <u>Appendix-A</u>.</p>										
ITEM NO.07	<p>TO CONSIDER THE REPLY RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE FOR EXTENSION OF APPROVAL FOR B.ARCH./ M.ARCH. DEGREE COURSE FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2023-2024.</p>										
	<p>The Council is in receipt of replies received from the Institutions in response to show cause notices issued to them for reduction of their Intake in B.Arch./M.Arch. course due to deficiency in faculty and/or infrastructure.</p> <p>The Executive Committee considered the information furnished by such institutions and inspection report(s) of the Expert Committee(s) of the Council and decided as under</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl.No.</th> <th>Name with Inst. Code</th> <th>Previous Intake</th> <th>Observation and Decision taken by the Chairman EC</th> <th>Current Decision of EC</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sl.No.	Name with Inst. Code	Previous Intake	Observation and Decision taken by the Chairman EC	Current Decision of EC					
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1	TS09 Aurora-S Design Academy Road No.1, Banjara Hills Hyderabad	80 2022-2023	Show cause 80 to 40 for B.Arch.	The Executive Committee after considering the response and information from the Institution granted the Intake of 60 in the B. Arch. Course
		20 2022-2023	Show cause 20 to 10 for M.Arch.(Urban Design)	
		20 2022-2023	Show cause 20 to 10 for M.Arch.(Interior Design)	

The Institution was accorded approval for initial intake of 40 in B.Arch. and 10 in M.Arch. courses to enable it to participate in admission counselling.

2	TS10 Aurora-s Design Institute Building Plot No.1, IDP, Near GENPACT Lane Opp.The Hindu Press, Uppal, Habsiguda, Hyderabad	80 2022-2023	Show cause 80 to 40 for B.Arch.	The Executive Committee after considering the response and information from the Institution granted the Intake of 60 in the B. Arch. Course
		20 2022-2023	Show cause 20 to 10 for M.Arch.(Building Construction & Management)	

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The Executive Committee directed the Registrar, COA to communicate the decision to the concerned institutions.

ITEM NO.08 TO CONSIDER THE INSPECTION REPORTS OF THE NEW INSTITUTION(S) APPLYING FOR INTRO. OF B.ARCH. DEGREE COURSE FROM THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2023-2024.

The Chairman informed the members that the Council has received Inspection Report of the Inspection Committee which conducted inspection at a new institution which has applied for Introduction of B.Arch. degree course from the academic session 2023-2024.

The Executive Committee perused the application and inspection report of the institution and decided as under :

Sl. No.	App No	Name with Inst. Code	Year of commencement of course	Course	Intake Applied	Decision of EC
1	CA-N2-596946	School of Architecture, Gaya College of Engineering, Gaya, Bihar	New	Bachelor of Architecture	40	<p>The Executive Committee noted that it is a Government Institution and in the state of Bihar the number of Institution are very less.</p> <p>The Executive Committee also noted that the Principal identified by the Institution does not possess the experience as required and hence institution be asked to identified/ appoint a qualified principal and submit information to the Council so that appropriate decision can be taken in the matter.</p>

ITEM NO.09

TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-2023.

The Executive Committee perused the Annual Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Council for the financial year ending on 31st March, 2023.

The Executive Committee after deliberations approved the same and decided that the same be placed before full Council for its approval and submission to Central Government and notifying in Gazette of India.

