



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**Land Ports Authority of India
(LPAI)**

and

Council of Architecture



Council of Architecture

**This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on this 17th day of
September, 2025**

BETWEEN

Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), a Statutory Authority under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, having its registered office at Lok Nayak Bhawan, 1st Floor, Khan Market, New Delhi, represented Director (Technical), Land Ports Authority of India Lt. Col. Sameer Jafri, hereinafter referred to as "LPAI" (which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include its successors and permitted assigns),

AND

Council of Architecture (CoA), a statutory authority under Ministry of Education, Government of India, having its registered office at India Habitat Centre, Core 6A, 1st Floor, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, represented by President, Council of Architecture **Prof. Abhay V. Purohit**, hereinafter referred to as "COA" (which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include its successors and permitted assigns).

WHEREAS

- 1.LPAI is mandated to develop efficient and modern land ports on India's borders to facilitate secure and seamless movement of passengers and cargo.
- 2.LPAI intends to organize a Land Ports Design Contest (the "Contest") to invite innovative architectural designs for land ports.
- 3.The COA is identified as a competent authority dealing with services to conduct of Architectural Design Competition.
- 4.Both parties desire to enter into this MoU to define their respective roles, responsibilities, and terms of collaboration with respect to the Contest.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

A. Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to establish the framework for collaboration between LPAI and the CoA for conducting the Land Ports design competition.

B. Scope of Work

Scope of work include but not limited to the following:

1. Organize, manage, and coordinate the contest, including preparing competition rules, evaluation criteria, and timelines.
2. Conduct the design competition for the land port authority.
3. Constitute and manage the Competition jury panel.
4. Evaluate the submitted design entries.
5. Promote the competition and implement outreach programs to attract high-quality entries.
6. Provide logistical support, maintain documentation, and facilitate award distribution.

C. Roles and Responsibilities

1. LPAI shall:

- a. Prepare and provide all necessary competition documentation, including briefs and specifications.
- b. Coordinate the evaluation process, finalization of evaluation criteria and manage the appointment of jury members.
- c. Announce Competition results and share with participants.

2. CoA shall:

- a. Conduct the design competition in a transparent manner.
- b. Support LPAI in organizing the competition in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.
- c. Recommend jury panel for judging the entries.
- d. Undertake qualification screening of participants and shortlisting of competition entries.
- e. Organize and facilitate presentations and evaluations of shortlisted candidates.
- f. Support LPAI in competition promotion and outreach activities.
 - Leverage its Pan India network,
 - Publish the advertisement in its social Media handle
- g. Develop and manage the design submission platform.
 - Oversee and maintain the design competition process.
 - Handle documentation and facilitate award distribution.
- i. Provide LPAI with all design PDFs and soft copies of competition entries and evaluation records.
- j. Ensure adherence to Competition rules and timelines.
- k. Maintain confidentiality of contest documents and proprietary information.

D. Intellectual Property Right :

The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) of the ideas, concepts, and the submitted designs will vest with the author. However, LPAI reserves the right to use the ideas, concepts, and designs submitted by participants, with or without modifications, in phases as deemed fit, either in part or in full.

E. Confidentiality :

Both parties agree to maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and not disclose to any third party without prior written consent.

F. Duration :

This MoU shall be effective from the date of signing and shall remain in force until completion of the Contest and any related formalities, unless terminated earlier by mutual consent.

G. Termination :

Either party may terminate this MoU by giving 30 days written notice to the other party. Termination shall not affect rights and obligations accrued up to the termination date.

H. Dispute Resolution :

Any disputes arising out of or in connection with this MoU shall first be resolved amicably through mutual discussion. If unresolved within 30 days, disputes shall be referred for arbitration in New Delhi under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 or any amended statutory provisions.

I. Governing Law and Jurisdiction :

This MoU shall be governed by the laws of India. The courts in New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any matters arising out of this MoU.

J. Miscellaneous :

- This MoU constitutes the entire understanding between the parties relating to the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior agreements or understandings.
- Amendments to this MoU shall be in writing and signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the day, month, and year first above written.

For Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)

Name: Lt. Col. Sameer Jafri

Designation: Director (Technical)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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For Council of Architecture, India

Name: Prof. Abhay V. Purohit

Designation: President

Signature: _____

Date: _____

17th Sept. 2025

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