

to the 46<sup>TH</sup> Plenary Session of  
The Coordination Group for Meteorological Satellites

3-8 June 2018, Bengaluru, India



## Important Dates

We would like to draw your attention to the following important deadlines:

- **20 April 2018:** Provision of Working Paper titles to the CGMS Secretariat
- **23 April 2018:** Visa application support to be requested to ISRO, copy to CGMS Secretariat
- **28 April 2018:** Provision of WG II Working Papers on selected topics of high priority to members (to CGMS Secretariat, pre-selection to take place)
- **1 May 2018:** Hotel reservation (at negotiated block booking rates)
- **1 May 2018:** Meeting registration
- **11 May 2018:** Provision of all other Working Papers to the CGMS Secretariat

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any information or questions you might have.  
We are looking forward to seeing you at CGMS-46.

## CGMS-46 Participation and Registration

The meeting is open to CGMS Members, Observers and invited guests/experts only.

Please register your participation on the [CGMS website](#) by **1 May 2018**.

Attendance registration will take place at the ISRO Headquarters on Sunday **3 June 2018** from **09:00-12:00 hrs**. Further registration times will be provided as necessary.

## Meeting Venue

The meeting will be held at the **ISRO Headquarters**, Bengaluru, India which is located about 30 km away from the Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru. The meeting venue will have Wireless Internet Access as well as facility for printing and copying.

PLEASE NOTE that ISRO Headquarters being a high security zone, delegates have to adhere to the Government security norms. The entry will be only through prior permission. Delegates on TOURIST VISA will not be granted permission.



*ISRO Headquarters, Antariksh Bhavan, New BEL Road, Bengaluru-560 231*

A technical visit to the ISRO Satellite Integration and Testing Establishment (ISITE) is planned on **Wednesday 06 June 2018** from **10.00 h till 17.30h**.

PROGRAM	TIME	SITE
-	10.00	Departure from Hotel
ISITE Visit	11:00-12:30	ISRO Satellite Integration and Testing Establishment (ISITE)
Lunch	12:35-14:00	At ISITE
Garden Visit	14:05-17.30	Lal Bagh
-	18:30	Return to Hotel

### ISRO Satellite Integration and Testing Establishment (ISITE)



standardised subsystems is established at ISITE.

Established in 2006 in a 110 acre campus, ISITE is equipped with state-of-the-art clean room facilities for spacecraft integration and test facilities including a 6.5 Metre thermo vacuum chamber, 29 Ton vibration facility, Compact Antenna Test facility and acoustic test facility under one roof. Assembly, Integration and Testing of all Communication and Navigation Spacecraft is carried out at ISITE. A dedicated facility for the product ionisation of

## Lalbagh Botanical Gardens



commonly sighted birds include Myna, Parakeets, Crows, Brahminy Kite, Pond Heron, Common Egret, Purple Moor Hen etc.

The Red Garden in English, is a well known botanical garden in southern Bengaluru, India. The garden was originally commissioned by Hyder Ali, the ruler of Mysore, and later finished by his son Tipu Sultan. It has a famous glass house which hosts two annual flower shows (26 January and 15 August). Lalbagh houses India's largest collection of tropical plants, has a lake, and is one of the main tourist attractions in Bengaluru. Lal Bagh is also home to a few species of birds. The

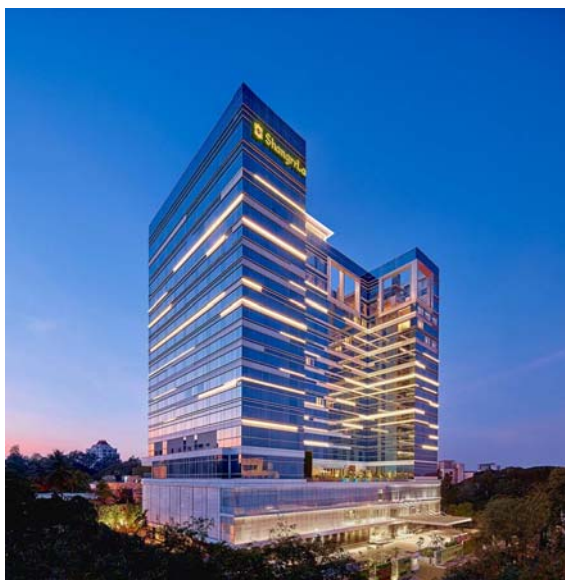
## Hotel Accommodation

Block booking arrangements for accommodation have been made by ISRO at the [Hotel Shangri-la Bangalore](#).

