

## President's Foreword



I am extremely happy to announce that the Council of Architecture shall be conducting NATA 2024 examination in a new format duly respecting the opinion of the stakeholders, which was ascertained through nationwide survey, keeping in mind the convenience and creativity of students and also in keeping with the pace of the current trends and challenges faced by the Architecture Profession.

Architecture as social commentary holds a mirror to society, reflecting its glory and challenges. From stylistic evolution to radical visions, architecture not only responds to society but actively helps to shape it. Architecture plays a significant role in shaping cultural identity and also acts as a medium to express creativity. Buildings and structures act as symbols of a community's values, beliefs; heritage and their design reflect the unique identity of the place.

Architecture is a noble profession which deals with the well-being of human beings and Society. Its routes are as ancient as the civilization. Popularly defined as combination of Arts and Technology, it ensures creation of built environment ensuring health, hygiene, safety and happiness of the occupants as well as visitors.

The career of an Architect is very promising and satisfying, being a 'Professional', one is capable of starting the practice, in the modern terms 'start-up' at the earlier stage of life with minimal investment. Hence, Architects are popularly known as 'Job Givers' rather than 'Job Seekers'.

As aptly described by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, this is the 'Amrit Kal' of Indian Civilisation and in the days to come, we would be the biggest service providers of the world. The construction and infrastructure activities across India are at its peak and the Architects have to positively contribute to the development of Nation as never before. The Council is making all efforts to ensure that the Architectural Education and Profession in the country meets the challenges posed by globalisation, scarcity of natural resources and energy along with threat posed by natural and man-made disasters.

NATA is the first step towards this glorious career and those who wish to join Architecture profession will have to qualify NATA, a test especially designed to assess the aptitude of the candidate towards architecture profession.

I, on behalf of Council of Architecture wish all the very best to all the aspiring 'to be' architects for a bright future and congratulate you for taking the first step towards profession of Architecture.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Abhay V. Purohit'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a small circle at the end.

**Prof. Abhay V. Purohit**  
President  
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