

Information for participants

Conference venue: The conference will be held in the **National Science Seminar Complex (NSSC)** at IISc. The tutorials, talks and panel discussion will be held in the four halls of the complex – J. N. Tata Auditorium, Hall A, Hall B and Hall C.

Registration desk: It will be in the foyer of the complex.

POLICE	100
AMBULANCE	102
Traffic/accidents	103
Security	080 2293 2400/2225
Health Centre/Ambulance	080 2293 2227/2234
Sadashivanagar Police Station	080 23600358 / 2294 2589
Yeshwanthpur Police Station	080 22942526
Malleswaram Police Station	080 22942519
M. S. Ramaiah Hospital	080 23608888
Columbia Asia Hospital	080 39898969
Centenary Visitors' House (CVH)	080 2293 3500
Jawahar Visitors' House (JVH)	080 2293 2499
Hoysala Guest House	080 2293 2535
Main Guest House	080 2293 2311/2289
Hostel Office	080 2293 2620

Medical emergency: The campus Health Center can be used in case of medical requirements. Health center is located near the main library. Please refer to the campus map for the exact location.

Telephone: Health Centre/Ambulance 080 2293 2227/2234. The nearest hospital is M S Ramaiah Memorial Hospital, New BEL Road. Telephone: 080 2360 9999 / 080 2360 8888.

Transportation: A transportation desk will be operational during the conference. You can take the assistance of the transportation desk for booking taxis and to get travel information. Please arrange to pay for the travel yourselves.

Transportation has been arranged in the morning (8:15 AM) for participants residing at the Centenary Visitors Home (CVH) and Jawahar Visitors Home (JVH) to come to the conference venue, and in the evening from the conference/dinner venue back to the guest houses.

Reaching IISc: Note that IISc is commonly known as Tata Institute in Bangalore, and you may need to use this name to specify your destination.

From the airport: Bangalore International Airport has convenient transport options to reach any place in the city.

You can book a taxi in advance by calling one of the taxi operators – Meru Cabs (080 4422 4422), Easy Cabs (080 4343 4343) and Karnataka Taxi (080 4346 4346). Taxis are also available outside the airport. Walk to the taxi boarding point (Meru Cabs, Easy Cabs, KSTDC Cabs) and board. Ensure that the driver starts the meter before commencing on your journey, and ask for a bill.

Alternatively, you can use the BMTC Vayu Vajra bus service to reach IISc. Assistance can be obtained from the BMTC kiosk just outside the airport. Note that all of these buses pass through Mekhri Circle, which is 2.5 km away from IISc; you can reach IISc from Mekhri Circle by hiring an autorickshaw.

From the railway stations: The nearest railway station is Yeshwantpur Junction, which is at a distance of 2.5 km from the institute. The other major railway stations – Bangalore City Junction and Bangalore Cantonment – are at a distance of about 5.5 km from the institute. You can reach IISc from the railway stations by hiring an autorickshaw or using the BMTC bus service. Use prepaid autorickshaw services at the railway stations.

Getting to the airport from the conference venue: The easiest way to reach the airport is to hire a taxi. Three main taxi operators are Meru Cabs (080 4422 4422), Easy Cabs (080 4343 4343) and Karnataka Taxi (080 4346 4346). You can also use the BMTC Vayu Vajra bus service from Mekhri Circle. Make sure you account for sufficient travel time considering the traffic. Travel time is 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes.

Getting to the railway stations from the conference venue: You can hire an autorickshaw or use the BMTC bus service to reach one of the railway stations. Ask for more information, if needed, at the transportation desk.

Telephone: A telephone will be available for use inside the NSSC.

Bank services and ATMs: There are branches of State Bank of India and Canara Bank inside the institute campus. Four ATMs (two each of the above banks) are also located inside the campus. Two ATMs are located near the Security office gate (just opposite to NSSC complex). Two other ATMs are located near the Hoysala guest house.

On-Campus Accommodation: On-campus accommodation has been arranged for all participants who asked for it. On-campus accommodation has been arranged at four locations inside the IISc campus. Please check the IISc campus map to get information on the locations of the different guest houses. The cost of accommodation is separate from the registration cost. Payments will have to be settled at the respective guest houses by the participants themselves. Details on the payments are provided below.

Accommodations have been arranged at:

- 1. Centenary Visitors House (CVH):** CVH is located in the North-West corner of the IISc main campus. CVH can be accessed either from inside the campus, or from a gate near M. S. Ramaiah Medical College junction. Breakfast will be arranged for participants put up at CVH. Breakfast will be served between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM. Transportation has been arranged from CVH to the conference venue on all the three days at 8:15 AM.

2. **IISc Main Guest House:** Main guest house is located inside the IISc main campus. It is at the end of the main road which starts from the IISc Security Office gate. Breakfast is available at the Main Guest House on a payment basis.
3. **Jawahar Visitors/ Guest House (JVH):** JVH is located near the IISc gymkhana. JVH can be accessed only through the IISc Gymkhana gate. Transportation has been arranged from CVH to the conference venue on all the three days at 8:15 AM. Breakfast is available at JVH on a payment basis. Cost of breakfast is Rs.30 per person.
4. **Hoysala Guest House:** Hoysala guest house is located inside the IISc main campus. It is centrally located and is very near to the Main Library and Hostel Office. Breakfast and transportation are not arranged for participants put up at Hoysala. For places to have breakfast, please refer to the information on eateries inside the campus.
5. **Hostel Blocks:** Hostel accommodation is also located inside the IISc main campus. It is also centrally located, and is near to the Main Library and Hostel Office. Breakfast and transportation are not arranged for participants put up at the Hostel. For places for breakfast, please refer to the information on eateries inside the campus.

Eateries inside Campus: There are five main eateries inside the IISc campus:

- 1) **Nesara Restaurant** (8:00AM – 10:00PM): A Veg/ Non-Veg restaurant serving all types of foods. It is located very near Hoysala and Hostel Office.
- 2) **Prakruthi** (8:00AM – 10:00PM): A vegetarian cafeteria serving all varieties of food. Its located near the conference venue. Prakruthi is only an underground subway away from the conference venue.
- 3) **Tea Board** (8:00AM – 2:00AM): A cafeteria next to Prakruthi. You can get light snacks like bread, omelettes, noodles, etc. here.
- 4) **Kabini Canteen** (7:00AM – 10:00PM): A vegetarian canteen, located very near Nesara restaurant.
- 5) **Gym Cafe** (5:30PM - 2:00AM): A cafeteria near IISc Gymkhana. Only place other than Tea board for food beyond 12:00AM.

