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28th to 30th
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OPTIMAL ORAL HEALTH: POLICY MEETS PREVENTION

29th IAPHD
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WELCOME
TO MANGALURU

Invitation

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the organizing committee of the 29th Indian Association of Public Health Dentistry National Conference 2025 Mangaluru, we extend a warm and heartfelt invitation to you all. We would be truly honoured by your presence at this landmark event scheduled to be held at the Dr. TMA Pai International Convention Centre, Mangaluru, from November 28th to 30th, 2025.

The IAPHD has long stood at the forefront of promoting oral health, preventive strategies, and community-based solutions. This year's conference promises to carry forward the legacy of IAPHD with a well-curated academic program that emphasises innovation, knowledge exchange, and collaboration. IAPHD NATCON 2025 Mangaluru aims to bring together a diverse and dynamic community of public health dentists, academicians, researchers, students, policymakers, and healthcare professionals.

Alongside the scientific sessions, a vibrant trade exhibition will run concurrently; this dynamic platform will foster knowledge exchange and strengthen collaboration between academia, industry, and public health stakeholders.

With Mangaluru's tranquil coastal charm as its backdrop, a city known for its cultural heritage, warm hospitality, and academic spirit, the conference promises not just intellectual stimulation but also a memorable and enriching experience.

We sincerely hope you will join us and be an integral part of this milestone event. Your presence and participation will undoubtedly elevate the conference and contribute to the collective mission of advancing oral and public health.

Thank you for considering our invitation. **Join us in Mangaluru this November!**

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

Dr. Ramya Shenoy

Organizing Chairperson
29th IAPHD NATCON 2025 Mangaluru

Dr. Praveen Jodalli

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THEME

Optimal Oral Health: Policy Meets Prevention

The theme ***“Optimal Oral Health: Policy Meets Prevention”*** emphasizes the crucial intersection between evidence-based public health policy and preventive strategies in dentistry. As oral diseases continue to pose a significant global burden, achieving optimal oral health requires a dual approach, proactive prevention at the community and individual levels, and robust policies that support equitable access, education, and sustainable systems of oral care.

HOST

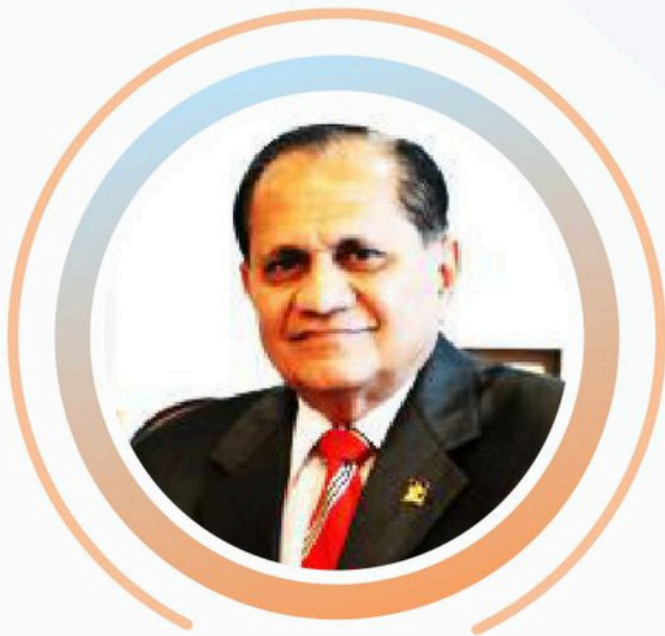
Mangaluru has long been recognized for shaping trailblazers in the dental profession, and at the heart of this legacy stands the **Manipal College of Dental Sciences Mangalore (MCODS Mangalore)** - the proud host of IAPHD NATCON 2025. Established in 1987, MCODES Mangalore is one of India's premier dental institutions and a constituent unit of the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, an Institution of Eminence. MCODES Mangalore is renowned for excellence in dental education, innovative research, and dedicated community service, with a strong commitment to advancing oral health.

VENUE

Standing glorious in the coastal city of Mangaluru, the **Dr.TMA Pai International Convention Centre** is one of the largest of its kind in India. Partnering with luxurious hospitality services, and accompanied by state-of-the-art facilities, the Dr.TMA Pai International Convention Centre is an extravagant one place stop for all your requirements. The Centre is named after the visionary philanthropist, Dr TMA Pai, the founder of the renowned Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

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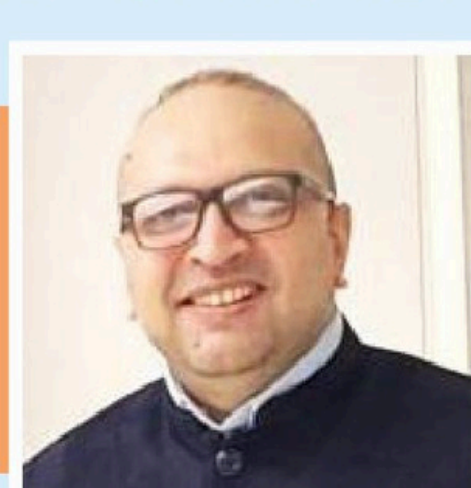


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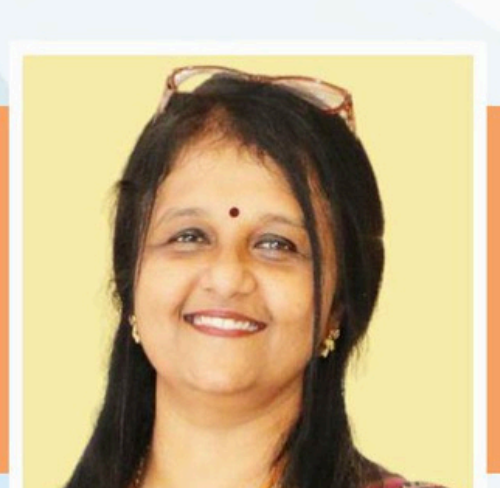
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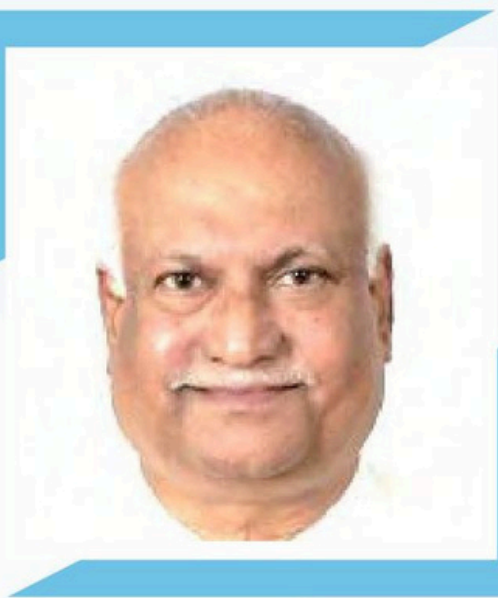


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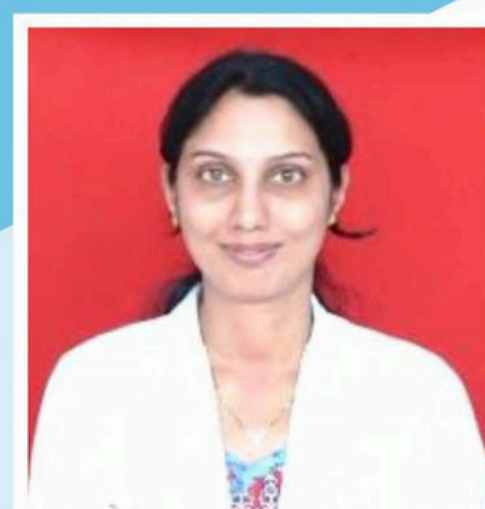
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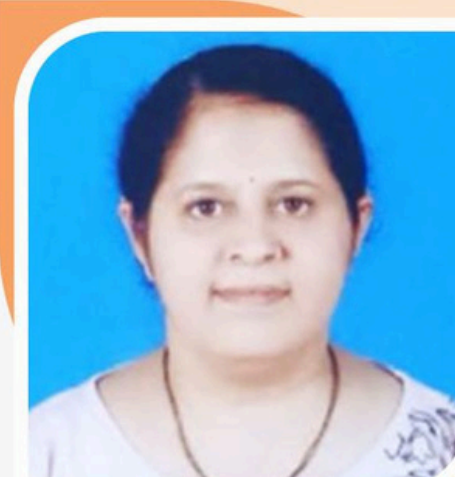
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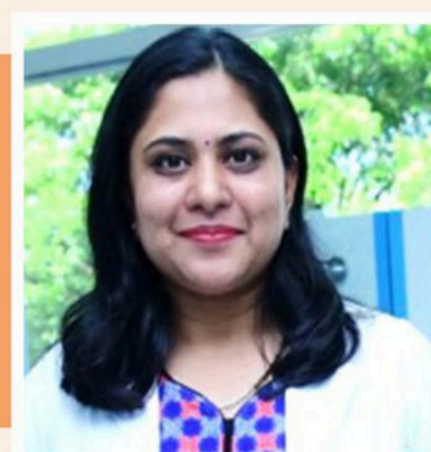
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PRESENTATIONS



PANEL
DISCUSSIONS

KEYNOTE
LECTURES



AWARDS

CALL FOR SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS



The IAPHD and the Scientific Committee of the IAPHD NATCON 2025 Mangaluru, cordially invite submissions for Scientific Papers and Posters under the competitive category.

