

MINUTES OF THE 195TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON SUNDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2018, FROM 10:30 A.M. ONWARDS IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, CORE-6A, 1ST FLOOR, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI-110003.

Present:

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| 1. Ar. Biswaranjan Nayak | : Chairman-in-Chair |
| 2. Ar. Alok Ranjan | : Member |
| 3. Ar. Amitava Roy | : Member |
| 4. Ar. Abhay Purohit | : Member |

Ar. Vijay Garg, Vice-Chairman, Ar. Raneer Vedamuthu, Member, Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta, Member, could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation.

In Attendance:

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| 1. Shri R.K. Oberoi | : | Registrar-Secretary |
| 2. Shri C.B. Mishra | : | Sr. Consultant |
| 3. Shri Deepak Kumar | : | Administrative Officer |

The Chairman welcomed the members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending the meeting. Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 187TH, 188TH, 189TH, 190TH, 191ST, 192ND, 193RD, AND 194TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Minutes of 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of 193rd Meeting were circulated during the meeting. The Minutes of 194th Meeting are being finalized and shall be circulated to the Members shortly.

ITEM NO.2 TO CONSIDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF JURORS FOR ZONAL AND NATIONAL JURY FOR THESIS AND HERITAGE AWARDS 2018.

The Executive Committee finalized the names of Jury Members for conduct of UG and PG thesis award competition also for Heritage awards. A copy of the list is attached herewith as Appendix-A.

The Executive Committee also deputed its Members to attend the programmes as COA observer in each zone as under:

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| i) Ar. Amitava Roy | : Vishakhapatnam |
| ii) Ar. Alok Ranjan | : Chennai |
| iii) Ar. Abhay Purohit | : Ludhiana |
| iv) Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta | : Mumbai |

Further, the Executive Committee authorized the Chairman to finalize the names of Jury Members for National Jury and also Chief Guest and Guest of Honour to be invited for the National Jury Programme.

ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH CONDUCTED COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC REVIEW FOR PREVIOUS UNAPPROVED B.ARCH COURSE BATCHES ADMITTED BY OR09-DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE, VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA, SAMBALPUR-768018, ODISHA.

The Executive Committee perused the Report of Comprehensive Academic Review conducted by the Expert Committee of COA for the Batches of B.Arch course admitted by OR09-Department of Architecture, v/s. Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Odisha, without prior approval of the Council of Architecture, during academic session 2013-14 (2 Students), 2014-15 (43 Students) & 2015-16 (40 Students).

The Executive Committee after going through the Report of the Expert Committee decided to seek following information from the institution:

- i) Syllabus of the B.Arch course as taught to the Batches of Students admitted from 2013 to 2016.
- ii) Timetable followed by the Institution during Academic Session 2013-14 to 2015-16.

The Executive Committee desired that the Inspectors may be asked to provide the complete details related to Comprehensive Academic Review.

Further, the Executive Committee decided that the University be asked not to award the degrees to the students admitted during the academic session 2013-14 to 2015-16 as their admissions are yet to be regularized and course of studies undergone by them is yet to be ascertained.

The Registrar-Secretary is directed to communicate decision of the Committee to the Institution and to the University at the earliest.

ITEM NO. 4 TO DECIDE MODALITIES FOR CONDUCT OF NATIONAL APTITUDE TEST IN ARCHITECTURE NATA-2019.

The Chairman informed the members that the NATA 2018 examination has been successfully completed and the process for NATA 2019 examination has to be initiated. He informed the Members that a communication has been sent by the Council to National Testing Agency set-up by the Government of India to express their willingness to conduct the NATA examination on behalf of Council of Architecture as per the requirements to be given by the Council.

Further, the COA is in receipt of representations from various stakeholders that for the year 2019 the exam may be conducted twice a year so that all students can

get opportunity to appear in the NATA Test. The Executive Committee desired that in future all such matters should be brought to the notice of the Executive Committee in advance.

The Members deliberated in the matter in detail and noted that the NTA has been set up very recently and may not have proper infrastructure to conduct NATA examinations. Therefore, the Council may also explore for other agencies to conduct NATA 2019 examinations.

ITEM NO.5 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 30.08.2018, RECEIVED FROM ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT OF COIMBATORE ANNA UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED COLLEGE, ERODE, REGARDING SUGGESTIONS ON NATA.

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 30.08.2018 written by Vice-President, Association of Management of Coimbatore Anna University affiliated College, Erode, and noted the suggestions.

