

## LOGISTICS AND VISA INFORMATION FOR THE SG9 MEETING & WORKSHOP Bangalore (Bengaluru), India, 9-18 May 2023

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- Study Group 9 meeting (Broadband, Cable and TV), Bangalore (Bengaluru), India from 9 to 18 May 2023
- Workshop on the “Future of TV for South Asia, Arab and Africa”, Bangalore (Bengaluru), India 11 May 2023.

**Note:** The city of the venue is referred with two names as **Bangalore** or **Bengaluru**.

### 1 Meeting Venue

**Venue:** Indian Institute of Science (IISc),  
Central Office (Main building), Amra Marg, Bangalore-560012.

**Address:** <https://goo.gl/maps/5zFj2cwnv5iJHDKA8>

**Website of IISc campus:** <https://iisc.ac.in>

**Conference Venue Floor Plan:**

<https://iisc.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/New-IISc-Map.pdf>

### 2 Hotels near IISc Campus:

#### 2.1 4/5-star hotels

**Recommended by the Host\* :** [Gokulam Grand Hotel & Spa Bengaluru](#) / ([official website](#))

**3.1 km from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**

*Address: 115, Mangalore - Villupuram Rd, HMR Layout, Gokula Extension, Jalahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560054*  
*Contact No: 080 4300 1000*

Gokulam Grand Hotel & Spa Bengaluru is situated near the BEL Circle. It offers an outdoor pool and fitness centre.

\* To benefit from a [special rate](#), please quote the code “ITUSG9”, either typing it in the online booking or mentioning it on the phone with the hotel. Regularly check for updates of the logistics document that will be posted on [SG9 website](#).

[Radisson Blu Atria Bengaluru](#) / ([official website](#))

**4.7 km from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**

Offering the facilities and benefits of an outdoor swimming pool and fitness centre, Radisson Blu Atria, Bengaluru is located at a 45-minute drive from Kempegowda International Airport.

[Shangri-La Bengaluru](#) / ([official website](#))

**3.7 km from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**

Situated in Bengaluru, the garden city of India, the Shangri-La Hotel features an award winning restaurant and 5 speciality alfresco dining options, an outdoor swimming pool and a well-equipped health...

[Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse, an IHG Hotel](#) / ([official website](#))

**4.3 km from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**

Conveniently located along Sheshadri Road across Bengaluru turf club, Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse overlooks the Bengaluru Turf Club ensuring great views.

[Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Hotel at Brigade Gateway](#) / ([official website](#))

**1.3 km from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru Metro access**

*Address: 26/1 Dr. Rajkumar Road Malleswaram, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560055*  
*Contact No: 080 4252 1000*

Featuring skyway access to the World Trade Centre and Orion Mall, the city's largest shopping mall, this Sheraton hotel features 8 food and beverage options, an infinity-edge swimming pool.

[The Lalit Ashok](#) / ([official website](#))

**3.3 km from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**

Address: Kumara Krupa High Grounds Bangalore : 560001 Karnataka India

Contact No: +91 80 6817 7777

Nestled in an oasis of 10 acres of sprawling landscape and manicured lawns, the 5-star The Lalit Ashok offers elegant non-smoking/smoking accommodation that overlooks the swimming pool or golf course.

[Taj West End](#) / ([official website](#))

#### **4.1 km from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**

Spread over 20 acres of landscaped gardens, this city retreat is located in central Bengaluru next to Bengaluru Golf Club.

#### **2.2 3-star hotels**

[KINGSTON HOTEL](#) / ([official website](#))

#### **1.9 km from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**

Located in Bengaluru, 3.5 km from Yeswanthpur Railway Station, KINGSTON HOTEL provides accommodation with a fitness centre, free private parking, a garden and a shared lounge.

[Goldfinch Hotel Bengaluru](#) / ([official website](#))

#### **3.8 km from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**

Goldfinch Hotel Bengaluru is centrally located in central Bengaluru, about 1.5 km from the City Railway Station. This boutique hotel offers a 24-hour front desk. Free Wi-Fi is available.

### **3 Passports and Visas**

All foreign visitors entering India must have a valid passport. Visitors from countries whose citizens require a visa should apply for a visa at an Indian Embassy or Consulate as early as possible and well in advance of their travel.