This is your opportunity to present original research, showcase community-based innovations, and demonstrate practical models that contribute to advancing Public Health Dentistry in India.

Submissions are invited from delegates who have completed their conference registration.

CATEGORIES FOR SUBMISSION

Scientific Papers

-  Research
-  Innovation

Scientific Posters

-  Theme based
-  General Public Health Themes

Note: All submissions must adhere to the IAPHD scientific presentation guidelines. Details regarding abstract format, word limits, evaluation criteria, and deadlines will be made available on the official conference website.

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Classic: Registration +Hospitality

	EARLY BIRD July 1 - August 15, 2025	STANDARD August 16 - October 31, 2025	SPOT REGISTRATION
IAPHD Student Members	₹9,000	₹10,000	₹11,000
IAPHD Life Members	₹10,000	₹11,000	₹12,000
Non - IAPHD Members	₹12,500	₹13,500	₹14,500
Foreign Delegates	250 USD	300 USD	350 USD
Accompanying person/ Spouse**	₹9,000	₹10,000	₹11,000
Gala Banquet only: ₹3,000/			

Premium: Registration +Hospitality + Gala Banquet

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Non - IAPHD Members	₹15,000	₹16,000	₹17,000
Foreign Delegates	300 USD	350 USD	400 USD
Accompanying person/ Spouse**	₹11,500	₹12,500	₹13,500

Elite: Registration + Hospitality + Gala Banquet + 4 star accomodation on twin sharing basis for 2 Nights & 3 days*

	EARLY BIRD July 1 - August 15, 2025	STANDARD August 16 - October 31, 2025
IAPHD Student Members	₹16,000	₹17,000
IAPHD Life Members	₹18,000	₹19,000
Non - IAPHD Members	₹22,500	₹23,500
Foreign Delegates	500 USD	550 USD
Accompanying person/ Spouse**	₹17,500	₹18,500

Registration charges are inclusive of 18% GST

* Limited rooms available

** Children below 6 years are exempt from banquet charges. Children aged 6 years and above will be charged ₹3,000.

REGISTRATION FEE BENEFITS

Classic

Entry to scientific sessions, Conference badge and delegate kit, Three breakfasts, Three Lunches, Trade fair, Presidential dinner, Certificate of attendance, e-Souvenir and a Gift.

Premium

Entry to scientific sessions, Conference badge and delegate kit, Three breakfasts, Three Lunches, Trade fair, Presidential dinner, Certificate of attendance, e-Souvenir, Gift, Gala Banquet.

Elite

Entry to scientific sessions, Conference badge and delegate kit, Three breakfasts, Three Lunches, Trade fair, Presidential dinner, Certificate of attendance, e-Souvenir, Gift, Gala Banquet and Accommodation (First come, first serve basis).

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Registration link

<https://iaphdnatcon2025.com/webpages/onlineregistration.aspx>

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Requests for cancellation and refund of registration fees will be processed as per the following timeline:

Date of cancellation request	Refund eligibility
On or before November 5 th , 2025	50% of the registration fee
After November 5 th , 2025	No refund will be provided

ADDITIONAL TERMS

- ➡ Refunds will be processed only after the conclusion of the conference.
- ➡ The delegate must pay all bank charges and transaction/transfer fees related to refund processing.
- ➡ Refunds apply only to the registration amount. GST, card transaction charges, and processing fees are non-refundable.
- ➡ All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to the official conference registration email: secretary@iaphdnatcon2025.com

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Account Name : 29th IAPHD National Conference Mangaluru

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Branch : Mangaluru Hampankatta Main II
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Mangaluru, Karnataka - 575001

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To ensure the seamless organization and security of the 29th IAPHD National Conference, all registered participants are requested to adhere to the following regulations:

General information

- ☞ Conference registration is mandatory for all delegates, including accompanying persons and children **above 6 years of age**.
 - ☞ Children **below 6 years** must be registered (free of charge) for **logistical and security reasons**.
 - ☞ All delegates must **carry a valid photo ID** to gain entry into the conference venue.
 - ☞ **Conference badges** must be worn at all times within the venue.
 - ☞ Entry for **accompanying persons** may be restricted to certain areas of the venue.
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Registration process

- ☞ Registration is **non-transferable**.
 - ☞ Delegates must present the **registration receipt** at the time of conference check-in.
 - ☞ Please **mention your registration number** in all communications and transactions.
 - ☞ All **bank charges / remittance / online transaction** fees must be paid by the delegate
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Payment modes

- ☞ **Preferred modes** of payment include:
 - ❖ Debit/Credit Card
 - ❖ Net Banking
 - ❖ UPI
- ☞ **Cheques will not be accepted** under any circumstances.
- ☞ For **spot registrations**, only **Cash or UPI** payments will be accepted.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DELEGATES AND ACCOMPANYING MEMBERS

Kit and Hospitality

- ➡ Delegate kits will be handed over **only to the registered delegate**. In exceptional cases, kits will be handed to an **authorised representative** carrying a **signed copy of the registration receipt**.
- ➡ Kits for **spot registrations** are subject to availability.
- ➡ No kits or materials will be provided after the conference

Accompanying Persons

Will receive:

- ➡ Official **conference badge**
- ➡ Entry to **inaugural and valedictory ceremonies**
- ➡ **Tea and coffee** during scheduled breaks
- ➡ **All meals** (including lunches and dinners during the conference period)
- ➡ Participation in **hospitality programs or social gatherings**.
- ➡ Access to designated areas as per the hospitality pass

Other terms

- ➡ The organizers are **not liable for loss or theft** of personal belongings.
- ➡ Organizers reserve the right to **reject or reassign registrations** that violate terms or do not align with the selected category.

Confirmation

- ➡ A **registration confirmation letter**, along with your **Registration ID**, will be sent within **6 days** of receiving your payment.

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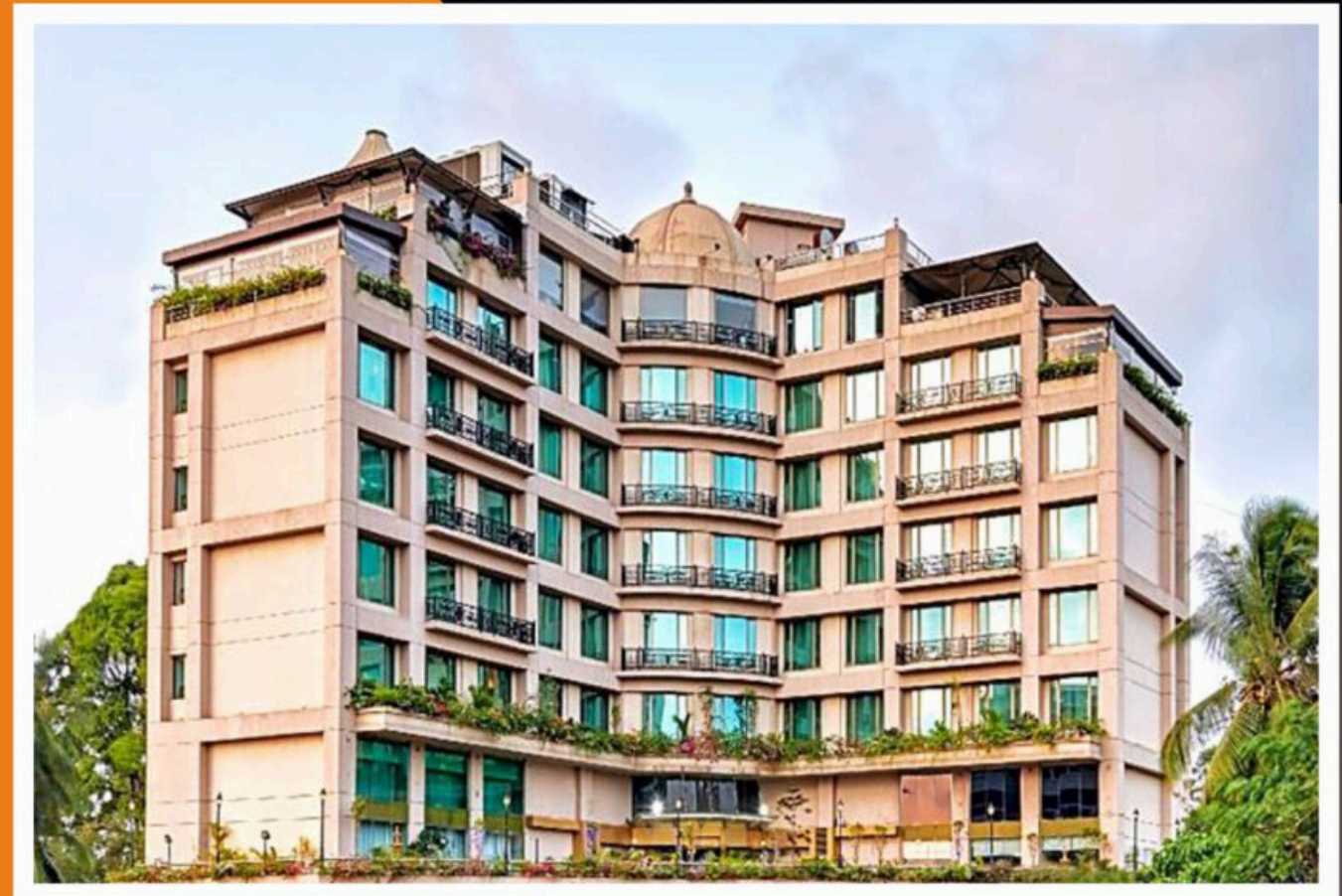
ACCOMMODATION

