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Council of Architecture

वास्तुविद् अधिनियम, 1972 के अंतर्गत भारत सरकार का एक स्वायत्त सांविधिक निकाय
(An Autonomous Statutory Body of Govt. of India, under the Architects Act, 1972)

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LETTER OF APPROVAL

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Sub: Approval for introduction of **5 year full-time Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) degree course**, from the Academic Session 2014-2015 - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture (COA) at its 130th Meeting held on 27th & 28th May, 2014, considered the assessment report of the Expert Committee that visited proposed **School of Architecture, OPJS University, Rajgarh-Jhunjhunu Road, Rawatsar-Kunjla, District Churu, Rajasthan, Tel: 01262-274010, 07206660000, Fax: 01262-274010, E-mail: opjsuniversity@gmail.com**, on 19th & 20th May, 2014 (copy enclosed) together with the institutional report and other information provided by your institution/Trust/Society/University, for introduction of **5 year full-time Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) degree course** with an intake of 80 from the Academic Session 2014-2015.

2. The Executive Committee after detailed discussions decided to accord its approval for introduction of **5-year full-time B.Arch. Degree Course** as detailed below, subject to recruitment of full-time faculty/fulfillment of conditions/suggestions as contained in the report of the Expert Committee and / or prescribed by the Council and submission of compliance report of the same within 3 months. The admission of students for the academic session 2014-2015 be made only after the recruitment of requisite faculty as per norms of COA & a list of faculty with designation, qualifications, registration number issued by the Council, experience etc. be sent immediately to the Council for record.

3. The Executive Committee decided to **accord approval** for the introducing of 5 year full-time B.Arch. degree course as detailed below:-

NAME OF THE FULL-TIME COURSE	DURATION	LEVEL OF COURSE	ANNUAL INTAKE	PERIOD OF APPROVAL
Bachelor of Architecture	Five Years Full-Time	Under Graduate Degree Course	40 (Forty)	2014-2015

It may be informed that the decision of the Executive Committee regarding approval of your institution is based on assessment report of the expert committee as well as taking into consideration all other aspects and information provided by the experts and the institution. Further, any error/rectification in calculation of marks in the assessment report has also been taken into account by the Executive Committee.

The numerical scores assigned in the assessment report of the institution are only for the purpose of evaluation of Minimum Standards prescribed by the Council. These are not a reflection of the institutional merit and should not be used for any promotional purposes or in any other manner in the public domain. Any violation in this regard shall attract disciplinary action against the institution.

4. The final observations of the Executive Committee are mentioned below for necessary information/compliance:

1. The process of approval of Curriculum for all the Five Years shall be completed prior to commencement of the course and copy of the same to be sent to CoA.
2. Cadre wise Faculty as per CoA Norms shall be appointed prior to commencement of the course.



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5. The COA has devised an Institutional Code for your institution which is *RJ17*. Kindly take note of the same and use it in all your future correspondence with the COA.
6. Your institution must not admit any student in the 1st year of 5 year full-time B.Arch. degree course from the academic session 2014-2015 without having affiliation to a "University" established under Central/State Legislation. The letter of affiliation must be submitted to the Council before commencement of B.Arch. course.
7. *5 year full-time Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)* degree course is to be imparted by an architectural institution in an independent building and separate land having its own infrastructure and budgetary provisions. Every architectural institution must acquire a built-up space of 3000 sq.mtr. (i.e. 15 sq.mtr. per student) of its own, available for the course for an annual intake 40 students within the next three years of its establishment. Further, an institution applying for additional intake shall be required to create adequate infrastructural facilities in proportion to the additional intake sought, as and when sanctioned by the Council. This may be verified by the Council at any stage, based on the prescribed Regulations, Norms and Guidelines.
8. The institution shall initiate necessary remedial actions based on the enclosed inspection report and send its observations/compliance on the same, if any, for further consideration of the Executive Committee. This approval is also subject to compliance of specific conditions attached herewith. The compliance of all conditions must be submitted to COA before commencement of the course.
9. The Expert Committee of the Council may visit your premises, if found necessary, to ascertain the facts that the said course is imparted as per the Rules/Regulations/Guidelines prescribed by CoA, from time to time, under the Architects Act, 1972.
10. Your Institution shall be required to follow the "*Council of Architecture – Minimum Standards of Architectural Education, 2008*" which have been prescribed pursuant to Section 21 of the Architects Act, 1972 supplementing the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983, for imparting the above said B.Arch. degree course. These Standards are available at the website of the Council i.e. www.coa.gov.in.
11. Please note that as per the above referred Minimum Standards, your institution shall admit only such students who have passed an Aptitude Test in Architecture. The eligibility criteria for admission to B.Arch. shall be: (i) no candidate, with less than 50% marks in aggregate, shall be admitted to the architecture course unless he/she has passed an examination at the end of the new 10+2 scheme of Senior School Certificate Examination or equivalent with Mathematics as subjects of examination at the 10+2 level *or* (ii) 10+3 Diploma (any stream) recognised by Central/ State Governments with 50% aggregate marks *or* (iii) International Baccalaureate Diploma, after 10 years of schooling, with not less than 50% marks in aggregate and with Mathematics as compulsory subject of examination.
12. Adequate architecture teaching faculty are to be recruited as per the Minimum qualifications, experience and structure for teaching posts in a degree level architectural institution as prescribed in *Appendix-B1* of the Minimum Standards under reference. You are requested to adopt these Minimum Standards relating to Duration and Stages of the Course, Admission to the Architecture Course, Courses and periods of Studies, Standards of staff, equipment, accommodation, training and other facilities for technical education and Sanctions in your Institution, for imparting recognized architectural qualification under the Architects Act, 1972.
13. Please note that the Interview Board or Selection Committee etc. set up for recruitment(s)/promotion(s) in respect of architecture teaching faculty positions shall have a representative of the Council. The said COA representative will act as a full-fledged Member of the Interview Board or Selection Committee and help in scrutinizing the qualification, experience and other relevant details of the applicants for selection of suitable candidates. Recruitments or Promotions made to architecture teaching faculty positions in your Institution without the involvement of a COA representative shall not be deemed valid by the Council. Please also note that the Head as well as other architecture teaching faculty of your institution must have valid registration under the Architects Act, 1972 with the COA.

