

**MINUTES OF THE 180<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2017, AT 10.00 A.M., IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, CORE 6A, FIRST FLOOR, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI – 110003.**

**Present :**

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| 1. Ar. Biswaranjan Nayak | : Chairman, in chair |
| 2. Ar. Vijay Garg        | : Vice-Chairman      |
| 3. Ar. Raneer Vedamuthu  | : Member             |
| 4. Ar. Alok Ranjan       | : Member             |
| 5. Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta | : Member             |
| 6. Ar. Abhay Purohit     | : Member             |

Ar. Amitava Roy, member, could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupation.

**In attendance:**

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| Shri R. K. Oberoi       | : Registrar – Secretary        |
| Shri C.B. Mishra        | : Sr. Consultant               |
| Shri Deepak Kumar       | : Administrative Officer       |
| Shri Deepak Kumar Singh | : Asst. Administrative Officer |

**ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 179<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.**

The Minutes of the 179<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee as circulated to the members of the Executive Committee were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**ITEM NO.2 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The Executive Committee noted the action taken report as detailed in the Appendix-B of the Agenda.

**ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS, 2017.**

The Chairman informed that the members that he constituted a Team under the leadership of Shri Vijay Garg, Vice-President, COA, to prepare the

Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations 2017 on the lines of the 1983 Regulations and wherever possible to further rationalize the provisions 2017 Regulations.

The Committee perused the Draft submitted by the Team and deliberated on the same in detail. The Committee agreed that teacher student ratio should be 1:10.

The Committee, thereafter, approved the Minimum Regulations 2017 and directed that the same be sent to the Central Government for approval in terms of the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972.

**ITEM NO.4 TO CONSIDER AND FINALISE THE MODALITIES FOR CONDUCT OF NATA 2018 EXAMINATION AND FEES TO BE CHARGED FROM CANDIDATES.**

The Chairman informed the members that Council will conduct the NATA 2018 Examination in April 2018 for admission to first year of 5-year B.Arch.Course on online basis. It will be a one paper, one day and one time test for the academic session 2018-2019.

The Executive Committee decided that Expression of Interest be invited from reputed Agencies by way of Limited Tender for conduct of NATA Examination all over India at different examination centres.

The Committee further decided that Ms. Ranees Vedamuthu, Member, EC, shall monitor the conduct of NATA 2018 Examination and Shri C.B. Mishra, Sr. Consultant, shall be Officer Incharge to carry out NATA 2018 Examination Work. The Registrar, CoA shall supervise the NATA 2018 Examination work.

The Executive Committee decided that the NATA 2018 Examination be conducted on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and appropriate information/ notification be published in Newspapers all over India.

**ITEM NO.5 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.**

The Chairman stated that he has constituted a Committee under the Convenorship of Ms. Ranees Vedamuthu, Member, EC, regarding the reference received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, regarding promotion of Shri R. K. Oberoi, Registrar, Council of Architecture.

The Convenor of the Committee submitted the report in sealed cover to the Chairman for further action in the matter. However, President desired that the report should be submitted alongwith the supporting documents.

**ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 30.09.2017 RECEIVED FROM THE REGISTRAR, GITAM UNIVERSITY, VISHAKHAPATNAM, REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF B.ARCH. COURSE AT GITAM UNIVERSITY, HYDERABAD CAMPUS.**

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 30.09.2017 received from the Registrar, GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, requesting for approval of the Council for starting B.Arch. Course at GITAM University, Hyderabad Campus for the academic session 2017-2018.

The Executive Committee upon deliberations in the matter decided that the institution be given approval to impart B.Arch. degree course for 2017-2018 but since the admission process for 2017-2018 is already over, the institution should not make admission in the course this year.

**ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PANEL OF ADVOCATES FOR COUNCIL ACROSS THE COUNTRY ALONG WITH FEES PAYABLE TO THEM.**

The Chairman informed the members that the Council has invited applications from Advocates from all over India for their engagement as Advocates/ Additional Advocates of the Council as per fees prescribed by the Council.

