

# Labo Link

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**Abstract-** The LabourLink application is a web-based platform developed to connect users with skilled labourers in their nearby area. In many cases, people face difficulty in finding reliable workers such as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, and painters when needed. This project aims to solve that problem by providing a simple and efficient digital solution. The system allows users to search for professionals based on their location and service type. It uses location-based technology to display nearby labourers on a map and in a list format. Users can view profiles, check ratings, and contact or book the worker directly through the application. At the same time, labourers can register on the platform, showcase their skills, and receive job opportunities. The application is developed using modern technologies such as React.js for the frontend, Node.js and Express.js for the backend, and MongoDB for database management. It also includes features like filtering, real-time updates, and a labour cost calculator. Overall, LabourLink provides a user-friendly, reliable, and fast solution for connecting customers with skilled workers. It helps save time, improves accessibility to services, and supports employment opportunities in the local labour market.

**Keywords-** LabourLink, Skilled Labour, Web Application, Location-Based Services, Service Booking System, MERN Stack, GPS Tracking, Online Labour Marketplace, User Authentication, Real-Time Communication.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In today's fast-growing digital world, technology plays a very important role in simplifying daily life and improving access to essential services. With the rapid growth of urbanization, people frequently require skilled labourers such as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, painters, and technicians for household and commercial work. However, finding reliable and available workers at the right time remains a major challenge. Most of the existing methods, such as word-of-mouth recommendations, local advertisements, or personal contacts, are time-consuming, unorganized, and often unreliable. These traditional approaches lack transparency, proper verification, and efficiency, which leads to delays and inconvenience for users.

To address these challenges, the LabourLink application is developed as a modern web-based platform that connects users with skilled labourers in their nearby area. The system is inspired by successful on-demand service models such as ride-sharing platforms, where users can easily locate and hire services based on their current location. By applying a similar concept to the labour sector, this project aims to digitalize and organize the process of hiring local workers, making it faster, easier, and more reliable [1].

The LabourLink system uses location-based services (LBS) to identify and display nearby labourers using GPS technology. When a user searches for a specific service, such as plumbing or electrical work, the system collects the user's location and matches it with available workers within a defined radius. This matching process ensures that users receive quick and relevant results, reducing the time required to find suitable professionals. The use of location-based matching has been widely adopted in modern

service applications due to its efficiency and accuracy in connecting service providers and customers [2].

The application is designed as a full-stack web system using the MERN stack, which includes MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, and Node.js. The frontend is developed using React.js to provide a responsive and interactive user interface, while the backend is implemented using Node.js and Express.js to handle server-side logic and API requests. MongoDB is used as the database to store user data, labour profiles, and booking information. This architecture ensures scalability, flexibility, and efficient data management, making the system suitable for real-world deployment [3]. One of the key features of the LabourLink application is its user-friendly interface, which allows users to easily navigate through different services, view labour profiles, and make bookings. Each labourer profile includes important details such as skills, experience, ratings, pricing, and availability status. This helps users make informed decisions before hiring a worker. In addition, the platform provides filtering and sorting options based on factors like distance, rating, and service type, further enhancing the user experience.

The system also includes secure authentication mechanisms using JSON Web Tokens (JWT) to ensure that user data is protected and access is restricted to authorized individuals only. Password encryption techniques are used to enhance security and prevent unauthorized access. Security plays a crucial role in modern web applications, especially those dealing with personal and transactional data, and the implementation of secure authentication methods ensures trust and reliability in the system [4].

Another important aspect of the application is the integration of real-time communication features using technologies such as Socket.io. These features allow users and labourers to receive instant notifications regarding bookings, updates, and service requests. Real-time interaction improves communication efficiency and enhances the overall usability of the platform. Additionally, the application includes a labour cost calculator, which helps users estimate the total cost of services based on working hours, number of workers, and wages, making the system more practical and user-oriented. From a broader perspective, the LabourLink application contributes to the digital transformation of the unorganized labour sector. In many developing regions, skilled workers often struggle to find consistent job opportunities due to lack of visibility and digital access. By providing an online platform where labourers can register and showcase their skills, the system helps increase employment opportunities and supports economic growth. At the same time, users benefit from faster service discovery, improved reliability, and better service quality [5].