Distance: ~13 km from Mangaluru International Airport | ~2.4 km from Mangaluru Central Railway Station | ~ 2km from venue

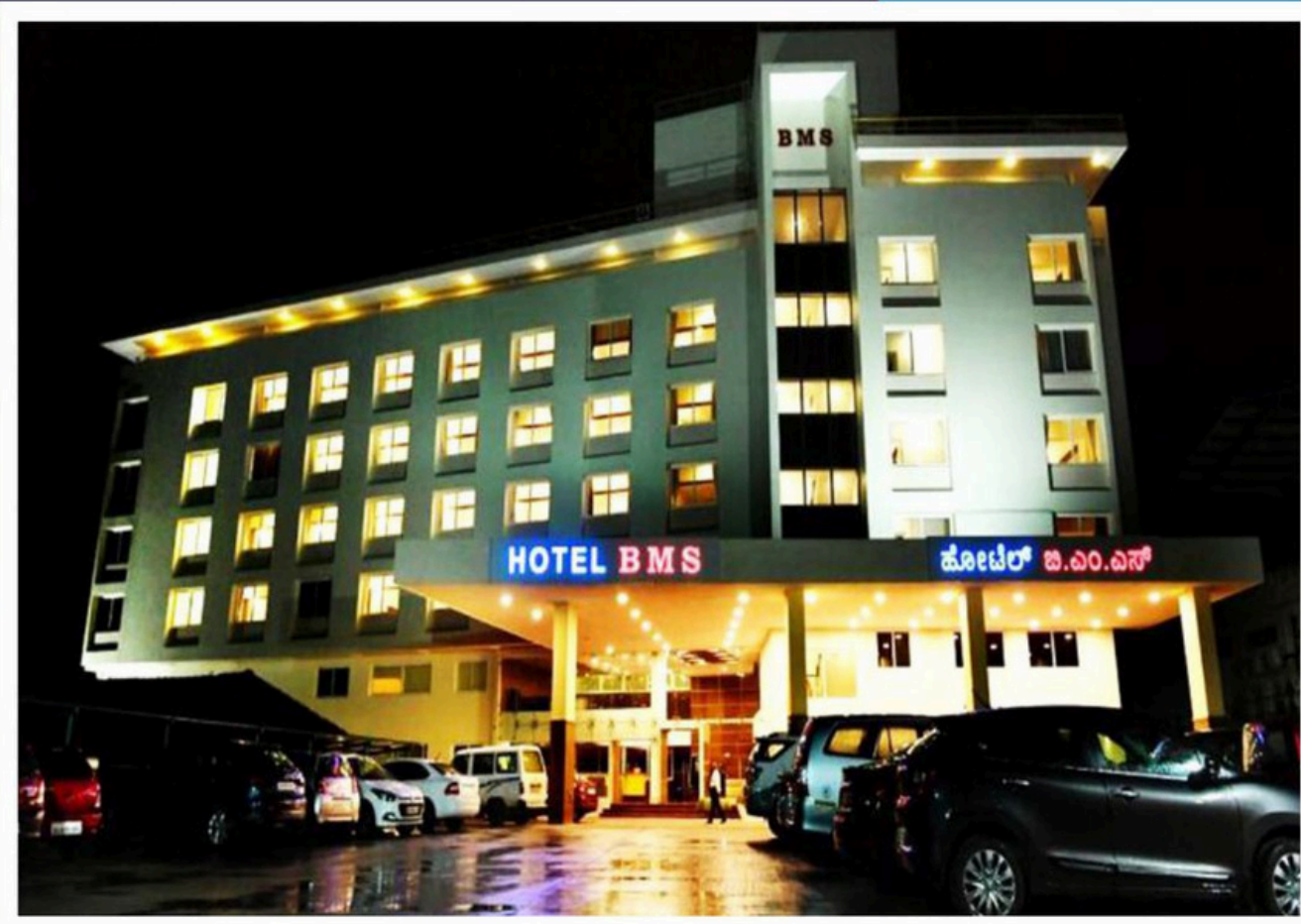
Goldfinch Hotel, offers well-appointed rooms and luxurious Presidential Suites designed with swanky interiors and modern comforts. Each room is equipped with satellite TV, working desk, Wi-Fi connectivity, telephone, hairdryer, electronic safe, and a well-stocked minibar. Facilities include a business centre, doctor on call, and valet parking. The hotel features multi cuisine restaurants.

Phone: +918244245678 | +919980767777

Reservations: reserve.gfm@goldfinchhotels.com



GOLDFINCH HOTEL



HOTEL BMS

Distance: ~9.8 km from Mangaluru International Airport | ~5.9 km from Mangaluru Central Railway Station | ~ 2.8km from venue

Hotel BMS is a modern property offering a calm and comfortable stay in the city. It features spacious rooms with LED TVs, minibars, tea/coffee makers, electronic safes, and well-designed bathrooms with shower cubicles or bathtubs. The hotel includes free Wi-Fi, parking, a fitness centre, business centre, and a travel desk for tour assistance. Room categories include Superior, Executive Suite, and Presidential Suite, each equipped with modern amenities for a relaxed stay.

Phone: +91 8452 040 404 | +91 9224 444 455

Reservations: hotelbms.reservations@gmail.com

ACCOMMODATION



VIVANTA MANGALORE BY TAJ

Distance: ~16 km from Mangaluru International Airport | ~1.3 km from Mangaluru Central Railway Station | ~3.5km from venue

Vivanta Mangalore, blends the city's coastal charm with contemporary flair, creating a stylish sanctuary for the modern traveller. This vibrant 5-star property features bold design, high-energy spaces, and thoughtful hospitality. With well-appointed rooms and luxurious suites, Vivanta delivers comfort with flair. Guests can indulge in the refreshing swimming pool, rejuvenate at the signature Jiva Spa, and savour world-class dining at two distinctive restaurants and a lively bar. Banquet facilities, a fully equipped fitness centre, and curated travel services ensure a seamless experience.

Phone: +91 8246660420

Reservations:

Bookvivanta.mangalore@tajhotels.com

Distance: ~15 km from Mangaluru International Airport | ~0.8 km from Mangaluru Central Railway Station | ~3.3 km from venue

The Avatar Hotel & Convention is a boutique lifestyle hotel in the heart of Mangalore. Each space is crafted for comfort and conscious living, with amenities such as centralized air conditioning, free Wi-Fi, electronic safes, coffee machines, minibars, 24-hour in-room dining, and laundry service. Guests can unwind at the spa, stay active in the fully equipped gym, or enjoy curated cuisine at the hotel's signature dining venues-The Stairway bakery café, The Loft studio kitchen and mixology bar, and The Loft Deck alfresco dining space. Additional offerings like curated city tours, and Avatar Escapes to explore the scenic Karnataka coast are available.

