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Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal
Department of Humanities & Social Sciences
in collaboration with
Madhya Pradesh Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (MPBOCW)
Organises

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “Unorganised Sector, Minimum Wage and Livelihood Security in India”

20th NOVEMBER 2026

Venue: Committee Room, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, MANIT Bhopal

CHIEF GUEST

Dr. Karunesh Kumar Shukla
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GUEST OF HONOUR

Mr. Raghuraj Madhav Rajendran (IAS)
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

According to official estimates, nearly 82% of the country's workforce is engaged in the informal or unorganised sector, and this sector contributes around 45% of the nation's GDP. These are farm labourers, construction workers, street vendors, domestic workers, home-based artisans etc. Their work sustains cities, supply chains and households, yet they largely lack job security, social protection and a dependable income.

As per the Directive Principles of State Policy of the Constitution, particularly Article 43, envisions a living wage and decent conditions of work for all workers. The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 which is now replaced by the Code on Wages, 2019 attempted to turn this vision into law that also includes the idea of a national minimum wage. Yet enforcement remains weak in this sector marked by irregular employment, the absence of written contracts, scattered workplaces and low bargaining power. The e-Shram portal, with over 31 crore registered unorganised workers, presents both the scale of the challenge and an opportunity to bring these workers into the fold of welfare schemes such as social security and wage protection.

CONFERENCE THEMES

- **Minimum Wage Policy in India: Evolution, Design and the Code on Wages**
- **Enforcement, Compliance and Access to Labour Policies**
- **Caste, Gender, Class and Segmentation in Informal Labour Markets**
- **Labour Mobility, Circular Migration and Rural-Urban Livelihoods**
- **Poverty, Basic Income and Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
- **Digital Governance, Data Systems and Evidence-Based Policymaking**

IMPORTANT DATES

Event	Date
Last date for abstract submission	18 October 2026
Intimation of abstract acceptance	25 October 2026
Full paper submission	8 November 2026
Conference Date	20 November 2026

REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Fee
Faculty / Academicians / Industry / Govt. Officials	₹500
Research Scholars	₹300
PG / UG Students	₹100

Registration fee includes conference kit, lunch, tea and certificate. Payment should be made in advance by online transfer.

No registration fee for Scholars of MANIT, Bhopal and MPBOCW

*Accommodation is **not provided** by the organisers.*

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ABOUT MANIT BHOPAL

Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), formerly Maulana Azad College of Technology (MACT), is an Institution of National Importance named after Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of India. Established in 1960 through a joint initiative of the Government of India and the Government of Madhya Pradesh, it has over 300 faculty members and 6,000 students, and offers 9 undergraduate programmes, 30 postgraduate programmes and Ph.D. programmes across diverse disciplines.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) is a multi-disciplinary department catering to various departments of the institute. It offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses to engineering students and also runs full-time doctoral programmes in Humanities and Social Sciences. Since its inception in 1960, it has been striving to impart character-building education and inner strength in sync with the futuristic requirements.

ABOUT BHOPAL

Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, is known as the "City of Lakes". It is well connected by air, rail and road. The MANIT campus is about 7 km from Bhopal Railway Junction and is easily reachable from the airport and other transport hubs. November brings pleasant winter weather, ideal for an academic gathering. **Bhimbetka** and **Sanchi**, two prominent UNESCO World Heritage Sites near Bhopal, bridge millennia of history, ranging from Bhimbetka's 30,000-year-old prehistoric cave paintings to Sanchi's ancient 3rd-century BC Buddhist stupas.

PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Abstract:** 250-300 words, Times New Roman, with title (14-pt, bold), author name(s), affiliation(s) with email address(es), main text (12-pt) and 4-5 keywords.
- Send abstracts to manitlabourconference@gmail.com
- All abstracts will undergo peer review. Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit full papers.
- Similarity index must be below 5%; AI plagiarism must be below 10%.
- **Full paper / chapter:** 5,000- 7,000 words, APA 7th referencing, abstract and keywords, original and unpublished.
- Accepted full papers will be presented at the conference. Final selection for the book is subject to peer review and revision after the conference.
- Registration Link:

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