The Executive Committee approved the fees structure and decided that the Advocates be shortlisted out of this list, statewise, on the basis of their qualification having acquired from reputed institutions like National Law Colleges, Delhi University and other top ranking Universities, experience, cases filed and won by advocates, so that a final list of good/ reputed advocates can be prepared on all India bases and the services of these advocates be availed by the Council.

**ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 16.10.2017 RECEIVED FROM DIRECTOR, COATRC, PUNE, REGARDING PROPOSAL FROM M/S. AKSHARA, AHMEDABAD REGARDING PURCHASE OF 500 COPIES OF BOOK TITLED 'FOOTPRINTS OF VISVAKARMA, STUDIES IN INDIAN TEMPLE SCULPTURE AND ARCHITECTURE'.**

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 16.10.2017 of The Director, COATRC along with the proposal received from M/S. Akshara, Ahmedabad regarding purchase of 500 Copies of Book Titled as "Footprints Of Visvakarma, Studies In Indian Temple Sculpture And Architecture" by M. A. Dhaky and edit by Snehal Shah for distribution to architectural institutions in the country.

The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter decided that first copies of book should be obtained from M/s. Akshara and thereafter the matter be placed before the Publication Committee for review of the book in order to decide whether this book should be purchased by the Council for distribution to architectural institutions or not.

**ITEM NO.9 PUBLICATION OF DIRECTORY OF ARCHITECTS AND HANDBOOK OF PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENTS.**

The Chairman informed the members that Executive Committee in its earlier meetings decided to appoint a Consultant for collecting advertisement for printing in the Directory of Architects and Handbook of Professional Document. Accordingly, an advertisement was published in leading newspapers. However, only two offers were received and one of them had already withdrawn.

Therefore, it is proposed to issue an advertisement again for selection of consultant on all India basis instead of a person/ firm from Delhi & NCR so that suitable offers from the concerned firms and individuals can be received.

Further, it is proposed that the twin documents be published in the year 2018 instead of the due year 2017.

The Executive Committee deliberated in detail in the matter and decided that a fresh advertisement in newspapers be issued for selection of a consultant, from all over India, inviting offers for collecting advertisement for the Handbook of Professional Documents and Directory of Architects 2018.

**ITEM NO.10 TO CONSIDER THE E-MAIL DATED 25.10.2017 RECEIVED FROM DIRECTOR, COATRC, PUNE, REGARDING PROPOSED CALENDAR OF TRAINING PROGRAMME.**

The Executive Committee perused the Proposed Calendar of Training Programme 06, as submitted by Director, COATRC, Pune vide e-mail dated 25.10.2017 for approval of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee approved the same and also observed that Director, TRC, should not be a resource person. The Executive Committee placed on record its dissatisfaction on the working of the TRC, Pune and decided that in future the programmes received without application form will not be considered and also desired that in future point wise content of the programme should be submitted well in advance for the entire year.

**ITEM NO. 11 TO TAKE NOTE OF APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR OF TRAINING PROGRAMME BY THE CHAIRMAN, EC.**

The Executive Committee perused the e-mails dated 21.09.2017 and 25.10.2017 of Director, COATRC regarding proposed academic calendar and ratified the approved granted by the Chairman.

**ITEM NO.12 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 27.10.2017 RECEIVED FROM JIJAMATA SHIKSHAN PRASARAK MANDAL, AURANGABAD, MAHARASHTRA, REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF B.ARCH. COURSE AND TRANSFER OF STUDENTS.**

The Executive Committee considered the letter dated 13.10.2017 received from DTE, Maharashtra State regarding transfer of students to the other CoA approved Institutions. The Executive Committee deliberated the matter in detail and noted that the said Institution was not given approval by the Council and even after denial of approval by the Council the Institution made admissions in B.Arch. Course. The Executive Committee, therefore, in order to safeguard the interest of students decided on humanitarian grounds to transfer the students to other CoA approved colleges and to discourage such practice in future imposed a fine of Rs.40,000/- per student to the Institution. Further, action including issuance of NOC be initiated by CoA office upon compliance of the Institution.

