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# STREET VENDOR SHELTER: SHELTER THAT EMPOWERS LIVELIHOODS

First Edition

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## STREET VENDOR SHELTER

Shelter that empowers livelihood

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## Introduction

Street vendors form the backbone of informal urban economies, providing affordable goods, services, and vibrant public life. Yet, their everyday workspaces are often precarious—lacking protection from weather, basic infrastructure, dignity, and security.

The Street Vendor Shelter – Shelter That Empowers Livelihood design competition invites architects, designers, planners, and students to rethink the street vendor shelter as more than a temporary structure. The challenge is to create a humane, flexible, and context-responsive shelter that supports livelihoods while enhancing public spaces and urban life.

## Objective

The objective of this competition is to design an innovative street vendor shelter that:

- Provides protection from climate (sun, rain, wind)
- Supports daily vending activities efficiently
- Respects the dignity and identity of street vendors
- Integrates seamlessly within urban public spaces
- Is modular, scalable, affordable, and easy to maintain
- Encourages inclusivity, safety, and sustainability

Participants are encouraged to think beyond form and consider social impact, usability, adaptability, and economic empowerment.

## The Building Program

The proposed shelter should accommodate a **single street vendor unit**, with the possibility of **replication or clustering**.

The design may include:

- Vending/display surface
- Weather protection (roof/shade/rain cover)
- Storage for goods
- Seating (optional)
- Provision for lighting and signage
- Waste management solution
- Space for mobility and flexibility

Designs may be **fixed, foldable, modular, or mobile**, and should be adaptable to different types of vendors (food, produce, crafts, services, etc.).

## Site

This is an open-site competition.

Participants may choose any urban context such as:

- Footpaths
- Market streets
- Transit nodes
- Plazas
- Public parks
- Informal market areas

The chosen site should be clearly explained, supported by context drawings, photographs, or diagrams. The shelter should respond meaningfully to its surroundings.

## Timeline

Launch Date: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Registration deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Submission deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Result Announcement: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Fees

Stage	Start	End	Fees (INR)	Fees (USD)
Early Bird	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	₹ 500	\$ 6
Standard Registration 1	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	₹ 900	\$ 10
Standard Registration 2	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2026	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	₹ 1300	\$ 15
Standard Registration 3	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	₹ 1700	\$ 19
Standard Registration 4	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	₹ 2100	\$ 24
Standard Registration 5	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	₹ 2500	\$ 28
Standard Registration 6	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	₹ 2900	\$ 32
Late Registrations	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	₹ 3300	\$ 37

## Submission Requirements

Participants must submit:

- Design Panels – minimum 2 panels and maximum 6 panels (panel size: A2, Landscape, format jpeg./jpg.)
- A brief **concept description** (format docs. File)

Drawings may include:

- Concept diagrams
- Plans, sections, elevations
- 3D views / visualizations
- Exploded diagrams or process sketches

**Important:**

- No participant names, university names, or identifying marks are allowed on the submission sheets
- Design title and slogans are permitted
- Submissions must follow anonymity rules strictly

## Jury

The jury panel will consist of experienced architects, designers, educators, and industry professionals from diverse backgrounds. Entries will be evaluated based on:

- Design Concept & Innovation
- Functionality & Usability
- Contextual Response
- Livelihood Empowerment
- Feasibility & Sustainability

The jury's decision will be final and binding.

## Eligibility

- Open to all.
- Individual and team entries are allowed
- Team size: minimum 01 – maximum 4 members
- No restrictions on nationality, or academic background

## Contact Details

Brief link: <https://www.archiolcompetitions.com/competitions/street-vendor-shelter>

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