

IndiaFOSS 2026

Speaker's Information

Saturday, Sept 26 - Sunday, Sept 27

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1. Important Notes:

- I. **At the Venue:** While we recommend arriving at the start of the day, please **arrive at least 1 hour** before your talk's scheduled time, and be in your respective auditorium room **before 15 minutes**, and please get your technical requirements checked with the team as well.
- II. **Speaker POC:** Once you arrive at the venue, make sure to let your Speaker POC know by calling them on their phone and meeting them in person.
- III. **Travel Support:** Unfortunately, we do not have the budget to provide travel support for speakers.
- IV. **Wifi Credential:** Will be communicated to you via email by the speaker POC on the day of the event.
- V. **Speaker Dinner:** On Day 1, i.e., 26 September, you are invited to a speaker dinner,

which will be served in the General Hall area. Kindly note that a speaker badge is essential for access.

- VI. **Free passes:** All registered speakers have been sent a coupon code via email to claim their complimentary conference pass. To claim your ticket, simply head to [IndiaFOSS Free Pass](#) and use the coupon code provided in the email.
 - VII. **Deets please:** Your information will ensure a seamless experience and smooth coordination on the day of the conference. Share your details with us on [Speaker Details](#).
 - VIII. **Social Media:** We have created an easy to use social media post generator, where you could generate your post and share it with **#IndiaFOSS 2026** tag. [Find the tool here!](#)
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2. Welcome to IndiaFOSS 2026

The IndiaFOSS team is delighted to welcome you to IndiaFOSS 2026 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 contact your POC. We look forward to spending time with all of you throughout the event. Thank you for joining us in Bangalore, India.

3. Communication

Please join us on the following channels for additional info and exchange among each other during the event: t.me/fossunited.

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

3.1 For Issues and Queries:

To ensure a seamless and efficient communication process, an IndiaFOSS Volunteer will be designated as your dedicated Point of Contact (POC). This individual will serve as your primary liaison for any ad-hoc queries or assistance you may require throughout your engagement with IndiaFOSS 2026.

"If not already connected", you can easily reach your assigned IndiaFOSS volunteer by sending an email to speakers.indiafoss@fossunited.org. Furthermore, it is highly recommended that you exchange direct contact details, such as phone numbers or preferred messaging app handles, with your POC during your initial interactions. This will allow for more immediate and flexible communication, especially for urgent matters or quick clarifications.

The POC's role is to provide timely responses, direct you to relevant resources, and escalate issues internally when necessary, ensuring all your questions are addressed comprehensively and efficiently.

4. Arrival in Bangalore

4.1 Arrival at Airport

Nearest Airport: Kempegowda International Airport (BLR), Bengaluru

Transportation Options:

Bus (Recommended):

- Route: Kempegowda International Airport → Shanthinagara Bus Station
- Estimated travel time: 1 hour, 10 minutes
- Estimated price: 200-300 INR
- The bus runs approximately every 30 minutes and operates Monday to Friday.
- 2 km from Shanthinagara Bus Station to NIMHANS, you can either walk or take an autorickshaw.

Taxi:

- Book a cab with Namma Yatri, or any other cab service
- Estimated travel time: 1 hour
- Distance: 40.9 km
- Estimated cost: The estimated cost for a taxi from Kempegowda International Airport to NIMHANS Convention Centre.
- Estimated Price ~ 1500-2000 INR

4.2 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. [Click Here](#)

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 ₹75–1,30.

i)) 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 doc](#) for detailed info.

4.3 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.

5. Internet Connectivity

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

Please do not share these credentials, as they are for registered speakers only.

6. Registration

All registered speakers have been sent a coupon code via email to claim their complimentary conference pass. To claim your free pass, please visit [IndiaFOSS Free Pass](#) and apply the provided coupon code.

When you arrive at the venue, you'll be given a name sticker/speaker badge which will help identify you.

If you've already purchased a ticket, you can transfer it to someone else [here](#).

7. 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.

