



2026 IndiaLics Annual International Conference



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Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology
Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India

CONFERENCE THEME

“Reimagining Innovation and Development in the Global South: The Role of Regional Innovation, Infrastructure, and Capital Markets”

Hosted By:

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IndiaLICS is the India chapter of Globelics, an international network of scholars who apply the concept of Learning, Innovation, and Competence-building System (LICS) as a framework for promoting inclusive and sustainable development in developing countries, emerging economies, and societies in transition. The 2026 IndiaLICS Conference will focus on global perspectives on India's Innovation System.



The conference has a vision of highlighting the values of the regional innovation systems, infrastructure ecosystems, and financial and capital market institutions as the three interconnected pillars of sustainable and resilient development. The capacities of regions are playing an increasingly vital role in innovation-driven growth and development in a world of uncertainty, technological shifts, climate change, and strategic economic reorientation.

Conference Theme and Sub-Theme

The conference will deliberate on theoretical advances, empirical evidence, and policy experiences from India and other developing economies while exploring how regional systems can mediate between national strategic ambitions and local developmental realities. Through this engagement, the conference seeks to contribute toward reimagining development pathways that are innovation-driven, regionally grounded, socially inclusive, and globally relevant. While the overarching theme of the conference centers on “Reimagining Innovation and Development in the Global South: The Role of Regional Innovation, Infrastructure, and Capital Markets”, the conference also welcomes contributions on a broad range of related themes that have featured prominently in earlier IndiaLics conferences. Indicative sub-themes include:

- Regional Innovation Systems and Development in the Global South
- Innovation Policy, Infrastructure, Financial Systems, and Regional Inequality
- Innovation, Sustainable Infrastructure, and Green Development Transitions
- Inclusive, Grassroots, and Frugal Innovation in Regional Economies
- Capability Building, Infrastructure Governance, and Structural Transformation
- Digital Infrastructure, Artificial Intelligence, and Emerging Technologies
- University–Industry–Government Linkages and Regional Knowledge Ecosystems
- Entrepreneurship, Startups, MSMEs, and Regional Innovation Ecosystems
- Physical, Digital, Energy, and Logistics Infrastructure for Regional Development
- Capital Markets, Financial Systems, and Innovation-Led Development
- Venture Capital, Development Finance, and Startup Ecosystems
- Banking, Financial Inclusion, and Regional Development
- Green Finance, Sustainable Investment, and Climate Transitions
- Infrastructure Finance, Public–Private Partnerships, and Regional Growth
- Internationalization of Innovation Systems in an Era of Global Uncertainty
- Climate Change, Green Infrastructure, and Resilient Development Pathways
- Public Institutions, Developmental States, and Competence Building
- Labour Markets, Skills, Human Capital, and Social Infrastructure
- Industrial Clusters, Infrastructure Corridors, and Global Value Chains
- Innovation, Financial Access, Social Inclusion, and Regional Equity
- Governance, Institutions, Infrastructure, and Regional Development Strategies
- Digital Public Infrastructure, Fintech, and Financial Transformation

The above themes are indicative rather than exhaustive. The conference invites innovative, interdisciplinary, and policy-relevant contributions from scholars, practitioners, policymakers, industry representatives, and development organizations across diverse disciplines aligned with the broader conference theme.

SUBMISSION DETAILS FOR PAPER

Submission of a full-length article that complies with all ethical standards, including those related to plagiarism and the appropriate use of AI-generated content. The paper should not exceed 7000 word-limit including tables, graphs, maps, and references, using 1.5 space and Times New Roman 12-point font.

SUBMISSION DETAILS FOR POSTER

We also invite you to submit poster on the above themes. Poster pdf submission deadline and fees remain same as paper submission. Poster should be in A0 size with vertical alignment. Also attach logo of IndiaLics and MANIT Bhopal.

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Important Dates

Submission Opening

June 15, 2026

Submission Deadline

Oct. 31, 2026

Notification of Acceptance

Nov. 20, 2026

Conference Dates: January 28-29, 2027

REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE AFTER ACCEPTANCE)*

- INR 3,000 for Indian participants/presenters
- INR 1,000 for MANIT students
- USD 150 for international presenters

Note:

- The registration fee will cover three days of accommodation for the presenting author only.
- Meals will be provided only during the official conference days.
- If multiple authors wish to attend the conference, each author must complete a separate registration and pay the applicable registration fee.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

- **Book Chapters:** Selected papers will be considered for publication in an edited volume with an international publisher.
- **Journal Publications:** Selected papers will be considered for publication in Web of Science special issue of a journal.

ABOUT THE HOST INSTITUTE

The Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), Bhopal, is one of India's premier technical institutions and an Institute of National Importance under the NIT Act. Established in 1960 as one of the country's first Regional Engineering Colleges, the institute was upgraded to a National Institute of Technology in 2002. Situated on a sprawling 650-acre green campus in the heart of Bhopal, the capital city of Madhya Pradesh. MANIT has emerged as a distinguished centre for excellence in engineering, technology, architecture, planning, management, and scientific research.

Committed to academic excellence, innovation, and societal development, MANIT offers a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes across diverse disciplines. The institute fosters a vibrant research ecosystem through interdisciplinary collaboration, industry partnerships, and international engagement. With its state-of-the-art infrastructure, accomplished faculty, and dynamic student community, MANIT continues to contribute significantly to technological advancement, knowledge creation, and nation-building.

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Nestled in the heart of India, Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, is a city where heritage, culture, and modernity blend seamlessly. Fondly known as the City of Lakes, Bhopal is adorned with picturesque water bodies, lush greenery, and an enduring spirit of hospitality. Strategically located at the center of the country, Bhopal serves as a gateway to some of India's most treasured heritage sites. Visitors are welcomed with warm hospitality, diverse cuisine, and an atmosphere that celebrates knowledge, innovation, and cultural diversity.

We are delighted to invite you to experience the charm of Bhopal, a city that inspires connections, fosters collaboration, and leaves every visitor with unforgettable memories.

PLACES TO VIST

- Upper lake (Bhopal)
- Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum (Bhopal)
- State Museum (Bhopal)
- Van-Vihar National Park (Bhopal)
- Bhojpur Shiv Temple – 29 km from Bhopal
- Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka (UNESCO World Heritage Site) – 45 km from Bhopal
- Sanchi Stupa (UNESCO World Heritage Site) – 49 km from Bhopal
- Salkanpur Shaktipeeth – 80 km from Bhopal
- Mahakaleshwar Jyotirling (Ujjain) – 195 km from Bhopal
- Omkareshwar Jyotirling – 257 km from Bhopal



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