F. No. 2-63/Advisory/RGP/NMA/2026 (C No- 61)
Government of India
Ministry of Culture
National Monuments Authority

24, Tilak Marg,
New Delhi-110001

Dated: 27.02.2026

To,

All Competent Authorities,

Subject: Advisory regarding submission and consideration of Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Reports under the NMA Rules, 2011

Sir/Madam,

1. Please refer to the following:

(a) Rule 17 of the National Monuments Authority Rules, 2011.

(b) 133rd Meeting of the National Monuments Authority held on 29 February 2016, wherein it was decided that proposals involving a total built-up area exceeding 5,000 Sqmtrs (existing plus proposed) shall be required to submit an Archaeological Impact Assessment / Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Report for the proposed site, in accordance with the parameters enumerated and approved in the said meeting and detailed in Annexure-2 of the minutes thereof.

2. Over a period of time, the Authority has observed that in several cases, applicants have been submitting HIA Reports prepared by entities that are neither Notified Expert Heritage Bodies (NEHBs) of the National Monuments Authority nor possess demonstrable expertise or experience in archaeology, heritage conservation, conservation architecture, town and country planning, or allied disciplines. In some instances, such reports have been prepared by the project architects themselves or by firms associated with them, resulting in a clear conflict of interest.

3. It has further been observed that such reports often lack the requisite level of authenticity, objectivity, and technical rigour, and in certain cases contain unverified, unsound, or misleading assessments relating to build, natural and intangible heritage, visual impact and proposed mitigation measures. These deficiencies seriously undermine the credibility and utility of the HIA Reports in enabling the Authority to assess the potential impact of proposed developments on protected monuments and sites.

4. The Authority has also taken note of instances where applicants have restricted the total built-up area marginally below 5,000 Sqmtrs, apparently with the intent of avoiding the requirement for submission of an HIA Report.

5. After due deliberation, the Authority, in its 504th Meeting held on 23 December 2025, has decided as under: -

(a) **Acceptance of HIA Reports**. Only HIA Reports prepared by Notified Expert Heritage Bodies (NEHBs) shall be accepted. Any HIA Report prepared by an entity other than a NEHB or not prepared strictly in accordance with the parameters prescribed by the Authority in its 133rd Meeting, shall not be considered by the National Monuments Authority. The list of Notified Expert Heritage Bodies is available on the NMA portal (copy also enclosed).

(b) **Requirement of HIA Reports for Projects Below 5,000 Sqmtrs**. In exceptional cases, where the Authority is of the opinion that a proposed construction with a total built-up area below 5,000 Sqmtrs may potentially affect the preservation, safety, security, accessibility, or visual integrity of a protected monument or site, the Authority may require the applicant to submit an HIA Report prepared exclusively by a Notified Expert Heritage Body. Such a requirement may also be imposed where the significance, sensitivity, or contextual setting of the monument warrants expert evaluation and the formulation of specific mitigation measures before, during, or after execution of the project.

6. The above stipulations shall come into force in respect of all proposals submitted to the Authority on or after 27 March 2026. All Competent Authorities are requested to take necessary action to ensure strict compliance with the above decisions while scrutinizing and forwarding proposals to the National Monuments Authority.

7. This issues with the approval of the Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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LIST OF NOTIFIED EXPERT HERITAGE BODIES

