

# IndiaFOSS 2024

## Speaker's Information

Saturday, Sept 7 - Sunday, Sept 8

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## 1. Welcome to IndiaFOSS 2024

The IndiaFOSS team is delighted to welcome you to IndiaFOSS 2024 in Bangalore, India. This document provides essential information for speakers.

Below, you'll find detailed information about the schedule, facilities, and travel arrangements. We know food is a vital part of the experience, so we've included details about catering and recommendations for local cuisine.

If you have any questions about the event agenda, please visit the Registration Desk or ask one of our volunteers. We look forward to spending time with all of you throughout the event. Thank you for joining us in Bangalore, India.

## 2. Communication

Please join us on the following channels for additional info and exchange among each other during the event:

Official Channel: [t.me/fossunited](https://t.me/fossunited).

The official communication channel is the Telegram community "FOSS United," with a dedicated IndiaFOSS channel available.

Contact for Issues: Please use the Telegram channel for any issues or emergencies.

For quick queries contact +91 9905563532 ( Vishal Kashyap )

## 3. Arrival in Bangalore

### 3.1 Arrival at Airport

Nearest Airport: Kempegowda International Airport (BLR), Bengaluru

Transportation Options:

a) Bus (Recommended):

- Route: Kempegowda International Airport → Shanthinagara Bus Station
- Estimated price: 200-300 INR
- The bus runs [placeholder for frequency] with an interval of [placeholder] minutes.
- You will spend around [placeholder] minutes for the journey.

b) Taxi:

- Book a cab with Namma Yatri, Ola Cabs, or Bharat Taxi
- Estimated travel time: 40 minutes
- Distance: 40.6 km
- Estimated cost: [placeholder]

### 3.2 Arrival at Railway Station

Nearest Railway station - KSR Bengaluru City Junction (Bangalore)

Transportation Options:

a) Subway: From KSR Bengaluru, take the subway to Majestic. Walk 11 minutes to the Majestic Bus Stop, then take a Green Line subway to Southend Circle. Continue to NIMHANS. The total journey is around 20 minutes, with a cost of ₹18-27.

b) Taxi: From KSR Bengaluru, a taxi ride to NIMHANS takes approximately 10 minutes and costs around ₹250-300.

c) Bus: From KSR Bengaluru, walk 10 minutes to the Majestic Bus Stop. Then take a bus to Dairy Circle and transfer to a bus heading to NIMHANS. The journey takes about 22 minutes, with fares ranging from ₹75-1,300.

d) Bus via NIMHANS Hospital: From KSR Bengaluru, take a BMTC bus to NIMHANS Hospital. The service runs every 5 minutes and takes about 41 minutes.

e) Other Railway stations nearby - Krishnarajapuram

Please refer to [this well curated doc](#) here for detailed info.

### 3.3 Event Venue

Complete address: **NIMHANS Convention Centre**, WHVW+7RC, Hosur Main Road, Lakkasandra, Hombegowda Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560029

Google Maps Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/XbM3RUBpdPz7Pbop7>

*Just a friendly reminder: The conference will be held at the convention center, NOT the hospital.*

## 4. Internet Connectivity and Facilities

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi will be available at the venue. Details on the network name and password will be shared closer to the event.

Facilities: Speakers will have access to a dedicated rest area and quiet spaces for work and relaxation.

## 5. Registration and Pass Collection

Registration: Speaker registration is closed.

Speakers will be provided with coupon codes to claim their **free pass** for the conference.

To claim your ticket, simply head to [IndiaFOSS Free Pass](#) and use the coupon code provided on the email.

# Free Pass - IndiaFOSS 2024

Date: 7-8 Sept. 2024

Venue: [NIMHANS Convention Centre](#)

This is a form for getting free passes for IndiaFOSS 2024. Use the coupon ID shared with you or your organization/community.

[Code of Conduct](#)

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### Personal Details

Full Name \*

Designation

Email \*

Organization/College

### Ticket Details

Coupon ID \*

Discard

Submit

Already purchased? No worries you can transfer your pass to someone else [click here](#).

Pass Collection: Speakers may collect their passes at the venue after verifying its digital copy.

## 6. Conference Schedule

From keynote sessions and workshops to panel discussions and networking breaks, our schedule is designed to offer a balanced mix of learning, inspiration, and collaboration.

