
67th Year - NASA India

Zonal Council Meet

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6th April to 7th April 2024 – Symbiosis School of Architecture, Urban Development and Planning, Pune

The 67th year Zonal Council Meet for Zone 3 was held at Symbiosis School of Architecture, Urban Development and Planning, Pune from 6th April 2024 to 7th April 2024. **Trupti Thapa** as the **Unit Secretary** and I, **Mohini Mandke** as **Unit Designee** attended this Meet being the Unit Council and representing our unit Z310.

On arrival, we were given ID cards and food coupons. Caution money of INR 500/- per person was deposited which was returned to us after the meet. We were then asked to check into our rooms.

On 6th April, after breakfast the Zonal Council Meet was inaugurated by the **Director of Symbiosis school of Architecture, Dr. Gauri Shiurkar along with Evanthika Pereira, National President, Chembian B, National Vice President and Rahul Mange, the Zonal President of Zone 3** of NASA India along with faculty members of the host college. The first session was a question answer session with all the Unit Designees to know their understanding of the organization. The question answers led to a discussion of how NASA India started? Which seven colleges were the founding colleges? The session ended with a question to everyone of 'What is NASA India to you?'

After lunch, in the second session we were told about different scholarship funds like NASA India Scholarship Fund(NISF), NASA India Thesis Grant (NITG), B.V. Doshi Memorial Scholarship. Later, the briefing about NASA India continued, wherein we discussed about the different bodies of NASA, the logo and the specifications of how to use it and the NASA website. After this discussion, the council held a panel discussion between member colleges and observer colleges. Discussions happened between these two groups and two volunteers from each group presented their points in front of everyone, mainly discussing on perks of member colleges over observer college, what more rights can observer colleges have?

We had a tea break, during this time we were asked to look into what all we can do as a zone in the 67th year. All unit council members gathered and discussed about their agendas that they were planning which could be zonal events or chapter level events.

In the third session, the units talked about their agendas as a unit and the overall agenda of the zone this year. Later we talked about different trophies and the participation of units in these competitions. During this discussion, the council members told us about the issues encountered for the Writing Architecture Trophy (WAT) due to AI and how they are or they can work on these issues.

The fourth session conducted after dinner, started with a brief about different committees and their roles. Later the units continued to tell their agendas. The council mentioned the need to write proper mails and being professional. As a activity all the Unit Secretaries and Unit Designees wrote mails and sent them to the Zonal President.

On 7th April, after breakfast the fifth session commenced. The session started with the council pointing out the lack of participation of Zone 3 in the First General Body Meeting(FGBM). They are looking forward to see more questions from Zone 3 in the coming FGBM. Later on we went through the 67th year theme '**Exclaim**' and units expressed their view and understanding of the theme.

Shortly after these discussions, the **64th year Zonal President of Zone 6, Eric Alan and Ex-Unit Secretary of Z310 Sudiksha Ananthraman** joined the meet.

We had a great conversation with them. They shared their experience of being in the council and the committee, and also answered the multiple questions that all the units had about being in the council or a committee.

After lunch, commenced the final session, sixth session, which talked about all the issues and problems units were facing and architecture as a whole fraternity was facing. Issues like decline in admissions of students in colleges, need of better faculty, to improve the quality of architecture education, progressive closure of certain colleges and how all these issues are going to affect NASA were looked into.

The Zonal Council Meet concluded after discussing on these issues. We took group photographs, had snacks and proceeded to go back.

The meet helped me get a better understanding of the organization. It also made me have a better understanding of the position where in BNCA stood as a unit. I felt super proud and happy when our Ex Unit Secretary was called as a guest to share her experience. There were also mentions about Arushi Ponnala, the 65th year Zonal President of Zone 3 who was is also from BNCA. The unit Z310 has contributed a lot to NASA and this ZCM has encouraged us to maintain that legacy.



Unit Secretaries and Unit Designees of Zone 3 with Zonal President of Zone 3 Rahul Mange



Unit Council of Z310 Unit Secretary Trupti Thapa, former Unit Secretary Sudiksha Ananthraman, Unit Designee Mohini Mandke

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First General Body Meet

67th Year First General Body Meet

19th July to 21st July 2024 – GITAM, Deemed to be University, Vishakhapatnam

The 67th Year First General Body Meet of NASA, India was held at Z421, GITAM University, Vishakhapatnam from 19th to 21st July 2024. I, Mohini Mandke as Unit Designee and Trupti Thapa, as Unit Secretary represented our unit Z310 at the 67th FGBM.

