

MINUTES OF THE 85th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2025 (SATURDAY) FROM 10:30 A.M. ONWARDS AT HOTEL DENZONG REGENCY, GANGTOK -737101, SIKKIM.

PRESENT:

Prof. Abhay V. Purohit : President (In Chair)
Ar. Gajanand Ram : Vice-President

MEMBERS:

1.	Ar.Kamala Kant Asthana	2.	Ar.Anil Kumar
3.	Ar.Nilesh Diliprao Chavan	4.	Ar.Benju Singh Nongthombam
5.	Ar.Sanjeev Bumb	6.	Ar.Ritu Singh
7.	Ar.Pushkar Murlidhar Kanwinde	8.	Ar.Sanjeev Kumar
9.	Ar.Binumol Tom	10.	Ar.Lyttan Laiahun Wanka
11.	Ar.Senthil Kumar	12.	Ar.Rajiv Rampher Mishra
13.	Ar.Gauri Nitin Shiurkar	14.	Ar.Namita Kumari Mohapatra
15.	Ar.M.R.Kumarchandra	16.	Ar.N. Mayil
17.	Ar.Ajay Keshav	18.	Ar.K. Udaya
19.	Ar.Naveen Kanithi	20.	Ar.Lalengzuali Tialchuha Chinzah
21.	Ar.Bapilu Chai Tawsik	22.	Ar.Ritu Garg
23.	Ar.Gayden Chopel	24.	Ar.Rahul Kumar Bysack
25.	Ar.T. Loganathan	26.	Ar. Amal Rabindranath Barman
27.	Ar.Manguesh Ragunath Prabhugaonkar	28.	Er.Sandip Kumar Deb
29.	Dr.G.S.Inda		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sh. R. K. Oberoi : Registrar-Secretary
Sh. Deepak Kumar : Deputy Registrar

The following members were granted leave of absence:

1.	Ar.B.R. Mohan	2.	Ar.Kiran S. Mahajani
3.	Ar.Swopnadutta Mohanty	4.	Ms.Saumya Gupta
5.	Ar.Sanjiban Datta	6.	Ar.Vishal Arunkumar Vyas
7.	Ar.Ravi Kumar R.	8.	Ar.Sandeep Laxman Bangde
9.	Ar.Yogesh Kumar Garg	10.	Ar.Tarun Garg
11.	Ar.R. Kamala Devi	12.	Ar.Kafeel Ahmed Farozy
13.	Ar.Girish V.S.	14.	Ar.Kevisino Angami

No information was received, about their absence, from following members:

1.	Ar.Mahesh Arjun Ruperee	2.	Ar.Shashi Mohan Srivastava
3.	Ar.Vijay Garg	4.	Ar.Nadisha V.M.
5.	Ar.Rajiv Kumar	6.	Er.Mahavir Bhavarilal Chopda

The Hon'ble President welcomed the Hon'ble members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending the meeting. He specially thanked Ar. Gayden Chopel, representative of State of Sikkim, for assisting the Council in organizing the meeting at Gangtok, Sikkim.

The President welcomed the new members attending the meeting, namely, Ar.Lyttan Laiahun Wanka, Ar. Amal Rabindranath Barman, Ar. Manguesh Ragunath Prabhugaonker, Ar. Gayden Chopel, Ar. Rahul Kumar Bysack, Prof. Gauri Shiukar, Ar. Ritu Garg and Ar. Lalengzuali Tialchuha Chinzah, who are, inter alia, nominated by various State Governments, and elected from among members Heads of Architectural Institution.

The President requested all the Hon'ble Members to introduce themselves for the benefit of all the members.

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

ITEM NO.	PARTICULARS OF THE ITEMS
01	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 83RD and 84TH MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL
	The Hon'ble President informed the Members that the Minutes of 83rd & 84th Meeting of the Council were circulated to the Hon'ble Members on 21st February, 2025 & 11th November, 2025 respectively. The Council perused the comments received from Ar. Namita Mohapatra on minutes of 83rd meeting and after discussions concluded that no change in the minutes is required. Further, no comments have been received on the Minutes of 84th Meeting. The Council after deliberations approved the minutes and the same were signed by the President.
02	ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 83RD AND 84TH MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL
	The Council noted the action report on the Minutes of 83 rd and 84 th meetings.
03	APPROVAL FOR RESTORATION OF NAMES TO THE REGISTER OF ARCHITECTS MAINTAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE UNDER SECTION 32 OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.

	The Council granted ex-post facto approval to the action taken by the Registrar for restoration of the names of 10,319 defaulting Architects, in terms of the proviso to sub-section (2) of Section 26 of the Act, which requires the Council's approval for restoration of names removed from the Register of Architects upon payment of the prescribed renewal/restoration fees.																																																														
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17	Ms. Akshita Rastogi	Uttar Pradesh	CA/2018/97232
18	Mr. Maitiri Hitendra Kumar Kapadiya	Gujarat	CA/2018/100382
19	Mr. Ramjot Singh	Punjab	CA/2018/103676
20	Ms. Noorul Farvis K.	Tamil Nadu	CA/2019/108397
21	Ms. Swaroop Vivek Vinita Bhartu	Maharashtra	CA/2019/108473
22	Mr. Soumitra	Telangana	CA/2019/110280
23	Mr. Ankit Pandey	Uttarakhand	CA/2019/111109
24	Mr. Manikandan V.	Tamil Nadu	CA/2019/112614
25	Ms. Ankita Sharma	Delhi	CA/2019/112896
26	Ms. Ajra Bano	Uttar Pradesh	CA/2019/114228
27	Mr. Saahil Kumar	Delhi	CA/2019/115161
28	Mr. Pranav Sanjay Seema Agarwal	Haryana	CA/2019/117231
29	Ms. Nikita Deepak Kalyani Parui	Maharashtra	CA/2020/119647
30	Mr. Ashwin Bharat Chougule	Maharashtra	CA/2020/124496
31	Ms. Trishla Chadha	Delhi	CA/2020/125522
32	Mr. Hitprakash Mohanty	Odisha	CA/2020/126228
33	Mr. Suriya S.	Tamil Nadu	CA/2021/132157
34	Mr. Tushar Abraham Joshi	Tamil Nadu	CA/2021/133150
35	Ms. Prakritis	Tamil Nadu	CA/2021/134173
36	Ms. Biranje Mrunalini Nagjyoti	Karnataka	CA/2021/135323
37	Ms. Rhicha Suhas Rupa Phatak	Maharashtra	CA/2021/137332
38	Ms. Rhicha Subhas Rupa Phatak	Maharashtra	CA/2021/137332
39	Mr. Shirish Saxena	Uttar Pradesh	Ca/2021/137898
40	Ms. Poorva Jain	Delhi	CA/2021/138474
41	Ms. Shehla Shirin	Kerala	CA/2021/138584
42	Ms. Pallavi Aashokrao Shinganapure	Maharashtra	CA/2021/140187
43	Ms. Sonali Sinha	Maharashtra	CA/2022/141583
44	Ms. Pudu Momika	Telangana	CA/2022/142800
45	Mr. Ubaid Ansari	Uttar Pradesh	CA/2022/149679
46	Ms. Ankita Sunil Suneeta Agawane	Maharashtra	CA/2022/150130
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48	Mr. Muhammad Mubariz Mir	Jammu & Kashmir	CA/2022/151261
49	Ms. Fiona Rhea Barboza	Karnataka	CA/2022/152162
50	Ms. Purbasha Manna	Maharashtra	CA/2022/153759
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	The Council noted with deep grief the passing away of certain Architects. The Members expressed their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and observed a one-minute silence in their memory. The Council decided to remove their names in terms of Section 29(1) (b) of the Architects Act, 1972 and passed the following resolution: Resolution No.586: Resolved that: (i) The names of the following Architects be removed from the Register of Architects due to their death as provided under the Section 29(1) (b) of the Architects Act, 1972: <table><tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>REGISTRATION NO.</th><th>NAME</th><th>STATE/CITY</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>CA/2013/61201</td><td>Ms. Vasudha V. Mudalkar</td><td>Karnataka</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>CA/1975/00259</td><td>Mr. Sunil Kumar Ghose</td><td>West Bengal</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>CA/1975/00455</td><td>Mr. Suraj Prakash Subherwal</td><td>Delhi</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>CA/1977/03575</td><td>Mr. Shirish Waman Joshi</td><td>Maharashtra</td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>CA/1978/04703</td><td>Mr. Rajendra Bhalchandra Thakur</td><td>Maharashtra</td></tr><tr><td>6.</td><td>CA/1980/05730</td><td>Mr. Naresh Agnihotri</td><td>Uttar Pradesh</td></tr><tr><td>7.</td><td>CA/1985/09246</td><td>Mr. D.V. Solomon</td><td>Tamil Nadu</td></tr><tr><td>8.</td><td>CA/2000/26563</td><td>Mr. Chetan Digambar Honrao</td><td>Maharashtra</td></tr><tr><td>9.</td><td>CA/1981/06392</td><td>Mr. Rakesh Mohan Gupta</td><td>Uttar Pradesh</td></tr><tr><td>10.</td><td>CA/1986/10256</td><td>Mr. Sanjay Torvi</td><td>Telangana</td></tr><tr><td>11.</td><td>CA/1975/01437</td><td>Mr. Damodar P. Nagarkar</td><td>Maharashtra</td></tr><tr><td>12.</td><td>CA/2021/127049</td><td>Ms. Saniya A. Jadhav</td><td>Maharashtra</td></tr></table>				Sl. No.	REGISTRATION NO.	NAME	STATE/CITY	1.	CA/2013/61201	Ms. Vasudha V. Mudalkar	Karnataka	2.	CA/1975/00259	Mr. Sunil Kumar Ghose	West Bengal	3.	CA/1975/00455	Mr. Suraj Prakash Subherwal	Delhi	4.	CA/1977/03575	Mr. Shirish Waman Joshi	Maharashtra	5.	CA/1978/04703	Mr. Rajendra Bhalchandra Thakur	Maharashtra	6.	CA/1980/05730	Mr. Naresh Agnihotri	Uttar Pradesh	7.	CA/1985/09246	Mr. D.V. Solomon	Tamil Nadu	8.	CA/2000/26563	Mr. Chetan Digambar Honrao	Maharashtra	9.	CA/1981/06392	Mr. Rakesh Mohan Gupta	Uttar Pradesh	10.	CA/1986/10256	Mr. Sanjay Torvi	Telangana	11.	CA/1975/01437	Mr. Damodar P. Nagarkar	Maharashtra	12.	CA/2021/127049	Ms. Saniya A. Jadhav	Maharashtra
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05	FELICITATION OF OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS.																																																							
	The Council felicitated the following former Members during the meeting, in recognition of their immense contributions to the various activities and functions of the Council. (i) Dr. Vandana Sehgal (ii) Ar. Atonu Baruah (iii) Ar. Harinder Arora (iv) Ar. P. S. Rajeev (v) Ar. Aldrina K. Marak (vi) Ar. Milind Kollegal																																																							