Phone: +91 96069 20901 | +91 82435 03900

Reservations: hello@theavatarhotel.com



THE AVATAR HOTEL & CONVENTION

ACCOMMODATION

Distance: ~13 km from Mangaluru International Airport | ~2.3 km from Mangaluru Central Railway Station | ~1.5km from venue

AJ Grand Hotel offers a luxurious stay in the heart of Mangaluru, with elegantly designed rooms and suites that exude comfort and sophistication. Each room features premium décor, modern furnishings, and amenities to ensure a memorable experience. Facilities include centralized air conditioning, complimentary Wi-Fi, electronic safes, tea/coffee makers, mini bars, 24-hour in-room dining, laundry service, and doctor-on-call. Guests can unwind in the swimming pool, rejuvenate at the spa, stay active in the fitness centre, or enjoy culinary delights at the multi-cuisine restaurants and coffee shop.

Phone: **0824-2862400 +91 91084-42482**

Reservations: reservation@ajgrand.com



A J GRAND HOTEL



HOTEL SAI PALACE NAVARATNA

Distance: ~14 km from Mangaluru International Airport | ~1.6 km from Mangaluru Central Railway Station | ~2.3km from venue

Hotel Sai Palace Navaratna is a luxury hotel located in the heart of Mangaluru, offering elegantly designed, spacious rooms in a serene setting. The hotel features a range of premium accommodations, from Executive Rooms with massage chairs and blackout curtains for restful sleep, to Deluxe Rooms with interconnected layouts and modern amenities. All rooms are equipped with king-size beds, well-appointed bathrooms, tea/coffee makers, and 24-hour room service. Complimentary Wi-Fi and a tranquil atmosphere further enhance the guest experience.

Phone: **+91 9930809900 | +91 8242499999**

Reservations: reservations@saipalacehotels.com

ACCOMMODATION



THE OCEAN PEARL

Distance: ~13 km from Mangaluru International Airport | ~2.2 km from Mangaluru Central Railway Station | ~500m from venue

The Ocean Pearl offers a refined blend of classic luxury and modern indulgence, set against a stunning backdrop. With breath-taking views and elegantly designed interiors, the hotel promises an experience of Mangaluru that is both enriching and unforgettable. Guests can enjoy a wide range of premium amenities, including fine dining restaurants, spacious rooms, a swimming pool, spa and salon, fitness center, business center, banquet hall, ample parking, free Wi-Fi, and dedicated concierge service, creating the perfect setting for both business and leisure stays.

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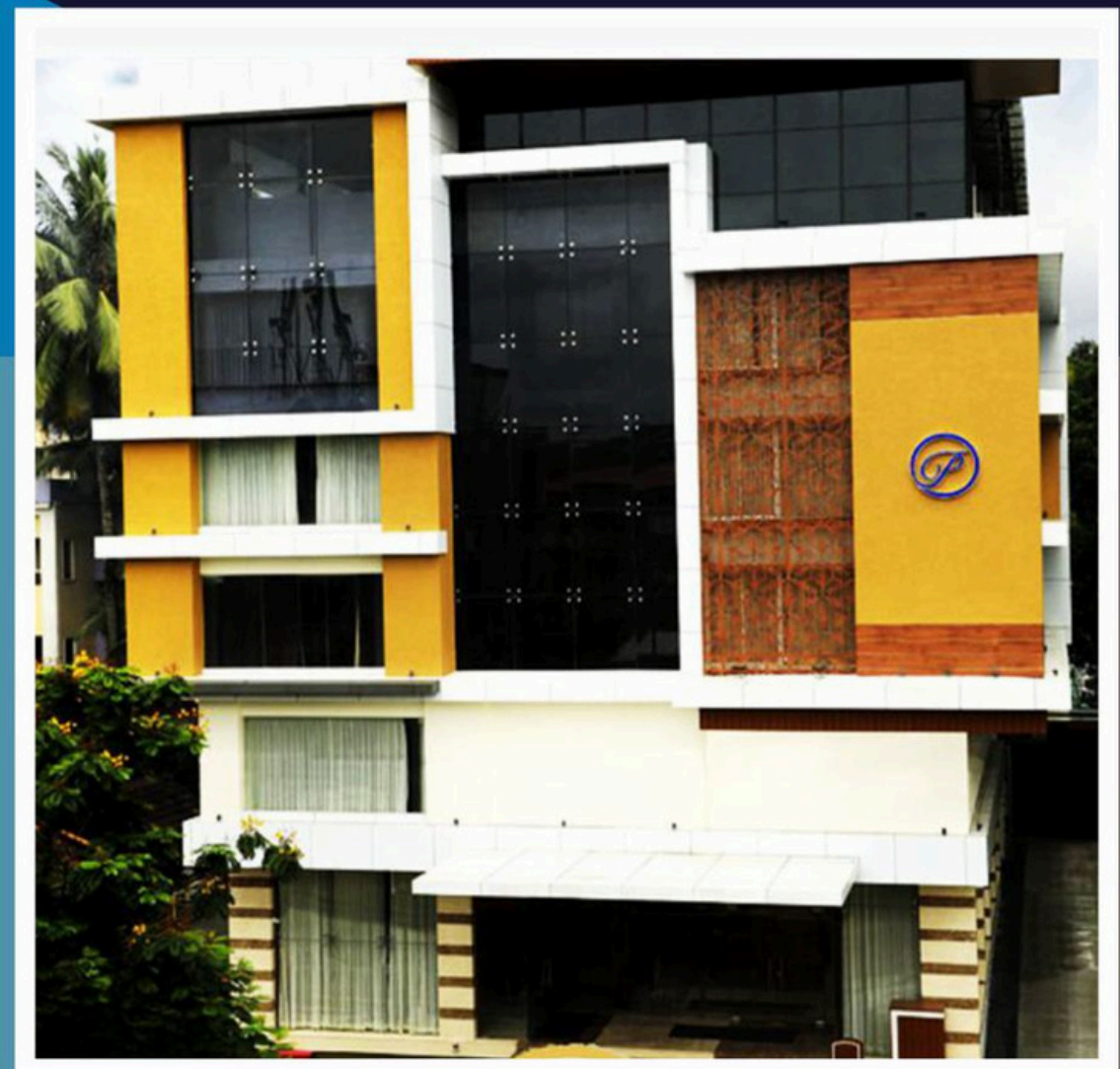
Reservations: reservations@theoceanpearl.in

Distance: ~11 km from Mangaluru International Airport | ~4.1 km from Mangaluru Central Railway Station | ~1km from venue

The Ocean Pearl Inn, Bejai, is the newest addition to the renowned Ocean Pearl Group, upholding the legacy of world-class service, exceptional hospitality, and exquisite dining. Ideally located, this modern property offers a perfect blend of comfort and convenience for both business and leisure travellers. Dedicated concierge service, well-maintained, compact rooms, spacious parking area, free Wi-Fi, and a focus on culinary excellence, The Ocean Pearl Inn delivers a seamless and memorable stay.

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THE OCEAN PEARL INN – BEJAI

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Distance: ~12 km from Mangaluru International Airport | ~2.6 km from Mangaluru Central Railway Station| ~200m from venue

Hotel Deepa Comforts, a luxury three-star corporate business hotel in Mangaluru, offers an ideal retreat for travellers seeking comfort and efficiency. Designed to provide a stress-free stay, the hotel features attentive service and seamless coordination. Amenities include high-speed Wi-Fi, a 24-hour business center, multiple dining options, well-appointed rooms, a travel desk, and round-the-clock assistance from courteous staff, ensuring a productive and relaxing experience.

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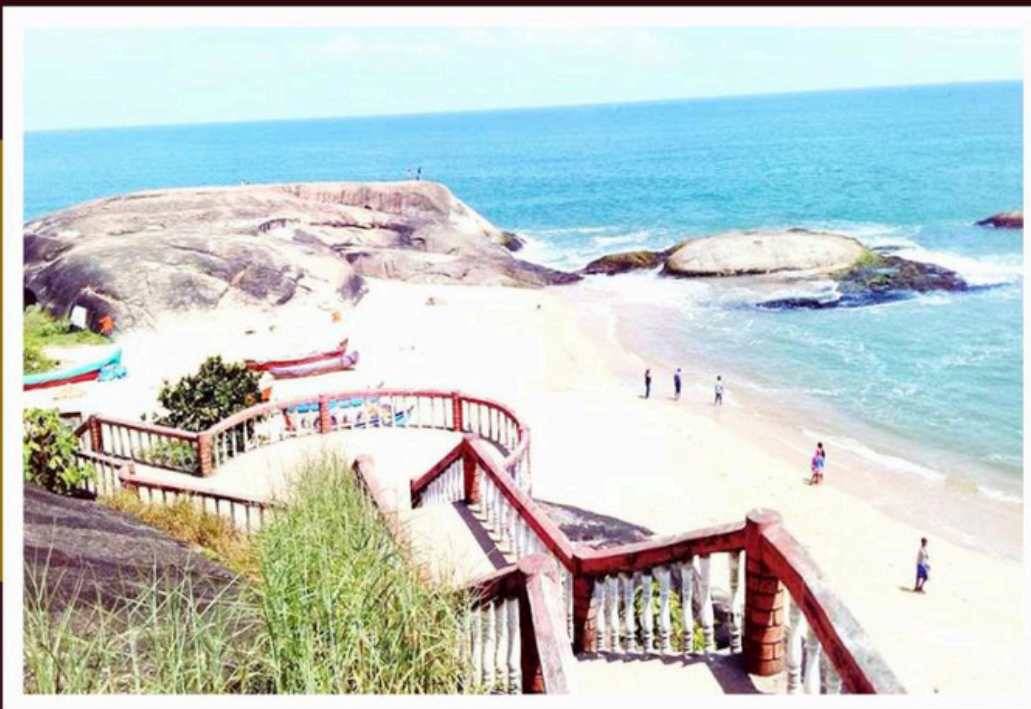
EXPLORE MANGALURU

***Located 9km from the venue,
approximately a 20-minute drive.***

One of Mangaluru's most popular beaches, known for its clean shores, water sports, camel rides, and sunset views. It hosts annual kite festivals and is ideal for a relaxing evening by the sea.