For requesting an invitation letter for visa purposes from the Indian Administration, please see **Annex**.

For more information related to entry into India, especially if you need a visa, see:

<https://www.mha.gov.in/MHA1/TourVisa.html>

The focal point for visa support in India is:

**Mr Narendra Choubey**

E-mail: [dirir2-dot@nic.in](mailto:dirir2-dot@nic.in)

### **4 COVID Information**

The Indian Government do not have special restriction in place in relation to COVID-19 even if preferably the international travelers should be fully vaccinated in their countries. However, a random post arrival testing at the airport for a sample (2% of the total passengers in a flight) may be performed at the airport by the authorities. The COVID regulations and guidelines are regularly revised and related International Arrivals regulations are available at: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>

### **5 Transportation and site information**

#### **5.1 Directions to IISc campus from the Airport:**

IISc is about 35kms from the airport: <https://iisc.ac.in/about/general-information/how-to-reach-iisc/>

Prepaid taxi: The fare to IISc would be approximately INR 750-1000, and the counter is available near the exit of the Airport Building. <https://www.kstdc.co/airport-taxi-bangalore/>

City taxi: The fare to IISc would be approximately INR 750-1000 and a queue for the same is just outside the airport building. <https://www.bengaluruairport.com/travellers/transport-parking>

Shuttle bus service, operated by Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTc), runs from the airport to various areas in Bengaluru city every 15 minutes. The A/C bus fare is around INR 190. The Institute is known as "Tata Institute" to the locals and is just past Mekhri circle and on the way to Yeshwantpura (one must take a right turn at Mekhri circle).

A Details of the schedule (<https://mybmtc.karnataka.gov.in/newpage/Airport%20Vayu%20vajra%20Services/en.>)

Additional information on the airport can also be found at its official website:

(<http://www.bengaluruairport.com/>)

UBER and OLA are available and It can be booked using the APP.

## 5.2 Directions to IISc campus from the City Railway Station:

The city railway station is about 7 kms from the IISc campus (Majestic). One will have to leave the station from platform number ONE and reach the prepaid taxi stand and hire a city taxi (costs about Rs 200). Majestic (7kms from IISc) is the central Bus stand in Bengaluru and is just opposite the City Railway station. If one happens to reach Majestic, Bengaluru by bus, go to city bus platform number 22 from where almost all city buses come to the Institute.

## 5.3 Directions to IISc campus from the Yeshwantpura Railway Station:

The Yeshwantpura railway station is located less than 2 km from the institute campus. One can take a 'pre-paid' auto from the counter located outside the exit gate of platform number 6. The prepaid autos shouldn't charge more than Rs. 10.

The landmark is CNR Rao Circle from where one would take the entry to IISc. Though the prepaid contract says IISc (Tata Institute as more popularly known) gate as the destination, the hostels and most of the academic departments are within 500 mts from the gate, and hence the auto can be requested to drop at your destination.

## 5.4 Local Bus:

From Majestic one will have to move past Malleshwaram 18<sup>th</sup> cross bus stand towards Yeshwanthpura.

From Hebbal one has to move past Merkri Circle towards yeshwanthpura.

(IISc is situated in between Malleshwaram 18<sup>th</sup> cross bus stand and Yeshwanthpura bus stand).

## 6 Local information

### 6.1 Currency exchange

The currency in **India** is the "**Indian Rupee (INR)**"; please check the currency exchange rate in the local bank system or use the following link as a reference: <http://www.xe.com/>.

### 6.2 Climate – May in Bangalore

Monthly Average temperature and precipitation in Bangalore are given in the table below:

	MAY
Average Maximum Temperature	33°C
Average Minimum Temperature	22°C
Average Precipitation	33 %

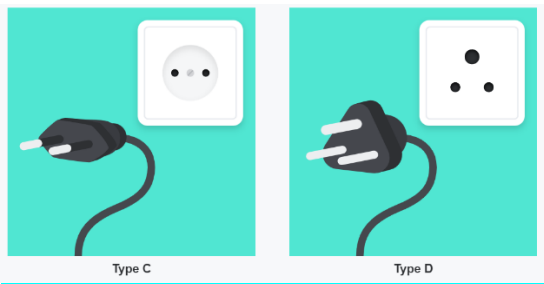
### 6.3 Time Zone in May 2023

UTC/GMT +5:30 hours

### 6.4 Electricity

In India the standard voltage is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. You can use your electric appliances in India. To be sure, check the label on the appliance.

