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Minutes of the Meeting

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Members Present:

S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Prof. Dr. Ramesh Srikonda, Director, SPAV	Chairperson
2	Prof. Dr. Mamatha P Raj (AICTE Nominee) online	Member
3	Prof. Dr. S.P.Sekar (ITPI Nominee)	Member
4	Ar. Roopal Rahul Deshpande (CoA Nominee) online	Member
5	Ar. Rajesh Meheta (Nominee of Chair, BoG)	Member
6	Ar. Sandhya Manjunath (Nominee of Chair, BoG)	Member
7	Dr. Yogesh K Garg (Nominee of Chair, BoG)	Member
8	Dr. Vandana Sehgal (Nominee of Chair, BoG) online	Member
9	Dr. Anamika Nandan (Nominee of Chair, BoG) online	Member
10	Dr. Shanmuga Priya G, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture, SPAV	Member
11	Dr. Ranga Naga Satyanarayana Murthy, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, SPAV	Member
12	Dr. Anurag Bagade, Assistant Professor, Department of Planning, SPAV	Member
13	Dr. Lilly Rose A, Dean Academic, SPAV	Member
14	Dr.M.Banu Chitra, Dean Research, SPAV	Member
15	Dr. Uma Sankar Basina, Dean Student Affairs, SPAV	Member
16	Dr Rajakumari Muthusamy, Dean Faculty Welfare, SPAV	Member
17	Dr.Ch.Anil Kumar, Dean P & D, SPAV	Member
18	Dr. Prasanth Vardhan P, Head, Dept of Planning, SPAV	Member
19	Dr. Srinivas Daketi, Head, Dept of Architecture, SPAV	Member
20	Prof. Dr. Iyer Vijayalaxmi Kasinath, Professor, Dept of Architecture, SPAV	Member
21	Prof. Ayon Kumar Tarafdar, Professor, Dept of Planning, SPAV	Member
22	Shri K.V Uma Maheswara Rao, Registrar, SPAV	Secretary

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The Chairperson, Senate extended a warm welcome to all the members present and introduced the new member Prof. Dr. Mamatha P Raj (AICTE Nominee), to the Senate. He also conveyed his gratitude to the outgoing member Prof. Dr. Rajeev Shringi of the Senate for his valuable suggestions and support. Further, the Member Secretary of the Senate apprised the Senate about various agenda items.

The details of discussions/deliberations are as below:

1	To confirm the Minutes of the 21 st Meeting of Senate of SPA Vijayawada held through on 19.03.2025.
	The Minutes of 21 st meeting of SPA Vijayawada held through hybrid mode on 19.03.2025 placed as Annexure I, were presented to the members The Senate confirmed the minutes of the 21st Meeting of Senate of SPA Vijayawada.

2	To present the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 21 st Senate meeting of SPA Vijayawada held through hybrid mode on 19.03.2025.
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Item #	Agenda	Minutes	Action Taken	Observation / resolution
17.4	Proposal of two new PG programmes in Planning to be initiated within next five academic years	The Senate considered, approved and recommended the following nomenclatures of 2-years full-time Masters programme in Dept of Planning to be introduced within the next 5 years: a) 'Masters in Planning' with Specialization in 'Data Analytics in Planning' (02 Years Full-time) b) 'Masters in Planning' with Specialization in 'Housing and Real Estate Planning' (02 Years Full-time) The Senate also asked the Department to prepare the Course Structure and Detailed Syllabus for each of the same and put up to Senate for approval in subsequent meetings.	The Committees have been constituted for preparation of Course Structure & Detailed Syllabus for the new courses. The work is in progress and the brainstorming sessions will be conducted in the coming semester with experts from industry and academics. The course structure will be placed in the upcoming senate.	The course structures will be placed in the upcoming senate.

