

Dear Participant of the ISAE 2024

Please read these important notes about your travel to India for the ISAE 2024.

1. You will need VISA for traveling to India. The cost is reciprocal, so it is almost equivalent that we pay to visit your country.
2. You can obtain Visa by visiting Indian embassy/ consulate nearer to you. However, this can be obtained by making online applications, called e-VISA. This is available for 166 countries, so you can apply where you are. Visit the following weblink to know more about it.
<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

There are two types of Visas which you could apply.

- i) e-tourist visa – this is straight forward, and may be good for you since you may be planning to visit few other places before or after the symposium. Very little documentation required, probably cheaper and easy as I am told by visiting foreign friends over the year.
 - ii) e-conference visa – this may require more documentation and probably a bit more expensive. But, please note that you do not need **now** any certificate from us about prior clearance etc. from ministries, as you might be asked to (in correspondence from the nodal agency), unless you are from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani origin and Stateless persons. So, if you chose to apply for a e-conference Visa, do read the government of India notification Ref. No.25022/8/2018-F.CC dated 6th February 2018. Here it is appended, see the highlighted portion.
 - iii) We shall send a formal invitation to all the registered participants. We are waiting for you to submit your abstracts so that we issue the invitation. This you will not need to apply e-tourist VISA anyways.
 - iv) I would suggest you to procure VISA as soon as possible. Please do not wait for the later. I am emphasizing this since many of you from Europe and north America do not need visa for many countries.
3. Your accommodation is reserved from 17th March (12 PM, noon time) to 23 March (12 PM, noon time). So, if you intend to arrive early, please let us know so that we arrange your extra night hotel stay which will be done for USD 70 per night. Once confirmed and agreed, you can make the payment after you arrive in INR.
 4. We shall ask for your flight details in mid Jan 2024. We shall provide transportation from Indira Gandhi Airport in New Delhi to Meerut and back. This service is available generally on 17 March from morning 6 AM to evening 6 PM depending on flight times. However, if you are arriving early and staying in a hotel

in Delhi Aerocity area (in the airport area, having all major hotels at reasonable cost), we will arrange your pickup from there on the March 17 morning (between 8.30 to 10 AM). Most Indian hotel include breakfast in the tariff.

5. March is warm period in Meerut. The average temperature typically ranges from a high of 32°C (89°F) to a low of 14°C (58°F).
6. Please bring all your medicines. You might also want to consult your family physician to know about the vaccines (pills) that they recommend for you.
7. We shall have the facility for both mac and pc projections.
8. Electricity supply is at 220-230 volts. You may need adopter. But don't worry if you forget you will get here probably cheaper.
9. There is no formal dress requirement for any event. But it always helps to be comfortably dressed.
10. We will try to limit business hours between 9 AM and 6 PM with two tea/ cofree breaks for 30 min each and a lunch break of 1 h.

Please email us if you have any specific question. However, please do consider that we ourselves are managing and have not involved any event managing company to substantially offset the conference cost.

We wish you the best, and looking for your comfortable and fruitful stay in Meerut during ISAE 2024.

Sincerely
The ISAE Team