7th September	9:30 AM - 6:00PM	Sessions and
	10:00AM - 5:00PM	Workshops
8th September	9:30 AM - 6:00PM	Sessions and
	10:00AM - 5:00PM	Workshops

Find detailed Conference Schedule here : [IndiaFOSS Schedule](#)

## 7. Presentation Slides

Help us serve you better by providing your personal details through this form. Your information will ensure a seamless experience and smooth coordination on the day of the conference.

Share your Details with us on [Speaker Details](#).

At IndiaFOSS, we strive to create an inclusive environment for all attendees. We highly encourage our speakers to take an extra step in ensuring that your presentation slides are **color-blind accessible**. This can significantly enhance the experience for everyone, and we deeply appreciate your efforts in making your content accessible to all.

## 8. Dress Code

The suggested dress code for speakers is smart casual or any attire suitable for a public gathering.

## 9. Suggested Self-Organized Gatherings

While there are no official pre-conference or post-conference events, we encourage speakers to organize informal gatherings. Here are some suggested venues in Bangalore:

- a) Cubbon Park: A large public park in the heart of the city, perfect for a morning walk or casual meetup.
- b) UB City: An upscale shopping center with several restaurants and cafes, suitable for evening gatherings.
- c) Lalbagh Botanical Garden: Another beautiful park, ideal for morning meetings or picnics.
- d) Church Street: A popular street with numerous cafes and restaurants, great for casual meetups.

## 10. Facilities at the Event

### - Child Care Availability

We're pleased to offer child care services for participants during the conference. If you require this service, kindly inform us in advance so we can make the necessary arrangements. Our goal is to provide a comfortable and secure environment for your children, allowing you to fully engage in the conference activities.

### - Speaker Catering

Breakfast and lunch will be provided on both Saturday and Sunday. On Day-1, dinner will be served in the General Hall area. Access to all meals requires a speaker badge.

### - Water Dispenser

Stay hydrated sustainably! Water dispensers are conveniently placed in the exhibition area. Help reduce waste by refilling your water bottles here. Additionally, enjoy complimentary coffee and tea available throughout the day.

## 11. Photography and Videography

IndiaFOSS appreciates all coverage of the event. Photography, audio recordings, and video recordings are permitted without the prior written consent of IndiaFOSS. Photographs, audio, and video will be captured during the Conference. We will be filming the talks and presentations.

### - Imaging and Video Consent

By entering IndiaFOSS attendees and speakers grant IndiaFOSS and its representatives permission to photograph and/or record them at the Conference, and distribute (both now and in the future) the Attendee's image or voice in photographs, videotapes, electronic reproductions, and audiotapes if they are captured.

We kindly ask attendees and speakers who do not wish to be photographed or captured on video to indicate this to the photographers or videographers.

### - Conference Group Photo

An official group photo will be taken towards the end of the event at the venue.

## 12. Social Media

The official hashtag for the event is: **#IndiaFOSS2024**

See Twitter: [x.com/hashtag/Indiafoss2024](https://x.com/hashtag/Indiafoss2024)

