



Blind People's Association INDIA



International Mobility
World Conference 2026



International Council
for Education of People
with Visual Impairment

International Mobility Conference (IMC 19) 2026

A Virtual and In-Person Conference

First Time in India!

Date: 18th to 20th November 2026

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

Hosted by: Blind People's Association, India

Venue: Blind People's Association, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad, Gujarat 380015

SN	Nature of Participant	In person	Online
1	Foreign (other than South Asia)	US \$ 250	US \$ 50
2	South Asia Delegate	INR 8500	INR 2000
3	Person accompanying Foreign Delegate	US \$ 150	Not Applicable

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Note: last date for submission of Abstracts is 31st May 2026

International Mobility Conference (IMC19) 2026

Host: Blind People's Association (India) is one the most leading disability development organizations in India. It is known for promoting a variety of activities

and programs on comprehensive development of persons visual impairment and other disabilities www.bpaindia.org. It also promoted the concept of community-based rehabilitation which has a strong component on providing orientation & mobility training to people with visual impairment and deafblindness. It successfully hosted the World Conference sponsored by the International Council for the Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) during 14-17 November 2024 at Ahmedabad www.icevi2024wc.org

The vision of the IMC is to further the level of expertise for mobility instructors through an international exchange of ideas and information. In pursuit of this vision, the scope of the conference will encompass the global community addressing issues affecting the mobility of those with visual impairment throughout the world. This will include mobility practitioners (teachers, O&M Instructors and Guide Dog Instructors), service users, researchers and other workers or professionals from any discipline directly or indirectly involved in mobility issues, such as traffic engineers, accessibility advisors, and product developers.

A Virtual and In-Person Conference

IMC19 needs to be promoted as a dual in-person and virtual conference which is being organized by the IMC in partnership with BPA. Considering the current global geopolitical climate and the prevailing uncertainty in many regions, the organizers have made the decision to transition the conference from a physical gathering to a fully virtual format. This approach will enable participants from across the world to join seamlessly and engage in meaningful dialogue. The time zone for the conference shall be India.

Presenters will share their insights, research, and experiences through an interactive online platform, ensuring that the quality of knowledge exchange remains uncompromised. Further details regarding the conference structure, schedule, and digital participation guidelines will be communicated to all participants in the coming months.

The conference will bring together the collective expertise of mobility practitioners and specialists, creating a rich and diverse exchange of knowledge and best practices.

The following information is available on our website www.imc2026wc.org

1. **Themes** of the Conference:

- Technology – a step towards independent mobility
- AI enable Mobility
- Newer Dimensions of Mobility
- Mobility – a tool for independent living
- Enhancing Mobility and Independence: Innovations for People with Visual Impairment
- "Breaking Barriers: Advancing Mobility for the Visually Impaired"
- "Empowering Movement: Innovations in Mobility for the Visually Impaired"

2. **Registration form**: Available on website

3. **Venue**: In-person as well as Virtual

- 18 November 2026 (Till Lunch) Inauguration & Sessions
- 19 November 2026 Sessions and Entertainment Program
- 20 November Pre-lunch: Workshops, Panel Discussion, Paper Presentation, at BPA; Award Ceremony and Valedictory

4. **Conference Schedule**

Time	Day 1: 18-11-26	Day 2: 19-11	Day 3: 20-11
Day 1 : 10-11.30 a.m.	Inauguration	Sessions	Sessions
11.30-12.00 noon	Tea Break		
12.00 – 1.30 pm	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions
1.30 to 3.00 pm	Lunch		
3.00 to 4.30 pm	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions

4.30 to 5.00 pm	Tea Break		
5.00 to 6.00 pm	To be Decided		
Day 2			
10-11.30 a.m.	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions
11.30 to 12.00	Tea Break		
12 to 1.30 p.m.		Demonstration of Newer Devices	
1.30 to 3 pm		Lunch	
3 pm onwards	To be Decided		
7 pm onwards	Reception Dinner	Entertainment	
Day 3			
10-11.30 a.m.	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions
11.30-12.00 noon	Tea Break		
12 to 1.30 p.m.	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions
1.30 to 3 pm	Lunch		
3-4 p.m.	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions
4 - 5.30	Sessions	Sessions	Concluding Award
5.30 pm onwards			High Tea for Locals

5. **Inviting abstracts for presentation:** A Program Committee has been constituted, and abstracts are being invited online

6. **Number of participants:** 250