PANAMBUR BEACH



SOMESHWAR BEACH

***Located 3km from the venue,
approximately a 10-minute drive.***

A well-maintained city park with lush greenery and walking paths. It's a favorite spot for families and nature lovers and offers a peaceful break from city life.



KADRI PARK

EXPLORE MANGALURU



SULTAN BATTERY

Located 3 km from the venue, approximately a 10-minute drive .

Situated in Bloor, Sultan Battery is a historic watchtower built by Tipu Sultan in 1784 to prevent British warships from entering Mangaluru. Made of black stone, it served as a fort and naval station with cannon mounts and an underground gunpowder storage. Today, it offers scenic views of the Arabian Sea and is gaining popularity as a heritage and tourist spot.

Located 27 km from the venue, approximately a 45-minute drive.

Located atop Mudipu Hill, this peaceful hilltop church is dedicated to St. Joseph Vaz. It marks the miraculous site where he survived an attempt on his life in 1684, with springs of water still visible where he prayed. Known for its spiritual ambience and scenic surroundings, it draws pilgrims and visitors alike.



**MUDIPU CHURCH -
SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH VAZ**



MILAGRES CHURCH

Located 3 km from the venue, approximately a 10 -minute drive.

Located in the heart of Mangaluru, Milagres Church is one of oldest and most prominent Roman Catholic churches, built in the 17th century. The church is known for its architecture and religious significance.

EXPLORE MANGALURU

Located 14 km from the venue, approximately a 30-minute drive .

The Ullal Dargah is a revered Islamic shrine dedicated to Hazrat Sayyid Muhammad Shareeful Madani, a 17th-century saint believed to have journeyed from Madinah. Celebrated for his compassion and spiritual wisdom, he drew followers from all faiths. Set near the Arabian Sea, the Dargah is known for its inclusive tradition and tranquil setting, making it a prominent pilgrimage site that continues to inspire devotion and peace.



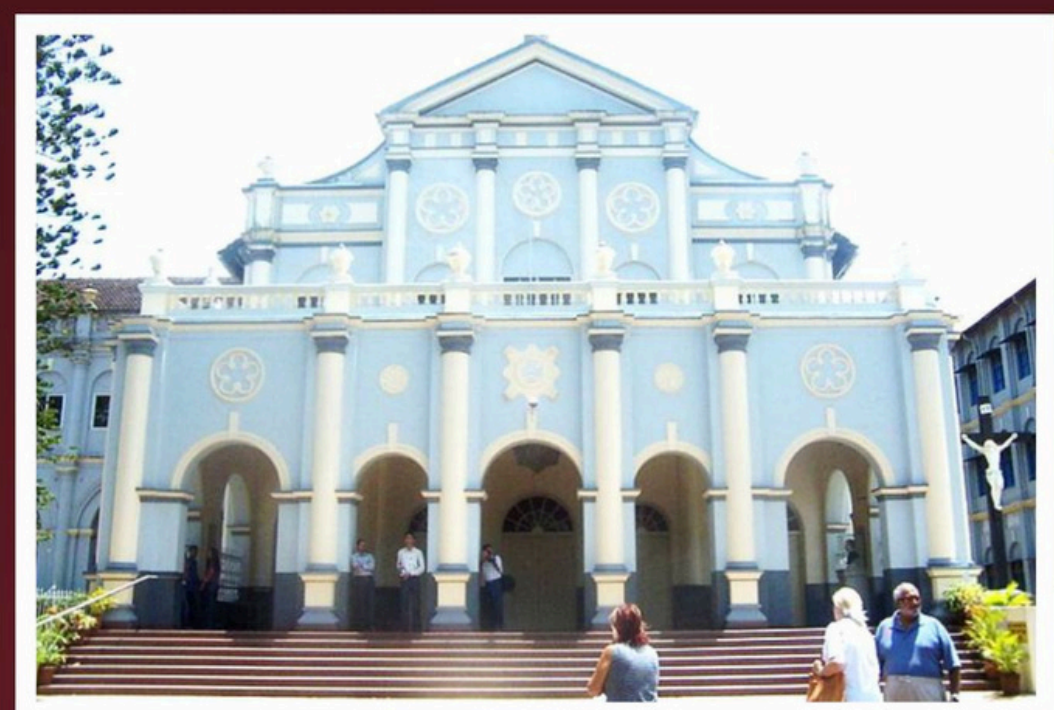
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**KUDROLI
SHREE GOKARNANATHESHWARA TEMPLE**

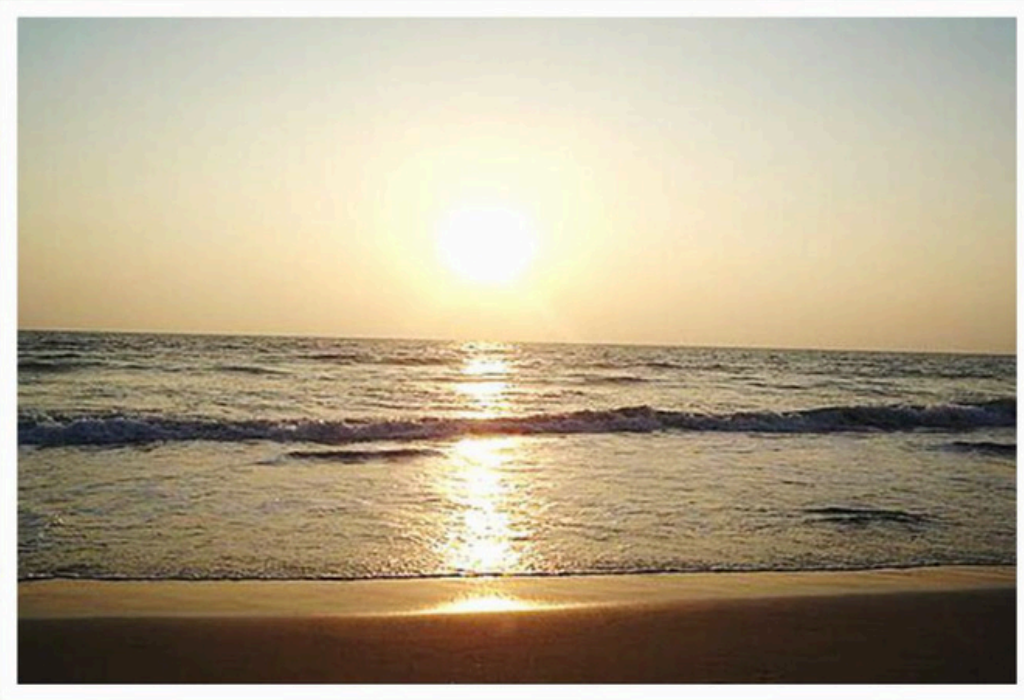
Located 3 km from the venue, approximately a 10-minute drive.

Renowned for its stunning frescoes and ceiling paintings, this chapel inside St. Aloysius College is a must-visit for art and history lovers.



