

MINUTES OF 253RD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 01ST SEPTEMBER, 2023 FROM 6:00 P.M. ONWARDS IN RADISSON BLU AMRITSAR, 8TH MILE STONE, AJNALA RD, AMRITSAR, PUNJAB

Present:

- 1) Prof. Abhay V. Purohit, Chairman – In Chair
- 2) Ar. Gajanand Ram, Vice-Chairman
- 3) Ar. Lalichan Zacharias, Member
- 4) Ar. P.Vaitianadin, Member
- 5) Ar. Nand Lal Chandel, Member

Ar. Punit Sethi, Member and Ar. R. Ramesh Kumar, Member, were granted leave of absence.

In attendance:

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

The Chairman welcomed the members 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 252 MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH AUGUST, 2023.
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Minutes of the 252 nd Meeting of the Executive Committee are being approved by the Chairman and after approval the same will be shared with the Hon'ble members.
ITEM NO.02	TO TAKE NOTE OF ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 252ND MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH AUGUST, 2023.
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the action taken report on the Minutes of the 252 nd Meeting of the Executive will be presented after approval of Minutes by the Chairman.
ITEM No.03	TO CONSIDER POLICY FOR TAKEOVER AND MERGER OF THE ARCHITETURAL INSTITUTIONS.
	The Chairman informed the members that the Council had constituted a Sub-Committee to prepare guidelines/norms for merger of institutions of a same Trust/ Society/ University/ Sponsoring body and change in Trust/ Society/ University/Sponsoring body by a new sponsoring body for taking over an institution so that the sponsoring bodies/institutions may apply for the same to the Council.

	<p>He also informed the members that this policy would be very important document in view of National Education Policy which aspires to have multi-disciplinary, multilingual and multi-skill and large-scale institutions.</p> <p>The Committee perused the Draft Policy Document and after detailed deliberations it was decided that the same be further studied and got legally vetted so that liabilities and responsibilities of the Institution(s) are clearly spelt out and role of COA is also known to all stakeholders. The Chairman requested all the members to send their comments on the same within 15 days.</p>
ITEM NO.04	TO CONSIDER REVISED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2023-2024 FOR EXTENSION OF LAST DATE FOR ADMISSION TO B.ARCH./ M.ARCH. COURSE(S).
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that as per Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, the Classes for 1st year or Semester of a 5-year Architecture degree course shall not commence later than the 1st working day in the month of September of a calendar year and all admissions must be completed before this date.</p> <p>The Council had received requests from the institutions and admission authorities of several states and UTs, for extension of last date for admission to 5-year B.Arch./2-year M.Arch. programmes for the academic session 2023-2024, since the admission process, counselling as well as commencement of classes for B.Arch./M.Arch. have been delayed. In addition, inspections of few institutions are also scheduled.</p> <p>The Competent Authority of the Council of Architecture, upon consideration of these requests, decided to extend the last date for completing the process of admissions in B.Arch./M.Arch. Programmes in the states/UTs in the country by September 30, 2023 for the academic session 2023-2024, as a special case. The classes for B.Arch./M.Arch. Programmes may commence from October 3, 2023 onwards.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the Revised Academic Calendar and approved the same.</p>
ITEM NO.05	TO CONSIDER REVIEW APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTION(S) AGAINST REJECTION OF APPLICATION FOR INTRODUCTION OF M.ARCH. COURSE BY THE COUNCIL FROM 2023-2024 ONWARDS.
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Council is in receipt of a review application received from TS10- Aurora's Design Institute, Hyderabad, Telangana, appealing against the decision of the Council to reject Application for introduction of M.Arch. degree (Interior Design) by the Council from the academic session 2023-2024.</p>

	<p>The Executive Committee perused the Appeal/ Review application as received from the institution together with the scrutiny and assessment report of the Inspection Committee and after detailed deliberations decided that the Institution be granted approval for introduction of M.Arch. (Interior Design) Degree Course with an intake of 20 students.</p> <p>Further, the Executive Committee decided that a High-Power Committee of Executive Committee Members shall visit the Institution in due course of time to assess the overall functioning of the institution vis-à-vis the norms prescribed by the Council of Architecture.</p>
ITEM NO.6	ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.
	<p>The Executive Committee discussed various issues affecting architectural education and profession and after deliberations desired that action on following issues be taken :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-examination of Council's Perspective Plan on Architectural Education. 2. Examination of Staff needs for architectural institutions based on the initiatives and steps taken by UGC and AICTE. 3. Re-examination of Closure policy of Council to allow both instant and progressive closure of institutions from case-to-case basis. 4. Constitution of UG Board on Architectural Education with Ar. P.Vaitianadin as one of the member. 5. Constitution of PG Board on Architectural Education with Ar. Nand Lal Chandel as one of the member. 6. Conduct of Faculty Training Course as per COA 2020 Regulations. 7. Assessment of causes resulting in reduction of number of students in architecture course including the difficulty level and pattern of the NATA Test and circulation of Questionnaire on NATA to all stakeholders. 8. Taking appropriate measures to popularize Architecture Education and importance of profession.

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