	The Council decided to put on record its appreciation for the contribution and support extended by its outgoing members to the Council as part of its various Committees, as inspectors for inspection of institutions, experts, evaluators, guides and mentors for running the affairs of the Council smoothly and for betterment of the architectural fraternity.
06	TO TAKE NOTE OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE COUNCIL FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-2026.
	The Registrar-Secretary presented the Budget estimate of the Council for the Financial Year 2025-2026. The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Executive Committee of the Council in its 269th Meeting held on 19th March, 2025 approved the Budget Estimates of the Council, as Recurring Expenditure to the extent of ₹38,28,71,000/- [Rupees Thirty-Eight Crore Twenty-Eight Lakh Seventy-One Thousand Only] and Non-recurring to the extent of ₹1,90,00,000/- [Rupees One Crore Ninety Lakh Only] thus totaling to ₹40,18,71,000/- [Rupees Forty Crore Eighteen Lakh Seventy-One Thousand Only] is approved to be incurred from out of the Proposed Income to the extent of ₹40,18,81,000/- [Rupees Forty Crore Eighteen Lakh Eighty-One Thousand Only] for the financial year 2025-2026. The President apprised the members that the income of the Council may be adversely impacted in the event the regulation of Architectural Education is taken over by the proposed Higher Education Commission of India (HECI), and further, if the National Testing Agency (NTA) assumes charge of conducting the National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA). The Council, after deliberations, approved the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2025-2026.
07	TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR OF COUNCIL FOR QUARTER 3 & 4 OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025.
	The Council perused the Audit report of the Internal Auditor of the Council, M/s. J.K.S.S. & Associates for the Quarter-3 and Quarter-4 of the F.Y.: 2024-25 and after deliberations, desired that the observations and recommendations made by the Internal Auditor of the Council be complied with.
08	TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025.
	The Registrar-Secretary presented the Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year 2024-25. Further, the President informed that the Executive Committee in its 275th Meeting held on 15.11.2025 has considered the Annual Report and Audited

	Statement of Accounts of the Council for the financial year ending on 31st March, 2025. The Executive Committee has recommended placing the same before the Council and that the same may be accepted. The Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31.03.2025 of the Council of Architecture, Council of Architecture (Contributory Provident Fund) Account and Council of Architecture Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme and the Annual Report for the period, as annexed with the agenda were perused and approved by the Council and accordingly, the Council passed the following resolution: Resolution No.587: Resolved that: (a) The Annual Report together with Audited Statement of Accounts of the Council of Architecture, Council of Architecture (Contributory Provident Fund) Account and Council of Architecture Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme, for the period ended on 31.03.2025, as placed before the Council, be approved; (b) The same be published in the Gazette of India as required under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972; and (c) A copy of the same be sent to the Central Government in terms of the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972.
09	TO HEAR THE ARCHITECTS FOUND GUILTY OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT BY THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL
	Consideration of the item was deferred to the next meeting, as the Respondent Architect expressed his inability to appear for the hearing due to health reasons.
10	TO CONSIDER THE REPORT/ RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO IT
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that the Disciplinary Committee, held its 6 meetings after the 83rd Meeting of full Council, on 17th February, 2025 i.e. 01st April, 2025, 13th May, 2025, 14th July, 2025, 01st September, 2025 and 07th October, 2025 respectively and upon conduct of detailed inquiry, has submitted its report(s). The Council perused the reports of the Disciplinary Committee in respect of complaints referred to the Committee for investigation as per Council of Architecture Rules, 1973. The Council after deliberations decided as under: 1. CA/DC/529 – With regard to the complaint filed by Shri Shrikant Shitole against Ar. Mugdha Phansalkar, the Council perused the report of the