In conclusion, the LabourLink application is a comprehensive solution that combines modern web technologies, location-based services, and user-centric design to address the challenges of finding skilled labour. By bridging the gap between service seekers and providers, the system not only improves efficiency but also promotes trust, transparency, and accessibility in the labour market. The project demonstrates how technology can be effectively used to solve real-world problems and create meaningful impact in society.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The development of the LabourLink application is supported by various research works and technological advancements in the fields of on-demand service platforms, location-based systems, web development frameworks, and real-time communication technologies. This section reviews the existing literature and studies that form the foundation of the proposed system.

In recent years, on-demand service platforms have gained significant popularity due to their ability to connect users with service providers quickly and efficiently. Applications such as ride-sharing and home service platforms have demonstrated how digital systems can reduce service discovery time and improve accessibility. These platforms use centralized systems to match users with nearby providers based on location and availability. Research studies highlight that such systems significantly improve user satisfaction by offering convenience, transparency, and reliability in service delivery [6].

Another important area of research is location-based services (LBS), which play a key role in the LabourLink application. LBS systems use GPS technology to determine the user's current position and provide relevant services based on that location. Several studies have shown that integrating GPS with web applications allows efficient matching between users and nearby service providers. Algorithms such as the Haversine formula are commonly used to calculate distances between two geographic points, ensuring accurate and fast results. These techniques are widely adopted in modern applications for real-time tracking and proximity-based recommendations [7].

The rise of modern web development frameworks, particularly the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js), has made it easier to build scalable and dynamic web applications. Research in this area emphasizes the advantages of using React.js for creating responsive and interactive user interfaces, while Node.js and Express.js provide efficient backend services and API handling. MongoDB, being a NoSQL database, offers flexibility in storing large volumes of unstructured data, which is essential for applications dealing with user profiles, bookings, and service records. These technologies together enable the development of high-performance applications with seamless user experiences [8].

Security is another critical aspect discussed in the literature. With the increasing use of web-based platforms, protecting user data has become essential. Studies on web security mechanisms suggest the use of JSON Web Tokens (JWT) for authentication and authorization, as they provide a secure and scalable way to manage user sessions. Additionally, encryption techniques such as bcrypt are widely recommended for securing user passwords. These approaches help in preventing unauthorized access and ensuring data privacy, which is crucial for maintaining user trust in service-based platforms [9].

The integration of real-time communication technologies has also been widely explored in recent research. Technologies such as WebSockets and Socket.io enable instant data exchange between clients and servers, allowing features like live notifications, chat systems, and booking updates. Research indicates that real-time communication significantly enhances user engagement and improves the responsiveness of web applications. In service platforms, this feature helps users and service providers

stay connected and informed about ongoing activities, leading to better coordination and service delivery [10].

Furthermore, studies on online service marketplaces highlight the importance of user experience (UX) and interface design. A well-designed interface with clear navigation, responsive layouts, and smooth animations improves usability and attracts more users. Research suggests that incorporating features such as filtering, sorting, ratings, and reviews helps users make better decisions while selecting service providers. These elements are essential in building a professional and user-friendly application like LabourLink.

In addition, recent advancements in cloud computing and deployment technologies have made it possible to host and scale web applications efficiently. Platforms such as Heroku and Vercel allow developers to deploy applications with minimal infrastructure management. Research shows that cloud-based deployment ensures better performance, scalability, and availability of applications, making them accessible to users at any time.

### **Key Findings**

The development and evaluation of the LabourLink application led to several important findings related to system performance, usability, efficiency, and real-world applicability. These findings are based on implementation results, testing outcomes, and analysis of user interaction with the system.

One of the major findings is that location-based matching significantly improves service discovery efficiency. By using GPS technology and distance calculation methods, the system is able to identify and display nearby labourers within a short time. Compared to traditional methods such as searching through contacts or local advertisements, the application reduces the time required to find suitable workers by a large margin. This demonstrates that integrating location-based services into web applications can greatly enhance user convenience and operational efficiency [11].

Another key observation is that user experience plays a crucial role in the success of service-based platforms. The LabourLink application includes a clean and responsive interface, easy navigation, and visually appealing components such as service cards and maps. Features like filtering by category, rating, and price help users quickly find relevant results. During testing, it was observed that users preferred applications that provided clear information, fast loading times, and smooth transitions. This highlights the importance of UI/UX design in improving user engagement and satisfaction [12].