ITEM NO.10	TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF WELFARE SCHEMES LIKE MEDICAL INSURANCE, ACCIDENTAL INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY INSURANCE FOR ARCHITECTS.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that he intends to introduce welfare schemes for Architects by having tie-up with insurance companies to facilitate Architects to participate in welfare schemes like Medical Insurance, Accidental Insurance to meet any eventuality.</p> <p>The Registrar-Secretary informed that he had discussed the matter with the representatives of M/s K M Dastur & Co. and they have submitted a proposal of various insurance Schemes. He also informed that the representatives of the company were invited to make a presentation before the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The representatives of the Company made a presentation about the accidental insurance Scheme, medical insurance scheme and professional indemnity insurance scheme for Architects. They also stated that in order to avail the offered policies a group of Minimum 10 thousand Architects is required.</p> <p>The Executive Committee asked the representatives of M/s. K M Dastur & Co. to also submit a proposal of Life Insurance Scheme also. The Committee also desired information that in case the number of policies is more than 10 thousand, the ratio of reduction in premium of policies would be there. The EC members also desired that all the policies should offer coverage atleast up to the age of 70 years. The committee also asked the representatives to include the facility of porting the existing policy to the policies offered by them.</p> <p>The Executive Committee decided that Accidental Insurance Policy be procured by Council for all Council Members and Experts of the Council immediately.</p> <p>The representatives of M/s. K M Dastur & Co assured that after deliberations with the concerned company they will submit a revised proposal.</p>
ITEM NO.11	TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ENTRANCE TEST FOR ADMISSION TO M.ARCH. COURSE.
	<p>The Chairman, Executive Committee informed the members that Council in its 77th Meeting held on 15th July, 2022, approved the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education for Postgraduate Degree Programme) Guidelines 2022.</p> <p>Clause 4 of these guidelines deals with Admission to Post Graduate full time degree programme. The relevant provisions are as under :</p>

	<p>(1) No candidate shall be admitted to Post Graduate full-time degree or Certificate programme unless the candidate has passed an examination in B.Arch. Degree or equivalent with at least 50 percent aggregate marks or equivalent CGPI.</p> <p>(2) The Candidate needs to qualify an entrance test for Post- Graduation programme in Architecture complying with the Admission Norms prescribed in Appendix-D, regulation 3, sub-regulation (ii).</p> <p>(3) The Competent authorities for admission to the Post Graduate full-time degree programme shall devise a rational method to allot the weightage to the PG entrance test, qualifying examination score, any other process like personal interviews etc. and display the list of merit in a transparent manner.</p> <p>(4) Reservation of seats and relaxation in percentage of marks obtained in the qualifying examination admission shall be as per the reservation policy of Central Government or the respective State Governments.</p> <p>The Council is already conducting aptitude test for admission to B.Arch. course since the year 2006.</p> <p>It is, therefore, proposed that admissions to M.Arch. Course be made in architectural institutions of candidates who qualify the entrance test conducted by the Council. He further informed that a draft format containing the content was prepared by Dr. Anand Achari on the request of the Council after comparing various common entrance tests which have been conducted in India.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the draft format and after detailed deliberations decided that the Council may conduct Entrance Test for Admission to M.Arch. course on voluntary basis for the Institutions imparting M. Arch course. The Committee also decided that the matter be placed before Full Council for according its approval.</p>
<p>ITEM NO.12</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS IN THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.</p>
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Council in its 79th Meeting held on 12th March, 2023, considered the proposal and need for Comprehensive amendments in the Architects Act, 1972. The Council noted following important issues required urgent amendments in the Act :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Introduction of definition of “Architecture Services” so that these services can be reserved for architects; ii) Introduction of Professional Practice Examination to ensure the competencies of architects entering into profession to practice independently; iii) Introduction of LL.P. form of organization for providing architectural services by Architects to save architects from personal and

	<p>professional liability and to have less cumbersome form of organization with a separate legal entity;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv) Introduction of two schedules for recognized qualification – one for Undergraduate qualifications and another for postgraduate qualifications, so that qualification for registration as an architect and additional qualifications can be differentiated and PG qualifications can be recognised under the Act; v) Introduction of word “India” in the name of Council of Architecture so as to provide a national level identity to Council. vi) To maintain “electronic” copies of Register of Architects for safe and economic preservation of large-scale data and to ensure smooth access to all concerned. vii) Appointment of only an Architect to architectural posts in Government departments to ensure that public buildings are constructed with fullest professional inputs in most aesthetic and functional manner. viii) Introduce prohibition on rendering of architectural services by non-architects. ix) Introduction of prohibitory clause on further registration of architects by local bodies so that architects are not compelled to seek registration in and every local body to practice the profession. x) Enabling provisions for charging fees by Council on complaints filed for professional misconduct against architects. <p>The Council in its last meeting approved the proposal for amendments in the Architects Act, 1972 except definition of “Architectural Services” for which Members were requested to send their views/suggestions within seven days’ time. The Council authorized the President to finalise the definition of “Architectural Services” appropriately as per views/ suggestions received from the members.</p> <p>The Council also perused the preliminary report of the Sub-Committee on Professional Practice Examination Committee and after deliberations the Council desired that report be forwarded to all the members for their perusal accordingly the same was forwarded to all members of the Council for their consideration.</p> <p>In order to arrive at the consensus over definition of “Architecture Services”, the President, COA, held meeting with Institution of Engineers India, Indian Institute of Architects and other bodies.</p> <p>The Registrar-Secretary further informed that the proposal has been revised to include (1) Registration of firms by the Council (2) Registration of Surveyors and (3) issuance of Certificate of Practice by the Council.</p> <p>The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal at length and it was decided to place the matter before the full Council for its concurrence and approval.</p>
<p>ITEM NO.13</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER THE EMAIL DATED 01.08.2023, RECEIVED FROM, ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION BOARD, UK, REGARDING RECIPROCAL</p>

	ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECOGNITION OF ARCHITECTURAL QUALIFICATIONS.
	<p>The Executive Committee perused the email dated 01.08.2023 received from Ms. Emma Matthews, Director of Governance and International, Architects Registration Board, UK. The Committee also perused the procedure and methods for having MRA/MOUs for recognition of Foreign Architectural Qualifications in UK.</p> <p>After deliberations the Executive Committee decided to authorize the Chairman to constitute a committee to study the documents sent by ARB, UK and suggest further course of action by the Council in the matter.</p>
ITEM NO.14	FILING OF WRIT PETITION AGAINST STATE BANK OF INDIA AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR STOPPING VIOLATION OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that State Bank of India has advertised certain posts relating to information technology field and these were named with word architect. The Council has objected to the same and advised the SBI to remove the word architect with all such posts. However, the SBI has refused to change the nomenclature of the posts.</p> <p>The Council through its Advocate has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, for taking remedial action in the matter. However, no response has been received from the Ministry of Finance in the matter.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after perusing the communications exchanged between Council and SBI decided that the Ministry of Finance be once again approached and persuaded for taking up remedial action in the matter.</p>
ITEM NO.15	LAUNCHING OF TRAINING OF UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY AUDITORS.
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Council has constituted a Sub- Committee which is finalizing the Course contents of Training on Universal Accessibility. Further, 28 architectural Institutions have been selected to act as centres for imparting Training on Universal Accessibility.</p> <p>These Institutions were requested to nominate 2 faculty members from their Institutions and one Architect from practice with atleast 15 years of experience in order to train these experts for carrying out further training on Universal Accessibility Auditors at their respective centre.</p> <p>The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of India, have conveyed their approval to the course structure suggested by the Committee of the Council and have recommended to commence the Training Programme w.e.f. 4th September, 2023.</p> <p>The Executive Committee appreciated the efforts made by the Council and desired that further necessary action be taken for timely launch of the Training Programme.</p>

ITEM NO.16	TO TAKE NOTE OF THE COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALLOTMENT OF LAND TO COA BY DDA/ L&DO, GOVT. OF INDIA.
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that Council made request for allotment of land to DDA and L&DO and in response to the same, DDA advised the Council to get its request forwarded through Council's nodal Ministry i.e. Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.</p> <p>The Ministry of Education, Govt. of India vide letter dated 26.07.2023, informed that COA may approach DDA for allotment of institutional land in Delhi directly or may bid for land in auction conducted by various authorities.</p> <p>The Executive Committee decided that the Council may submit its proposal to DDA and L&DO along with communication received from Ministry.</p>
ITEM NO.17	TO TAKE NOTE OF THE COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GOVT. OF INDIA, ASKING AICTE TO CONTINUE TO GRANTS FUNDS/ GRANTS TO ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND STUDENTS.
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Chairman, Executive Committee has taken up the matter of discontinuation of grants to architectural institutions and students by AICTE with the Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India.</p> <p>In response the Ministry has asked the AICTE to continue disbursement of scholarships for architectural education until further orders.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Members noted the information.</p>
ITEM NO.18	DEVELOPMENT OF COA's CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE AT BENGALURU.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Council is in receipt of an email dated 25.07.2023, from Ar. Vidyadhar S. Wodeyar, Member, COA and Convenor COATRC Bengaluru Building Committee recommending payment of fees to the selected architect and getting the survey of the plot re-done in view of several factors pointed out in the email.</p> <p>The Chairman, EC, further informed the members he had also received an email dated 04.08.2023 from M/s. architectureRED, seeking Rs.20/- Lakhs as advance towards Execution of Agreement for providing comprehensive Architectural Services for the Council's Centre of Excellence Building at Bengaluru.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations decided that the overall cost of the project be worked out phase wise and accordingly the fees of the Architect be decided.</p>