	Disciplinary Committee and noted that during the investigation by Committee both the parties had mutually agreed to resolve the disputes between themselves through concession and amicable settlement. On 14.07.2025 both the parties informed that they had mutually settled the matter and wish to withdraw the complaint forthwith. They had sent written communications to the Council. Accordingly, the Disciplinary Committee recommended that the Complaint be dismissed as withdrawn. The Council concurred with the report/recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee and ordered that the Complaint is dismissed as withdrawn as both the parties have mutually settled their issue and the Complainant does not wish to pursue his Complaint further. 2. CA/DC/533 – With regard to the complaint filed by Shri Dilip Maruti Kharat against Ar. Rajesh Narayan Shinde, the Council perused the report of the Disciplinary Committee and noted that the Respondent Architect acted as Contractor by providing civil work and executed the same which is conflict of interest. The Council noted that the Disciplinary Committee concluded that the dispute was purely related to non-payment of the Respondent's remaining fees by the Complainant and not about any violation of professional conduct. However, as per the allegations made by the complainant, the Respondent Architect acted as a contractor, which is contrary to the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989. Accordingly, the Council decided that the Respondent Architect be issued show cause notice as to why this should not be treated as professional misconduct on his part. 3. CA/DC/540- With regard to the complaint filed by Mrs. Usha Rani against Ar. Jai Bhagwan, the Council perused the report of the Disciplinary Committee. The Council noted that the Disciplinary Committee concluded that both the parties were showing different site plans, authenticity of them cannot be ascertained by Disciplinary Committee, it can only be done by MCD under whose jurisdiction the said plot falls or any other competent authorities dealing with such issues. Further, the matter is Sub-judice in Court of law. The Council therefore decided that, since the matter is sub-judice the same be kept in abeyance till the same is resolved by the Hon'ble Court of Law.
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	4. CA/DC/545- With regard to the complaint filed by M/s. Cable Corporation Pvt. Ltd. against Ar. Aniket Dilip Mathakar, the Council perused the report of the Disciplinary Committee. The Council noted that Complainant communicated in writing to Disciplinary Committee that they did not wish to further pursue their complaint against the Respondent Architect. Accordingly, based on the communication received from the Complainant the Disciplinary Committee recommended that the Complaint be dismissed as withdrawn. The Council concurred with the report/recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee and ordered that the Complaint be dismissed as withdrawn. 5. CA/DC/550- With regard to the complaint filed by Shri Sandeep Kumar against Ar. Nishant Shekhar, the Council perused the report of the Disciplinary Committee and noted that the Committee found the Respondent Architect guilty of professional misconduct as Respondent worked on the project on which Complainant was working without NOC or written intimation to complainant or payment of his due fees by the Client. The Disciplinary Committee concluded that acts of Respondent Architect were unfair and he is found guilty of professional misconduct for violation of Regulation 2(1)(xiii) & (xv) of the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989. The Council concurred with the report of the Disciplinary Committee and came to decide that the Report of the Committee be shared with the Complainant and Respondent Architect so as to provide them opportunity of hearing on the Report and taking further action in terms of Section 30 of the Architects Act, 1972 in the next meeting of the Council. 6. CA/DC/555- With regard to the complaint filed by Ar. Nilesh Desai against Ar. Dinesh Warhade, the Council perused the report of the Disciplinary Committee and noted that the Respondent Architect used the Complainant's drawing for obtaining Occupation Certificate of Building upto 14th Floor, received payment of entire Architectural and allied services fees and also took the work for 15th to 18th Floor without payment of fees to the Complainant and also without termination of services of the Complainant. The Disciplinary Committee concluded the acts of Respondent Architect were unfair and he is found guilty of professional misconduct for violation of Regulation 2 (1) (x) and (xv) of the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989.
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	The Council concurred with the report of the Disciplinary Committee and decided that the Report of the Committee be shared with the Complainant and Respondent Architect so as to provide them opportunity of hearing on the Report and taking further action in terms of Section 30 of the Architects Act, 1972 in the next meeting of the Council.
7.	CA/DC/557- With regard to complaint filed by Mr. Mahesh Chandwani against Ar. Satish Ahuja, the Council perused the report of Disciplinary Committee and noted that the Respondent Architect was appointed by the owner and there was no contract between the Complainant and the Respondent and also suggested that the complainant should approach the owner to seek NOC of the plot from whom he has obtained GPA. The Disciplinary Committee concluded that the Respondent Architect was not found guilty of professional misconduct. The Council after deliberations concurred with the report of the Disciplinary Committee and ordered that no case of professional misconduct is made out against the Respondent Architect and accordingly dismissed the complaint.
8.	CA/DC/566- With regard to the complaint filed by Ms. Kalavani Nagaraj against Ar. Johanna Rajasekaran, the Council perused the report of the Disciplinary Committee and concluded that the Complainant had not proven any negligence on the part of the Respondent. However, the Committee observed that the agreement entered into was contrary to the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989, as it did not stipulate any professional fees and was titled as a partnership agreement rather than an architectural services agreement. While holding that no professional misconduct was made out, the Committee found that the Respondent had unintentionally violated Regulation 2(1)(iv) and 2(1)(xii). The Council noted that there is some inconsistency in report. The Council after deliberations decided to refer the matter back to Disciplinary Committee for re-examination and re-submission of its report to Council.
9.	CA/DC/569- With regards to the complaint filed by Ms. Dhara Dhupar against Ar. Kulbir Singh Sodhi, the Council perused the report of the Disciplinary Committee and noted that while the rejection of plan by MCD could not be solely attributed to the Architect, he was guilty of professional misconduct for failing to maintain proper communication and for not executing a written agreement. The Disciplinary Committee concluded that the acts of Respondent Architect were unfair and he is found guilty of

	professional misconduct for violation of Regulation 2(1)(iv) of the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989. The Council concurred with the report of the Disciplinary Committee and decided that the Report of the Committee be shared with the Complainant and Respondent Architect so as to provide them opportunity of hearing on the Report and taking further action in terms of Section 30 of the Architects Act, 1972 in the next meeting of the Council. 10. CA/DC/575- With regard to the complaint filed by Shri Veeren S Kamat against Ar. Viraj Mane, the Council perused the report of the Disciplinary Committee and noted that Architect Deepak Birkhade, engaged by the Respondent, had submitted and obtained approval for the building plans. It found the cost escalation justified and attributed the leakages to construction quality, not architectural faults. It also observed that the quotation was unsigned by the Complainant and therefore not a binding contract. Further, the Complainant had settled the final bill and confirmed full satisfaction with the Respondent Architect's design, drawings, and visualisations. The Council after deliberations decided to refer back the matter to Disciplinary Committee for re-examination and re-submission of its report to Council. 11. CA/DC/578- With regard to complaint filed by Ar. Tilotamma Lahiri against Ar. Soumyodeep das and Ar. Ayan Roy, the Council perused the report of Disciplinary Committee and noted that both parties had entered into a formal agreement and that the Complainant had completed four of the five deliverables specified therein. It also observed that the Respondent had paid fees for two of the three agreed stages and that the remaining payment was pending primarily due to the project being stalled by the Bhutanese Government and the Respondent not receiving full fees from the principal client. The Disciplinary Committee concluded that the Respondent Architect was not found guilty of professional misconduct. Accordingly, the Committee decided that the case be dismissed. The Council after deliberations concurred with the report of the Disciplinary Committee and ordered that no case of professional misconduct is made out against the Respondent Architect and accordingly dismissed the complaint. 12. CA/DC/581- With regard to complaint filed by Shri Shashikant S Amin, Shri Ashok Kumar Madanlal Rathi, Shri Ammai Lachayya Dharap & Shri Sachin Bade against Ar. Vilas Vasant Dikshit, the Council perused the report of Disciplinary Committee and noted the Respondent's firm had been appointed by the society's managing committee purely as Project
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	Management Consultants and not as Architects. It observed that the Complainants were not part of the managing committee and that all key decisions, including the selection of the developer, were taken and approved by the majority of members in general body meetings. The Committee also noted that the management, which had availed of PMC services, had not lodged any complaint and that no evidence showed that the Respondent had provided services beyond the PMC scope or acted unfairly. The Disciplinary Committee concluded that the Respondent Architect was not found guilty of professional misconduct. Accordingly, the Committee decided that the case be dismissed. The Council after deliberations concurred with the report of the Disciplinary Committee and ordered that no case of professional misconduct is made out against the Respondent Architect and accordingly dismissed the complaint.
13.	CA/DC/587- With regard to the complaint filed by Ramesh Phirodia College of Architecture, Ahmednagar, through its Managing Trustee CA Ramesh Phirodia against Ar. Arshad Shaikh, the Council perused the report of the Disciplinary Committee and noted that the inspection report had been jointly submitted by three committee members, yet the complaint targeted only the Respondent. It observed that the entire inspection had been video recorded and attended by Council staff, leaving little scope for unilateral misconduct. The Committee also recorded that, although the Respondent should not have accepted the inspection assignment due to his past employment and his son's enrolment in the college, the Complainant had produced no evidence to substantiate the alleged threat. The Council after deliberations decided to refer the matter back to Disciplinary Committee for re-examination and re-submission of its report to Council.
14.	CA/DC/588- With regard to complaint filed by Mr. Sunil Babanrao Padwal against Ar. Atit Admulwar, the Council perused the report of Disciplinary Committee and noted that the Respondent Architect had obtained all necessary sanctions before commencement of construction and had applied for and secured the OC after the competent authority verified compliance. It noted that the plans were approved under the prevailing bye-laws and that no irregularities were raised by the sanctioning authority regarding fire-fighting requirements or other statutory compliances and found no evidence of professional lapse attributable to the Respondent Architect. The Disciplinary Committee concluded that the Respondent Architect was not found guilty of professional misconduct. Accordingly, the Committee decided that the case be dismissed.

