

The Metre Wavelength Sky - II

March 18-22, 2019
NCRA-TIFR, Pune

General Instructions

Please find below some general instructions regarding the facilities available to you during your stay.

Venue:

The venue for the lectures will be the **IUCAA Chandrasekhar Auditorium**. It is located Inside the Pune University campus on Meghnad Saha road, directly opposite IUCAA.

All the meals will be served in the **NCRA Lawns**, adjacent to the IUCAA Chandrasekhar Auditorium.

The posters will be displayed in the **NCRA Lawns**. Participants are encouraged to view the posters during the meals.

NCRA is located within the Pune University Campus, near the back gate ("Botanical Garden Gate") on the Spicer College Road (aka Aundh Khadki Road), directly opposite IUCAA. NCRA's main gate is on the same Aundh Khadki Road.

Registrations will take place at the NCRA reception on March 17 (during the welcome dinner) and in front of the IUCAA Auditorium from March 18, 8:00 AM onwards.

Schedule:

The programme schedule can be found on the conference webpage. Please keep an eye for changes in the schedule.

There will be regular scientific talks and posters on four days, March 18, 19, 20 and 22. March 21 will be a half-day session, beginning in the afternoon. This will be followed by a special event "*Govind Swarup @ 90 : Celebrating Radio Astronomy in TIFR*" and the conference dinner.

Reaching NCRA from the conference hotels:

Buses have been arranged to pick you up from the conference hotels (JW Marriott, Kalasagar and Ginger) in the mornings and drop you back in the evenings after dinner.

Bus timings from the Hotels on 18,19,20 and 22 March

- From JW Marriot: 8:15 AM
- From Ginger: 8:15 AM
- From Kalasagar: 8:20 AM

Buses will depart from NCRA at 9:00 PM after dinner.

Bus timings (tentative) from the Hotels on 21 March

- From JW Marriot: 2:00 PM
- From Ginger: 2:00 PM
- From Kalasagar: 2:05 PM

Buses will depart from NCRA at 10:00 PM after the conference dinner.

Alternately, you can reach NCRA (e.g., if you are staying at a place different from the conference hotels or if you miss the bus) by taking an auto / cab (e.g., Uber and Ola). For NCRA, you should ask the driver to take you near Ambedkar Chowk on Spicer College Road or Aundh Khadki Road. Please note that entry to NCRA and IUCAA through Pune University Main gate is not possible.

Participants whose accommodation has been arranged by the organisers will be either in NCRA or within walking distance from NCRA.

Meals:

All the meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be served in the NCRA lawns. The timings of the meals can be found on the conference schedule. People who are staying in the conference hotels may choose to have their breakfast in their respective hotels. In case you have special dietary requirements, kindly contact the LOC.

Welcome dinner:

There will be a welcome dinner on March 17 (Sunday) at NCRA. Transport will be arranged to bring the participants from the conference hotels. The buses will leave JW Marriot at 6:30 PM, Ginger at 6:30 PM and Kalasagar at 6:40 PM. The return trip from NCRA will be at 9:00 PM.

Wi-Fi:

For internet access, please choose the Wi-Fi "MWSKY2", the password will be displayed near the registration desk and in the auditorium. Wi-Fi is also enabled in the NCRA Lawns. We expect 'eduroam' to be available in the Auditorium.

GMRT visit:

A visit to the GMRT has been arranged on March 23 (Saturday). The plan is to leave NCRA after breakfast around 8:30 AM and come back by late evening by around 7:00 PM. Lunch will be provided at GMRT. Interested participants are requested to let the organisers know as soon as possible, latest by noon, March 19 (Tuesday).

Medical:

In case of any medical requirements, please contact the NCRA clinic. The medical consultant(s) are available from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Monday to Friday). There will also be a nurse during office hours (9:30 AM - 6:00 PM). In addition, there are a number of hospitals within a few km, e.g., Aundh Institute Of Medical Sciences (AIMS) which is about 3 km from NCRA. Please contact the LOC or the NCRA reception for further assistance.

Weather:

This is the start of summer in Pune. The peak temperatures are expected to range between 35 degrees Celsius to 38 degrees Celsius. Remember to wear suitable clothing and stay hydrated.

Child Care:

Please get in touch with the LOC if you need child care facilities during the conference.

Miscellaneous:

ATMs of various banks are situated on the Aundh Road right outside NCRA. The same road also hosts a number of convenience stores, restaurants etc.

Contact persons:

Listed below are a few contact persons and their phone numbers.

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