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MINUTES OF 31ST GBM OF UPAA HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT HOTEL TAJ GANGES VARANASI, UP

General Secretary, Ar. Ankit Agarwal welcomed the delegates & Meeting was called to order by President Ar. Jagesh Kumar. Meeting started with self-introduction of members present from various chapters and also recorded Attendance.

Two Minutes Silence was observed for paying Homage to departed souls of Ar. Dinesh Kumar, immediate Past General Secretary UPAA and Ar. S K Gupta from Muzaffarnagar.

UPAA President Ar. Jagesh Kumar welcomed the delegates for attending this GBM.

There were two technical sessions in the 31st GBM. The topic of first technical session was Infrastructure Development & Role of Architects, Limitations and Opportunities. Moderator of the session was Ar. Anupam Mittal and the panelists were Ar. Jagesh Kumar, Ar. Ashok Kumar, Ar. Nirmita Mehrotra, Ar. R C Jain and town Planner of Varanasi. Topic of second Technical session was the Challenges in Development of Heritage Cities in which Ar. Mudita Kapoor was the moderator and the panelists were Ar. Ajay Khare, Ar. Rachna Khare and Ar. Ashok Kumar. The Technical Sessions were very useful for the present scenario.

A special moment of GBM was the presence of Add Chief Secretary UP Sh. Nitin Ramesh Gokaran. Ar. RC Jain from Varanasi communicated some points to Sh. Gokaran. UPAA also raised some important issues to him and he assured to find out the solution. Sh. Gokaran invited the UPAA representatives also to discuss the issues. He informed about the policies of UP Government about the development of the State. As President COA Ar. Abhay Vinayak Purohit informed in the meeting with UPAA that the Government is taking steps for 'Vastu Mitra', Sh. Gokaran also gave information about this type of concept.

Ar. Ankit Agarwal, General Secretary UPAA briefed the working of UPAA current team. He stated that the team of UPAA is working on many points. First and most important point is to upgrade the website of UPAA and the result of it is before all, by which all the associations are under one umbrella. All the records of UPAA have been uploaded on website. It was also brought into the notice that Online Membership of UPAA may be taken through the new website. It was said that instagram, twitter and facebook of UPAA are in working. UPAA is in constant touch with the local associations for the formation of new chapters. Some chapters as Saharanpur and Ayodhya are under process for conducting elections. It was specified that there were total 419 members of UPAA as the records received by the current team. At present total members of UPAA are approximately 544. It was stated that the correspondences have been done by UPAA for the Amendment in Architects Act to Government of India as well as Council of Architecture. A meeting was scheduled with Ar. Abhay Vinayak Purohit, President COA regarding the current issues especially for the Amendment in Architects Act. Besides it many correspondences have been done by UPAA to different departments of Government and the registration of UPAA had been renewed by the Registrar of Societies.

Ar. Ankit Agarwal, General Secretary UPAA read the Minutes of 30th GBM held at Meerut dated 19th December 2021. Ar. Prashant Pal Singh, President Lucknow Architects Association raised the objection on the minutes and specify that Ar. Anupam Mittal was the authorized representative of Lucknow Architects Association. It was noted for the corrections. With the correction the minutes of 30th GBM were passed by the full house.

Ar. Amit Agarwal, Treasurer UPAA briefed the Account statement of UPAA and stated that presently above 6 lakh rupees are in the account of UPAA and a FDR of Rs. 7 Lakhs is produced separately.

Blessings were given by The Patron UPAA Ar. Yogesh Chandra.

Ar. Chirag Gupta, Coordinator UPAA informed about the publication of "Three Dimensions" and distributed the 3D Magazine to all the members present.

Ar. Ankit Agarwal, General Secretary invited the various constituent chapters to present their activity reports. All the Chapters present gave the reports of their respective Chapters.

Ar. Rajeev Dwivedi, Chairman of Constitution Amendment Committee described the report regarding amendment of Constitution UPAA. He told that the draft of the Amended Constitution is ready but some discussions are pending. A meeting was scheduled in Agra for these discussions but less than half part was discussed in a whole day. Therefore a special ECM and GBM will be conducted for the approval of the amended Constitution because it will take more time and it is not possible to discuss the amended Constitution in the current GBM. It was resolved that the proposed special ECM & GBM will be organized in Meerut.

Declaration of name of students for **Ar. H.K. Agarwal Memorial Award** were announced as under-

- Ar. Adarsh Lanka for the Yr. 2020-2021
- Ar. Parnika Goyal for the Yr. 2021-2022

Ar. Adarsh Lanka is in abroad, he could not be contacted. Ar. Parnika Goyal is in Pune. Due to some specific reasons she could not attend the Award Ceremony.

In any other matter:

Ar. Babika Goel raised the issue regarding membership of a chapter. She asked about the effect of withdrawal of membership from a chapter, will the Architect be the continue member of UPAA or not? After some discussion the matter was differed by the house.

Ar. Anupam Mittal raised the issue and suggested that every Chapter should authorize some Architects for coordination with the Government Departments and in the Meetings with Govt Departments, only the persons authorized for it, should participate. On the point Ar. RC Jain suggested that for the coordination with Govt. Dept. President, Secretary & Treasurer should be fixed.

After that a few worthy Members and Associations were felicitated by special guest Hon'ble Minister Shri Daya Shanker Mishra as follows:

Chapters:

- Moradabad Architects Association- For organizing the 70th ECM at Moradabad
- Kanpur Architects Association- For organizing IDEA Exhibition at Kanpur
- Lucknow Architects Association- For organizing 71st ECM & Lucknow Architecture festival 2022 at Lucknow
- Greater Noida Architects Association- For conducting the successful 72nd ECM & Uttam Architects Award at Greater Noida
- Varanasi Architects Association- For conducting the successful 73rd ECM and 31st GBM at Varanasi

Pillar of UPAA:

- Ar. Vineet Garg
- Ar. Rajeev Dwivedi
- Ar. Atul Gupta

Shining Star of UPAA:

- Shining Star of UPAA- Ar. Yogesh Tyagi

Award of Honor:

- Ar. R C Jain
- Ar. C P Chawla
- Ar. Atul Rai
- Ar. Shyam Lal Singh
- Ar. Anurag Kushwaha

Life time Achievement Award:

- Ar. Shashi Bhushan Shiromany

➤ Ar. G D mittal

Executive Body Members:

- Ar. Yogesh Chandra (Patron UPAA) Founder & Constitution writer of UPAA for Exemplary Contribution to the profession
- Ar. Jagesh kumar (President UPAA) for gracious presence in 73rd ECM & 31st GBM
- Ar. Ankit Agarwal (General Secretary UPAA) for gracious presence in 73rd ECM & 31st GBM
- Ar. Amit Agarwal (Treasurer UPAA) for gracious presence in 73rd ECM & 31st GBM
- Ar. N k Sharma (Vice President UPAA) for gracious presence in 73rd ECM & 31st GBM
- Ar. Vinayak Gupta (Vice President UPAA) for gracious presence in 73rd ECM & 31st GBM
- Ar. Akshat Garg (Joint Secretary UPAA) for gracious presence in 73rd ECM & 31st GBM
- Ar. Chirag Gupta (Co-ordinator UPAA) for gracious presence in 73rd ECM & 31st GBM

Vote of thanks was extended by Ar. Atul Rai from Varanasi Architects Association to UPAA and all the participants present there.

**Ar. Jagesh Kumar
President**

**Ar. Ankit Agarwal
General Secretary**