	The Council after deliberations concurred with the report of the Disciplinary Committee and ordered that no case of professional misconduct is made out against the Respondent Architect and accordingly dismissed the complaint.
15.	CA/DC/589- With regard to the complaint filed by Ar. Rajiv Kumar Dwivedi against Ar. Mohit Gupta, the Council perused the report of the Disciplinary Committee and noted that this matter was of larger Professional interest regarding the Architectural Services/practices. By quoting much less fees than the one prescribed by the Council. The Respondent has violated the Professional Conduct Regulations, 1989. The Disciplinary Committee concluded that the acts of Respondent Architect were unfair and he is found guilty of professional misconduct for violation of Regulation 2(1)(xii) of the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulation, 1989. The Council concurred with the report of the Disciplinary Committee and decided that the Report of the Committee be shared with the Complainant and Respondent Architect so as to provide them opportunity of hearing on the Report and taking further action in terms of Section 30 of the Architects Act, 1972 in the next meeting of the Council.
16.	CA/DC/591- With regard to complaint filed by Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mahapatra against Ar. Acharya Suvalaxmi Pattajoshi, the Council perused the report of Disciplinary Committee and noted that there was no written agreement defining the project brief, scope of services, or professional fees, and both parties relied solely on oral communication. It observed that neither party submitted additional documentary evidence despite being granted time and that the Respondent had prepared and submitted drawings in accordance with the prevailing bye-laws and the technical constraints applicable to the plot. The Committee found no substantiation of misconduct beyond the Complainant's assertions. The Disciplinary Committee concluded that the Respondent Architect was not found guilty of professional misconduct. Accordingly, the Committee decided that the case be dismissed. The Council after deliberations concurred with the report of the Disciplinary Committee and ordered that no case of professional misconduct is made out against the Respondent Architect and accordingly dismissed the complaint.

11	TO CONSIDER THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AGAINST ARCHITECTS FOR ALLEGED PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT FROM THE ARCHITECTS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND GOVT. AGENCIES.																			
	The consideration of this item was deferred due paucity of time and this matter will be considered in the next meeting of the Council.																			
12	TO CONSIDER REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE FOR RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS, ON THE REFERENCES RECEIVED FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS UNDER THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.																			
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that Council had received references from the Ministry about the requests received from candidates for recognition of their architectural qualifications awarded by foreign authorities under Section 15 of the Architects Act, 1972. The Committee on Recognition of Foreign Qualifications considered these references in its online meeting held on 11th March, 2025, and submitted its recommendations to the Council as under: <table><tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Name of Candidate</th><th>Qualification</th><th>Recommendations of the Committee</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Ms. Sujita Kumari</td><td>Bachelor’s degree in Architecture, Saint Petersburg State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Russia</td><td>May be considered for recognition.</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Mr. Mobin Asgharnejad Tehrani</td><td>Bachelor’s Degree in Architectural Technology Engineering and Associate Degree in Architectural Drawing, Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran</td><td>Further clarifications required on course completion, transcripts, “on leave” status, residency status, and recognition of qualification for practice in Iran. Decision deferred.</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Dr. Rupesh S. Iyengar</td><td>Doctorate of Science in Architecture, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland</td><td>Qualification does not meet prescribed parameters of B.Arch. programme under COA Regulations. Further detailed information in prescribed format required. Policy-level consideration necessary before recognition.</td></tr></table>				Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	Qualification	Recommendations of the Committee	1.	Ms. Sujita Kumari	Bachelor’s degree in Architecture, Saint Petersburg State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Russia	May be considered for recognition.	2.	Mr. Mobin Asgharnejad Tehrani	Bachelor’s Degree in Architectural Technology Engineering and Associate Degree in Architectural Drawing, Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran	Further clarifications required on course completion, transcripts, “on leave” status, residency status, and recognition of qualification for practice in Iran. Decision deferred.	3.	Dr. Rupesh S. Iyengar	Doctorate of Science in Architecture, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland	Qualification does not meet prescribed parameters of B.Arch. programme under COA Regulations. Further detailed information in prescribed format required. Policy-level consideration necessary before recognition.
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	The Council noted that the Ministry of Education has already issued Gazette notification No. S.O. 2994(E) dated 03 August 2025, granting recognition to Doctor of Sciences in Architecture awarded by Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland, listed at Sl.No. 3, under Section 15(1) of the Architects Act, 1972. The Council, after deliberations in the matter, accepted the recommendations of the Committee and resolved to recommend to the Central Government as under: Resolution No. 588 Resolved that: 1) The Bachelor's Degree in Architecture awarded by Saint Petersburg State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Russia, be granted recognition under Section 15(1) of the Architects Act, 1972, as the said qualification conforms to the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education prescribed by the Council for recognized architectural qualifications in India. 2) Appropriate clarifications, as deemed necessary by the Committee, may be sought from Mr. Mobin Asgharnejadtehrani (an Iranian citizen) for further consideration. 3) The recommendations of the Council along with report of the Committee of the Council, be sent to the Ministry.				
13	TO CONSIDER NOTIFICATION NO. S.O. 2994(E) DATED 03rd JULY, 2025 ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GOVT.OF INDIA, GRANTING RECOGNITION TO DOCTOR OF SCIENCES IN ARCHITECTURE AWARDED BY SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, UNDER SECTION 15(1) OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.				
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that the Ministry of Education has issued Gazette notification No. S.O. 2994(E) dated 03 August 2025, granting recognition to Doctor of Sciences in Architecture awarded by Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland under Section 15(1) of the Architects Act, 1972. The Council perused the said notification and after detailed deliberations, resolved to request the Ministry to share the report of the Expert Committee,				

	on the basis of which the said qualification was recognized under the Act, for the perusal and records of the Council.
14	TO CONSIDER NOTIFICATION NO. S.O. 4861(E) DATED 17TH OCTOBER, 2025 ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GOVT.OF INDIA REGARDING INCLUSION OF MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE FROM SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND PRESERVATION, GRANTING RECOGNITION TO UNDER SECTION 15(1) OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that the Ministry has issued Gazette notification no. S.O. 4861(E) dated 17th October, 2025, granting recognition to Master of Architecture from School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, University of Maryland, USA. The Council perused the said notification and after detailed deliberation, resolved to request the Ministry to share the report of the Expert Committee, if any, on the basis of which the said qualification was recognized under the Act, for the perusal and records of the Council. The Council further directed the Registrar-Secretary to take appropriate action on the Letters Patent Appeal (LPA) No. 841/2024 filed by the Council in the matter.
15	TO TAKE NOTE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE (MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION) REGULATIONS, 2025, PREPARED AND FINALIZED IN LIGHT OF NEP, SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Council at its 84th Meeting (Special Meeting) considered the Draft Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2025 and deliberated at length in the matter. The members requested that they be given a weeks' time to study the complete proposal and make their views and suggestions in the matter. The President, COA, also constituted a Sub-Committee comprising the following members to study the qualifications proposed on exit at the multiple entry and multiple exits in the said document in order to finalize the draft proposal of MSAER 2025: 1. Ar. Pushkar. M. Kanvinde 2. Ar. Vishal Vyas The Council had resolved that the views/ suggestions received from members be appropriately finalised by the Executive Committee and Draft Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2025, be submitted to Central Government for according its approval.