The Detailed Conference Schedule: [IndiaFOSS Schedule](#)

8. Presentation Slides

Help us serve you better by providing your personal details and presentation 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 would appreciate it if you could consider these pointers while creating your slides.

- Ensure that slides are visible in a larger auditorium when you choose the color contrast.
- Recommended font size is 14/16.
- The event will be livestreamed, please be careful while showing other third party videos in case they are copyrighted
- 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.

9. Dress Code

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

10. Facilities at the Event

- 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 at 6 hydration stations. Help reduce waste by refilling your water bottles here.

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.

- 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: **#IndiaFOSS 2026**

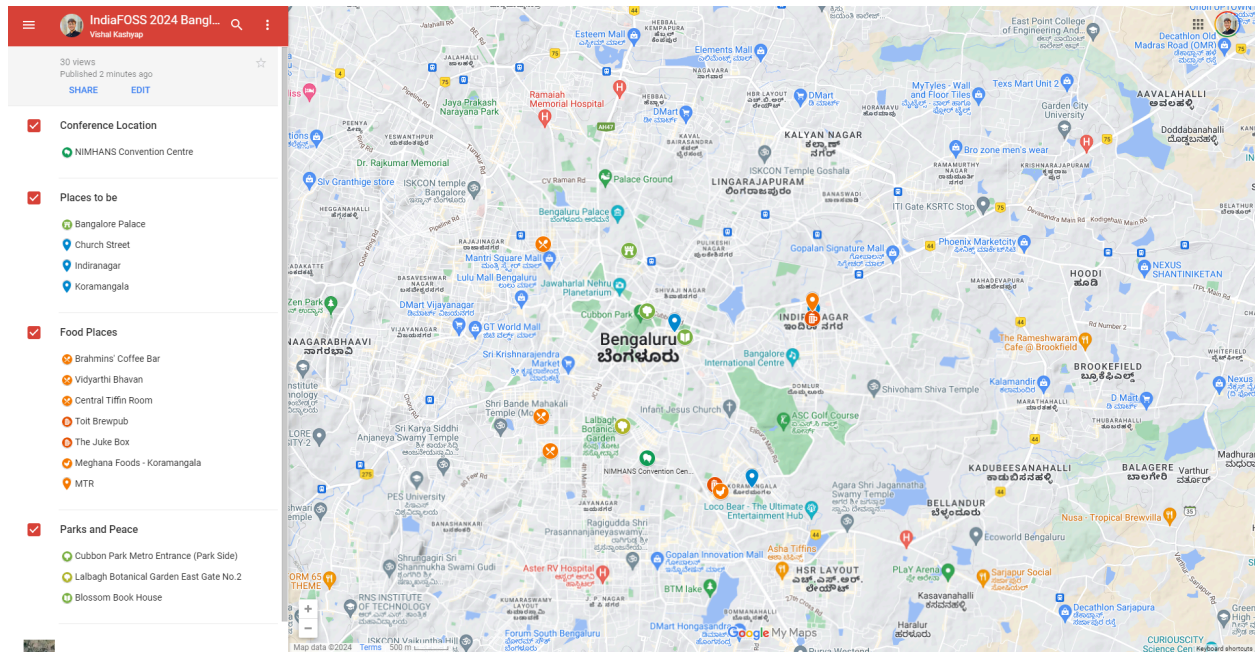
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And, connect with FOSSUnited on social channels:

- ❑ Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fossunited/>,
<https://www.instagram.com/indiafoss2026/>
- ❑ LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/company/fossunited](https://www.linkedin.com/company/fossunited)
- ❑ LinkedIn Event Page: www.linkedin.com/events/indiafoss
- ❑ Github: github.com/fossunited/
- ❑ Mastodon: mas.to/@fossunited
- ❑ See X: x.com/hashtag/Indiafoss2026

13. The Bangalore Experience

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



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 in Bangalore during September is generally pleasant, with mild temperatures. However, we recommend checking the weather forecast in advance.

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.