ITEM NO.6 RENOVATION OF COUNCIL'S OFFICE SPACE AT NBCC PLACE, OKHLA, NEW DELHI.

The Executive Committee perused the expression of interest received from 10 Architects/Firms for designing and planning of Office space of Council at NBCC place, Okhla, and desired that a comparative statement be prepared to appoint an Architect for preparation of design for interior work of the COA.

ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE LETTERS DATED 24.08.2018 AND 04.09.2018 RECEIVED FROM AICTE FOR RESOLVING CONTENTIOUS ISSUES.

The Executive Committee perused the letters dated 24.08.2018 and 04.09.2018 written by Prof. Rajiv Kumar, Advisor (P&AP), AICTE, and decided that the observations sent along with the letters be shared with all the Members of the Council so that they can make their views and comments in the matter.

ITEM NO.8 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE REVISED PANEL OF INSPECTORS FROM INSPECTIONS OF SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE IN INDIA.

The Executive Committee perused the revised and consolidated panel of inspectors and decided that the soft copy of the same may be shared with the EC Members.

ITEM NO.9 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 29.08.2018, RECEIVED FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STONES, JAIPUR REQUESTING THEREIN TO INTEND SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STONE INDUSTRY EXHIBITION.

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 29.08.2018, received from Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS), Jaipur, and decided that the Council may associate with the CDOS without any financial commitment and accordingly a communication be sent to them.

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER SETTING UP OF A TRANSIT HOUSE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE AT NEW DELHI.

The Executive Committee considered the proposal for setting up Transit House of Council of Architecture for stay of President, EC member and Members of the Council and other guests. The Executive Committee after the detailed deliberations decided that a revised financial proposal be prepared and the feasibility of Council of Architecture having a Guest House/Transit House is to be re-examined.

ITEM NO.11 TO CONSIDER THE E-MAIL DATED 31.08.2018, RECEIVED FROM JOINT DIRECTOR, TRADE POLICY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, GOVT OF INDIA, REGARDING INDIA-MAURITIUS CECPA.

The Executive Committee perused the e-mail dated 31st August, 2018 received from Joint Director, Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, regarding India-Mauritius CECPA.

The Executive Committee agreed that the COA should have an MOU/MRA with the registration authorities of foreign countries including Mauritius so that Indian Architects can work abroad and India can also have services of good Architects and avail best technology in design and construction of buildings. A communication be sent to the Ministry of Commerce and Industries that the Council is willing to have an MRA with the Registration Authorities of Mauritius and they may initiate a dialogue for the same.

ITEM NO. 12 TO TAKE NOTE OF FOLLOWING COURSE CASES:

- i) **W.P. NO.(MD) 14884 & 14885 OF 2018, FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, PERIYAR MANIAMMAI UNIVERSITY V/S. COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, BEFORE HON'BLE MADRAS HIGH COURT.**

The Executive Committee perused the order dated 11th July, 2018 and decided that the Council may file appeal before the Hon'ble Court about the deficiencies in the Institution because of which its intake was reduced and request the Hon'ble Court to vacate the Stay Order on the Council's letter dated 5th April, 2018.

- ii) **W.P. (C) NO. 23858 OF 2018, THEJUS COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE V/S. STATE OF KERALA & ORS. (COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE-RESPONDENT NO.6) BEFORE HON'BLE KERALA HIGH COURT.**

The Executive Committee noted that the Hon'ble Kerala High Court has dismissed a Petition filed by Thejus College of Architecture challenging the Government of Kerala, communication mandating that the Institution should obtain AICTE approval for admission of additional 40 students in B.Arch course.

The Executive Committee decided that the Council may either file a review application or an SLP before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to ensure that it

is only Council of Architecture whose approval is valid for imparting a recognized Architectural qualification in the country as the issue regarding AICTE or COA having power to regulate Architectural education, is already sub-judice before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING, MNIT, JAIPUR, FOR CONDUCT OF TRAINING PROGRAMME.

The Executive Committee approved the 3 proposals submitted by Department of Architecture and Planning, MNIT, Jaipur regarding conduct of 5 days training programme on 3 different topics. The Committee decided that the Director, COATRC may be asked to coordinate and communicate the same to the Institution.

The EC also decided that the Institution may be asked to deposit QIP participation fees as communicated by the office of Council of Architecture.

ITEM NO. 14 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

No other item was discussed.

The meeting ended at 3:00 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

R.K.Oberoi
Registrar-Secretary

Vijay Garg
Acting Chairman

Dated: 15.10.2018