	<p>The Executive Committee also decided that the Architect be paid retainer fees by the Council and he should submit the revised drawings/Plans for the approval of the Council.</p> <p>The Executive Committee further decided that a 3-member Committee namely Ar. Gajanand Ram, Vice Chairman, Ar. Ramesh Kumar, Member and Ar. Lalichan Zacharias, Member, shall monitor the progress of work of Centre of Excellence Building at Bengaluru.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that the Council needs to appoint a dedicated person for monitoring, coordinating and liaising the construction work as well as preparing the DPR for requirement of Human Resources, infrastructure facilities including library and laboratories and other requirements at the Centre of Excellence building and proposed that Prof. Subramaniam Prabhakaran from Bengaluru be appointed as OSD for the above said assignment on monthly remuneration of Rs.100000/-.</p> <p>The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and approved the appointment of Ar. Subramaniam Prabhakaran initially for a period of 3 months.</p>
ITEM NO.19	TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON PADMA AWARDS.
	<p>The Chairman, informed the members that he has constituted a Sub-Committee under the Convenorship of Ar. Lalichan Zacharias, along with Prof. Prasanna Desai, Dr. Ujwala Chakradeo, Ar. Durganand Balsavar and Ar. Jitendra Mehta as Members.</p> <p>It was further informed that the Committee has submitted its initial recommendations for seeking nominations from Architects for Council's consideration and submitting its recommendations of the Council for Padma Awards.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the report/ recommendations and decided that nominations be invited from Practicing Architects/ faculty members. Either the applicant himself or his representatives or any other persons can recommend the names to the Council and such persons would be approached by Council to upload his/ her profile and professional achievements on Council's portal for evaluation and making further recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.</p>
ITEM NO.20	TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR OF COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-2023.
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that M/s Anjali Jain & Associates, Chartered Accountants have carried out the internal audit of the Council for the financial year 2022-2023.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the report of the internal auditors and directed the Registrar-Secretary to take immediate remedial measures for</p>

	addressing the issues mentioned at the S. No. 7,9 and 10 of the report and action taken be placed in next meeting.
	<p>The Chairman left the meeting after consideration of the above items and authorized the Vice-Chairman to conduct the meeting to complete the agenda.</p> <p>Ar. Puneet Sethi, Member, joined the meeting.</p> <p>Ar. Gajanand Ram, Vice-Chairman, Chaired the meeting.</p>
ITEM NO.21	ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.
1	TO CONSIDER THE UNDERTAKING FROM HP01- FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, HAMIRPUR FOR GRANT OF APPROVAL FOR IMPARTING B. ARCH. COURSE FROM 2020-2021 AND FOR REGULARIZATION OF EXCESS STUDENTS ADMITTED OVER AND ABOVE SANCTIONED INTAKE.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Council is in receipt of an undertaking from HP01- Faculty Of Architecture National Institute Of Technology, Hamirpur regarding compliance for COA Norms for faculty recruitment and maintenance of infrastructure and has requested for grant of extension of approval for imparting B.Arch. degree course pending since 2020-2021 and for regularization of excess students admitted over and above sanctioned intake of the Council.</p> <p>The approval of the institution has been pending since 2020-2021 since the institution had not furnished an undertaking in prescribed format to the Council to enable the to process its approval for the academic session 2020-2021. The institution also admitted 58 students against sanctioned intake of 30 during 2019-2020 in the course, in terms of notification issued by the Central Government for EWS reservation vide Ministry's Office Memorandum dated 17.01.2019 which provides for only 10% reservation for EWS students.</p> <p>Due to non-compliance of the Norms of the Council and inadequate care - wise faculty at the institution, the approval of the institution has been pending since 2020-2021. The institution has been admitting 58 students in the course since 2020-2021 without valid approval of the Council. The Council had taken up the matter with the Ministry of Education in the matter but despite assurances, recruitment of faculty is yet to be undertaken at the institution.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations decided that the Institution be sanctioned intake of 58 students (including all Quotas) for the academic year 2023-2024. Further, a High power Expert Committee of the Council shall conduct comprehensive Academic review of the past batches so as to ascertain the imparting of Architectural Education as per Minimum Standards of the Council.</p>

