

Theme: Orientation and Mobility – A Step Towards Independence - Recent Research & Technology

**Dates:** 18-21 November 2026

**Venue: Blind People's Association (India)**

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1.	<b>Day 1 – 18 November, 2026</b>		
	8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. <b>Registration &amp; Flag Ceremony</b>		
	<b>INAUGURATION PROGRAMME: GANGA AUDITORIUM</b>		
	<b>9.30 a.m.- 11.00 a.m.</b>	Inauguration Programme	
	9.30 a.m.	Lamp Lighting	By Guests and then they Take Their places on the Dais
	9.30 a.m.	Prayer	BPA Students with Disabilities
			Flag Ceremony
	9.35 a.m.	Welcome	Chair Host Committee / Executive Committee
	9.45 a.m.	Mementoes to Guests	
	9.50 a.m.	Program Details:	Program Committee
	10.00 a.m.	Global Perspective	IMC Executive Committee
	10.15 a.m.	Keynote Address	To be decided
	10.25 a.m.	Keynote Address	To be decided

	10.35 a.m.	Speech	Guest of Honour
	10.45 a.m.	Speech	Chief Guest
	10.55 a.m.	Vote of Thanks	Host Committee
		Master of Ceremony	Nandini Rawal
2.	<b>11.00- 11.30 a.m.</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>	
3.	<b>11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Plenary Session-1: MOBILITY TECHNIQUES AND EVOLUTION</b>	
		<b>CHAIR:</b>	
		<b>P1.1. History of Mobility</b>	
		<b>P.1.2. Changes Over the Decades</b>	
		<b>P.1.3.</b>	
		<b>P.1.4</b>	
4.	<b>1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
5.	<b>2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Concurrent Session – C 1: Technology – A Step Towards Independent Mobility</b>	
		<b>CHAIR:</b>	
		<b>C.1.1. Mr Dipendra Minocha</b>	Smart Cane
		<b>C.1.2.</b>	
		<b>C.1.3.</b>	
		<b>C.1.4.</b>	Rapid Fire Session
		<b>C.1.5 (Batch of 15 only)</b>	Visit to Vision in the Dark, Technology Museum, Touch Museum and Enable Mart <i>(Referred as Museum)</i>

6.	2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Session – C 2: New Techniques in Mobility</b>	
		<b>CHAIR:</b>	
		C.2.1.	Mr Hunny Bhagchandani, TorchIt
		C.2.2.	Mr. Suket Shah, SmartOn
		C.2.3.	Speaker on Use of AI in Mobility
		C.2.4.	Rapid Fire Session
		C.2.5 (Batch of 15 only)	Visit to Museum
7.	2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Session – C 3: Access to Education Through Mobility</b>	
		<b>CHAIR:</b>	
		C.3.1.	
		C.3.2.	
		C.3.3.	
		C.3.4.	Rapid Fire Session
		C.3.5 (Batch of 15 only)	Visit to Museum
8.	2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Session – C 4: New Mobility Devices</b>	
		<b>CHAIR:</b>	
		C.4.1.	
		C.4.2.	
		C.4.3.	

		<b>C.4.4.</b>	
		<b>C.4.5 (Batch of 15 only)</b>	Visit to Museum
9.	<b>3.30 p.m-4.00 p.m.</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>	
10.	<b>4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Concurrent Session – C 5: Mobility for Persons with VIAD and deafblindness</b>	
		<b><u>CHAIR:</u></b>	
		<b>C.5.1</b>	
		<b>C.5.2.</b>	
		<b>C.5.3</b>	
		<b>C.5.4.</b>	Rapid Fire Session
		<b>C.5.5 (Batch of 15 only)</b>	Visit to Museum
11.	<b>4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Concurrent Session – C 6: Concept of Maps of Mind</b>	
		<b><u>CHAIR:</u></b>	
		<b>C.6.1.</b>	
		<b>C.6.2.</b>	
		<b>C.6.3.</b>	
		<b>C.6.4.</b>	Rapid Fire Session
		<b>C.6.5 (Batch of 15 only)</b>	Visit to Museum
12.	<b>4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Concurrent Session – C 7: The Newly Blind and their Issues</b>	
		<b><u>CHAIR:</u></b>	
		<b>C.7.1.</b>	<b><u>Tarak Luhar</u></b>
		<b>C.7.2.</b>	
		<b>C.7.3.</b>	