For India the most common plugs are types C and D (see picture below). Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins, plug type D is the plug which has three round pins in a triangular pattern. Please make sure you have the proper adapter.



These sockets are common in India.

## 6.5 Emergency Numbers and other information:

**6.5.1 Mobile phones:** Cell (mobile) phone and mobile data coverage is excellent. Most unlocked cell phones will work with a local SIM card.

**6.5.2 Tipping:** Tipping is recommended; normally it is 5/10% of the bill (voluntary).

**6.5.3 Emergency Number:** In case of emergency please dial N. 112. If you are in the campus (IISc) you may dial the local security number: 080 2293 2225/2841

**6.5.4 Sightseeing:** Tourism related information and other useful information about Bengaluru city may be accessed on the official website of the city: <https://bengaluruurban.nic.in/en/tourism/>

## 6.6 Nearest Hospital

### **Apollo Cradle Maternity & Children's Hospital in Brookefield, Bengaluru**

Address: Kundalahalli, 101/209 & 210, ITPL Main Rd, Brookefield, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560037

Areas served: Varthur Kodi and nearby areas

Hours: Open 24 hours

Phone: +91 98216 56657

### **Manipal Hospital Yeshwanthpur**

Address: Brigade Gateway 26, 4, 1st Main Rd, beside Metro, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560055

Areas served: Yeswanthpur and nearby areas

Hours: Open 24 hours

Phone: +91 1800 102 4647

### **ESI Hospital**

Address: 2H85+2XV, 8th Main Rd, IISc Gymnasium, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560012

Hours: Closes 12 am

Phone: +91 86606 21168

**6.7 Focal points in India:** If you have any questions about the meeting arrangements, please contact (preferably by e-mail) the **local contact person**:

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## ANNEX

### INVITATION LETTER REQUEST FORM

All foreign visitors entering India must have a valid passport. Visitors from countries **whose citizens require a visa should, as soon as possible and at least one month** before the start date of the meeting, **apply for a visa** from the office (embassy or consulate) representing India in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure.

You may need a letter of invitation from the Indian host, which you will need to present to the Indian embassy/consulate in your area in order to obtain your visa.

To obtain an invitation letter:

- a) Please complete the form below.
- b) An electronic copy of your passport must be provided with your name, date of birth, nationality, passport number, expiration date of passport, etc., clearly seen on the copy. A proof of registration to the SG9 meeting may be requested by the Host.
- c) If you have been to India before, please provide an electronic copy of any previous Indian visas and/or records.
- d) Send the info in sections A, B and C as e-mail attachments to ( [dirir2-dot@nic.in](mailto:dirir2-dot@nic.in) ). Please mark in the subject "**Invitation letter request for ITU-T SG9 meeting/Workshop (9-18 May 2023)**".

(Remember to scan your passport and e-mail it to us so that it is discernible and can be used.)

<b>Company</b>			
<b>Applicant Information</b>	[ Click and Type in your full name ]	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs	
	[ Nationality ]	Date of birth : [ Year ] [ Month ] [ Day ]	
	[ Passport No.]	Place of Issue: "[ Place of Issue]"	
	Date of Issue: [ Year ] [ Month ] [ Day ]	Date of Expiry: [ Year ] [ Month ] [ Day ]	
	Marital Status: "[Marital Status]"	[ Job Title ]	
	If the country in which you'll obtain your visa is different from your nationality, please indicate it here: [ Country to obtain your visa]		
<b>Address</b>	[Click and Type in your address and ZIP code] Telephone Number: [Click and Type in phone number] Fax Number: [Click and Type in fax number] E-mail: [Click and Type in email]		
<b>Note</b>			
<b>Date of arrival in India</b>		<b>Date of departure from India</b>	

(Please do not forget to attach a copy of your passport photograph page before sending.)

**In order to receive an invitation letter, your information should be provided to the host before 09 April 2023.**

**NOTE: The host will do its best to provide invitation letters that are requested late; however, it cannot guarantee that a visa will be received in time for the SG9 meeting.**

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