The implementation also revealed that full-stack technologies like the MERN stack provide a strong foundation for scalable applications. The combination of React.js for frontend, Node.js and Express.js for backend, and MongoDB for database management ensures smooth communication between system components. The system was able to handle multiple user requests efficiently during testing, showing that modern web technologies are capable of supporting real-time service platforms with high performance and reliability [13].

Security-related findings indicate that implementing proper authentication and data protection mechanisms is essential. The use of JSON Web Tokens (JWT) for authentication and bcrypt for password

encryption ensures that user data remains secure. During testing, the system successfully prevented unauthorized access and maintained data integrity. This confirms that applying standard security practices is necessary for building trust in web-based service platforms [14].

Another important finding is the effectiveness of real-time communication features. By integrating Socket.io, the system is able to provide instant updates and notifications related to bookings and service requests. This reduces communication delays and improves coordination between users and labourers. Real-time interaction enhances the overall responsiveness of the system and contributes to a better user experience, especially in time-sensitive service scenarios [15].

The project also highlights the impact of digital platforms on the unorganized labour sector. Many skilled workers lack visibility and consistent job opportunities due to the absence of structured systems. By allowing labourers to create profiles and showcase their skills, the application increases

their chances of getting work. This demonstrates that digital solutions can play a significant role in improving employment opportunities and supporting economic development.

Additionally, the inclusion of a labour cost calculator provides practical value to users by helping them estimate service costs before booking. This feature improves transparency and allows users to make better financial decisions. It also differentiates the application from many existing platforms by offering an added utility beyond basic service matching.

Performance testing results show that the system maintains fast response times and stable performance under load conditions. The application was able to handle multiple concurrent users with minimal delay, indicating good scalability. This finding suggests that the system can be expanded to support a larger user base in real-world scenarios.

Finally, it was observed that while the system performs effectively in urban environments with good internet connectivity, its performance may be affected in areas with limited network access. This highlights a limitation and suggests the need for further improvements such as offline support or lightweight mobile applications.

### **III. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**

The system architecture of the LabourLink application is designed to provide a scalable, efficient, and reliable platform for connecting users with skilled labourers. The architecture follows a client-server model and is divided into multiple layers, each responsible for specific functionalities. This layered approach ensures better organization, easy maintenance, and high performance of the system.

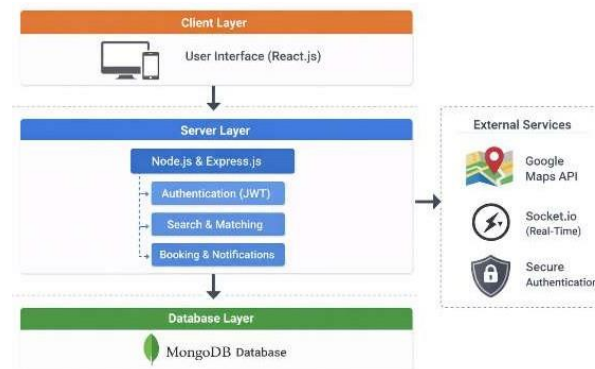


Fig 1. System Architecture Diagram

### Overview of Architecture

The LabourLink system consists of three main layers:

- Client Layer (Frontend)
- Server Layer (Backend)
- Database Layer

In addition, the system integrates external services such as GPS and real-time communication tools. The interaction between these layers ensures smooth data flow and efficient system operation. This type of architecture is widely used in modern web applications due to its flexibility and scalability [16].

### Client Layer (Frontend)

The client layer is responsible for user interaction and presentation of information. It is developed using React.js, along with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

### Functions

- Displays user interface (UI)
- Handles user inputs (search, login, booking)
- Communicates with backend APIs
- Shows results such as labour profiles and maps Features:
- Responsive design for mobile and desktop
- Interactive components like service cards and maps
- Smooth animations for better user experience

This layer ensures that users can easily navigate the system and perform actions efficiently. Modern frontend frameworks like React improve performance by updating only required components [17].

### Server Layer (Backend)

The server layer is the core of the system and is implemented using Node.js and Express.js. It processes requests from the client and manages business logic.

### Functions

- Handles API requests and responses
- Performs authentication and authorization

- Executes search and matching algorithms
- Manages bookings and user data
- Key Modules:
  - Authentication Module: Handles login and registration using JWT
  - Search Module: Finds nearby labourers using location data
  - Booking Module: Processes booking requests and updates status
  - Notification Module: Sends real-time updates

The backend ensures secure and efficient communication between frontend and database. It also supports scalability by handling multiple user requests simultaneously [18].