	Accordingly, the Executive Committee at its 275th meeting reviewed in detail the views and suggestions submitted by the Members on the Draft Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2025. After extensive deliberations, the Committee finalized several key aspects of the document, ensuring that the Regulations are aligned with contemporary educational needs and the objectives of the National Education Policy. The Executive Committee, thereafter, authorized the President to finalize the Draft Regulations and submit them to the Ministry for their kind consideration. Accordingly, the Council vide its letter dated 19.11.2025 submitted the Draft Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2025 for approval of the Central Government in terms of Section 45 of the Architects Act, 1972. The Council took note of the progress made in the matter.
16	TO TAKE NOTE OF THE FINAL PROPOSAL OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE FOR AMENDMENTS IN THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972, SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Council of Architecture, at its 84th (Special) Meeting deliberated extensively on the proposed amendments to the Architects Act, 1972. During the meeting, the Council resolved to constitute a committee comprising the following members: 1. Ar. Sanjeev Bumb 2. Prof. M. R. Kumarchandra 3. Ar. Naveen Kanithi 4. Er. Sandip Kumar Deb The Committee was entrusted with the responsibility of reviewing and finalizing certain aspects of the Council's proposal for amendment of the Act, particularly with reference to: • Examining the competencies proposed at various levels of professionals to be registered under the Architects Act, 1972, namely Building Supervisor, Junior Architect, and Architect. • Suggesting appropriate thresholds of built-up/carpet areas for the practice of such professionals commensurate with their level of qualification and training. • Providing a clear definition of "built-up area" in the proposed amendments to ensure uniform interpretation. The Hon'ble members deliberated at length in the matter and appreciated the detailed presentation made in the matter. The members further requested

	that they be given a weeks' time to study the complete proposal and make their views and suggestions in the matter. The Council had resolved that views/ suggestions received from members be appropriately finalised by the Executive Committee and a Proposal of Council on proposed Amendments to the Architects Act, 1972, submitted to Central Government for further appropriate action. The Executive Committee at its 275th meeting deliberated on the views and suggestions submitted by the Members regarding the proposed amendments. After careful consideration, the Committee further refined and fine-tuned the draft to ensure that it reflects the contemporary needs of the profession and aligns with the objectives of the Council. The Executive Committee thereafter authorized the President to finalize the Draft Proposal for Amendment of the Act and forward the same to the Ministry for their consideration. Accordingly, the Council vide its letter dated 19.11.2025 submitted the proposal to the Central Government. The Council took note of the progress made in the matter.
17	TO TAKE NOTE OF DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING SETTING UP HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION OF INDIA (HECI) BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.
	The President informed the members that the Ministry of Education, Government of India, had vide its letter dated 20.06.2025 constituted a committee for synchronization of Regulatory Approval Data Structures of Regulatory Bodies to be brought under the proposed Higher Education Commission of India (HECI), under the chairmanship of Dr. N. S. Kalsi, former Chairman, NCVET. The President, Council of Architecture was one of the members of the Committee. The Committee was tasked to analyse existing approval/ processing related database structures for HEIs; adopted by UGC, AICTE, NCTE, CoA, VCI, PCI, ICAR; to be brought under the purview of HECI. The Committee was mandated to map existing parameters/ metrics adopted for according approvals/ processing by different Statutory bodies and recommend common acceptable database fields/ protocols for adoption. The Committee held several meetings with the representatives of different Statutory bodies and sought relevant data and information. The Council has also provided relevant data and information related to soft copies of all relevant rules and executive orders; annual approval calendars with timelines; complete approval processes for institutions and courses; eligibility norms for recognition; types and standards of approvals across regulatory bodies; data formats for infrastructure and facilities; all current application forms; process flowcharts; details of inspection fees and approval stages; and court orders impacting the approval process etc.

	Further to this, the Ministry vide its letter dated 18.07.2025, constituted another Sub Committee-II of the Empowered Committee for HECI under the chairpersonship of Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi with an objective to analyze the organizational structure of the Professional Councils to facilitate them to function as Professional Standard Setting Bodies and to assess the requirement of positions in HECI to ensure that the Professional Councils continue to draw the curricula, lay down academic standards and coordinate between teaching, research and extension of their domain/discipline as Members of the Academic Standard Setting Council of HECI. Prof. Kiran S. Mahajani, Executive Committee Member, has been nominated as a member on this Sub-Committee-II to represent the Council of Architecture. Further, vide communication Ref. No. CA/596/2025/HECI dated 01.08.2025, addressed to Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Empowered Committee (Former Chairman, Space Commission/ISRO), the Council submitted a compendium of information furnished from time to time to various Committees of HECI. This was provided as a reference document for onboarding Higher Educational Institutions under the purview of the proposed HECI and to highlight the statutory role and responsibilities of the Council of Architecture as a Professional Standard Setting Body (PSSB) in the context of the National Education Policy (NEP). The Council also assured its continued cooperation in furnishing any further documents or clarifications as may be required by the Empowered Committee. The Council took note of the information.
18	TO TAKE NOTE OF APPROVAL OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR ENHANCEMENT OF SITTING FEE FOR ATTENDING MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL UNDER THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that the Council vide its letter No. CA/28/2025/MoE (Sitting Fees) dated 02.07.2025, had requested the Central Government to grant approval to sitting fee for attending meetings of Committees of the Council on the same lines as attending the meetings of the Council, under Section 11 of the Architects Act, 1972. The Council has received an approval from the Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education (Technical Section-VI), vide letter F. No. 4-45/2014-TS.VI dated 17th September, 2025, enhancing the sitting fees payable to members for attending meetings of the Council and its Committees.

	The Ministry, after examining the proposal submitted by the Council, has conveyed its approval under Section 11 of the Architects Act, 1972, as follows: • Sitting fee for attending meetings of the Council: ₹5,000/- per day per sitting • Sitting fee for attending meetings of other Committees of the Council: ₹5,000/- per day per sitting The Council took note of the information.
19	TO TAKE NOTE OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DATED 18TH AUGUST, 2025 REGARDING AMENDMENTS IN COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE RULES, 1973, VIDE GAZETTE NOTIFICATION DATED 24.08.2023 AND 16.08.2024.
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that pursuant to the Order dated 08.02.2023 of Hon'ble Karnataka High Court in W.P. No. 16114 of 2021, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, vide notification no. GSR 623 (E) dated 24.08.2023, had prescribed the eligibility criteria for nomination of members to the Council of Architecture by State Governments/UTs by amending the Council of Architecture Rules, 1973 and the same was published in the Gazette of India on 25.08.2023. The notification dated 25.08.2023 was further amended by the Ministry on 16.08.2024 and the same was notified in the Gazette of India on 20.08.2024. These Rules, among others, prescribes at "22B (1). Process of Nomination" that nominations shall be invited through open invitation by the department handling Technical Education or the department handling Higher Education of the concerned State or the Union territory, as the case may be. The matter relating to the nomination process was discussed during the 83rd meeting of the Council, held on 21st and 22nd January 2025. The Hon'ble Members of the Council, nominated by various State Governments, deliberated at length on the issue. They noted that the notification assigning the responsibility of inviting nominations to the Department handling Technical or Higher Education has led to confusion at the State Government level. It has been widely interpreted as placing the entire responsibility solely on these departments, thereby causing unrest among Architects serving in other government departments, who feel excluded from the process. Accordingly, the Council vide letter dated 02.05.2025, had requested the Ministry to consider appropriate amendments to the Council of Architecture Rules, 1973, relating to the nomination process of an architect by the State Government/UT Administration to the Council, as provided under Section 3(3)(f) of the Architects Act, 1972, to ensure that Architects employed in various Government Departments—such as the Public Works Department (PWD), Roads and Buildings Department, Works Department, Town and