We embarked our journey for FGBM on the morning of 18th July from Pune Station and reached the Vishakhapatnam station on 19th July. On arrival, we were given bands and a caution money of INR 500 per person was deposited.

At 6:00 PM the First General Body Meet was inaugurated by Ar. Pravin Kumar Botu, Deputy Director at GITAM School of Architecture, the Zonal Council and the Executive Council. Shortly after the inauguration, the National Advisor, Hari S introduced the 67th year Zonal Council and Executive Council for NASA, India through a video conference.

67th Year Council

National President- Evanthika Pereira	Zonal President - Zone 1- Kashish Saini
National Secretary- Harrshwardhan Burrande	Zonal President - Zone 2- Maaz Multani
National Vice President- Chembian Burrani	Zonal President - Zone 3- Rahul Mange
National Treasurer- Shikha Kamad	Zonal President - Zone 5- Likith Jain
Trophies Head- Tanuja Sunkara	Zonal President - Zone 6- Alan T Sam
Programs Head – Nityanshu Panda	

Soon into the meeting, the **National President** unveiled, 'Times of NASA, India', a comprehensive newspaper chronicling the milestones and achievements of the 66th year, encapsulated the vibrancy and accomplishments of our association. **Speed networking** workshop was conducted by the **National Secretary** which helped all the delegates to interact and get to know people from other Zones. Day one, ended with **soft skill workshops** conducted by the **Zonal and the Executive Council**. Different workshops like Human Resource Management, Marketing and Outreach, Business Management, etc were conducted by different council members. Delegates had to choose one of the workshops. Our Unit Secretary and I chose the Marketing and Outreach workshop conducted by the Vice President and Treasurer.

Day Two started with the membership bids. Four colleges Z601, Z681, Z688 and Z547 presented bids aiming to get membership. Post bid presentations the Zonal Council presented their **Zonal Visions**. The most interesting part of day two, was the session with Ar. Dean D'Cruz. **Ar. Dean D'Cruz** is the principal architect at Mozaic Design and also the **67th year ANDC moderator**. He talked about ANDC's hands on approach, possibilities of architecture in small scale and looking at future of architecture. The conversations with D'Cruz sir were great and has left everyone awaiting for the 67th ANDC brief.

At 5:30 PM, the Programs Head, talked about the Programs taking place this year

National Programs

LIK Program

Insider

Online Programs

The first session of Online Program took place recently, which had three software workshops. Looking at a good response for the first session the committee will be soon coming up with a second round of online workshops. He also mentioned that NASA will soon be collaborating with the Auroville Earth Institution and a 6 day program specially curated for NASA will be released.

Day two, 6:30 PM, the **67th year budget** of NASA, India was presented by the **National Treasurer**. A break down of the money that will be spent was presented. The total income expected this year in INR 69,19,218 and the total expenses are coming out to be INR 68,48,600.

Looking at the declining number of architectural colleges and inflation, the council proposed **incrementation of the Subscription Fee by Rs 50 per student for the 68th year.**

Before Incrementation,

Member Colleges – INR 100 per student

Observer Colleges – INR 150 per student

After Incrementation,

Member Colleges – INR 150 per student

Observer Colleges – INR 200 per student

After a brief discussion with everyone, the council decided to make a decision regarding the incrementation by means of voting. The Unit Secretaries had to show a green image if they were in favour of the incrementation and a red image if they were against the incrementation of the subscription fee. As the council gave break out of the costs and a proper justification which was valid for the increase of the subscription fees our unit approved to the decision by showing the green image.

The room was almost filled with green flares from mobile phones and finally **the decision of increasing the subscription fee from 68th year was approved.** Day two ended with passing of the 67th Annual Budget.

Day Three started with a discussion about NASA's most important and embraced trophy **the Reubens Trophy**. Reubens started as an exhibition which later turned into a trophy and in the 64th year was again started as an exhibition. In the past three years the council saw a downfall in the quality of sheets in the Reubens exhibition. A discussion on whether to keep Reubens as a trophy or as an exhibition was brought up. Later a poll was put up whether to keep Reubens as a trophy or an exhibition. Most people voted to keep Reubens as a trophy. Hence to enhance the quality of sheets the council decided from the **67th year Reubens will be a Trophy and not just an exhibition.**

9:00 AM the National Vice President presented his Visions and his commitments to the association. He talked about the revamp of the website. The website needs change in its UI/UX and soon a NASA India UI/UX Design Competition will also be released for the same.

