MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING (73RDMEETING) OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON SUNDAY, 26THJULY, 2020, AT 3.30 P.M., ONLINE THROUGH ZOOM APPLICATION.

PRESENT:

Ar. Habeeb Khan   : President
Ar. Sapna   : Vice-President

MEMBERS:

1.	Ar. Alok Ranjan	18.	Ar. Maitreyi C. Gupta
2.	Ar. J. Manoharan	19.	Ar. Nand Kishore Negi
3.	Ar. Pushkar M. Kanvinde	20.	Ar. Gajanand Ram
4.	Ar. Abhay V. Purohit	21.	Ar. S.K. Patra
5.	Ar. Amit Kumar Garg	22.	Ar. P. Vaitianadin
6.	Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta	23.	Ar. Rani Maria LeonteVedamuthu
7.	Ar. Jayalakshmi V.	24.	Ar. Kavita Daryani Rao
8.	Ar. P.Satheesh Kumar	25.	Ar. Ritu Singh
9.	Ar. Ramesh Kumar	26.	Ar. Yogeeta Rai
10.	Ar. Bapilu Chai	27.	Ar. Bansan Singh Thangkhiew
11.	Ar. Nilakshi Sarma	28.	Ar. Nupur Banerjee
12.	Ar. Anil Kumar	29.	Ar. Vandana Sehgal
13.	Ar. Kapil Setia	30.	Ar. Shashi Mohan Srivastava
14.	Ar. Arvind Kumar Ahirwar	31.	Sh.H.K. Mittal
15.	Ar. Pamsi D Dhanjibhai	32.	Sh.Sandeep Kumar Deb
16.	Ar. Vijay Garg	33.	Dr.G.S Inda
17.	Ar. Govindrao Alias Chandan K. Parab		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sh. R.K.Oberoi   : Registrar-Secretary
Sh. Deepak Kumar   : Administrative Officer
Sh. Deepak Kumar Singh   : Asst. Administrative Officer

The following member was granted leave of absence:

1. Ar. Amitava Roy.

The following members did not attend the meeting and no information about their absence was received from them:

1.	Ar. Prakash S. Deshmukh	2.	Ar. Narmada Devi Yumnam
3.	Sh.Prashant Kumar Aggarwal	4.	Ar. Lalchhandami
5.	Ar. Naveen Kanithi	6.	Ar. P.S. Rajeev
7.	Ar. Bimal H. Patel	8.	Ar. Satish B.V.
9.	Ar. Ashutosh Kumar Agarwal	10.	Ar. Jatinder Kumar Sehgal
11.	Ar. Sadiqu Ali D.A.	12.	Ar. Rakesh Singh Kushwah
13.	Ar. V. NeilazoMetha	14.	Ar. Sanjiban Datta
15.	Ar. Anita Samyal	16.	Ar. Anasua Guha Thakurta

The President, Council of Architecture, welcomed the members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending the meeting at a very short notice.He informed that there are certain matters which required urgent consideration and decision from the Council and it was not possible to wait till convening of regular meeting, hence this emergent Special Meeting was convened.

The President requested the members to condone the requirement of 15 days' notice as per proviso (1) of Regulation 3 of Council of Architecture Regulations, 1982 for holding special meeting of the Council in view of emergent circumstances prevalent.

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

ITEM NO.1	RELAXATION IN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO B.ARCH. COURSE FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2021 DUE TO PANDEMIC OF COVID-19.
	The President informed the members that the office of the Council is in receipt of e-mail dated 24thJuly, 2020 of Shri Pawan Kumar, Under Secretary (NIT/SPA), MHRD, forwarding therewith the letter no.FNo.37-2/2019-TS.III dated 24.07.2020 of MHRD, regarding relaxation of eligibility criteria in JEE (Mains) Examination 2020 for admission to NITs and other Centrally funded institutions in B.E./B.Tech. and B.Arch. Course.

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The Council noted the eligibility criteria for admission to B.Arch. Course as prescribed under Regulation 4 (1) of Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983, notified in the Official Gazette of India on 13.02.2019. The same reads as under:

"No candidate shall be admitted to architecture course unless she/ he has passed an examination at the end of the 10+2 scheme of examination with at least 50% aggregate marks in Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics and also at least 50% marks in aggregate of the 10+2 level examination or passed 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics as compulsory subject with at least 50% marks in aggregate."

The Council noted that in view of pandemic Covid-19, 10+2 exams could not be held in many parts of the Country and results were declared on basis of previous performance of the candidate and also perused Government of India's decision to keep only pass percentage as eligibility criteria for admission to technical/ professional course.

The Council after taking note of the above and having detailed deliberations in the matter decided that the eligibility for admission to B.Arch. Course as prescribed in the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983, be relaxed to arrive at equitable eligibility criteria having parity for all the institutions/

	students, as a one-time measure for admissions to the academic session 2020-2021 only.
	