	The Executive Committee directed the Registrar-Secretary to inform the decision to the concerned institution.
2	TO CONSIDER ALLOWING LATERAL ADMISSION IN 5 YEAR B. ARCH DEGREE COURSE TO STUDENTS POSSESSING 3 YEAR DIPLOMA IN ARCHITECTURE/ ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANSHIP AND INTERIOR DESIGN.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Council is granting approval to Institutions imparting 3 year diploma in in Architecture/ Architectural Assistanship and Interior Design. The Council is in receipt of several requests from students and Institutions for allowing lateral admission in the 2nd year(3rd Semester) of the B. Arch course.</p> <p>The Chairman further informed that allowing lateral admission will provide better career oppourtunities to students to acquire a professional degree and also recognize the education undergone by them in the diploma course.</p> <p>The Executive Committee deleberated in the matter at length and decided that the students possessing the 10+3 diploma in Architecture/ Architectural Assistanship and Interior Design be allowed admission in the 2nd year of B. Arch course. The Committee furhter decided that an Institution can admit such students up to a maximum of 20% of its sanctioned intake only and shall create necessary infrastructure facilities and appoint additional faculty members.</p> <p>The Executive Committee further decided that the eligibility as contained in the Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations 2020 be amended accordingly and the matter be placed before full Council for its approval.</p>
3	TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF LAST DATE OF ADMISSSION INTO B.ARCH/ M.ARCH & DIPLOMA PROGRAMES.
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Council is in receipt of a request from Directorate of Technical Education, Government of Haryana vide their letter dated 03.08.2023 stating that due to non-stop rains and severe flooding caused across the State. The Council has received similar requests from other bodies/authorities for extension of last date of admission for B.Arch / M.Arch./Diploma Courses.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter decided to extend the last date of admission to B.Arch/M.Arch. Diploma Programmes upto 30.09.2023.</p>
4	PRESCRIPTION OF MINIMUM CUT OF MARKS IN JEE PAPER 2 EXAM FOR ADMISSION TO B. ARCH. COURSE.
	The Executive Committee noted that the JEE paper 2 examination conducted by NTA has been made as one of the eligibility for admission to B. Arch Course as per COA Reguations 2020. However, there is no Minimum Passing

	<p>marks in such examination to qualify the same. Any candidate who is having non zero score is eligible to seek admission in B. Arch course.</p> <p>The Executive Committee expressed its serious concern and unanimously decided that the matter be taken up with Ministry of Education, Government of India and National Testing Agency to remove this anomaly and prescribe minimum passing marks on the line of NATA to bring parity in both the exams.</p>
6	PUBLICATION OF JOURNAL OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE AND MAGZINE(ARCHITECTURE TIMES SPACE AND PEOPLE).
	<p>Ar. Lalichan Zacharias, Member presented a note on Publication of Journal of Council of Architecture and Magazine (Architecture Time space and People).</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the same and after deliberations approved the same and directed the Registrar-Secretary to put up the financials for further necessary action in the matter.</p>
7	TO CONSIDER THE SCHEME OF PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Council has constituted a Committee to prepare the Scheme of Professional Examination.</p> <p>The said Committee has further developed the Scheme of Examination. The Executive Committee perused the same and after deliberations noted that the same is directly linked with the proposed amendments in the Act and can be given effect only through amendments in the Act. The Committee decided that the matter be placed before full Council for its approval.</p>
8	AUGMENTING THE PANEL OF EXPERTS FOR INSPECTION OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL.
	<p>In order to augment the panel of experts of the Council and induct young architects and provide them exposure to Council's assignments, the Executive Committee decided that all Council members be requested to provide the names of experienced architects who can be assigned different tasks after undergoing requisite training by the Council.</p>

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m. with vote of thanks to the Chair.