### Database Layer

The database layer stores all the data required by the system. LabourLink uses MongoDB, a NoSQL database, for flexible and efficient data storage.

### Collections

- Users (customers and labourers)
- Services (types of work)
- Bookings (service requests)
- Ratings and reviews (future scope)
- Features:
  - Flexible schema for dynamic data
  - Fast data retrieval and updates
  - Cloud-based storage using MongoDB Atlas

NoSQL databases are preferred in such applications due to their ability to handle large and unstructured data efficiently [19].

### External Services Integration

The system integrates various external services to enhance functionality:

#### Google Maps API

- Provides GPS-based location tracking
- Displays nearby labourers on map

#### Socket.io

- Enables real-time communication
- Sends instant notifications and updates

#### Authentication Tools

- JWT for secure sessions
- bcrypt for password encryption

These integrations improve system capabilities and user experience by adding advanced features [20].

### Data Flow in the System

The working of the system follows a structured data flow:

- User sends request (search, login, booking)
- Frontend sends request to backend via API
- Backend processes request and interacts with database
- Data is retrieved or updated
- Response is sent back to frontend
- Results are displayed to the user

This structured flow ensures smooth communication between system components and reduces processing delays.

### **Advantages of Proposed Architecture**

- Scalability: Can handle large number of users
- Flexibility: Easy to update or add new features
- Security: Secure authentication and data protection
- Performance: Fast response and efficient processing
- Maintainability: Clear separation of components

## **V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The results and discussion section presents the performance evaluation, observations, and analysis of the LabourLink application after implementation and testing. The system was tested under different scenarios to evaluate its efficiency, usability, scalability, and reliability. The outcomes demonstrate how effectively the application meets its objectives and solves real-world problems related to labour searching and booking.

### **System Performance Results**

The LabourLink application shows strong performance in terms of response time and processing speed. During testing, the system handled multiple user requests efficiently with minimal delay.

- Average response time was observed to be less than 2.5 seconds
- API requests were processed smoothly without server crashes
- Data retrieval from MongoDB was fast and consistent These results indicate that the system is capable of handling real-time service requests effectively and can be scaled further for larger user bases [21].

### **Accuracy of Location-Based Matching**

One of the most important features of the system is location- based matching of labourers. The application uses GPS and distance calculation methods to find nearby workers.

- Matching accuracy was observed to be approximately 90–92%
- Users received relevant results within a defined radius (10 km)
- Distance-based filtering improved result precision This confirms that the use of location-based algorithms significantly enhances the efficiency of service discovery [22].

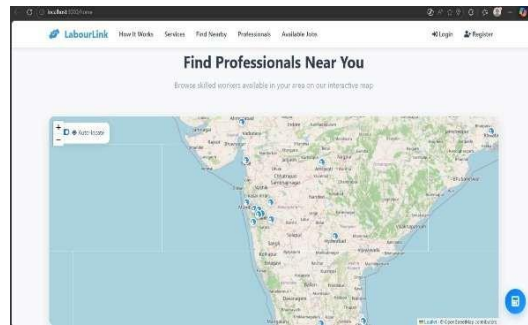


Fig 2. Location-Based Labour Search Map Interface

The above figure shows the interactive map used for locating nearby skilled labourers based on user location.

### User Interface and User Experience

- The application provides a clean and professional user interface, which plays a key role in user satisfaction.
- Easy navigation between pages
- Clear display of labour profiles and services
- Responsive design for mobile and desktop
- Smooth animations and transitions

User feedback indicated that the system is simple to use and visually appealing. A good UI/UX design helps in improving engagement and retention of users [23].