**ITEM NO.13 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 24TH OCTOBER 2017 RECEIVED FROM KA15-SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE, MYSORE, REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF M.ARCH. COURSE AND REGULARIZING 2016-2017 BATCH.**

The Executive Committee considered the request of the Institution to consider for approval of M.Arch (Urban Design) Course. The Executive Committee noted that the Institution was having approval of the Council for M Arch upto 2013-2014 and did not apply for further extension. The Institution applied for extension of approval of imparting M.Arch. (Urban Design) for 2017-2018 by submitting charges of Rs.1,00,000/- and was asked by the Council to apply for introduction of the said course from 2017-2018.

The institution now vide its letter dated 24.10.2017 has applied for introduction of M.Arch (Urban Design) Course from the academic session 2017-2018 by submitting charges of Rs.400,000/- towards the same and also requested for regularization of 2016-2017 batch of 5 students

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided to grant approval for M.Arch. (Urban Design) course to the Institution from the academic session 2017-18 on receipt of the requisite charges for introduction of 2017-2018 and also regularized the batch of 2016-2017.

**ITEM NO.14 ATTENDING FUNCTIONS AT ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that the members and office bearers shall bring it to the knowledge of the Executive Committee before attending any such function.

**ITEM NO.15 TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE THE PROCESS TO BE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR FILLING UP VARIOUS POSTS IN THE COUNCIL.**

The Chairman informed the members that presently several posts are vacant in the Council and one post of Junior Accounts Officer is likely to get vacant in the near future. Therefore, it is proposed to issue advertisement in National Newspapers filling up the following posts:

1. Lower Division Clerk,
2. Upper Division Clerk,
3. Stenographer,
4. Computer Operator,
5. Assistant
6. Sr. Stenographer/PA,
7. Junior Accounts Officer,
8. Programmer.

The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter decided that the qualifications and procedure as provided under the Council of Architecture Recruitment and Promotion Regulations, 1999 be followed in the matter.

**ITEM NO.16 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**

- I) TO TAKE NOTE OF THE LETTER DATED 23.10.2017, RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF HRD, GOVT. OF INDIA, REGARDING USE OF THE NATIONAL EMBLEM OF INDIA BY THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.**

The Executive Committee perused the letter no.4-37/2013-TS.VI dated 23.10.2017 received from the MHRD, Govt. of India regarding use of National Emblem by the Council and noted that the Central Government has not accepted the request of the Council.

- II) TO TAKE NOTE OF THE LETTER DATED 30.10.2017, RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF HRD, GOVT. OF INDIA, REGARDING AMENDMENTS OF COA RULES, 1973 FOR PROVIDING FEES FOR COMPLAINTS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST ARCHITECTS.**

The Executive Committee perused the letter no. 4-63-2016-TS-VI dated 30.10.2017 received from the MHRD, Govt. of India regarding fixing of fees for filing complaints for professional misconduct against

Architects and noted that the Central Government has not accepted the request of the Council.

**III) TO CONSIDER REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM B.ARCH. STUDENTS OF BR03-DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (DEEMED UNIVERSITY), PATNA (BIHAR)**

The Executive Committee considered the requests received from B.Arch. students of BR03-Department of Architecture Birla Institute of Technology (Deemed University), Patna Centre Patna (Bihar) of JH01-Birla Institute of Technology (Deemed University) Mesra, Ranchi, to consider their registration as architects with the Council. The Executive Committee had earlier discontinued issuance of enrolment numbers and processing of registration to the said students for want of approval of Patna centre of BIT, Mesra from UGC.

The Executive Committee decided that the matter needs to be considered sympathetically for B.Arch. students who are admitted to the course based on the approval granted by the Council in previous academic sessions.

The Executive Committee therefore decided that the passed out B.Arch. students of BR03-Department of Architecture Birla Institute of Technology (Deemed University), Patna Centre Patna (Bihar) of Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra be registered as architects with the Council, on the lines of previous YCMOU B.Arch. batches, subject to receipt of an undertaking from students that their registration with the Council shall be subject to the approval from UGC and may be cancelled if any adverse decision from any Court/appropriate authority is received by the Council.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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