# TRAVEL ADVISORY FORM

## 12th World Congress of the RSAI
## 29 May – 1 June 2018

### Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS)
### K K Birla Goa Campus
### Goa, India

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Title                          :  Ms/Miss/Mr/Dr/Prof

Name                           :…………………………………………………………………………

Position                       :…………………………………………………………………………

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Institution                    :…………………………………………………………………………

Address                        :…………………………………………………………………………

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Name of your hotel in Goa      : …………………………………………………………………………

Address of your hotel in Goa   : …………………………………………………………………………

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(send this form to regionalsciencecongress2018@gmail.com by 15 April 2018)

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**PASSPORT.**For foreign nationals,your passport should have at least 6 months' validity at the time of arrival in India.

**VISA.**Foreign nationals wishing to travel to India are required to possess a valid Indian visa. You can obtain the e-Tourist Visa for tourism, recreation, sight-seeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, short duration medical treatment or casual business visit. You can apply for the e-Visa onlineIndia at https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html.The entire process is electronic and will not require you to send your passport to the Indian embassy. Approval for the e-Visa (authority to enter India) will be sent through email.

**EXCHANGE RATE.**Please ensureyou have sufficient cash to cover your own taxi fares and meals. The currency exchange rate is approximatelyEUR 1 = INR79.50.

**ARRIVAL AT GOA AIRPORT.**Most hotels provideairport pick up with advanced bookings. If you have arranged a hotel pick up prior to your travel, you can exit the airport and find your hotel representative. Otherwise, go to the pre-paid taxi counter located just outside the exit doors.

> **Taxi:** Taxis can be booked at a counter in the arrivals area of the terminals.The journey time to Vasco city center is approximately 30 minutesdepending on the traffic).

**TRANSIT AT MUMBAI AIRPORT.** Most international airlines will arrive at Mumbai airportTerminal 2. There is usually a long queue at immigration (for e-Visa, the desks are at the far right of the arrival hall) and it is hence recommended that you have more than 3 hours between your arrival time at Mumbai airport and your domestic flight from Mumbai to Goa.

If your domestic flight to Goa is using Air India, Jet Airways and Vistara, there is a luggage check-in service that is located after the quarantine check point to your right. Here you will be able to transfer your luggage to your domestic flight. Departure gates are in the second floor of Terminal 2. For other domestic airlines you will need to go to Terminal 1 to check-in.

**VENUE.**Our conference venue will be at theBirla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS) - K K Birla Goa Campus, NH-17B, Zuarinagar – 403 726, Goa, India (http://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/Goa/). A security check is conducted when you enter the campus. Please bring your ID or Passport. There is ample security in the main buildings

The B Dome, A and C Blocks where the Congress will be held.  The venue is wifi enabled. All rooms have air conditioning and projection facilities.

**ELECTRICITY ADVICE.**Note that the official power voltage in Goa is 50Hz – 220v. Outlets in Goa generally accept the type D and type C plug. Please bring your universal

adapter to charge your electronic items in Goa.

**CLIMATE AND DRESS CODE.**The dress code for the workshop is smart casual. The seminar rooms will be air-conditioned. Outside, it is usually sunny and hot during the day with a temperature of about 33ºC. End of May-early June is the end of the summer As monsoon is round the corner, there is slight possibility of rain during day and/or night, but in short spells. Carrying rainwear/umbrellas is advised.

**MEALS.** You will be covered for the lunch and tea breaks (2 times) during the conference. You are welcome to attend the conference dinner after the Opening Session and the conference Gala Dinner. Free Transport will be provided for dropping delegates to their hotels (same routes as conference pick-up/ drop) after dinner.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:**
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Tel: +91 94330 15697

# ACCOMMODATIONS

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Bogmallo Beach Resort (http://www.bogmallobeachresort.com), located about 5 kms from the BITS Campus on Bogmalo Beach, is one of the oldest five star hotels in Goa. **Congress discounts will be valid for delegates who wish to book accommodation at this resort by 1 March 2018**. Please mention that you are attending the RSAI World Congress. Free transport from this hotel to the congress venue at BITS campus will be provided in the mornings (8:30am on Tue-Fri). Free transport back to the hotel will be available in the evenings (8:00pm on Tue; 6:15pm on Wed-Thu).