		<b>C.7.4</b>	Rapid Fire Session
		<b>C.7.5 (Batch of 15 only)</b>	Visit to Museum
14.	<b>4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Concurrent Session – C 8: Visual Impairment with Autism-Special Mobility Needs</b>	
		<b>CHAIR:</b>	
		<b>C.8.1.</b>	
		<b>C.8.2.</b>	
		<b>C.8.3.</b>	
		<b>C.8.4</b>	Rapid Fire Session
		<b>C.8.5 (Batch of 15 only)</b>	Visit to Museum
18.	<b>7.00 p.m. onwards</b>	<b>Reception Dinner &amp; Entertainment Programme</b>	

## Day 2 – 19 November, 2026

### Plenary Session-2: Response of the Participants “What is new in my country in Mobility”

#### CHAIR:

1.	<b>9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>P.2.1. Speaker from Europe</b>	
		<b>P.2.2. Speaker from North America</b>	
		<b>P.2.3. Speaker from Africa</b>	
		<b>P.2.4 Speaker from Asia / Asia Pacific</b>	
		<b>P.2.5 Speaker from Latin America</b>	
2.	<b>10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>TEA</b>	

### Plenary Session-3: Professional Development in Mobility

<b>CHAIR:</b>			
3.	11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<b>P.3.1. New Avenues of Professional development</b>	
		<b>P.3.2. Work of Universities</b>	
		<b>P.3.3. Global Thrust in Professional Development</b>	
		<b>P.3.4 Google Maps for Mobility</b>	
4.	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>	
5.	2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Session – C 9: Mobility Curriculum</b>	
		<b>CHAIR:</b>	
		C.9.1.	
		C.9.2.	
		C.9.3.	
		C.9.4.	
C.9.5	Video Films on Mobility		
6.	2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Session – C.10: Mobility Techniques in Rural Areas</b>	
		<b>CHAIR:</b>	
		C. 10.1.	
		C. 10.2.	
		C. 10.3.	
		C. 10.4.	
C.10.5	Poster Presentation		

7.	2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Session – C 11: Role of Civic Society and Government in Creating Barrier -Free Environment</b>	
		<b><u>CHAIR:</u></b>	
		C.11.1.	Kinnari Desai
		C.11.2.	
		C.11.3.	
		C.11.4.	
		C.11.5	Poster Presentation
8.	2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Session – C 12: INGOs and Promotion of O&amp; M</b>	
		<b><u>CHAIR:</u></b>	
		C.12.1.	Role of <b>Vision 2020</b>
		C.12.2	Role of Sights Savers/CBM
		C.12.3	Role of World Blind Union
		C.12.4	Role of ICEVI
		C.12.5	Poster Presentation
9.	3.30 p.m-4.00 p.m.	TEA	
10.	4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Session – C.13: Low Vision devices &amp; mobility</b>	
		C.13.1.	
		C.13.2	
		C.13.3	

		<b>C.13.4</b>	
		<b>C.13.5</b>	Poster Presentation
11.	4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Session – C.14: Response of the Participants “What is new in my country”</b>	
		<b>C.14.1.</b>	
		<b>C.14.2</b>	
		<b>C.14.3</b>	
		<b>C.14.4</b>	Poster Presentation
12.	4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Session – C.15: Development of human resources in the field of Orientation &amp; Mobility</b>	
		<b>C.15.1.</b>	
		<b>C.15.2</b>	
		<b>C.15.3</b>	
		<b>C.15.4</b>	Video Films on Mobility
13.	4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Session – C.16: Mobility and National Policy</b>	
		<b>C.16.1.</b>	
		<b>C.16.2</b>	
		<b>C.16.3</b>	
		<b>C.16.4</b>	Video Films on Mobility
18.	7.00 p.m.	<b>Leave for Hotel</b>	

**Day 3 – 20 November, 2026**

**Plenary Session-4: Mobility during man made and natural disasters,  
CHAIR:**

1.	9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	P.4.1.	Mobility during Covid
		P.4.2.	Mobility during Earthquake
		P.4.3.	Mobility during floods
		P.4.4.	Mobility in Hilly Terrains
2.	11.00-11.30 a.m.	TEA	

**Plenary Session-5: Role of IMC in promotion mobility worldwide/ What is known about mobility in my Country – experience sharing by the participants from respective countries (Rapid Fire Session)**

**CHAIR:**

3.	11.30 a.m.- 1.00 a.m.	P.5.1. Achievements of IMC	
		P.5.2. Summary of earlier IMC World Conference	
		P.5.3. IMC – Resolves for the future	
4.	1.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH	
5.	2.00 P.M. – 3 p.m.	<b>Award Function</b>	
	3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	Succession Plan – Declaration of Host of next conference – Presentation by the Next Host Organization	

<b>3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.</b>	<b>VALEDICTORY – Report, Resolutions, Future, Thanksgiving</b>
<b>4.30 p.m.</b>	<b>High Tea and departure</b>