St. ALOYSIUS CHAPEL

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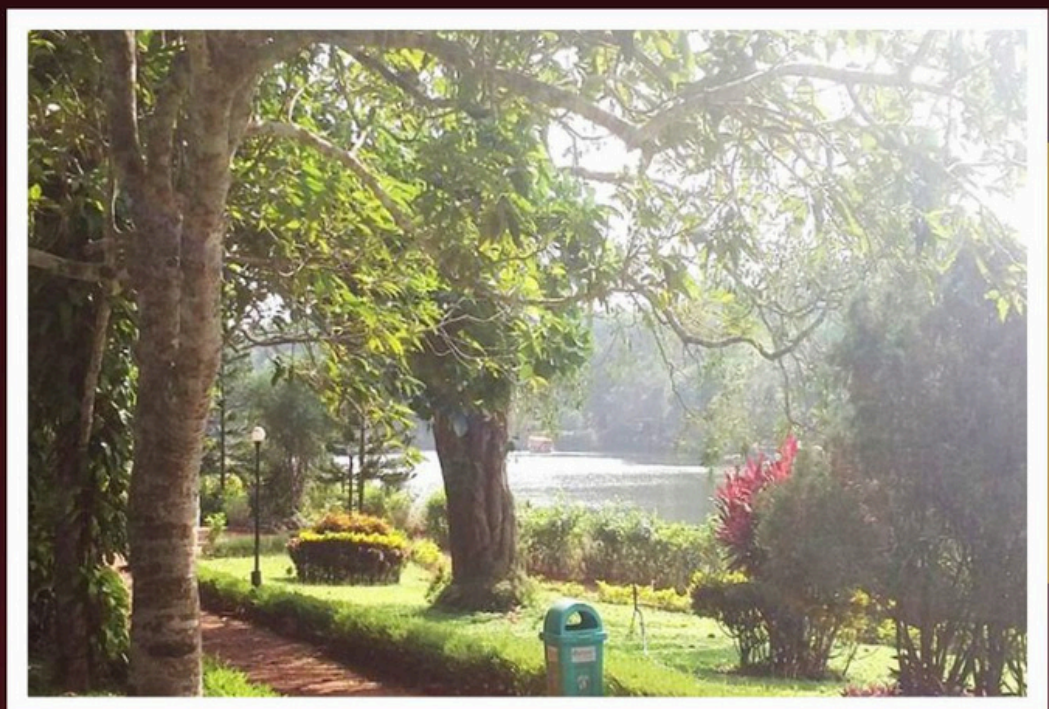
TANNIRBHAVI BEACH

Located 11 km from the venue, approximately a 20-minute drive.

A quieter beach alternative, known for its serene atmosphere, tree-lined shores, and a perfect spot for picnics and sunsets.

Located 13 km from the venue, approximately a 25-minute drive.

An eco-educational tourist park offering a zoo, botanical garden, heritage village, science center, and a lake. Great for families and educational visits.



PILIKULA NISARGADHAMA



PABBAS ICE-CREAM PARLOUR

Located 700m from the venue, approximately a 3-minute drive.

A must-visit in Mangaluru, Pabbas is an iconic ice cream destination known for its rich, creamy treats and signature creations like Gadbad, Dilkhush, and Tiramisu. A part of the Ideal Ice Cream brand, it's a favorite among locals and tourists alike for its quality and variety.

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Located 67km from the venue, approximately a 90-minute drive.

A 300-year-old seaside fort in northern Kerala, Bekal Fort is the largest in the state. Its keyhole shape, observation towers, and surrounding beach make it a unique blend of history and coastal beauty. The sunset views over the Arabian Sea are breath-taking, and the well-maintained pathways provide a serene walk through heritage.



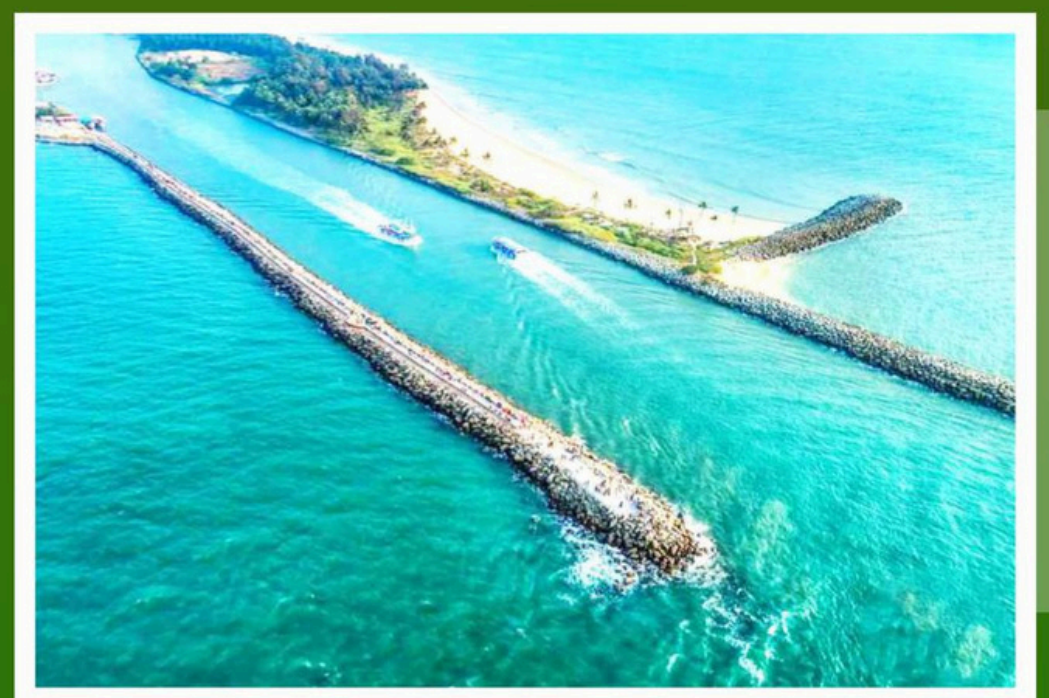
BEKAL FORT, KASARAGOD



RANIPURAM PEAK, KASARAGOD

Located 62 km from the venue, approximately a 90-minute drive.

A golden-sand beach popular for water sports, Malpe is also the gateway to St. Mary's Island. Its cleanliness, family-friendly environment, seafood shacks, and long promenade make it a great leisure spot. The nearby fishing harbour adds a cultural touch to this natural retreat.



MALPE BEACH

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KAUP (KAPU) BEACH, UDUPI

Located 43 km from the venue, approximately a 50-minute drive.

This beach is famed for its historic black-and-white lighthouse that offers panoramic views of the coastline. The golden sands, serene waves, and fewer crowds make it a peaceful alternative to busier beaches.

Located 60 km from the venue, approximately a 90-minute drive.

A cluster of four small islands, known for their columnar basaltic lava formations. Accessible by boat from Malpe, this geological marvel is ideal for eco-tourism and photography. The island is uninhabited, allowing a peaceful escape into raw nature.



ST. MARY'S ISLAND, UDUPI

Located 57 km from the venue, approximately a one hour 10-minute drive.

Founded in the 13th century by saint Madhvacharya, this temple is a major pilgrimage site. It is unique for the “Kanakana Kindi,” a small window through which devotees view the idol. The temple is surrounded by mathas (monastic institutions) and is a hub of classical rituals and scholarly pursuits.



SRI KRISHNA TEMPLE, UDUPI

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Located 110 km from the venue, approximately a 2 hour and 30-minute drive.

Mookambika Temple, near Mangaluru in Udupi district, is a famous pilgrimage site established by Adi Shankaracharya. The temple honours Goddess Mookambika, a unique form of Adi Shakthi combined with Shiva. It attracts many devotees, especially during special days like Navarathri. The peaceful surroundings and the temple's rich traditions make Kollur a popular spiritual and cultural destination.



**SRI MOOKAMBIKA TEMPLE,
KOLLUR**



DHARMASTHALA

Located 73 km from the venue, approximately a 2 hour drive.

Home to the revered temple of Lord Manjunatha, Dharmasthala also features a towering statue of Bahubali (Gommateshwara) and is widely known for its generous community services, including mass dining, education, and healthcare. Blending spiritual significance with social welfare, it attracts countless pilgrims and visitors throughout the year.

Located 138 km from the venue, approximately a 3 hour 30 minute drive.

Dedicated to Goddess Annapoorna (goddess of food), this temple assures that no devotee leaves hungry. Surrounded by lush Western Ghats, Horanadu is not just a place of devotion but also tranquillity, with verdant rice fields and coffee plantations nearby.