17.5	Proposal of three new PG programmes in Architecture to be initiated within next five academic years	<p>The Head of Department of Architecture, after detailed deliberation and introspection with all faculty of the Department and Advisory Board of Studies-Planning, and in line with industry demand and developments of state-of-the-art in the field of Architecture have envisaged the start of three new PG programmes in the Department within the next 05 years. This is also related to the preparations for the revised DPR of SPAV for next five years, for which, work is in progress. The nomenclatures of the proposed 2-year PG programmes in Architecture were presented by HoD-Architecture along with details of programme outcome and eligibility for admissions.</p> <p>a) Masters in Interior Design</p> <p>b) Masters in Digital Architecture (02 Years Full-time)</p> <p>c) Masters in Traditional-Techno Architecture (02 Years Full-time)</p>	<p>Committees have been constituted to develop the Course Structure and the detailed syllabus for the proposed programmes.</p> <p>The Committees are working on the proposed syllabus and the Course Structure and shall be presented in next senate meeting.</p>	The course structures will be placed in the upcoming senate
17.9	Approval for extension of maximum duration of PhD candidate Ms. Mrunmayi D. in Dept of Planning, as a one-time measure	<p>The Senate accorded an approval and recommended extension of one year for PhD candidate Ms. Mrunmayi D. from the date of JCDRC minutes (26.02.2024), as a one-time measure, without setting any precedence for future.</p>	<p>The Candidate has been granted one year extension.</p> <p>Hence, the Senate is requested to close the item.</p>	The Senate Closed the item
17.13	Credit Exchange Elective Courses with SPA Delhi and SPA Bhopal	<p>The Senate accords it approval to and recommended, the process of exchange of subjects as collaboration between the three SPAs and encourages the Departments to initiate</p>	<p>The students from Department of planning have undertaken summer internship programs at SPA Delhi & SPA</p>	The Senate Closed the item

		more such efforts and activities with other universities.	Bhopal. The students have been given preference to work on the live projects and research projects. Also, the Programme Coordinators from department of Architecture are working to collaborate with SPA Delhi and SPA Bhopal in the odd semester. Hence, the Senate is requested to close the item.	
17.14	Revision of Remuneration/Honorarium of Jury members, Visiting Faculty, and External Experts for Special Lectures	The Senate considered, approved and recommended the Revised Rates of Remuneration/Honorarium to be effective from next Academic Year (as per Annexure VIII to this Minutes) for further approval of FC and BoG.	The item has been approved in the FC &BoG and an O.O has been issued with Ref.No. 10/SPAv/Estt./O.O/2025 dated 13 th Augsut 2025 for implementation. Hence, the Senate is requested to close the item.	The Senate Closed the item
17.15	Engagement of Adjunct / Emeritus / Visiting Professor at the Department of Architecture and Planning	The Senate noted and recommended to initiate the process of re-advertising and selecting Adjunct / Emeritus / Visiting Professor at the Department of Architecture and Planning, with due approval of FC and BoG.	Action is being initiated to place it in the forthcoming BoG.	
21.1	To consider and approve the revised nomenclature, eligibility criteria, and seat matrix for Postgraduate programmes to have parity among	To bring parity among all SPAs, as MoE approved common admission of PG programmes the nomenclature, eligibility criteria, and seat matrix have been revised with minor changes for the Postgraduate programmes offered at SPAV for the A.Y. 2025-26. The proposed changes are also in line with NEP-2020 encouraging multidisciplinary education system at SPAV. The proposed revisions are	Admissions for the PG courses for the A.Y 2025-26 was done through JAAP-PG-2025 and through SPOT rounds. A special drive for reserved categories was also conducted in Guwahati and Vijayawada. Hence, the Senate is requested to close the item.	The Senate Closed the item