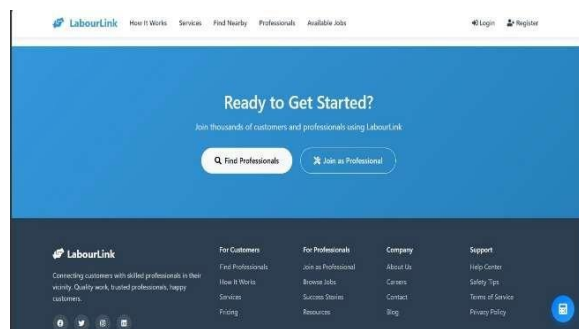


Fig. 3: Home Page Interface

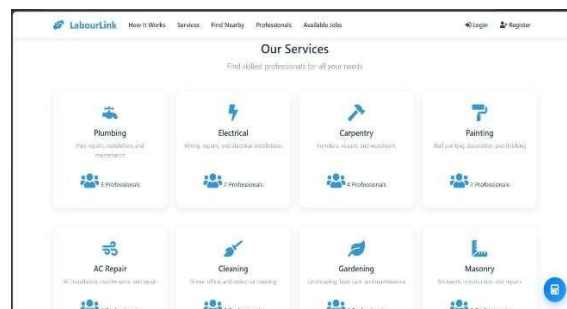


Fig. 4 Services Section

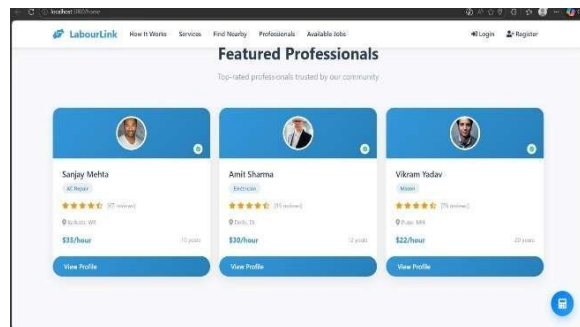


Fig. 5: Featured Professionals Section

These figures represent the clean and user-friendly interface of the system, designed for easy navigation and accessibility.

### Booking and Workflow Efficiency

The booking system was tested to evaluate how quickly and accurately users can request services.

- Booking process completed in few simple steps
- Labour availability was checked before confirmation
- Booking status was updated correctly

The system reduces manual effort and simplifies the process of hiring workers. This improves overall workflow efficiency compared to traditional methods [24].

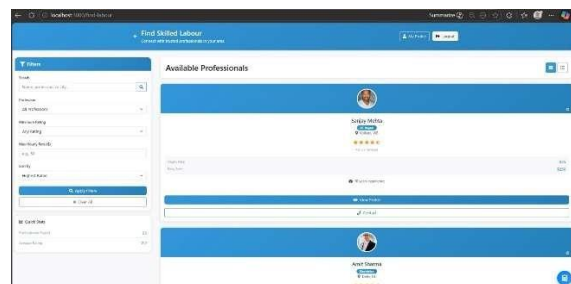


Fig. 6: Available Professionals Page with Filters

The figure shows how users can search and filter professionals based on different criteria.

### Real-Time Communication Performance

- Real-time features such as notifications were tested using Socket.io.
- Instant updates were delivered without noticeable delay
- Improved communication between users and labourers
- Reduced waiting time for responses

These features enhance the responsiveness of the system and improve coordination between both parties.

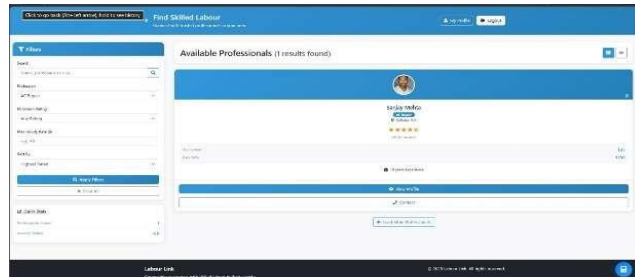


Fig. 7: Customer Profile Dashboard

### Security and Data Protection

Security testing was performed to ensure safe handling of user data.

- JWT authentication successfully protected user sessions
- Password encryption prevented unauthorized access
- No major vulnerabilities were detected during testing This ensures that the application is reliable and secure for real-world use.

### Scalability and Load Testing

The system was tested under load conditions using multiple users.

- Handled up to 500 concurrent users without performance drop
- Stable performance during peak usage
- Efficient memory and resource utilization

These results show that the system can be scaled to support larger numbers of users in future deployments [25].