Yours faithfully,

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Offg. Registrar

Encl: as above.

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Specific Conditions:

1. The institution shall not admit any students in the 1st year of 5 year full-time B.Arch. degree course without having affiliation to a "University" established under Central/State Legislation.
2. The affiliating University shall create an independent Faculty of Architecture and independent Board of Studies in Architecture for proper growth and development of course in Architecture and prepare Syllabus, Course Curriculum, Scheme of Examination in accordance with the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education as prescribed by CoA. Atleast 1/3 of its members must be from practice.
3. In due course, the affiliating University must create Board of Studies in Architecture, Interior Design, Building Construction Technology etc. under the Faculty of Architecture to deal with issues connected with these disciplines at U.G. and P.G. level, having at least 1/3 of its members from practice.
4. The institution must create Course Committees for continuous development of educational programme. At least 1/3 of its member must be from practice.
5. The institution must recruit the adequate architecture teaching faculty as per the minimum qualifications, experience and structure for teaching posts in a degree level architectural institution as prescribed in *Appendix-B1* of the "Council of Architecture - Minimum Standards of Architectural Education, 2008" which have been prescribed pursuant to Section 21 of the Architects Act, 1972 supplementing the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983, for imparting the above said B.Arch. degree course.

The Interview Board set up for recruitment(s)/promotion(s) in respect of architecture teaching faculty positions shall have a representative of CoA.

6. Visiting faculty be drawn from practice to share upto 25% of the teaching load.
7. Under the provisions of Section 19(1) of the Architects Act, 1972, CoA experts may attend any examinations including thesis held by the institution as well as affiliating university.
8. **Stages of the Course:**

The stages of the course shall be as per CoA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983. The candidates admitted to the course shall complete the first stage within 5 years of admission to the course.

9. Admission and Aptitude Test:

As per the Minimum Standards prescribed by CoA under the Architects Act, 1972, admission of candidates to first year of 5-year B.Arch. degree course shall be subject to their passing an aptitude test in architecture.

All admissions to B.Arch. Course shall be made at 1st year level and it shall be made by 1st working day in the month of September of a calendar year.

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10. The *5 year full-time Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)* degree course is to be imparted by an architectural institution in an independent building and separate land having its own infrastructure and budgetary provisions. Every architectural institution must acquire a built-up space of 3000 sq.mtr. (i.e. 15 sq.mtr. per student) of its own, available for the course for an annual intake 40 students within the next three years of its establishment. Further, an institution applying for additional intake shall be required to create adequate infrastructural facilities in proportion to the additional intake sought, as and when sanctioned by the Council. This may be verified by the Council at any stage, based on the prescribed Regulations, Norms and Guidelines.
11. The building should include class rooms and at least 5 studios, adequate space for faculty members, library, workshop, materials museum, laboratories, exhibition/conference room, office accommodation and common area for students and staff etc.
12. The institution must constitute an independent Governing Council for a School of Architecture, having Architect members in majority.
13. Land use certificate for institutional use of land from competent authority be submitted to the CoA.
14. Following infrastructure be created:
 - (a) (i) The institution must have built up space of 3000 sq.mt. within the next three years.
 - (ii) All spaces must be barrier free (i.e. disabled friendly)
 - (b) The institution must acquire at least 500 titles before the commencement of the course and 200 titles annually and necessary subscription be made to get at least 10 professional journals (Architecture) on regular basis.
 - (c) Workshop facilities for model making and construction related activities be created.
 - (d) A Computer Lab be set up with 40 computers within 3 years along with software related to Visual Art & Architecture.
 - (e) A Photography Lab be set up.
 - (f) An Audio Visual room with necessary equipment be set up.


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