

Travel Advisory for ICEPAD 2026 Delegates

BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus, Zuarinagar, Goa — July 23–25, 2026

Weather — What to Expect

The conference takes place during Goa's peak monsoon season. Delegates should be prepared for warm, humid weather with frequent and sometimes heavy rainfall.

- **Temperature:** 28–30 °C during the day, 24–25 °C at night
- **Rainfall:** July is the wettest month in Goa, averaging 800–1,000 mm; rain is expected on most days
- **Humidity:** High; the air feels warm and sticky
- **Sunshine:** Roughly 4–5 hours of sunshine per day, typically interspersed between rain spells
- **Rain pattern:** Showers are often brief but intense, with sunny intervals in between; occasional prolonged spells and thunderstorms are possible

The campus and surroundings will be at their most beautiful; lush green landscapes, dramatic skies, and far fewer crowds than peak tourist season.

Getting to the Venue

BITS Pilani Goa Campus is located at NH-17B, Zuarinagar, Sancoale, South Goa — 403726.

By Air

Goa is served by two airports. **Dabolim (GOI) is strongly recommended** for this conference as it is the nearest to the venue.

Airport	Code	Distance to BITS	Approx. Taxi Fare	Travel Time
Goa (Dabolim) International Airport	GOI	~5 km	₹200–500	10–15 min

Manohar International Airport (Mopa) GOX ~55 km ₹3,500–4,000 60–90 min

Important: When booking flights, check the airport code carefully. Many airlines have shifted operations to GOX (Mopa), which is significantly farther from the venue. If your flight lands at Mopa, budget extra time and fare for the transfer.

By Rail

Station	Distance to BITS	Approx. Taxi Fare
Vasco da Gama (VSG)	~10 km	₹150–300
Madgaon / Margao Junction (MAO)	~24 km	₹600–800

Use the prepaid taxi booth at Margao station (available at the front entrance). Avoid approaching taxi drivers on the platform.

Local Transport

- **GoaMiles** — the Goa government's official app-based cab service: goamiles.com
- Auto-rickshaws and bike-taxis are available for short distances around Vasco and Zuarinagar
- Ride-hailing apps have limited availability in Goa; GoaMiles is more reliable

What to Pack

Essentials for monsoon travel:

- A sturdy, compact **umbrella** (wind-resistant preferred)
- A light **rain jacket or waterproof poncho** — more practical than an umbrella in heavy downpours
- **Waterproof footwear** — sandals with grip, waterproof shoes, or floaters; avoid leather shoes and suede
- **Quick-dry clothing** — light cotton or synthetic fabrics; avoid heavy denim
- A **waterproof bag or pouch** for your laptop, documents, and electronics
- **Mosquito repellent** (cream or spray) — essential during monsoon
- Any **personal medication** you may need; carry a small first-aid kit
- A **light sweater or shawl** — air-conditioned conference halls can feel chilly against humid outdoor air
- **Sunscreen** — UV levels remain high even on overcast days

Health and Safety Tips

- **Mosquitoes** are more active during monsoon. Use repellent liberally, especially in the evenings. The campus is well-maintained, but it is sensible to take precautions.
- **Drink bottled or filtered water.** The campus canteens and conference venue will provide safe drinking water.
- **Carry basic medicines** — paracetamol, anti-diarrheal, oral rehydration salts, and any prescription medication. A local pharmacy is accessible near the campus.
- **Watch your step** outdoors — paths and roads can be slippery when wet.
- **Avoid wading through stagnant water** if possible.
- The **sea is rough** during monsoon. Swimming at beaches is strongly discouraged and is often prohibited by lifeguards during this season.

On-Campus Information

- **Conference venue:** DLT 9 & 10, BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus
- **Student accommodation:** On-campus hostel facilities are available for registered student participants on a first-come, first-served basis (up to 100 students). The hostels are within walking distance of the conference venue.
- **Meals:** The campus has multiple canteens and cafeterias. Conference registration includes meals during the event.
- **Wi-Fi:** Available on campus.
- **ATM/Banking:** Available near the campus gate and in Zuarinagar.

For Further Information

- **Conference website:** appcair.bits-pilani.ac.in/ICEPAD2026
- **Registration:** [Register here](#)
- **Contact:** icepad2026@goa.bits-pilani.ac.in

We look forward to welcoming you to Goa. The monsoon brings its own charm — green landscapes, cooler temperatures, and a quieter side of this beautiful state. Come prepared, and you will have a wonderful experience!

— ICEPAD 2026 Organising Committee