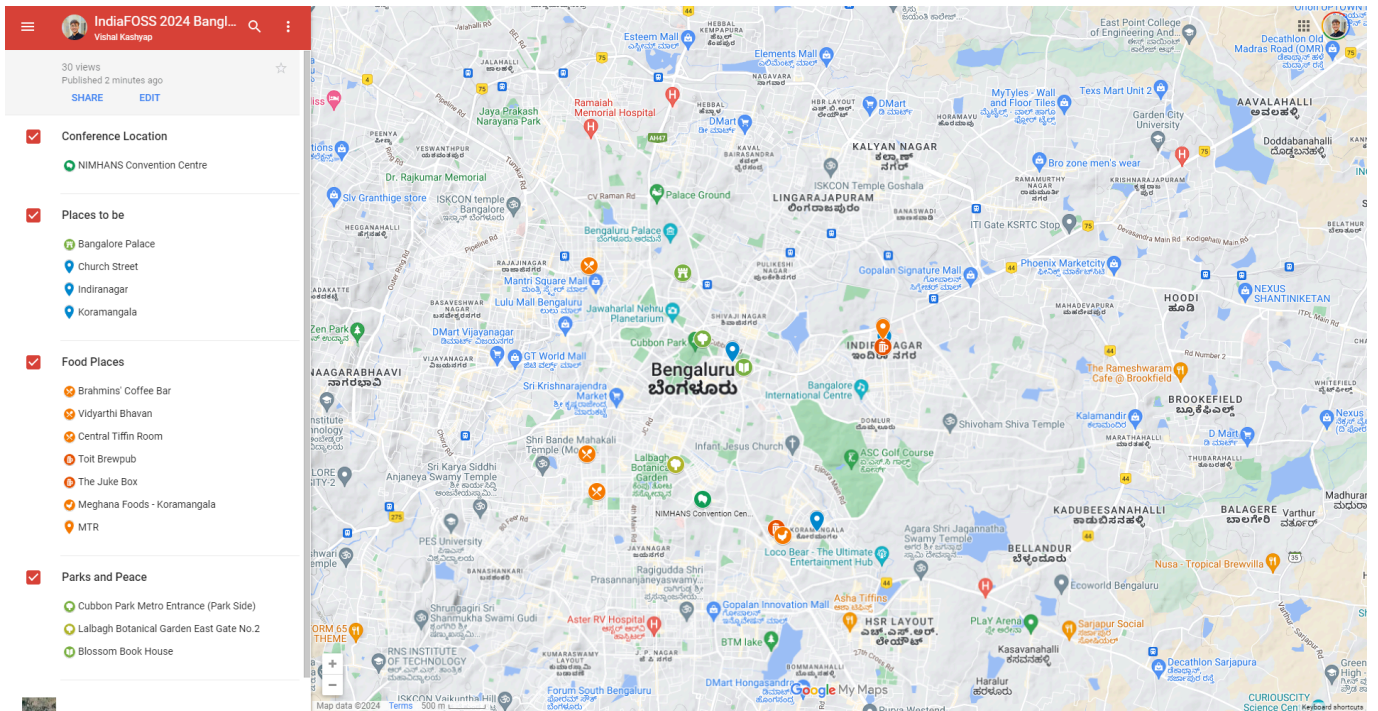
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- ❑ LinkedIn Event Page: [www.linkedin.com/events/indiafoss](https://www.linkedin.com/events/indiafoss)
- ❑ Github: [github.com/fossunited/](https://github.com/fossunited/)
- ❑ Mastodon: [mas.to/@fossunited](https://mas.to/@fossunited)

# 13. The Bangalore Experience

## - Map for Points of Interests ([link to this Map](#))



## - Preferable/Suggested stays (near the venue)

Find a detailed list of stays [here](#).

13.1 Local Cuisine Recommendations Bangalore offers a wide variety of local and international cuisines. Here are some popular local dishes you might want to try:

- Dosa and Idli: South Indian breakfast staples
- Bisi Bele Bath: A spicy rice dish
- Ragi Mudde: A healthy finger millet ball, often served with curry
- Filter Coffee: A must-try for coffee enthusiasts

Popular restaurants near the venue include:

- Meghna Biryani (Andhra-style biryani)
- Vidyarthi Bhavan (for traditional South Indian breakfast)
- MTR (Mavalli Tiffin Rooms) for authentic local cuisine
- The Only Place (for Continental cuisine)
- Paragon (Kerala cuisine)

## 13.2 Transportation in Bangalore

Bangalore's transportation services are diverse and evolving. The city offers a mix of public and private options, including buses, auto-rickshaws, taxis. The **Namma Metro** is a popular choice for its speed and convenience, connecting key areas across the city. The **Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC)** operates an extensive bus network, providing affordable and widespread coverage. Additionally, app-based taxi services like **Namma Yatri**, **Uber** and **Ola** are widely used for their ease of access and comfort. Auto-rickshaws are also a common sight, offering flexible and quick rides for short

distances.

### 13.3 Weather

The weather is generally pleasant, with mild summers and cool winters. However, the city does experience a monsoon season, bringing frequent rain showers, especially from June to September. This makes Bangalore a comfortable place to live, with lush greenery and a refreshing atmosphere.

For the upcoming weekend in Bangalore, here's the weather forecast:

Friday, September 6: Expect rain showers with overcast skies. The temperature will range from 26°C to 21°C.

Saturday, September 7: There will be passing showers and overcast conditions. The temperature will be between 26°C and 21°C.

Sunday, September 8: More passing showers are expected with cloudy skies. The temperature will range from 26°C to 21°C.

It looks like a **rainy weekend ahead!**

### 13.4 Currency and Payment Methods

The primary currency is the Indian Rupee (INR). The city offers a variety of payment services to cater to both residents and visitors. Traditional banks and numerous currency exchange services, such as WSFx Global Pay and Unimoni Forex, provide convenient options for foreign exchange. Additionally, digital payment methods like **UPI** (Unified Payments Interface), Paytm, and Google Pay are widely accepted, making transactions seamless and efficient. Credit and debit cards are also commonly used, ensuring that you have multiple options for managing your finances in the city.