	Accordingly, the Council unanimously passed the following resolution:
	
	Resolution No.521
	
	Resolved that:
	
	   1. In view of the Pandemic Covid 19, the eligibility for Admission to 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. Degree Course as prescribed under Regulation 4(1) of the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983, be relaxed as under:
	
	      "Pass in 10+2 scheme of examination with PCM subjects or pass in 10+3 Diploma with Mathematics, as the case may be, as a one-time measure for the academic session 2020-2021.
	
	   2. The candidates who have qualified the aptitude test i.e. NATA or JEE, with pass percentage in 10+2 Examination with PCM or 10+3 Diploma with Mathematics shall be eligible for admission to the B.Arch. Course for the academic session 2020-2021.
	
	   3. The above relaxed eligibility shall be implemented with the Approval of the Central Government
	
	The Council requested the Central Government to accord its approval for relaxing the eligibility criteria in terms of above resolution, as a one-time measure due to pandemic of Covid -19 for the academic session 2020-2021.
	
	Further, since admission process is about to begin or has already begun in some states for the academic session 2020-21, an urgent consideration of the matter will be highly appreciated so that all the students/ institutions can be notified by the Council about the relaxed eligibility immediately.

ITEM NO.2	**REVISION OF SYLLABUS OF APTITUDE TEST - PART A (DRAWING TEST) OF NATA 2020 EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ADMISSION TO FIRST YEAR OF 5-YEAR B.ARCH. COURSE.**
	The President informed the members in view of the prevalent situation arising out of Corona Virus Pandemic (COVID-19) and consequent directives of the Government of India for ensuring public health related social distancing and other measures, the Executive Committee of the Council on the recommendations of the NATA Co-ordination Committee, has decided to conduct both Part A (Cognitive skills for Drawing and Visual Composition Test) and B (Test on

	Scientific Ability & General Aptitude) of NATA 2020 Examination as a comprehensive online aptitude testwith an option to candidates to either appear for exam for their home or from the designated Test Centres.

Due to exceptional circumstances, Part-A Test (Cognitive skills for Drawing and Visual Composition Test), has been re-devised as a preferential/multiple choice type test to be answered on PC/laptop. The syllabus for Part-A Drawing Test has been revised as under:

- Understanding the important visual principles in a composition (2D OR 3D) such as balance, rhythm, direction, hierarchy, etc.
- Understanding geometry and the ability to visualize shape and solve geometrical puzzles to test spatial intelligence;
- Understanding color theory and the various terminologies to test color scheme awareness and knowledge;
- Visual system interpretation and perception to test graphical similarities and other properties;
- Ability to understand spatial relationship between objects, and to visualize images and scenarios; Tests for cognitive ability: perception, attention, recognition, memory etc.

The President further informed the members that the NATA 2020 Brochure containing the revised syllabus has been uploaded on the NATA /Council website on 24.07.2020 for information of all concerned.

Ar. Ranee Vedamuthu, Convenor of the NATA Coordination Committee informed the members that there will be proctors to monitor each and every candidate and will red flag in case any suspicious activity from any candidate is noticed. The candidate has toinform the address from where he is giving exam in advance. There will be three process, mainly, photo identification – face recognition of the candidate, location verification and geo-tagging. She also informed the members that that A mock test to familiarize the candidates with the examination will be conducted 10-15 days before the examination specially for candidates who are opting to appear from their home. All the conditions mentioned in the NATA brochure were read out in the meeting.

The Council appreciated the initiative taken in this pandemic situation where both health and safety of students is ensured as well as the statutory requirement of passing the aptitude test for admission to B.Arch. Course is also being complied with.

The Council after detailed deliberations in the matter in the matter ratified the decision of the Executive Committee to conduct both Part A and Part B of NATA 2020 Examination online by giving option to candidates to either appear from their home or from the designated Test Centres. |
| **ITEM NO.3** | **ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.** |

I)	**CONDUCT OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ONLINE.**
	The President informed the members that in view of the Pandemic of Covid 19, the Council meetings can only be conducted online as the Council members are from all parts of the country and it is very difficult to hold meetings by physical presence. The President requested the members to accept and approve the online mode as a valid and official mode of holding the Council meetings. The Council after deliberations unanimously resolved as under: **Resolution No.522** **Resolved That** : The Council taking note of the situation prevalent in the country in view of the pandemic COVID 19 and applicability of Disaster Management Act, resolved to hold the Council meeting(s) online since the Council Members are coming from all parts of the Country until the normal situation prevails. The Council after deliberations also resolved to condone the 15 days notice period required for holding emergent meeting of the Council as per Council of Architecture Regulations, 1982 and accepted the present meeting as 73rd meeting of the Council.

Ar. Sapna, Vice-President, Council of Architecture thanked the President, Council members, Registrar and other Officers of the Council for successful conduct of online meeting of the Full Council. The Meeting ended at for 5:10 PM.