Later the Trophies Head presented her Visions and commitments to the association.

A New Trophy **the Short Film Trophy** was released at the FGBM. We had a brief discussion about the trophy with the **moderator Ar. Rohan Shivkumar** through a video conference.

At 3:00 PM, a new initiative by NASA India was released, **NASA India Research Conference (NIRC)**. The NIRC **moderated by Ar. Bijoy Ramachandran** will help students to fortify their design capabilities and provide a robust platform for showcasing research innovation in architecture. We had a video conference with Ar. Bijoy Ramachandran and got to know more about NIRC and how it is going to work.

Students will be writing an abstract first about their topics, they will be shortlisted on the basis of those abstracts. Shortlisted students will be allotted a mentor based on their topics who will be helping them out throughout the process. The resulting **research** will be **presented** in a conference which will be held at the **Annual NASA Convention**.

The National Advisor then took over and had a short conversation. Later the **Dean at GITAM, School of Architecture, Dr. Vibhuti Sachdev** talked a little bit about the theme and gave us some really good insights about leadership.

Finally while wrapping up the meet the council announced the units that got membership. Three out of the four units that bided got the membership. Many units were put into the defaulters list and two colleges were degraded from the association.

The meeting was finally concluded. After the meeting our unit secretary and I went in and had a few general conversations with the zonal and executive council.

We had a train back to Pune the next day, so we did go and enjoyed a few spots in Vishakhapatnam. Finally reached home on the night of 23rd July.

Overall it was a fruitful meeting and a great experience for me.



Unit Council members of Zone 3 with National President, Evanthika Periera and Zonal President, Rahul Mange

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Intermediate General Body Meeting (IGBM)
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7th March, 2025 - 8th March, 2025

The Intermediate General Body Meeting (IGBM) of NASA India was held on March 7 and 8, 2025, at the **Lovely Professional University**, in Phagwara, Punjab. The meeting was attended by representatives from colleges across the country, who gathered to review the association's progress, discuss upcoming plans, and approve the proceedings of the Annual NASA Convention (ANC). The two-day event was well-organized, fostering collaboration and decision-making among the participating members. I, **Mohini Mandke**, the **Unit Designee** of the college along with **Trupti Thapa**, the **Unit Secretary** represented our unit **Z310**, **Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture**.

Day 0: March 7, 2025

Day 0 began with the registration of delegates from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, followed by a welcome address at 6:00 PM, which formally inaugurated the meeting. Delegates were introduced to the objectives of the IGBM and the agenda for the coming days.

At 6:30 PM, the jury members and representatives from the host college (LPU) were introduced. This session provided participants with insights into the key stakeholders for the event. The day concluded with dinner and accommodation arrangements at 7:00 PM, ensuring all delegates were comfortable and prepared for the main sessions.

Day 1: March 8, 2025

The second day began with a breakfast session from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM. The morning's first session, starting at 9:30 AM, focused on presentations of reports. The host team presented detailed updates on the Annual NASA Convention, followed by financial updates that outlined fund utilization, payment processes, and important dates for the convention. This session provided a clear picture of the organization's progress and ensured transparency in financial management. After a lunch break from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM, delegates reconvened for a discussion on the budget proposal for the 67th convention, held from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Delegates actively participated, offering suggestions and ideas for efficient allocation of resources to support future events and initiatives. Thorough discussions and questioning was done on the proposed budget by the general council.

Day 2: March 9, 2025

The final day of the IGBM commenced with breakfast at 9:00 AM, followed by a continued discussion on budget, accommodations and guests

From 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM, delegates took a lunch break, followed by End term reports by zonal council

The general council did not approve the budget for the convention as a lot of details and structured plan was missing from LPU's end. Another online meeting was scheduled to approve budget and complete the end term reports of executive council.