	SPAs as MoE approved common admission of PG programmes for the A.Y. 2025-26	placed in Annexure – II, for consideration and approval of Senate. If approved, the proposed minor modifications will be implemented from the A.Y. 2025-2026 onwards and the same will be ratified in FC and BoG.		
21.2	To consider and approve the revised eligibility for Ph.D in Architecture and addition of Ph.D in Design in the Department of Architecture at SPAV	<p>The Rolling Ph.D Advertisement for the A.Y. 2025-26 was notified on 21.02.2025 for Ph.D in Architecture, Planning and Building Engineering and Management. It is proposed to include Master Degree in Design under academic eligibility for Ph.D in Architecture in addition to the existing eligibility criteria. It is also proposed to offer Ph.D in Design from the A.Y. 2025-26 as SPAV is offering Master of Design.</p> <p>The above proposal is placed for consideration and approval of Senate. If approved, the modified eligibility for Ph.D programme and new Ph.D in Design will be implemented from the A.Y. 2025-2026 onwards and it will be ratified in BoG.</p>	<p>The Rolling Ph.D Advertisement for the A.Y. 2025-26 was notified with the revised eligibility for Ph.D in Architecture and addition of Ph.D in Design. Second round of Ph.D Admissions for the odd semester of A.Y are being done from 19th – 23rd August 2025.</p> <p>Hence, the Senate is requested to close the item.</p>	The Senate Closed the item
21.3	To consider and approve the proposal to offer Scholarships to Top ten meritorious students in each Postgraduate programme	<p>SPAV has been providing scholarships to students who have qualified in GATE / CEED as per the rules of the Govt. of India. It is proposed to offer scholarships to top ten meritorious students based on the ranking of JAAP-PG 2025, regardless of qualifying in GATE/CEED scores, to encourage admissions to the postgraduate programmes and recognize meritorious students.</p> <p>The proposed scholarships for meritorious students in PG programmes are placed for consideration and approval of Senate. If approved, the scholarships will be offered</p>	The recommendations of Senate will be placed in the forthcoming BoG.	

		from the A.Y. 2025-2026 onwards after obtaining the approval of the FC and BoG.		
21.4	To consider and approve the addition of subject categories to the approved detailed syllabus of the M.Arch (AC) programme for each semester	<p>During the syllabus revision process prior to the 17th Senate meeting, the subject categories were inadvertently omitted from the course structure. This oversight has now been rectified, and the revised syllabus clearly specifies the category for each subject, i.e., Studio Courses, Theory Courses, and Jury Courses. In the earlier version, all subjects were mistakenly categorized as Theory Courses.</p> <p>The revised Course Structure for the M.Arch (Architectural Conservation) Programme is placed for consideration and approval of the Senate.</p>	<p>The subject categories were included in the Detailed syllabus of the M.Arch (AC) programme and the same has been uploaded on SPAV website.</p> <p>Hence, the Senate is requested to close the item.</p>	The Senate Closed the item
21.5	To consider and approve the request of students with respect to the working hours of the institute in view of the increasing temperatures during summer.	<p>It has been observed in the past few years that the temperatures during summers increase beyond 40° in the afternoons. The students find it difficult to work in the afternoons in the studios during summer months. Representation from the student council has been received, requesting for change in working hours during summer months considering the heat. Based on the representation, the departments have proposed to modify the working hour schedule as placed in annexure IV which is recommended by the ABoS of both the departments.</p> <p>The proposed change in working hours for students without deviating from the number of periods / hours per day as stipulated in the course structure, is placed for consideration and approval of the senate.</p>	<p>The revised working hours were implemented during summer 2025.</p> <p>Hence, the Senate is requested to close the item.</p>	The Senate Closed the item

21.7	To consider offering of AI based courses for urban planning at SPAV	Dr.S.P.Sekar (ITPI nominee) stressed the importance of AI based urban planning and offering skill based professional courses at SPAV. Such courses can be introduced as an elective initially, and later it can offered as a mainstream course / certificate course / online course The Senate suggested to conduct conferences, brainstorming sessions to identify resources and enrich the faculty knowledge in this domain.	Sector Experts were invited to take special lectures and were part of workshops organised for the students of UG & PG Programmes. Hence, the Senate is requested to close the item.	The Senate Closed the item
21.8	To introduce live projects from local bodies as studio project in planning	It was proposed to introduce live projects from involving local authorities / bodies to enable inputs from and involvement of local authorities / bodies and develop implementable outcomes which can be submitted to the local bodies. The Senate suggested the department of planning to introduce projects from local authorities and encourage involvement of local bodies in the studio project.	Three studio programmes in the Department of Planning involve live projects. Hence, the Senate is requested to close the item.	The Senate Closed the item

