



Azim Premji University Colloquium Series

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"Fighting in the Courts and on the Streets: The Situation of Precarious Workers"

Speaker

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Time: 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Venue: 10th Floor Auditorium, Pixel A, Azim Premji University

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About the Lecture

The lecture **gives an account** the twenty five year old struggle of a contract workers union in a cement plant, ACC Jamul Cement Works (now, LafargeHolcim) in Chhattisgarh. How the workers organised against their harsh working conditions and precarious employment, the legal strategies they adopted and how they survived the lengthy litigation; and how they were finally supported by the solidarity of international unions and a UN mechanism to achieve an unprecedented settlement recently will be among the issues engaged in this **lecture**. With the edifice of progressive labour law crumbling and the judiciary becoming increasingly unsympathetic to the working class in recent times, this has been no mean achievement. And no doubt a part of the success has been the democratic functioning of the union and its deep roots in the community

About the Speaker

Sudha Bharadwaj has been associated with the trade union movement in Chhattisgarh led by the legendary leader, Shankar Guha Niyogi, for the past 30 years. She is also a lawyer in the Chhattisgarh High Court working to provide group legal aid to people's movements through a voluntary group of lawyers called "Janhit". Over the past decade, Ms. Bharadwaj has been active in the Chhattisgarh branch of the People's Union for Civil Liberties, of which she is at present the General Secretary.