	Country Planning Department, Urban Development Department, and others—are given fair and equal opportunities for both nomination and re-nomination to the Council. The Council, on request from the Ministry, vide its letter dated 17.06.2025, also submitted its suggestions on the proposed amendment in a tabular format to the Ministry, reflecting the concerns raised by the Hon'ble Members of the Council during its 83rd meeting. The Council has received a communication from the Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, vide letter No. F.No.4-7/2020-TS.VI dated 18th August, 2025, regarding the proposal submitted by the Council of Architecture for amendments in the CoA Rules, 1973. The Ministry has conveyed that: 1. The Council's proposal insisting that the office of the Chief Secretary should take necessary action in the nomination process of State Government nominees to the Council is not in consonance with the administrative structure prevalent in the States. 2. As per the existing Rule 22B(1) of the CoA Rules, 1973, all Architects serving in State/UT organizations such as the Public Works Department, Works Department, and Town Planning Departments, including Higher or Technical Education Departments, may submit their nominations to the Higher or Technical Education Department. The said Department shall only invite applications, while the decision to nominate rests solely with the concerned State/UT Government. Accordingly, the Ministry has noted that unrest among Architects serving in other State Departments is not justified. 3. Upon re-examination, the Ministry has decided that it would not be appropriate to amend Rules 22(A)(1) and 22(B)(1) of the CoA Rules, 1973. The Council took note of the information.
20	TO TAKE NOTE OF THE FIVE FORTHCOMING VACANCIES OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER THE HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS.
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that the terms of all five members of the Council of Architecture elected from among themselves by heads of architectural institutions in India imparting full time instructions for recognised qualifications, under section 3 (3) (c) of the Architects Act, 1972 has ended on 23.11.2025. In terms of Rule 5 of Council of Architecture Rule 1973, the Council vide its letter dated 22.09.2025 has requested the Central Government to notify the vacancies in the official gazette and appoint a Returning Officer to hold the election as per the date notified by the Central Government.

	The Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, vide notification 31.10.2025 has notified the vacancies in the Gazette of India. The Council took note of the information.
21	TO CONSIDER REPORT ON THE STATUS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL ON VARIOUS MATTERS.
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that a detailed report on the status and activities of the Council of Architecture highlighting key initiatives and developments on various matters since its last meeting was attached at <u>Appendix-Z25</u> of the agenda. <i>The report presented updates on financial and taxation matters, including issues relating to GST, income tax, and recognition of the employees' contributory provident fund. It further covers governance and regulatory affairs, such as the conduct of elections, amendments to education regulations, and matters relating to registration and approval of architects and institutions.</i> <i>The report also has details of examinations and scholarships, with emphasis on the conduct of NATA and PGETA examinations and the grant of scholarships to meritorious candidates. It records progress on academic and professional initiatives, encompassing training programmes, research activities, design competitions, collaborations, international conferences, and the establishment of a Centre of Excellence.</i> <i>In addition, the report reflected the Council's efforts in government engagements and institutional collaborations, including participation in government schemes and the signing of Memoranda of Understanding with various institutions. Finally, it outlines progress on legal matters, recording actions undertaken before different courts in pursuance of the Council's statutory mandate.</i> <i>Overall, the report reflected the Council's sustained efforts to strengthen professional standards, promote architectural education, and safeguard the interests of the profession. The matters & activities list in the report were listed as under:</i> <i>1) Refund of Amount of Pre-Deposit for Filing of Appeal by Council of Architecture Against Imposition of Service Tax/GST on the Fees/Charges Collected by the Council.</i> <i>2) Demand Raised in Respect of GST on Fees Received by the Council by the Additional Commissioner, Central Tax, GST Delhi East, Office of the Commissioner of Central Tax, GST Delhi East, New Delhi.</i> <i>3) Order of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal upholding the Capital Nature of the One-Time Life Membership Fee Collected by Council of Architecture.</i>