AGENDA

Items for Approval



Item # 22.1	To consider and approve the list of Graduands who graduated in the Academic Year 2024-2025, for the conferment of degrees in the 9th Convocation to be held in October 2025
Proceedings	The 9 th Convocation for SPA Vijayawada is scheduled to be held in the first week of October 2025. The Senate is requested to accord approval for the award of degrees, gold medals and best thesis merit certificates to the eligible candidates in the upcoming 9 th Convocation of SPA Vijayawada, scheduled to be held in the first week of October 2025. The item is placed as Annexure II before the Senate for consideration and approval.

Decision	The Senate approved the list of Graduands for the 9th Convocation to be held on 10th October 2025.
Item # 22.2	To consider and approve the addition of Ph.D Re-registration under Clause 5 (Section 5.3) of the Academic Ordinance for Doctoral (PhD) Programmes (Rules and Regulations) 2023 & other regulations as an amendment
Proceedings	In order to support the PhD candidates in achieving their research objectives, it is proposed that research scholars requiring additional time to complete their research work after completing the 7 years of maximum limit (mentioned in PhD Ordinance 2023) can re-register into PhD program under the same category by paying the requisite admission and tuition fee (as per the fee structure) as recommended in the JCDRC meeting held on 28.03.2025. Such candidates shall continue to work under the same supervisor and on recommendation of the DRC/SRC/JCDRC/Dean-A, can submit their thesis after fulfilling minimum requirements with a minimum gap of 6 months after Re-Registration. And re-registration needs to be done annually. However, it is made mandatory for the research scholars to re-register only after the recommendation of their respective supervisor. The above item is placed before the Senate as Annexure III for consideration and approval.
Decision	The Senate approved the addition of Ph.D Re-registration under Clause 5 (Section 5.3) of the Academic Ordinance for Doctoral (PhD) Programmes.
Item # 22.3	To consider and approve the Award of Bachelor of Building Science to Mr. Akhil Kandagiri (Reg. No. 1180100800) admitted into B. Arch during A.Y. 2018-23
Proceedings	As per the approved minutes of the Third Senate vide Item# 3.9(b), the exit option of degree for students who have completed the third year of Architecture and who have not completed the final year of Architecture, it has been recommended for the award of "Bachelor of Building Science". Hence it is recommended to Award the degree of Bachelor of Building Science to Mr. Akhil Kandagiri (1180100800) who has completed all subjects up to the 6 th semester. As per the minimum academic requirements of Bachelor of Building Science, Mr. Akhil Kandagiri (1180100800) is recommended by the ABoS of the department of Architecture for the award of Bachelor of Building Science, under Clause 7.7 of the NEP-enabled Academic Ordinance 2023. The above item is placed before the Senate as Annexure IV for consideration and approval.

Decision	The Senate approved the award of Bachelor of Building Science to Mr. Akhil Kandagiri (Reg. No. 1180100800).
Item # 22.4	To consider and approve the conversion of three theory-based courses to jury-based evaluation mode in the Department of Architecture
Proceedings	The courses Decarbonizing Buildings: Embodied and Operational Carbon (MSAR212- offered in the MSA II Year, III Semester), Interior Architecture and Space Programming, (ARC5120 - offered in B.Arch V Year, IX Semester) and Digital Art (ARC4210 - offered in B.Arch IV Year, VII Semester) were conceived initially as theory courses and the same was approved in the 8 th and 17 th meeting of the Senate. However, when the above courses were being offered to the students for the first time in the A.Y.2025-26, the subject experts and the ABoS of the Department of Architecture felt that the course be offered as a Jury course. In view of the above, the ABoS of the Department of Architecture, recommended the conversion of the above three theory-based courses to jury-based evaluation mode. Hence, the above item is placed before the Senate as Annexure V for consideration and approval.
Decision	The Senate approved the Conversion of three theory-based subjects to jury-based courses.
Item # 22.5	To consider and approve the proposed revision of B.Plan syllabus (UG Programme, 4 year) to align with emerging professional needs, industry demands, and model curriculum as per AICTE and ITPI
Proceedings	<p>It is proposed to revise the B.Plan syllabus (UG Programme, 4 year) to align with emerging professional needs, industry demands, and guidelines provided by key national frameworks, including the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Model Curriculum (2020) issued by AICTE, and the report "Orienting Planning Education in Line with NEP 2020" published by ITPI.</p> <p><u>Proposed Changes to the Course Structure</u></p> <p><u>Addressing Professional Needs</u></p> <p>Incorporating alumni feedback, industry interactions, and sectoral trends to address emerging technological advancements, theoretical foundations, and knowledge expansion.</p> <p>Tailoring updates to meet evolving professional demands in planning.</p>