60 Deluxe rooms are blocked at a negotiated rate of Rs. 8200/- per night. The negotiated rate includes breakfast, wireless internet access and taxes.

If you would like to make use of the block booking arrangements please send an e-mail request to [reservations.slbl@shangri-la.com](mailto:reservations.slbl@shangri-la.com) (with a copy to CGMS-46 Local Secretariat at [cgms46@isro.gov.in](mailto:cgms46@isro.gov.in)) with the booking code: **CGMS-46**. The booking deadline is **1<sup>st</sup> May 2018**.

After this date availability cannot be guaranteed.



### The contact details are:

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No. 56-6B, Palace Road  
Bengaluru-560 052

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Website: [www.shangri-la.com/bengaluru/](http://www.shangri-la.com/bengaluru/)

## VISA Support

Attendees of some nationalities may require a visa to enter India.

To find out whether you need visa, please contact the Indian Embassy or a consulate in your country. For further details visit the website **Indian Visa Online, Government India** <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>.

PLEASE NOTE that in order to be able to access the ISRO Headquarters you need to have a BUSINESS or CONFERENCE VISA. Delegates on TOURIST VISA **will not** be granted permission.

Those of you requiring a personalised invitation letter from the host for the purpose of the visa application are kindly requested to email ISRO ([cgms46@isro.gov.in](mailto:cgms46@isro.gov.in)) with CGMS Secretariat on copy ([CGMSSEC@eumetsat.int](mailto:CGMSSEC@eumetsat.int)) before **20 April 2018** with the following information:

- 1) Full Name
- 2) Designation
- 3) Organisation
- 4) Work Address

## Travel to Bangalore

Kempegowda International Airport is around 40 km north of Bengaluru city and there are direct flights to Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru from Abu Dhabi, Amsterdam, Doha, Dubai, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, London-Heathrow, Muscat, Paris, San Francisco, Singapore.

## Local Transfer

The Hotel Shangri-la is around 32 km away from the Bengaluru International Airport and takes around 1 hr by taxi.

Hotel will arrange for the pick-up of its guests **if specifically requested**. This service chargeable at the rate of INR 2700 + Taxes for one way.

### By Airport Taxis

The Arrival lounge will have counters for Airport Taxis (Meru Cabs, Mega Cabs and KSTDC Cabs). They are metered taxis and you can pay to the cab drivers. These taxis will charge you around INR 950 in the normal hours and around INR 1100 between 00 hrs and 6.00 am.

You can also find Akbar Travels counter in the arrival lounge. The taxis hired from this counter will be costing around INR 1725 (Sedan class of vehicles) and 2025 (6/7 seater SUV class vehicle). Akbar travels can be booked in advance through [www.akbarcab.com](http://www.akbarcab.com).

## General Information Bengaluru, India

### Tourist information

Bengaluru is the capital city of the southern Indian state of Karnataka and is 949 metres above sea level, on top of a ridge in the Karnataka plateau. It is the seventh largest city in India also known as the Garden city because of its many beautiful gardens and parks.

The city is full of beautiful, historical edifices and structures. Some of the most famous sights in Bengaluru include the Bangalore Palace, the Lal Bagh botanical garden, the Cubbon Park, the Vidhana Soudha, the highly elaborate bull temple and the Jumma Masjid.

### Climate

June is the end of summer season in Bengaluru and may experience south-western monsoon rains. In the middle of June, the average temperature is around 29°C / 84°F.

### Currency/Banks

The currency of the India is Rupee (INR).

There are banks and currency exchange kiosks located at the airport and near the hotel in the city. It is convenient to have the currency exchange done at Airport on your arrival.

### Electricity

The voltage used in India is 230 volts with 50 Hertz. 2-round-pin and three round pins arranged in a triangle plugs are used, so please purchase a plug adapter in advance if you use 2-flat-pin or 3-flat-pin plugs.

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