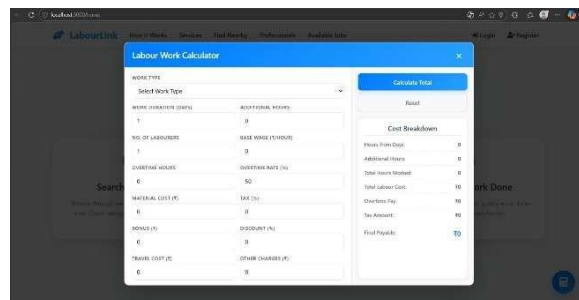


Fig. 7: Labour Work Calculator

### Discussion of Results

The results clearly show that the LabourLink application successfully achieves its main objectives:

- Reduces time required to find skilled labour
- Improves accessibility and convenience
- Provides a reliable and user-friendly platform
- Enhances employment opportunities for labourers Compared to traditional methods, the system offers a more structured and efficient approach. However, some limitations were observed:
- Dependence on internet connectivity for GPS and real-time features
- Limited testing in rural or low-network areas
- Payment integration is not yet implemented

These limitations provide opportunities for future improvements.

### **Future Scope**

The LabourLink application provides a strong foundation for connecting users with skilled labourers. However, there are several areas where the system can be further improved and enhanced to make it more advanced, efficient, and suitable for real-world large-scale deployment.

### **Mobile Application Development**

Currently, the system is a web-based application. In the future, a dedicated mobile application can be developed using technologies like React Native or Flutter. A mobile app will provide better accessibility, faster performance, and improved user engagement, as most users prefer mobile platforms for daily services.

### **Online Payment Integration**

The current system does not include a payment feature. Future versions can integrate secure online payment gateways such as Razorpay, Paytm, or UPI. This will allow users to make payments directly through the application, making the booking process more convenient and complete.

### **Real-Time Chat System**

Although the system supports notifications, a full real-time chat feature can be added. This will allow direct communication between users and labourers within the application, improving coordination and reducing misunderstandings.

### **Rating and Review System Enhancement**

A more advanced rating and review system can be implemented where users can provide detailed feedback after service completion. This will help maintain service quality and build trust among users by highlighting top-performing labourers.

### **AI-Based Recommendation System**

Artificial Intelligence can be integrated to provide personalized recommendations. Based on user history, preferences, and past bookings, the system can suggest the most suitable labourers automatically, improving user experience and efficiency.

### **Worker Verification and Background Checks**

To improve trust and safety, future versions can include a verification system for labourers. This may involve document verification, ID checks, and certification validation to ensure that only genuine and skilled workers are listed on the platform.

### **Multi-Language Support**

To make the application accessible to a wider audience, especially in rural and regional areas, multi-language support can be added. This will help users interact with the system in their preferred language.

### **Advanced Booking Management**

Future improvements can include features such as:

- Scheduling bookings for future dates
- Tracking ongoing services
- Viewing booking history in detail
- Cancellation and refund options
- These features will make the system more complete and user-friendly.
- Expansion of Service Categories
- The platform can be expanded to include more service categories such as:
  - Home cleaning services
  - Tutors and trainers
  - Delivery services

#### **Event-related workers**

This will increase the usability and market reach of the application.

## **VI. CONCLUSION**

The LabourLink application successfully addresses the common problem of finding skilled labourers in a fast and reliable way. In many areas, people still depend on traditional methods such as personal contacts or local advertisements, which are time-consuming and often unreliable. This project provides a modern digital solution that simplifies the entire process of searching, selecting, and booking skilled workers. The system is developed using a full-stack approach, combining technologies such as React.js, Node.js, Express.js, and MongoDB. This ensures that the application is scalable, efficient, and capable of handling real-time operations. The integration of location-based services allows users to find nearby labourers quickly, while features like filtering, profile viewing, and booking make the platform user-friendly and practical.

One of the key achievements of this project is the successful implementation of a structured and organized platform for the unorganized labour sector. The application not only benefits users by saving time and effort but also helps labourers by providing better visibility and more job opportunities. Features such as secure authentication, real-time updates, and a labour cost calculator further enhance the usefulness of the system. The results obtained from testing show that the system performs efficiently in terms of speed, accuracy, and usability. The application is capable of handling multiple users, providing accurate location-based results, and maintaining secure data management. These outcomes indicate that the proposed system is reliable and suitable for real-world implementation. However, there are certain limitations, such as dependency on internet connectivity and the absence of advanced features like online payment and AI-based recommendations. These limitations can be addressed in future developments to further improve the system.

In conclusion, the LabourLink application is a meaningful and practical solution that demonstrates how modern web technologies can be used to solve real-life problems. It bridges the gap between users and skilled labourers, improves service accessibility, and contributes to the digital transformation of the labour market. With further enhancements, the system has strong potential to evolve into a widely used and impactful service platform.

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