	<p>Eliminating Redundancy</p> <p>Streamlining content across the four-year syllabus to avoid overlap and improve coherence.</p> <p>Incorporating Audit Courses and Electives</p> <p>Broadening knowledge and enhancing skills through audit courses and electives to support preparation for competitive examinations like Civil Services.</p> <p><u>Specific Additions to the Syllabus</u></p> <p>Audit Courses</p> <p>Introduction of courses such as Indian Economy, Human Rights and Constitutional Duties, and Technical Communication, in alignment with NEP 2020.</p> <p>Elective Subjects</p> <p>Offering electives such as Approaches to Spatial Area Plan, Urban Underground Spaces, Inclusive Cities, Resilient and Sustainable Cities, etc., across semesters to provide wider choices and address emerging market demands.</p> <p>The above item is placed before the Senate for consideration and approval.</p>
Decision	The Senate approved the revised course outline for the B.Plan programme.

Items for Ratification

Item # 22.6	To consider and ratify the Admission Selection committee for Ph.D scholars in the A.Y 2025-26.
Proceedings	<p>As per clause 4.2 of the Academic Ordinance for Doctoral (PhD) Programmes (Rules and Regulations) 2023, the candidates who qualify the Stage-I shall appear for interview and deliver a presentation before the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) or sub-committees constituted by the DRC. However, during the Rolling Ph.D Admissions conducted in April-May 2025, the shortlisted candidates who qualified in Stage-I appeared for the interview before a sub-committee constituted by the DRC chairperson with the approval of the Senate chairperson instead of the DRC or sub-committees constituted by the DRC. Hence, the item is placed before the Senate for ratification.</p>

	Also, it is proposed to include the following as an amendment to Clause 4.2 considering the administrative procedures: "However, in case of emergency situations, the Senate Chairperson shall be authorized to constitute a DRC Sub-Committee comprising internal faculty members to conduct the Interviews and publish the Results". The above amendment in the ordinances is placed before the Senate for consideration and approval.
Decision	The Senate ratified the Sub-committee constituted by DRC chairperson for the rolling PhD admissions conducted during April-May 2025. Also, the Senate approved the following as an amendment to clause 4.2 "However, in case of emergency situations, the Senate Chairperson shall be authorized to constitute a DRC Sub-Committee comprising internal faculty members to conduct the Interviews and publish the Results".

Items for Reporting

Item # 22.7	Student Academic Requests
Proceedings	The Part-time research scholar Ar. Shreeleha C (Reg. No. 1240000045), had requested for a one semester break during the Odd Semester of Academic Year 2025–26 due to personal reasons. The ABoS of Architecture department recommended the semester break in accordance with Clause 9.3 of the Academic Ordinance 2023 and the same was recommended by Dean -A and approved by the Senate Chairperson. Ms. Sharon Charita G (Reg. No. 1240500201), enrolled in M.Arch (SA) Programme in the A.Y.2024-25. She had requested for one year break in accordance with Clause 7.7(e) of PG Ordinance 2023 as she has secured a job in the Public Works Department in Tamil Nadu. In line with NEP on multiple entry and exit, the above request was recommended by ABoS, Dean Academic and approved by the Senate Chairperson.
Decision	The Senate noted the item.
Item # 22.8	Academic Updates
Proceedings	The admissions process for the Academic Year 2025–26 has been successfully concluded. • Undergraduate Admissions: Conducted through JoSAA/CSAB/DASA