67th Year General Council, Zone 3 with ZP 3, Rahul Mange

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Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM)
IPS Academy, School of Architecture, Indore

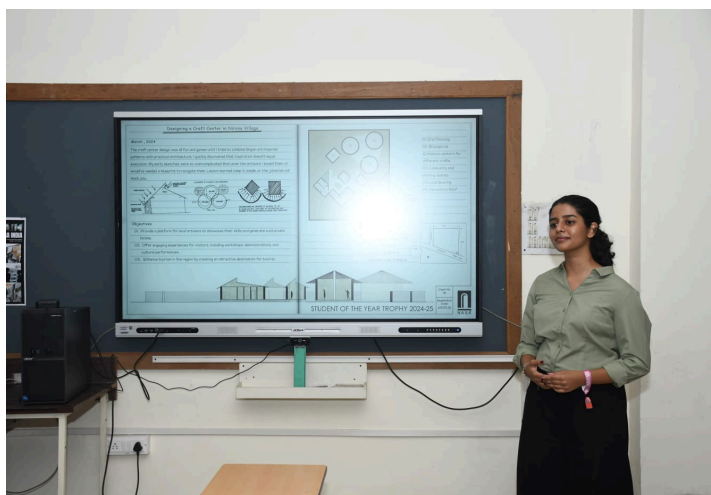
Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM)

IPS Academy, School of Architecture, Indore

3rd July, 2025 - 5th July, 2025

The month of May India saw rising tensions across the country especially with respect to Operation Sindoor. Due to the Geo-political situations between the India and it neighboring country, the council took a crucial step of not conducting the 67th Annual NASA Convention at LPU, Punjab. An offline meeting was conducted to elect the council of the 68th Year along with a Valedictory Ceremony. The 67th Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) of NASA India took place from **July 3rd to 5th, 2025**. At **IPS Academy, School of Architecture, Indore** bringing together student representatives, council members, and election candidates from across the country. The event marked a crucial transition for the organization, setting the stage for leadership and policy decisions for the upcoming term.

I, **Mohini Mandke**, the **Unit Designee** along with the **Unit Secretary, Trupti Thapa** represented our unit, Z310 at the AGBM. We reached IPS Academy in the morning on 3rd July. The jury for the Short Film Trophy was scheduled post lunch.



Mohini Mandke (TY-C) at the offline jury of SOTY Trophy



Ar. Jyoti Panse, Dr. Harish Tripathi, Ar. Manu Goel
Jurors, SOTY Trophy

The proceedings began on Day 1 with an official inauguration ceremony that included a welcome address from the host college, a lamp-lighting ceremony, and an opening speech by the National President. The inaugural session was followed by a focused segment by the Election Committee, where all candidates submitted their election forms. The committee briefed the participants about qualification procedures and election guidelines.

The elections took place in the following order:

1. Zonal President Zone 2
2. Zonal President Zone 5
3. Zonal President Zone 3
4. National Vice President
5. Zonal President Zone 4
6. Programs Head
7. Zonal President Zone 6
8. Zonal President Zone 1
9. Trophies Head
10. National President

The final day, Day 3, started with breakfast and the continuation and conclusion of the National President election, followed by end-term notes by the outgoing council members, marking their farewell and reflection on the year gone by. After lunch, the AGBM concluded ceremonially with a Book Launch, a Valedictory Session, and the symbolic Change of Guard Ceremony, where the new council formally took charge. The day ended with a dinner, allowing attendees to connect and celebrate the successful culmination of the three-day event.

The 67th AGBM not only facilitated smooth leadership transition but also reinforced the spirit of collaboration, responsibility, and creativity that NASA India stands for. The well-structured agenda ensured efficient elections and meaningful exchanges among participants, paving the way for a dynamic and ambitious term ahead.



Z310 (BNCA) ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 67TH YEAR OF NASA, INDIA

1. Trupti Thapa, (FoY -A) the **Unit Secretary** of Z310 received a **gold medal** for her outstanding performance and work towards her unit and the zone. One amongst the top 04 performing secretaries!
2. Trupti Thapa recieved a certificate of appreciation for her work as the **Spotify Committee Coordinator** in the 67th Year.
3. Mohini Mandke (TY-C) received the **Citation** (1st prize all over India) in the **Student of the Year Trophy** for her academic work from first year (2023-24).
4. Trupti Thapa has been elected as the **Zonal President (ZP) of Zone 3** consisting of 40 colleges from Maharashtra. She is the third ZP from BNCA in the past 5 years of NASA, India continuing the legacy of Ayushi Sawalka and Arushi Ponnala.