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1	Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Roorkee, Uttarakhand, India - 247667
2	Department of Architecture, Planning and Design, IIT BHU	IIT-BHU, Banaras Hindu University Campus, Uttar Pradesh -221005
3	NCSHS, IIT Madras	Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, Chennai- 600 036, Tamil Nadu, India
4	School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi	4, Block B, Beside State Bank of India, Indraprastha Marg, IP Estate, New Delhi - 110002
5	School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada	Krishna Nagar, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh - 520008
6	Department of Architecture National Institute of Technology, Patna, Bihar	Patna University Campus, Patna, Bihar -800005
7	Department of Architecture National Institute of Technology, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	Great Eastern Rd, Amanaka, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492010
8	Department of Architecture National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh	NIT, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh 177005
9	Department of Architecture and Planning National Institute of Technology, Calicut, Kerala	Calicut Make Road, Kattangal, Kerala 673601
10	Department of Architecture and Planning Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Link Road Number 3, Near Kali Mata Mandir, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh 462003
11	Department of Planning and Architecture National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha	Bisra Rd, National Institute of Technology, Jindal Colony, Udit Nagar, Rourkela, Odisha 769001
12	Department of Planning and Architecture Malviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, Rajasthan	Malaviya National Institute of Technology JLN Marg, Jaipur-302017
13	Department of Architecture National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu	Tanjore Main Road, NH67, near BHEL, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu - 620015
14	Department of Archaeology, University of Assam	Central University of Assam Silchar, Assam - 788011
15	Centre for Historical Studies and Archaeology Central University of south Bihar	SH-7, Gaya Panchanpur Road – Village – Karhara, Post,

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		Fatehpur, Bihar -824236
16	Department of History and Archaeology Central University of Karnataka	Kadaganchi, Karnataka - 585367
17	Department Of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology Dr. Hari Singh Gour Vishwavidyalaya	University Road, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh -470003
18	History & Archaeology Department, North-Eastern Hill University,	NEHU Campus, Shillong - 793 022
19	Department of Archaeology, and Ancient Culture Central University of Tripura	NH8, Suryamani Nagar, Agartala, Tripura 799022
20	Ancient Indian History and Archaeology, Central University of Uttar Pradesh	Vidya Vihar, Raibareli Rd, Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226025
21	Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta Central University of West Bengal	87, 1, College St, Calcutta University, College Square, Kolkata, West Bengal 700073
22	Department Of History and Archeology Central University of Haryana	SH 17, Jatt, Haryana 123031
23	Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology Central University of Jharkhand	Brambe Rd, Brambe, Jharkhand 835205
24	The Indian Archaeological Society (IAS), New Delhi	The Indian Archaeological Society B-17, Qutab Institutional Area New Delhi – 110016, India
25	Urban Design Research Institute (UDRI), Mumbai	43, Dr, VB Gandhi Marg, Kala Ghoda, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400023
26	Deccan College, Pune	Deccan College Rd, Line Bazar, Yerawada, Pune, Maharashtra -411006
27	Indian Cities Heritage Network Foundation (IHCNF), Bangalore	51, Kasturba Rd, Shanthala Nagar, Sampangi Rama Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560001
28	Tibet Heritage Fund (THF), Leh	Lakruk House, Stalam, Leh 194101 Ladakh UT, India
29	Centre for Heritage Conservation (CHC) CRDF, CEPT University, Ahmadabad	Kasturbhai Lalbhai Campus, University Rd, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat -380009
30	Centre for Historic Houses (CHH), OP Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Haryana	Sonipat Narela Road, Near Jagdishpur Village, Sonipat, Haryana -131001
31	Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University,	Sector 16-C, Dwarka, New

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	University School of Architecture and Planning, New Delhi	Delhi-110078
32	Vaastu Kala Academy College of Architecture, New Delhi	Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, New Delhi-110067
33	Amity University, Amity School of Architecture and Planning, Nodia	K-1 Block, Ground Floor, Sector-125, Amity University, Nodia-201303
34	Dr.Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women, Maharashtra	Maharishi Karve Street Shikshan Campus, Kavenagar, Maharashtra India Pune-411052
35	Ahmedabad University, Centre for Heritage Management, Ahmedabad	Asmita Bhawan, Central Campus, Navrangpura, Amedabad-380009
36	The Mythic Society, Bengaluru	Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001
37	Society of South Asian Archaeology, Pune	C/O Department of Archaeology, Deccan College Postgraduate and Research Institute, Deemed University, Pune-411006, India
38	K.S School of Architecture, Bengaluru	15 Near Vajarahalli Maisandra, Off Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru-560109
39	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	Department of Design, Hauz Khas, New Delhi- 110016
40	Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, deemed to be University, Odisha	School of Architecture and Planning, Campus - 17, Patia, Bhubaneswar, Odisha -751024
41	Birla Institute of Technology, Jharkhand	Department of Architecture, Mesra, Ranchi, Jharkhand - 835215
42	School of Architecture, Planning and Design, Dehradun Institute of Technology, Uttarakhand	Mussoorie – Diversion Road, village Makkawala, Dehradun, Uttarakhand -248009
43	Chandigarh College of Architecture, Chandigarh	Vidya Path Sector 12D, Chandigarh
44	REACH Foundation, Chennai	A-1/3, Century Enclave, 54 Kalakshetra Road, Thiruvanmiyar, Chennai - 600041
45	School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal	1st Floor, Sports Complex, MANIT, Bhopal -51
46	School Institute of Technology Kharagpur	School Institute of Technology Kharagpur, Kharagpur -721302
47	Aga Khan Trust for Culture, New Delhi	K-15 Jangpura Extension, New