	<p>counselling mechanisms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Admissions: Completed through JAAP-PG 2025 counselling, followed by Spot Rounds and a Special Drive for Reserved Categories organized at Guwahati to facilitate candidates from the North Eastern region. • Doctoral (Ph.D.) Admissions: Carried out in two cycles under the Rolling Ph.D. Notification, the first during April–May 2025 and the second in August 2025.
Decision	The Senate noted the item and appreciated the efforts taken by SPAV to increase the percentage of student intake in Higher Education.
Item # 22.9	Activities and Achievements of Department of Architecture
Proceedings	The Department of Architecture has actively engaged in academic, research, and outreach activities during the academic year 2024-25. Faculty and students have contributed significantly through publications, conference presentations, design competitions, collaborative projects, and community-oriented initiatives. These achievements reflect the department's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and societal relevance. A detailed statement of activities and accomplishments were presented before the Senate as Annexure VI.
Decision	The Senate appreciated the achievements of faculty and students of Department of Architecture.
Item # 22.10	Activities and Achievements of Department of Planning
Proceedings	The Department of Planning has undertaken a wide range of academic, research, and professional activities during the academic year 2024-25. Faculty and students have made notable contributions through consultancy assignments, research publications, participation in planning competitions, policy-oriented projects, and community engagement initiatives. These efforts highlight the department's role in advancing sustainable urban and regional planning practices. A detailed statement of activities and accomplishments were presented before the Senate as Annexure VII.
Decision	The Senate appreciated the achievements of faculty and students of Department of Architecture.

	Any other item with the permission of the Chair.
Item # 22.11	To consider and approve the request of Mr. Faraz Khan (Roll No: 2240600114), a II-year M.Plan (Transport Planning) student for Grant of Zero Year
Proceedings	<p>Mr. Faraz Khan (Roll No: 2240600114), a II-year M.Plan (Transport Planning) student, has requested the grant of Zero Year under Clauses 27.1 to 27.5 of the Academic Regulations based on medical and compassionate grounds as he is the sole caregiver to his aunt undergoing treatment for mouth cancer and, in addition, has suffered a serious leg fracture requiring extended rest.</p> <p>The ABoS, after deliberation, has recommended his request for approval of Zero Year to enable him to repeat the semester in the next academic year. Hence, the above item is placed before the Senate as Annexure VIII for consideration and approval.</p>
Decision	The Senate approved the proposed Zero Year to Mr. Faraz Khan (Roll No: 2240600114), a II-year M.Plan (Transport Planning)
Item # 22.12	To consider and approve the request of Ms. K. Praveena (Reg. No. 2180300009), Part-time Ph.D. Scholar, for Extension of Ph.D. Registration
Proceedings	<p>Ms. K. Praveena (Reg. No. 2180300009), Part-time Ph.D. Scholar, completed the maximum permissible duration of 6 years of her registration by 31/07/2025. She has sought an extension to complete the requirements of her thesis submission (report and research publications). Her request has been submitted through her supervisor, along with the recommendations of the SRC and the DRC-Planning recommended that her request for extension be considered as per due procedure. The proposal for extension is placed before the senate as Annexure IX for consideration and approval.</p>
Decision	The Senate approved the Extension of Ph.D. Registration through Re-registration in line with item #22.2
22.13	To consider and approve the Amendment in Provision for Replacement of Supervisor and appointment of Co-Supervisor for Special Cases
Proceedings	<p>As per the PhD Ordinance 2023 of SPAV, Clause 7.9 states that in the event a Supervisor becomes unavailable to guide due to resignation, retirement, leaving service, or demise, the Chairperson of the DRC shall arrange for a replacement</p>