	4) <i>To take note of the order from Appellate Authority, Income Tax Department on the appeal filed by the Council regarding refund on interest on TDS for 2015-2016</i> 5) <i>Elections for the Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture, Conducted by the Ministry of Education.</i> 6) <i>Election of Members of the Council from amongst the Heads of all Architectural Institutions</i> 7) <i>Nomination of Members on the Council of Architecture.</i> 8) <i>Notification for Amendment in Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations 2020, pertaining to Retirement Age including Superannuation of Various Teaching Posts in Architecture.</i> 9) <i>Status of Registration and Renewal of Architects with the Council</i> 10) <i>Status of Approval of Architectural Institutions for the Academic Session 2025-2026</i> 11) <i>Conduct of National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA 2025) for the Academic Session 2025–2026</i> 12) <i>Conduct of Post Graduate Entrance Test in Architecture (PGETA) for the Academic Session 2025–2026</i> 13) <i>Grant of Scholarship by the Council for Top 50 Meritorious Candidates Qualifying NATA 2025</i> 14) <i>Grant of Scholarship by the Council for Top 100 Meritorious Students Qualifying PGETA 2025</i> 15) <i>Progress made on the Preparation of the Manual on Universal Accessibility</i> 16) <i>Conduct of International Conference on “Transformation 2025” Being Organized by the Council at D.Y. Patil School of Architecture, Navi Mumbai, During July 2025</i> 17) <i>Progress Made in Matters Related to the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)</i> 18) <i>Printing/Publication of Books/Journals by the Council</i>
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	19) <i>Progress Made for Filling Up Post(s) of Director/Dy. Director and Asst. Director for TRCs</i> 20) <i>Training Programme and Other Activities Undertaken at Training and Research Centres of the Council</i> 21) <i>Progress Made on the Project of Establishment of Centre of Excellence Building at Bengaluru</i> 22) <i>Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) Signed by the Council of Architecture with Various Institutions and Organizations</i> 23) <i>Council extends Logo Support to National and International Events</i> 24) <i>Sanction of Grant Under ESDP Scheme for FY 2025–26 by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India to Council of Architecture</i> 25) <i>Progress Made on Collaboration with Urban Village Charitable Trust for VR and AI Capacity Building in Schools of Architecture in India</i> 26) <i>Grant of Scholarship by the Council of Architecture for Economically Distressed Students Pursuing Architectural Education</i> 27) <i>Appeal Received from the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) Regarding Continuation of Approval of Associate Membership by IIA Under the Architects Act, 1972</i> 28) <i>Constitution of Committee for Identifying and Recommending Suitable Candidates for Padma Awards (Field of Architecture) for Nomination by the Council of Architecture to the Government of India</i> 29) <i>Ministry of Corporate Affairs' Guidelines on the "Prime Minister's Internship Scheme – Pilot Project (FY 2024–25)" and the Request Made by the Council for Inclusion of B.Arch. Graduates and Architectural Firms</i> 30) <i>Organizing an Architectural Design Competition for Ghaziabad Development Authority for Utsav Bhawan and Two Urban Junctions/Roundabouts in Ghaziabad</i> 31) <i>Organizing an Architectural Design Competition for "NHB Award for Best Design in Housing – Beneficiary Led Construction on a Smaller Piece of Land" in Collaboration with National Housing Bank (NHB)</i> 32) <i>Organizing an Architectural Design Competition for the Proposed Inter-Modal Station (IMS) at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh</i>
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	33) <i>Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (Mou) Between the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) and the Council of Architecture and the conduct of the Banbasa Land Port Design Competition.</i> 34) <i>Memorandum of Understanding between Council of Architecture (CoA) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).</i> 35) <i>Meeting with Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry.</i> 36) <i>Organisation of Hindi Pakhwada at the Council of Architecture.</i> 37) <i>One-Day Architecture Education Fest – AARAMBH being organized by the Council.</i> 38) <i>Meeting with Smt. Thamizatchi Thangapandian, Hon'ble MP, South Madras, Tamil Nadu</i> 39) <i>Republic Bharat Interview and Sponsorship by the Council of Architecture</i> 40) <i>Launch of COA Official Podcast.</i> 41) <i>Meeting with Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble Union Minister.</i> 42) <i>Video on awareness and knowledge about Architecture</i> 43) <i>COA Heritage Walk at Rashtrapati Bhavan.</i> 44) <i>Celebration of World Architecture Day – 2025.</i> 45) <i>COA Comic Call Initiative.</i> 46) <i>COA Social Media.</i> 47) <i>Publishing of COA Magazines</i> 48) <i>Various Programmes/Meetings Attended by the President, COA Since the Last Meeting of the Council.</i> 49) <i>Constitution of Committee(s) by President/Executive Committee, Council of Architecture Since the Last Meeting of the Council.</i> 50) <i>Promotion of Officers & Employees of the Council pending approval of Amendments in Council of Architecture Employee's Recruitment and Promotion Regulations, 2000.</i> 51) <i>Writ Petition No. 27908 of 2023 before Hon'ble Karnataka High Court in Sharan Desai Vs. (1) The Principal Secretary to Government High</i>
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	<i>Education Department; (2) Brindavan Group of Institutions; (3). The Council of Architecture.</i> <i>52)Filing of Writ Petition Before Hon'ble Karnataka High Court Challenging the Provisions of Karnataka Professional Civil Engineers Act, 2024 by Council Writ Petition No. 31166 of 2024 In the Karnataka High Court.</i> <i>53)Civil Writ Petition No. 26069 Of 2024, Punit Sethi V/S Union of India & Ors. Before Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court.</i> <i>54)Order Dated 29.08.2024 In Letters Patent Appeal No. 841 Of 2024 In Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4100/2023 In the Matter of Council of Architecture Vs. Dobariya Mohit Ramnikal & Anr.</i> <i>55)Court Case Filed by Ar. Milind Kollegal Challenging Cessation of His Membership on attaining 65 Years of Age.</i> <i>56)Writ Petition (Civil) No. 12448 of 2024, in the matter of Siddhartha Thomas vs. Council of Architecture & Anr. before Hon'ble Delhi High Court</i> <i>57)Civil Writ Petition No. 17136 of 2024, in the matter of Vamika Yadav vs. Council of Architecture & Anr. before Hon'ble Delhi High Court.</i> <i>58)Civil Writ Petition, in the matter of Council of Architecture vs. The Registrar of Companies, Ernakulam and Ors. before Hon'ble Kerala High Court.</i> <i>59)Filing of Criminal Complaint against Ms. Raseel Gujral Ansal under Section 39 of the Architects Act, 1972, for violating the Architects Act, 1972 before Hon'ble Delhi High Court.</i> <i>60)Civil Writ Petition (MD) No. 21330 of 2019, in the matter of Puneet Mehta vs. Union of India and Ors. before the Hon'ble High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh.</i> <i>61)W.P. No. 24833 of 2022 and W.M.P. Nos. 23773, 23775, 23777, 26434 and 26809 of 2022 and W.M.P. No. 9400 of 2023, in the matter of Mcgan's Ooty School of Architecture vs. The Council of Architecture and Ors. before Hon'ble Madras High Court.</i> <i>62)Civil Writ Petition No. 3233 of 2019, in the matter of Shri Ram Sawrup Chugh vs. State of Haryana and Ors. before the Hon'ble High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh.</i> <i>63)Civil Writ Petition No. 3567 of 2025, in the matter of Partha Pratim Karmakar vs. Odisha University of Technology and Research, Bhubaneswar and Ors. before Hon'ble Orissa High Court, Cuttack.</i>
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	64) <i>Civil Appeal C.E.A.C. 06 of 2025 & C.M. Appl. 21870/2025, in the matter of Commissioner of CGST, Delhi East vs. Council of Architecture before Hon'ble Delhi High Court</i> 65) <i>Civil Writ Petition No. 25167 of 2018, in the matter of Ashwin Kumar Sabharwal vs. Council of Architecture before Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court</i> 66) <i>Special Civil Application No. 4651 of 2025, in the matter of Sidapara Raj Rajendrabhai vs. Indubhai Parekh School of Architecture and Ors. before Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad</i> 67) <i>W.P.A. No. 15502 of 2025, in the matter of The Indian Institute of Architects vs. The State of West Bengal before Hon'ble Calcutta High Court</i> The Council appreciated the COA Progress Report, which was printed for the first time, and noted the detailed information.
22	MATTERS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
	1) Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) for PG Courses and Grant of Equivalence to Foreign PG Qualifications.
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that the Council vide its letter dated 02.11.2022 has submitted the draft Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) for PG courses Regulations to the Ministry for according its approval in terms of Section 45 of the Architects Act, 1972. Further, the Council vide its letter dated 27.04.2023 also submitted a revised proposal to the Ministry for according its approval to the Foreign PG Qualification equivalence scheme as approved by Council in its 79th meeting held on 12.03.2023. The Ministry constituted a committee for comprehensive review of the CoA's (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education for Post Graduate Degree Programme and PG Degree Equivalence) Regulations, 2023, consisting of Dr. S Ramesh, Director, SPA Vijaywada, as Chairman, Prof. Gaurav Raheja, Prof. Subrata Chattopadhyay, Prof. Rajiv Mishra as Members and Prof. V. K. Paul as Member Secretary. The matter is under active consideration of the Ministry. The President and Vice-President along with Registrar, COA, had a meeting with the officers of the Ministry in the matter.

	The Council vide its letter dated 07.01.2025, again sent its proposal to the Ministry regarding scheme of for grant of equivalence to foreign PG qualifications with Indian Master's degree. As decided by the Council of Architecture in its 83rd meeting held on January 21 & 22, the Central Government has been again requested by the Council to expedite the matter. The Council decided to request the Ministry once again to expedite its approval in the matter.
	2) Proposal of the Council to Central Government to Amend the COA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, Allowing for Lateral Entry for 3-Year Diploma Holders into 2nd Year of B.Arch. Degree Programme.
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that ass decided in the 80th meeting of the Council, the proposal for allowing lateral admission in the 2nd year of 5-year B.Arch. course was submitted by the Council vide letter dated 20.10.2023 to the Ministry of Education, Government of India for according their approval for amending Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations 2020 in terms of Section 45 of the Architects Act, 1972. The President and Vice-President along with Registrar, COA, had a meeting with the officers of the Ministry in the matter. Subsequently, the Ministry had requested for data related to registration of Diploma holders as architects with the Council during the past years. The Council, vide its letter dated 23.12.2024, has supplied the requisite information to the Ministry. As decided by the Council of Architecture at its 83rd meeting held on January 21 & 22, the Central Government has been requested by the Council to expedite the matter. Further, the Council has also received a request dated 09.09.2025 from Government of Maharashtra for allowing lateral admission in B.Arch.Course on the lines of B.E./B.Tech. Courses by AICTE. The Council vide its letter dated 29.09.2025 has forwarded the request to Hon'ble Secretary, Department of Higher Education, for considering the matter favourably. The matter is under active consideration of the Ministry. The Council decided to request the Ministry once again to expedite its approval in the matter.
	3) Approval of Enhancement of Fees to be Charged from Architects.
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that the Council of Architecture had submitted its proposal for enhancing the fees charged by Council under Council of Architecture Rules 1973 for Registration, Renewal,

	Restoration etc. The fees were last revised in the year 2014 and since then administrative expenses of the Council cost of services have increased manifold. However, the Ministry has communicated its decision to not to increase the fees. The Council perused the letter dated 11.03.2024 received from the Ministry and unanimously disagreed with the reasons given for not acceding to the request of Council. The Council at its 82nd Meeting after deliberations decided that the Ministry be once again requested to approve revision in the fees being charged from Architects in view of escalation in the prices of goods and services in the country. The same should not be linked with the corpus available with the Council to meet its other liabilities as the Council is not provided with any grants by the Central Government. The Council vide its letter dated 16.08.2024 requested the Ministry to consider the proposal of the Council. The Ministry vide its letter dated 27.08.2024 requested the Council to present the proposal with full facts and justification. Accordingly, the Council has, vide its letter dated 10.12.2024, re-submitted the revised proposal to enhance fees to be charged from the Architects along with facts and justification. As decided by the Council of Architecture at its 83rd meeting held on January 21 & 22, the Central Government has been again requested by the Council to expedite the matter. The Council decided to request the Ministry to expedite its approval in the matter.
	4) Notification of the List of Indian Postgraduate Programme as Additional Qualification Under Section 14 of the Architects Act, 1972.
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that the President of the Council of Architecture met Ms. Saumya Gupta, Joint Secretary (TE) to Government of India, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, on 17.12.2024, to address matters related to the Council of Architecture. Among the topics discussed was the notification of additional recognized Indian qualifications in terms of provisions of Section 28 of the Architects Act, 1972. Accordingly, it was proposed by the Council that following qualifications/entries be made under additional recognized qualifications separately in the schedule of recognized qualifications under Section 14, appended to the Architects Act, 1972, for the purpose of entry as an additional qualification in the Register of Architects and certificate of registration:

	1. Any Postgraduate Degree/ Diploma in Architecture or allied areas, awarded by Indian Universities established by an Act of Central and State legislature or competent authorities recognized by the Central Government, UGC/AICTE, obtained by an Architect subsequent to acquiring a recognized qualification. 2. Ph.D Degree in Architecture or allied areas, awarded by Indian universities established by an Act of Central and State legislatures, obtained by an architect subsequent to acquiring a recognized qualification. The additional recognized qualifications mentioned above shall be recognized only for the purpose of entry as additional qualification in the register of architects and certificate of registration of existing Registered Architects, and not for seeking registration an architect under section 25 of the Act. The Council vide its letter dated 23.12.2024, has submitted the said proposal to the Ministry of Education for its consideration. As decided by the Council of Architecture at its 83rd meeting held on January 21 & 22, the Central Government has been requested by the Council to expedite the matter. The Council decided to request the Ministry once again to expedite its approval in the matter.
	5) Amendment in Council of Architecture Employees Recruitment and Promotion Regulations, 2000
	The Registrar-Secretary informed the Hon'ble Members that the Council of Architecture (COA) submitted a proposal for revision in the Council of Architecture Employees Recruitment and Promotion Regulations, 2000 to the Central Government in order to align them with the latest Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) guidelines and to ensure uniformity in recruitment procedures, eligibility criteria, and promotional avenues. The proposal was initially sent to the Ministry of Education in January 2017. Following the Ministry's observations in December 2019 on certain positions, including those of Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Director, Peon, and Driver, the Council furnished detailed clarifications and responses in June 2022, with subsequent reminders. In March 2023, the Ministry sought data on sanctioned, filled, and vacant posts, which was submitted in April 2023. Further, on the Ministry's request in July 2023, the Council submitted the Recruitment Rules in the standardized 14-column format along with a soft copy in August 2023.

	After detailed examination, the Ministry shared a revised draft in September 2023 and additional amendments in October 2023, which were incorporated by the Council and the proposal was resubmitted in February 2024. The Council also provided further clarifications in April 2024 and subsequently submitted the Recruitment Regulations with General Guidelines of employee services in January 2025 as directed by the Ministry. The Council after deliberation in the matter, decided to request the Ministry once again to expedite its approval in the matter.
23	FILING OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST MR. KUNAL KUWADEKAR OWNER OF M/S. NAREN KUWADEKAR AND ASSOCIATES, UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972, FOR VIOLATING THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.
	The Council of Architecture had received a complaint from Mr. Gautam Nadkarni, Mumbai, against Mr. Kunal Kuwadekar owner of M/s. Naren Kuwadekar and Associates, for misrepresentation/misuse of title and style of “Architect” in violation of the Architects Act, 1972. Accordingly, the Council vide its letter dated 04.08.2025 asked Mr. Kunal Kuwadekar to stop misrepresenting himself as an Architect. Mr. Kunal Kuwadekar, through his Advocate vide letter no. VLA/054/2025 dated 26.08.2025 replied as under: • There is no misrepresentation or violation of any provision of the Architects Act, 1972, or any rules framed thereunder by our client, Mr. Kunal Kuwadekar or M/s. Naren Kuwadekar and Associates. • All professional requirements are complied with through registered architects engaged by the firm. Thus, the concerned person does not intend to comply with the provisions of the Act and continue to violate the same till date. His website still has word Architect. Section 39 of the Architects Act, 1972 provides for taking cognizance of any offence punishable under the Architects Act, 1972 upon complaint made by Order of the Council or a person authorized in this behalf by the Council before a Presidency Magistrate or the Magistrate of first class for trying the offence. Accordingly, the Council resolved as under : Resolution No. 589 Resolved that:

	Shri Raj Kumar Oberoi, Registrar, Council of Architecture is directed and authorized: - To file Complaint under Section 39 against Mr. Kunal Kuwadekar owner of M/s. Naren Kuwadekar and Associates, for violation of Section 36 and 37 of the Architects Act, 1972. - To appear, lead evidence, act as Complainant and produce documentary evidence and witnesses as may be required and render himself for cross-examination and to proceed with the said case up to the final stage of disposal in all complaint cases already filed by the Council or yet to be filed by the Council; - To swear and file affidavit in connection with any proceedings in the above-mentioned case and to engage advocate, and any other additional Counsel, Solicitor when necessary and expedient in the interest of the case and sign Vakalatnama therefore: - To move and sign any application, written statements, memorandums declarations which becomes necessary to file in connection with the criminal proceedings and to do all such acts that deemed necessary for the conduct of the case; and - To appear and represent in the Court on behalf of the Council of Architecture and to commence, carry on, or defend all actions and other proceedings relating to or arising out of the above case for and on behalf of the Council of Architecture, till the case is finally disposed of as well as appeals as may arising out of the above case for and on behalf of the Council of Architecture, till the case is finally disposed of as well as appeals as may arise out of the criminal complaint & its proceedings.
24	ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR
01	TO CONSIDER THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AGAINST ARCHITECTS FOR ALLEGED PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT FROM THE ARCHITECTS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND GOVT. AGENCIES AND RESPONDENT ARCHITECTS, NOT RESPONDING ON COUNCIL'S LETTER SENT TO FILE HIS STATEMENT OF DEFENCE.
	1. CA/DC/620- Ms. Shilpa Jaiswal Vs. Ar. Sagar Kiran Neeta Vedak
	Consideration of this item was deferred due to paucity of time.
02	TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) FOR INTIMATION OF DEATH OF AN ARCHITECT FOR REPORTING OF SUCH CASES TO THE COUNCIL.

	Consideration of this item was deferred due to paucity of time.
03	TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR COMPILATION OF COMPLAINTS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST ARCHITECTS AS STUDY MATERIAL FOR STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE
	Consideration of this item was deferred due to paucity of time.
04	TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY THE TRCs
	Consideration of this item was deferred due to paucity of time.
05	INTERACTION WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, GOVT. OF SIKKIM
	Shri Bhoj Raj Rai, Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, Government of Sikkim, was invited for an interaction with the Members of the Council. The Hon'ble Minister, the Mayor of Gangtok Municipal Corporation, and other officers of the Government of Sikkim, attending the meeting were felicitated by the Council. The Hon'ble Minister, along with the Mayor of Gangtok Municipal Corporation and other officers, held detailed discussions with the Members and deliberated on the important role of architecture and urban development in contributing towards a <i>Viksit Bharat</i> and in leaving a lasting imprint of the present civilization. The President apprised the Hon'ble Minister that the Council comprises Members representing all the States and Union Territories of India, reflecting the character of a 'Mini India'. He also briefed the Hon'ble Minister on the statutory role of the Council of Architecture and the various activities being undertaken by the Council. The Hon'ble Minister elaborated on the policies framed by the Government of Sikkim to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the State and to promote sustainable construction practices. He informed that architects have been entrusted with significant responsibilities and decision-making roles by the State Government. The Members of the Council expressed their appreciation and thanked the Hon'ble Minister for sharing his vision and mission with the Council.
The Vice-President thanked the President, Members of the Council for attending the meeting and making their valuable contribution. He also thanked the Registrar-Secretary, Deputy Registrar and other Officers and Employees of the Council for organizing the meeting. The meeting ended at 5:30 p.m.	

