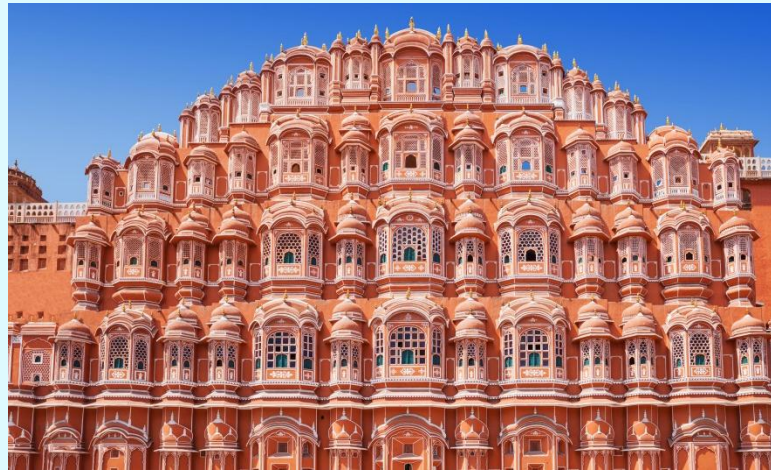




International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment

World Conference and General Assembly



14 to 17 November 2024 | Ahmedabad, INDIA

Second Announcement

The International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) will hold its World Conference and General Assembly in Ahmedabad India on 14 – 17 November 2024. The World Conference is hosted by the Blind People’s Association (BPA) and Sense International India, in collaboration with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, which is renowned for its higher education program promoting “Education for All”. The University campus is the venue for the conference.

Conference Theme and Schedule

The broad theme of the conference is **“Inclusion in Diversity: Equity and Accessibility for All”**.

Following is the tentative schedule:

Day 1	14th November 2024	Official inauguration, one plenary session and 12 parallel sessions
Day 2	15th November 2024	Two plenary sessions and 12 parallel sessions
Day 3	16th November 2024	Three plenary sessions and Closing session
Day 4	17th November 2024	Forenoon : Regional Meetings of the Delegates from ICEVI’s seven regions and Regional Elections
		Afternoon : ICEVI General Assembly

The Conference will feature pre- and post-conference workshops and a dedicated exhibition area for trade displays and service providers. Details will be available in the subsequent announcements released in the coming months.

Keynote Presenters

The keynote speakers for the conference include Dr. Aubrey Webson, Former Chief of UNICEF and currently Ambassador of Antigua and Barbados to the United Nations, Ana Peláez (ONCE), Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame, Chairperson of UNCRPD Committee, Mirko Baur, President, Deafblind International, Richard Orme, CEO and Dipendra Manocha, DAISY, Shrutilata Singh, Sr Specialist Network Support, Sense India and many other internationally renowned speakers. The plenary sessions will focus on Human Rights, Technology, Gender, Multiple disabilities and Youth development.

Call for Papers – Deadline Approaching

The Call for Papers and Abstract Submission Form can be found on www.icevi2024wc.org – a dedicated website for the World Conference and General Assembly, ICEVI website www.icevi.org and on the ICEVI West Asia website <https://iceviwestasia.in>. The e-mail address for submitting Abstract is: icevi2024wc@gmail.com and oficevi@gmail.com. The submissions include seminar and conference style presentations, poster sessions, workshops on specific topics,

demonstrations of assistive devices, etc. The deadline for the submission of abstracts either by online or off-line is **31 January 2024**.

Registration – Make use of Early Bird Facility

The conference is expecting over 1000 participants from nearly 150 countries. The registration options are as follows:

In-Person attendance		
Registration before 31 st March 2024	Non-Indian delegates	US\$ 400 <i>or INR equivalent as per the exchange rate on the day of registration</i>
	Indian delegates	US\$ 200 / INR 16400
Registration after 1 st April 2024	Non-Indian delegates	US\$ 450
	Indian delegates	US\$ 250 / INR 20500
Accompanying person		US\$ 200 / INR 8200

The registration fee is inclusive of conference materials, conference bag, welcome reception and Gala dinner. Registrations can be made online and the bank details for the transfer of registration fee are as follows:

For Indian delegates:

Account Name : **International Council for the Education of People with Visual Impairment**
 Account Number : **9160100366533881**
 Type of Account : **Savings**
 Bank Name & Address : **Axis Bank**
Near Prerna Tirth Derasar, Jodhpur, Satellite, Ahmedabad - 380 015
 IFSC Code : **UTIB0002647**
 MICR Code : **380211044**

For Non-Indian delegates:

Bank Name : **State Bank of India**
 Branch name : **FCRA Cell, New Delhi Main Branch, 11, Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110 001**
 Account Number : **40175758331**
 9 digit number (MICR number) : **110002001**
 Swift Code : **SBININBB104**
 IFSC CODE : **SBIN0000691**
 Name of Account : **Blind People's Association (India)**

Hotels

Following are the details of the hotels available in the vicinity of the conference. Booking for hotels may be done directly or with the assistance of the Host Committee. Assistance with hostel accommodation at affordable rates will also be provided, if required, by the Host Committee.

A. Guest House:

1. Stop and Stay Atithi Gruh, Dada Bhagwan Trimandir

Ahmedabad - Kalol Highway, Adalaj, Gandhinagar, Gujarat – 382 421.
Mobile : +91 79398 30300

Tariff:

1. Double Bed AC with Bath | **Rs. 1400** | (Family of 4 can stay in one room)
2. Amba Suits | **Rs. 3500** | Equivalent to 3 star hotel

2. Sola Bhagwat Vidhyapith

Sarkhej Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad – 380 060

Tariff:

1. Double Bed (AC) | **Rs. 950**
2. Triple Occupancy (AC) | **Rs. 1500**
3. Executive Room (AC) | **Rs. 1800**

B. Hotel:

1. Hotel Pragati The Grand - 36 Rooms

B/s. Zyodus Hospital, Hebatpur Road, S.G. Highway, Thaltej, Ahmedabad
Gujarat – 380 059.

Mobile : +91 81603 09044 & +91 72279 05983

E-mail : contact@hotelpragatithegrand.com

Tariff:

1. Single occupancy with breakfast only | **Rs. 3000** including GST
2. Double occupancy with breakfast only | **Rs. 4000** including GST

Sponsorship Opportunities

ICEVI has earmarked limited funds for each region to support the participation of key presenters and delegates from the region. In most cases, the sponsorship maybe partial. You may contact the chairperson of the respective regions of ICEVI for any assistance regarding the sponsorship. The contact details of the regional presidents of ICEVI can be found on the website www.ICEVI.org

Visas

The Host Committee, headed by Dr. Bhushan Punani, will assist conference delegates with the issuance of invitation letters to obtain visas for attending the conference.

ICEVI is delighted to host the 2024 World Conference and General Assembly. We look forward to welcoming you in-person to Ahmedabad India.

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