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	<p>within six (6) weeks with the recommendation of the JCDRC so as to finally approved by the Chairperson, Senate. However, it is proposed that the Director of the Institute may continue to guide existing students or undertake supervision of new students in the capacity of a resourceful supervisor.</p> <p>Also, in special cases or for multi-disciplinary topics, upon the request from the Supervisor, DRC may recommend appointment of up to 2 Co-Supervisors, who may be subject experts from industry or from another educational institutes or from other Departments of the School. However, the selected co-supervisors shall attend the DRCs as and when conducted without fail. The co-supervisors should not miss two consecutive DRCs.</p> <p>The proposal for amendment of clause 7.8 & 7.9 is placed before the senate for consideration and approval.</p>
Decision	The Senate approved the above item as amendments clause 7.8 & 7.9 in the Academic Ordinance for Doctoral Programmes (Rules and Regulations) 2023 of SPAV. Also, the Senate suggested to develop SoP for appointment of Co-supervisors for special cases and place it in the forthcoming Senate.
22.14	Introduction of optional language courses for first-year students as non-CGPA credit courses, effective from the Academic Year 2025-26.
Proceedings	<p>In line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and to provide students with opportunities for multidisciplinary learning, the 17th Senate approved the proposal of introducing additional courses in selected Indian and foreign languages (e.g., Hindi, Sanskrit, Telugu, German, French, Spanish, Japanese, etc.) for first-year students.</p> <p>These courses will be offered as optional credit courses, and the credits earned will be reflected in the student's grade sheet as Additional Credits. However, these credits will not be counted towards the calculation of CGPA.</p> <p>The initiative will help students gain cultural exposure, enhance communication skills, and strengthen their global employability without affecting their academic performance metrics.</p> <p>The above item is placed before the Senate for kind information.</p>
Decision	The Senate noted the item.
22.15	To consider and approve the Award of PG Diploma in Sustainable Architecture to Mr. Mukesh Kumar P (Reg. No. 1240500197) admitted into M.

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	Arch Sustainable Architecture during A.Y. 2024-25
Proceedings	As per clause 7.7 of Academic ordinance for UG and PG Programmes (Rules and Regulations) 2023, multiple entry and exit options in academic programmes are being practiced at SPAV, in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. According to clause 7.7, Mr. Mukesh Kumar P (Reg. No. 1240500197) admitted into M. Arch Sustainable Architecture programme during A.Y. 2024-25, has successfully completed one year of M.Arch Sustainable Architecture programme and has earned 30 credits. As per the minimum academic requirements of Postgraduate Diploma in PG Programmes, Mr. Mukesh Kumar P (Reg. No. 1240500197), is recommended by the ABoS of the department of Architecture for the award of Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Architecture, under Clause 7.7 of the NEP-enabled Academic Ordinance 2023. The above item is placed before the Senate as Annexure X for consideration and approval.
Decision	The Senate approved the award of Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Architecture to Mr. Mukesh Kumar P (Reg. No. 1240500197).
22.16	To consider and approve the Introduction of Postdoctoral Programme at SPAV
Proceedings	<p>The School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada (SPAV), proposes the introduction of a Postdoctoral Research Programme as part of its academic and research expansion. The programme is designed to encourage high-quality research and publications by scholars in the fields of architecture and planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full-Time: Duration of 2 semesters. ○ Part-Time: Duration of 3 semesters. • Fee Structure and Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be aligned with the Academic Ordinances of the Ph.D. Programme at SPAV. • Stipend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full-time scholars will be provided with a stipend. ○ The Board of Governors (BoG) has already approved 10 Ph.D. scholar stipends, of which 3 positions may be allocated to Postdoctoral Fellows.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full-Time Scholars: Minimum of 2 publications – one in a Scopus Q1 journal and one in any other Scopus/peer-reviewed journal. ○ Part-Time Scholars: Minimum of 3 publications – one in a Scopus Q1 journal and two in any other Scopus/peer-reviewed journals. Patents can also be considered as one of the requirement for publication. <p>This initiative is expected to strengthen SPAV's academic research profile, enhance collaborations, and contribute to global knowledge production.</p> <p>The above item is placed before the Senate as Annexure XI for consideration and approval.</p>
Decision	<p>The Senate considered and approved the proposal for the introduction of the Postdoctoral Research Programme at SPAV and recommended placing the above item before the FC and Board of Governors (BoG) for approval.</p>

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