**HORANADU
(ANNAPOORNESHWARI TEMPLE)**

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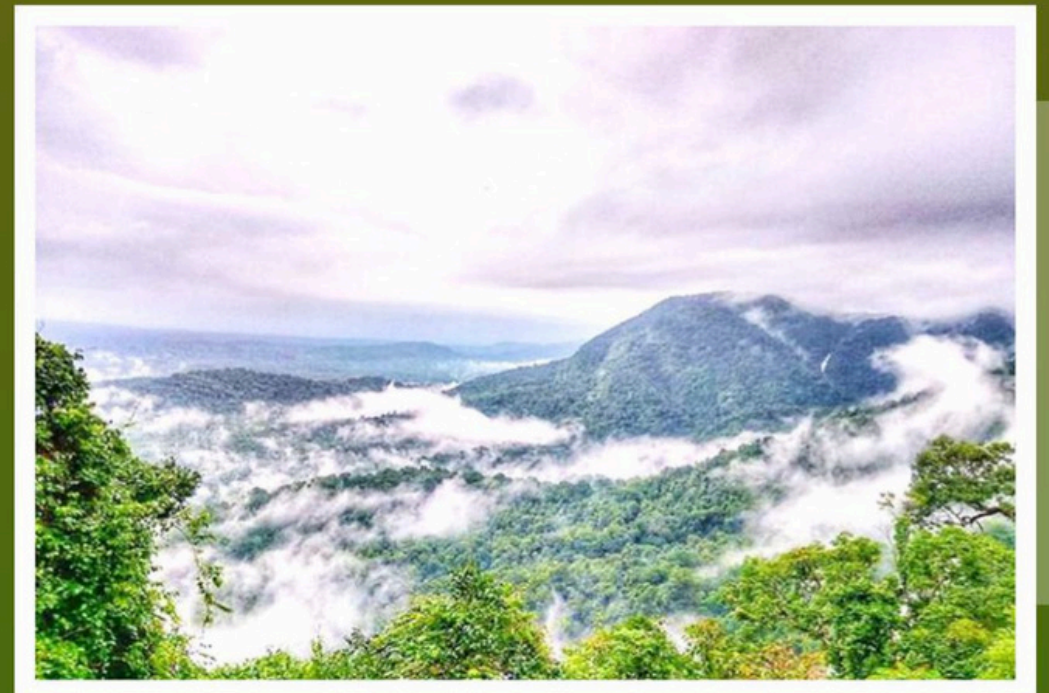
SRINGERI

Located 75 km from the venue, approximately a 2 hour 30-minute drive.

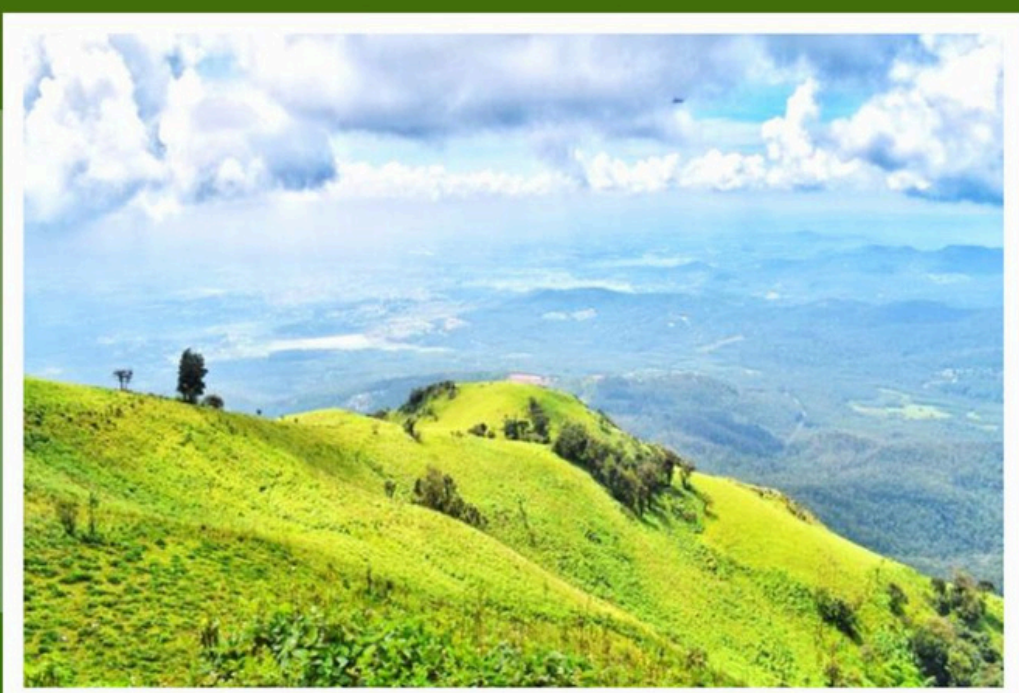
Home to the first of the four mathas established by Adi Shankaracharya, Sringeri sits by the Tunga River. The Sharadamba Temple and Vidyashankara Temple are architectural gems blending Hoysala, Dravidian, and Vijayanagara styles. It's a hub for Sanskrit learning and spiritual studies.

Located 107 km from the venue, approximately a 2 hour and 30-minute drive.

Known as the "Cherrapunji of the South," Agumbe receives some of the highest rainfall in India. It's a hotspot for biodiversity, including the endangered King Cobra. The rainforest, sunsets over the Arabian Sea, and scenic trekking trails make it a nature lover's paradise.



AGUMBE



COORG (KODAGU)

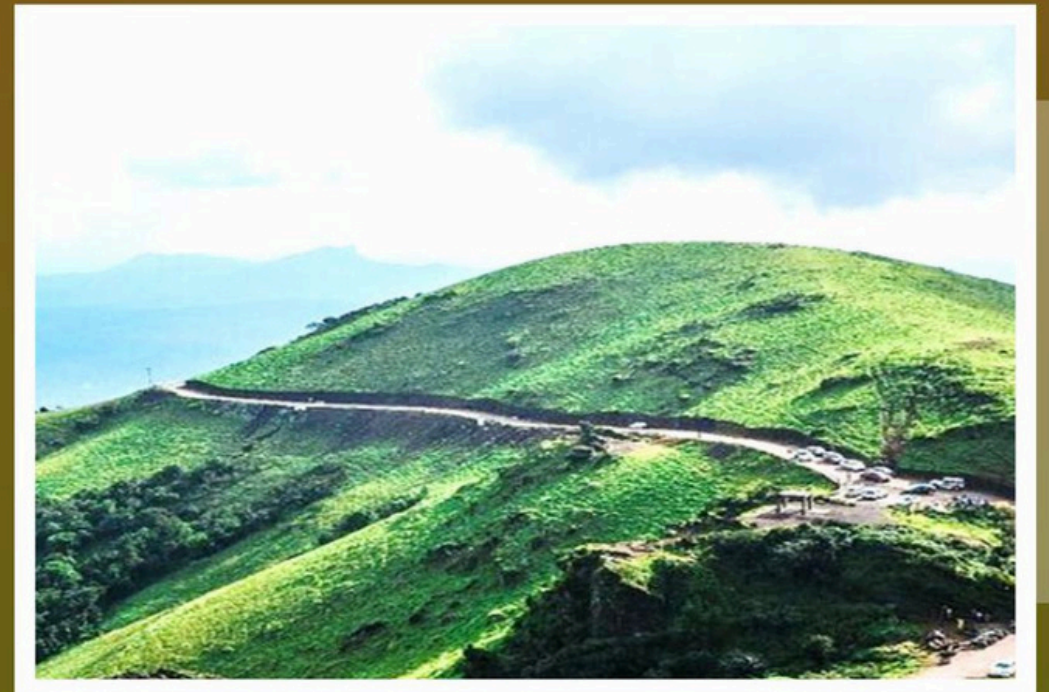
Located 137 km from the venue, approximately a 4 hour drive.

Famous for its coffee estates, misty hills, and hospitality, Coorg is a preferred getaway. It offers a mix of nature (Abbey Falls, Dubare Elephant Camp), adventure (river rafting, trekking), and culture (Kodava traditions). It's a great option for an extended stay.

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Located 150 km from the venue, approximately a 4 hour drive.

Another major coffee region, it offers breathtaking views from peaks like Mullayanagiri (Karnataka's highest point). Waterfalls, ancient temples, and lush plantations make it ideal for both peace and exploration. The Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary is a hidden gem here.



CHIKKAMAGALURU



KUNDADRI HILLS

Located 127 km from the venue, approximately a 3 hour drive

This quiet hilltop near Agumbe is home to a 17th-century Jain temple. The panoramic views, particularly during sunrise and monsoons, and the drive through dense forests make it an offbeat yet unforgettable experience.

Located 36 km from the venue, approximately a 60-minute drive.

Known as the "Jain Kashi of the South," it houses over 18 Jain temples, including the historic Saavira Kambada Basadi (Thousand Pillar Temple). This town has a rich legacy of traditional art forms.