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		Delhi -110014
48	Wadiyar Centre for Architecture, Mysore	No.1011, CH20, Krishnaraja Boulevard, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysuru – 570005
49	Arvindbhai Patel Institute of Environmental Design	Near Bhaikaka Library, Vallabh Vidyanagar – 388120, Anand, Gujarat
50	Shri G.C. Patel Institute of Architecture, Faculty of Architecture and Design, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Gujarat.	Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Udhna - Magdalla Road, Surat – 395007, Gujarat
51	Jadavpur University, Kolkata	188, Raja Subodh Chandra Mallick Rd, Jadavpur, Kolkata, West Bengal - 700032
52	Lovely School of Architecture and Design, Lovely Professional University, Punjab	Jalandhar - Delhi, Grand Trunk Rd, Phagwara, Punjab - 144001
53	School of Architecture and Interior Design, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Tamil Nadu	SRM Nagar, Kattankulathu, Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu - 603203,
54	Om Dayal Group of Institutions, Architecture College, Howrah	Plot No. 38&39, Ulubeira Industrial Growth Centre, Near Birshibpur Railway Station, Uluberia, Distt, Howrah - 711616
55	Manipal School of Architecture & Planning, Karnataka	MIT Campus, Manipal – 576104, Karnataka
56	Department of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Aligarh, Muslim University, Aligarh	Aligarh – 202002
57	School of Architecture and Planning, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata	DG 1/2, New Town, Action Area 1, Kolkata - 700156
58	Architecture and Planning, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur	South Ambazari Road, Nagpur, Maharashtra. Pin 440010 (India)
59	Sir J. J. College of Architecture, Mumbai	78/3, Dr. D.N. Road, Mumbai – 400001
60	Institute of Architecture & Planning, Nirma University, Ahmedabad	Sarkhej-Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad, Gujarat - 382481
61	KLU School of Architecture, Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (K L Deemed to be University), Andhra Pradesh	Vaddeswaram, Guntur, Dist., A.P. - 522302
62	Bharatiya Kala Prasarini Sabha's College of Architecture, Pune	2043, Sadashiv Peth, Tilak Road, Pune, 411030
63	Chitkara School of Planning and Architecture,	Chandigarh-Patiala, National

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	Chitkara University, Punjab	Highway Village Jhansla, Tehsil-Rajpura, Punjab - 144411
64	Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women, Delhi	Kashmiri Gate, Delhi - 110006
65	MET School of Architecture & Interior Design, Nashik	Govardhan, Nashik PIN 422222
66	Amity School of Architecture and Planning, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow	Near Railway Molhore Station, Gomti Nagar Extension- Lucknow UP- Pin 226028
67	Department of Architecture, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	GT Road, Amritsar - 143005
68	Centre for Heritage Studies, Bhubaneswar	D-206, Pristine Greens, Near Kokila Resort, Phase- II, Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar-751020
69	Smt. Manoramabai Mundle College of Architecture, Nagpur	L.A.D. College Campus, Seminary Hills, Nagpur – 440006 (M.S.)
70	Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies, Pune	C/o Department of Archaeology, Deccan College, Pune - 411006
71	Centre for Archaeological Studies & Training Eastern (CASTE), Kolkata	1 Satyen Roy Road, Behala tram Depot, Kolkata – 700034
72	INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage)*	Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage 71, Lodhi estate, New Delhi,

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