

**MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY THE 21st DECEMBER 2009**

- Item No.1 : Layout plan of Delhi University (North Campus).**
(i) Faculty of Arts - (Grade-I)
(ii) Delhi University Office (Grade-I)
(iii) Gwyer's Hall (Grade-I)

The proposal referred by the Town Planner MCD was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on November 9, 2009. The Architect was advised to device certain design guidelines taking into consideration the heritage value of the structures so that the individual architects could develop their proposals as per the guidelines. The submission now made by the Architects was scrutinized. A PowerPoint Presentation was made by the Architects and the details of the proposal were also explained by the Vice Chancellor. The following observations were made :-

1. A proper documentation of the annexe addition to the Vice Chancellor office building need to be done by the architect.
2. The new examination building proposed next to the Vice Chancellor office should be properly set backed and proper varandah preferably all around the block should be provided.
3. The proposal for addition to a floor to B.R. Ambedkar Centre was not considered appropriate. The HCC was informed that construction has already been taken up. The HCC observed that in due course of time it is desirable to take this area elsewhere.
4. The other proposals were considered acceptable.

The overall scheme with above observations was approved by the HCC.

Item No.2 : Lady Harding Medical College (LHMC) & Associates Hospitals including the residential building at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on November 9, 2009 and certain observations had been given. The revised proposal was scrutinized by the HCC and approved with the observation that the heritage structures should be maintained in good condition.

Item No.3 : Revised layout plan of Hindu College, Delhi University.

The proposal forwarded by the MCD was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on November 9, 2009 wherein the Architect was asked to submit the conservation report of renovation of guard house. The architect had now submitted the conservation report. The proposal was found acceptable and approved by the HCC.

Item No.4 : Plans for Addition/Alterations in respect of Lady Irwin College at Sikandra Road.

The proposal was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on November 9, 2009 wherein the Architect was asked to submit conservation report. The Architect had submitted the same. The proposal was acceptable and approved by the HCC.

Item No.5 : Plans for Addl./Alts. in respect of 1, Alexander place (Ashoka Place).

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC has the following campuses in the heritage list :-

- i) Sacred Heart Cathedral, Ashoka Road (Grade I)
- ii) St. Columbus School and Campus (Grade II)
- iii) Convent of Jesus and Mary and Campus (Grade II)

The proposal included additions in the St. Columbus School and in Convent of Jesus and Mary school. The additions proposed in the St. Columbus school were found acceptable.

As regards the proposal of additional block in the Convent of Jesus and Mary the HCC observed that the location of the block was not acceptable because it was proposed between two heritage buildings i.e. Sacred Heart Cathedral (Grade I) and existing buildings of Convent of Jesus and Mary school (Grade II). A suggestion was given to the architect/proponents to propose a new block at a different location perpendicular to the long junior school annexe block wherein the length of the block could be reduced and if necessary, the width could be increased to accommodate the requirements. In this regard, the architect submitted that there were some existing trees near the suggested location. The HCC decided for a site visit of the school. The proposal will be considered further thereafter.

Item No.6 : Plans for New Scheme in respect of Multilevel Car Parking at Delhi High Court.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized by the HCC. The site had a 17th Century Tomb within the site which was falling in grade I/II in the notified list of heritage building precincts for NDMC area. It came to the notice of the HCC that construction at site was in progress. The HCC observed that the conservation of the tomb should be part of the proposal which should be further enhanced with the help of an expert agency. Due care should be taken so that the monument does not collapse during the construction.

With above observations, the proposal was approved by the HCC.

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Member Secretary**