MOODBIDRI

EXPLORE BEYOND MANGALURU



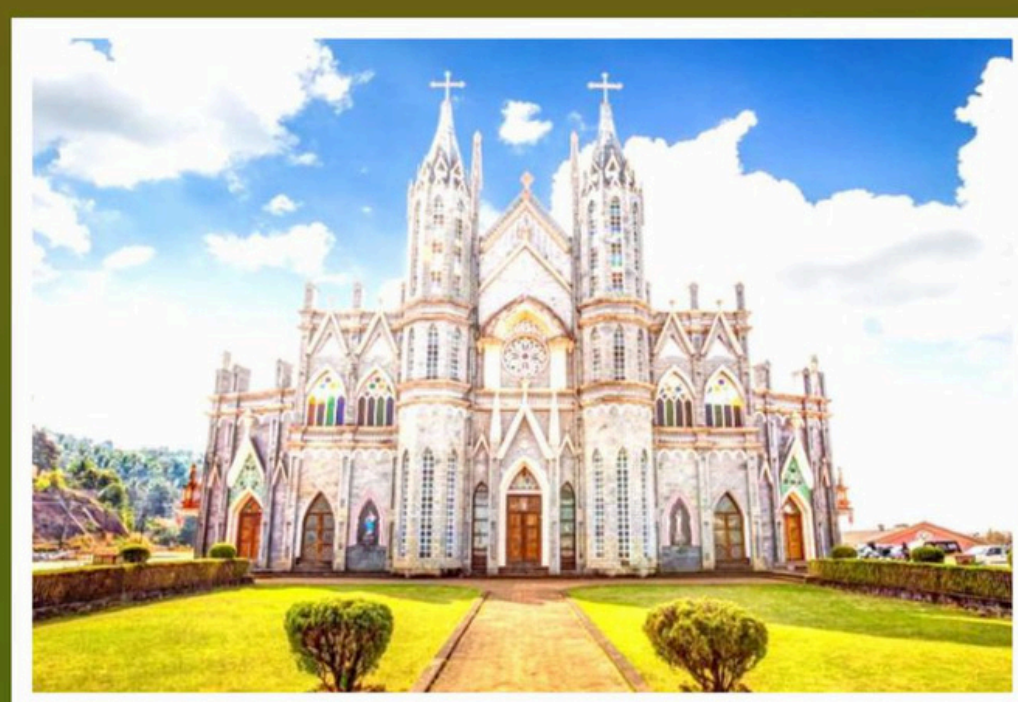
**GOMMATESHWARA STATUE,
KARKALA**

Located 62 km from the venue, approximately a one hour 20-minute drive.

Karkala is renowned for its 42 ft monolithic statue of Gommateshwara Bahubali, built in 1432 CE by Veera Pandya Bhairarasa Wodeyar of the Santara dynasty. Located near Chaturmukha Basadi atop a rocky hill, it is the second-tallest such statue in Karnataka and a significant Jain heritage site

Located 59 km from the venue, approximately a one hour 15-minute drive.

St. Lawrence Shrine Basilica, popularly known as Attur Church, is a historic Roman Catholic pilgrimage site near Karkala, established in 1759. Renowned for its Gothic architecture and serene setting, it was elevated to a Minor Basilica in 2016. The annual feast in January draws thousands of devotees from across the region.



ATTUR CHURCH, KARKALA



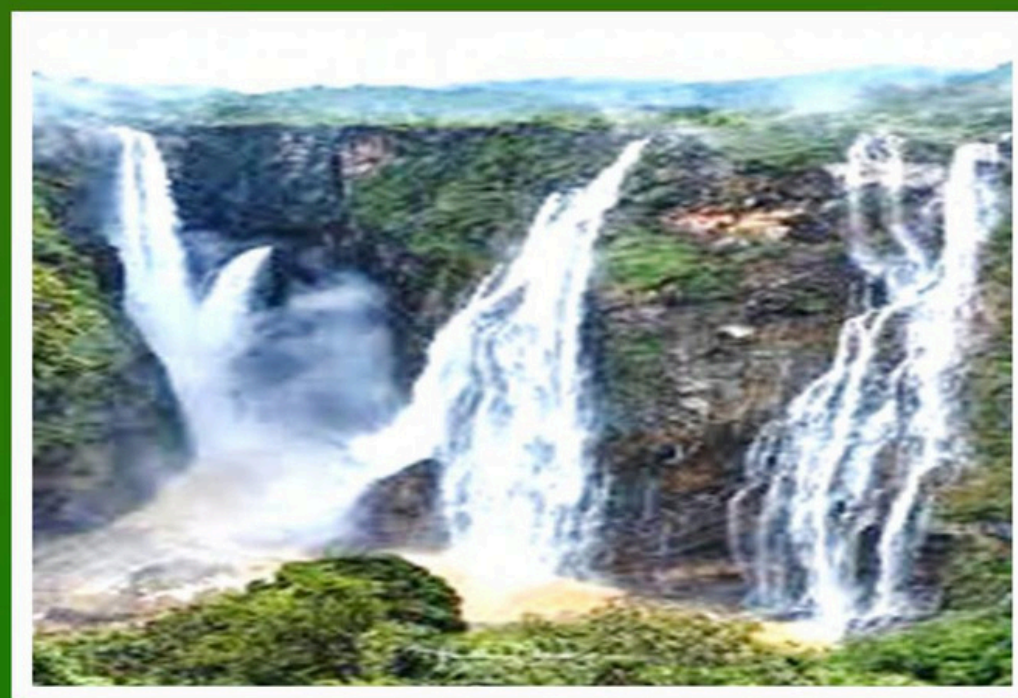
MURDESHWAR

Located 156 km from the venue, approximately a 3 hour drive.

Dominated by the world's second-tallest Shiva statue, this coastal temple town blends, modern architecture, and beach side relaxation. The temple's gopuram (tower) has an elevator offering aerial views of the coastline.

Located 216 km from the venue, approximately a 4 hour 30 minute drive.

One of India's highest waterfalls, Jog Falls features four distinct cascades: Raja, Rani, Rocket, and Roarer. During the monsoons, the water plunges from 830 feet into the Sharavathi River, creating an awe-inspiring spectacle of nature.



JOG FALLS

ARRIVAL AND ACCESSIBILITY

MANGALURU

Convenient connectivity across Air, Rail, and Road networks

Mangaluru is a key coastal city in Karnataka, offering excellent connectivity via air, train, and road. Whether you are travelling from within India or abroad, Mangaluru is accessible and well-equipped to welcome conference delegates.

By Air

Mangaluru International Airport (IXE) is located approximately **12 km from the city centre (10.5km from venue)**. Also known as Bajpe Airport, is equipped with a single terminal for both domestic and international flights.

The airport is well-connected to both **domestic and international destinations**.

- ✎ **Direct Domestic Flights** are available from Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune, Goa, Kochi, Coimbatore, and Hubballi.
- ✎ **International Connectivity (Direct)** includes direct flights from Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha, Kuwait, Muscat, and Dammam- primarily catering to the Gulf region.

Airlines operating include: **Air India Express, IndiGo, SpiceJet, and Air India.**

Airport Taxis, and app-based cabs are available round the clock from the airport to the city and nearby hotels.

By Rail



Mangaluru is a major railway hub with two key stations:

- ✎ **Mangaluru Central (MAQ)** – located in Hampankatta (city centre) (approximately 3km from the conference venue)
- ✎ **Mangaluru Junction (MAJN)** – located at Kankanady approximately 6km from the conference venue

These stations are well connected to cities across India including, Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kochi, Trivandrum, Coimbatore, Kozhikode, Goa, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, and New Delhi.

Booking is available through IRCTC, authorised agents, and railway counters.

By Road



Mangaluru is connected through a strong network of National Highways and state roads.

- ✎ **NH-66** connects **Mangaluru to Mumbai, Goa, Udupi, Karwar, Kozhikode, Kochi, and Thiruvananthapuram** along the west coast.
- ✎ **NH-75** connects the city to **Bengaluru and Hassan** through scenic ghat roads like Shiradi and Charmadi.

Mangaluru is serviced by frequent **KSRTC (Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation)** buses, including **Airavat Club Class and Ambaari Dream Class** sleeper coaches, as well as private luxury bus operators offering semi-sleeper and sleeper options.

ARRIVAL AND ACCESSIBILITY

MANGALURU



Main Bus Terminal: Bejai KSRTC Bus Stand

The primary government-operated bus terminal in the city is the **Bejai KSRTC Bus Stand**, located approximately **650m from the conference venue**. The terminal offers **regular services to and from** Bengaluru, Mysuru, Goa, Hubballi, Kochi, Kannur, Calicut, Trivandrum, and other regional hubs.

- ✎ **Online reservations for KSRTC** buses can be made via the official website: www.ksrtc.in
- ✎ Private bus services (including operators like **VRL, Sugama, SRS, Greenline, Kallada, and Durgamba**) can be booked via portals such as **RedBus, AbhiBus, and MakeMyTrip**.
- ✎ Several of these buses operate from **private boarding points** across the city and offer both **day and overnight travel** options.

For delegates preferring flexibility, **self-drive car rentals** and **app-based taxi services** (**Namma Yathri, Rapido, Uber**) are available within the city.

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