



# LOCK UNLOCK

PRISON DESIGN  
ARCHITECTURE COMPETITION



# What is a prison?

Prison is a place where inmates are confined and denied a variety of freedoms under the authority of the state as punishment for various crimes.

But is this all to a prison?

Can't prison serve to be more than just a set up to punish the convicts?

Recidivism is not a very rare occurrence. Its time to put out the question, Why? Why do convicts go back to their old means as soon as they are released from the prison? Why are prisons failing to contribute to the society?

Overcrowding prisons with poor living conditions and little opportunity for rehabilitation has resulted in high rates of recidivism. But is at all? Prisons not only effect the lives of convicts, it effects the lives the victims, the lives of officers working their shifts day and night and it effects the society as a whole.

Can prisons be used as a facility to right the morals of the inmates?

What can be done to lower recidivism number?

How can architecture be used to solve this problem?

For a long time now, these questions have been neglected. But its time to find answers to these questions. And hence, ARCH8 wants to encourage architects and designers to think in this aspect and to come up with a solution for the same. It encourages them to understand the true purpose of a prison and the impact it can have on people's life with the help of architecture.

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**O** The goal is to design a medium security prison for a maximum capacity of 50 inmates. The concept should address recidivism, life of inmates and society overall. Participants are encouraged to explore how architecture of a place affects the behavior of people under its influence.

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**C** About site:

**T** Participants have to choose a site of their choice because the site will greatly affect the architecture of the prison.

**I** Choose a site with respect to any one of the below mentioned category:

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- In a densely populated area
- In the outskirts of a city/town
- In a completely distant area

# REQUIREMENT

One A1 (landscape) composed with (at least):

- Design explanation (not more than 150 words).
- A plan
- A section
- A view

1. Sheet code mentioned in the top right corner
2. Submission must not include your Name, School, or Organization that gives away your identity.
3. All dimensions should be imperial or in metric units.



# PRIZES

Total cash prize worth 15,000 INR.

Winner: Cash prize of INR 7500 + Acknowledgement on our website and social media + publication of the participants' interview (Video) on website + 40% discount on your next architecture competition + certificate of achievement

1st Runner-up: Cash prize of INR 4500 + Acknowledgement on our website + publication of the participants' interview (Video) on website + 30% discount on our next architecture competition + certificate of achievement

2nd Runner-up: Cash prize of INR 3000 + Acknowledgement on our website + publication of the participants' interview (Video) on website + 20% discount on our next architecture competition + certificate of achievement

10 Honorable mentions: Acknowledgement on our website + 10% discount on our next architecture competition + certificate of achievement

Participation certificate for all the participants.

# REGISTRATION

A team can have up to 3 members.

	INDIAN NATIONAL	FOREIGN NATIONAL
EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION 1st MAY 2021- 15th MAY 2021	350 INR	7 USD
STANDARD REGISTRATION 16th MAY 2021- 31st MAY 2021	420 INR	10 USD
LATE REGISTRATION 1st JUNE 2021- 15th JUNE 2021 (Late registered participants will receive 5 extra days for submission.)	540 INR	15 USD

The amount is non-refundable.

## TIMELINE

Registration deadline: 15th June 2021

Submission deadline: 20th June 2021

Result announcement: 30th June 2021

The following dates can be a subject of modification, if necessary.





# SUBMIT AT

Submit in .jpeg format of file size not more than 5Mb.

Submit your entry at: [hello@arch8.in](mailto:hello@arch8.in)

The subject of the mail: Your UCI (XXXXX)

Name of the file uploaded: Your UCI (XXXXX)

## JUDGING CRITERIA

Innovation

Originality

Problem Resolving skills

Presentation



# FAQs

1. What is the nature of the competition?

'LOCK-UNLOCK' is an open idea design competition challenge that is open for students, professionals & any individual with a creative mind.

2. Who can participate in the competition?

Architecture students, Architects, Interior Designer, Civil engineers & anyone with creativity can participate in the competition.

3. How many members can be a part of a team?

A team can have a maximum of 3 members. You can also participate individually.

4. Will every participant get a certificate of participation?

Yes, each registered participant will receive an e-certificate.

5. What should be done in case a payment mode is not available in a particular country?

In such a case, we request the participants to write about the issue at [hello@arch8.in](mailto:hello@arch8.in) to get other payment options. We will send all possible payment methods.

6. How will a team get its Unique Identification Code?

The Unique Identification Code ( UIC ) will be mailed to your registered e-mail address within 24 hrs after completing the registration process. There is only one UIC code for all the team members of a team.

7. What is the use of a Unique Identification Code?

All the participants are requested to use their UIC at the top right corner of your submission as it is your identity for the competition-related processes.

8. What to do if a participant does not receive the UIC after making payment?

In such cases, the participants are asked to mail their payment receipt [hello@arch8.in](mailto:hello@arch8.in).

9. Does the 150-word limit include legends & one-liners in the sheet?

No, the 150-word limit is for the proposal explanation only and it does not include the legends & one-liners on the sheet.

# ALL THE BEST!

- Team ARCH8