Park Hyatt Goa Resort and Spa (https://goa.park.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html) is one of the best five star hotels in Goa and is located on Arossim Beach. It is the most luxurious hotel within 15 minute driving distance from BITS campus. Its location is rather exclusive and so you will most likely need to have your dinner at the hotel. **Congress discounts will be valid for delegates who wish to book accommodation at this resort by 1 March 2018**. Please mention that you are attending the RSAI World Congress. Free transport from this hotel to the congress venue at BITS campus will be provided in the mornings (8:30am on Tue-Fri). Free transport back to the hotel will be available in the evenings (8:00pm on Tue; 6:15pm on Wed-Thu).

Another resort-style accommodation is Devasthali Resort (http://www.devasthalihotels.com)located relatively close to Hollant Beach.

**Queeny Hotel** (http://thequeeny.com/home.php) is also en-route, near BITS campus.

The free transport from Bogmallo Beach Resort will stop by at Devasthali Resort before reaching BITS campus and the free transport from Park Hyatt will stop by at Queeny Hotel.

There are several decent business style hotels in Vasco city; among others are **The HQ Hote**l (http://www.thehq.in), **Supreme Hotel** (http://www.hotelsupremegoa.com), La-Paz Gardens Hotel (http://hotellapazgardens.com), **M Hotel** (http://www.m-hotel.in)

The Goa Tourism Development Corporation-**Vasco Residency** (http://goa-tourism.com/GTDC-holidays/gtdc-hotel-vasco-residency.htm) is a "rooms only" facility. The Udipi Cafe is located 50m from the hotel.

Free transport will be provided to bring participants from Vasco City (to stop at HQ Hotel) to the congress venue at BITS campus in the mornings (8:30am on Tue-Fri), and bring back participants to this hotel in the evenings (8:00pm on Tue; 6:15pm on Wed-Thu).

Students and younger academics have the option to stay at the **Student Hostels** at the **BITS Campus @INR 250 per night** (all rooms are single). Breakfast and meals at student rates are available in the hostel canteen. There are limited spaces available at

the Hostels and bookings will be made on a first come first served basis. Once all spaces are occupied, you need to find other accommodation.  To enable us to reserve a room, we advise you to confirm your booking as soon as possible or by 31 March 2018.

**To confirm booking of hostel rooms**, delegates are requested to transfer the charges @INR 250 x No. of days and send an email to the RSA India Office enclosing the duly filled Hostel Booking form and a scanned copy of proof of fund transfer/Transaction ID to regionalsciencecongress2018@gmail.com.

Transfer may be made to the Congress Account:

*Name of the Bank:* **State Bank of India**
*Account No.:* **37364653656** *(Current Account)*
*Branch Address:* **Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake**
*Beneficiary:* **Regional Science Association, India**
*IFSC:* **SBIN0007816;** *Swift Code:* **SBININBB334**
*Currency: INR*

# Reaching and Leaving BITS Goa Campus

Reaching BITS Campus.Free transportations will be provided on Tue-Fri at 8:30am with following routes:
1. Bogmallo Resort – Devasthali – BITS Campus
2. Park Hyatt – Queeny – BITS Campus
3. Vasco City: The HQ – Supreme – St Andrew Church – BITS Campus

Leaving BITS Campus.Free transportations will also be providedon Tue 8pm and on Wed-Thuat 6:15pm with the following routes:
1. BITS Campus – Devasthali – Bogmallo Resort
2. BITS Campus – Queeny – Park Hyatt
3. BITS Campus – Vasco City (St Andrew Church – Supreme – The HQ)

Free transportations will be available to bring participants on Fri to the location of the Gala Dinner and back to their hotels with the following routes:
1. Gala Dinner – Devasthali – Bogmallo Resort
2. Gala Dinner – Queeny – Park Hyatt
3. Gala Dinner – St Andrew Church – Supreme – The HQ

Other options.Taxi costing approximately INR 250 are available from Vasco city and Bogmallo Beach.

**OFFICE OF THE ORGANISERS:**

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Chair, Local Organising Committee
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**Drop an email:** regionalsciencecongress2018@gmail.com

## BITS Students Hostel Booking Form

Name of Delegate :...............................................................................................................

Abstract ID :...............................................................................................................

Abstract Title :...............................................................................................................

Designation& Affiliation :...............................................................................................................

Contact Number :...............................................................................................................

Email :...............................................................................................................

Amount Paid :...............................................................................................................

Payment ID(NEFT/RTGS) :...................................................................Date:.............................

Name of Bank :...................................................................Branch:..........................

## Hostel Room Rate

@INR 250/- Per Person per Night (x number of days)
Date of Arrival :.............................................
Date of Departure :.............................................

## Payment Details

Name of the Bank: **State Bank of India**

Account No.: **37364653656** (Current Account)

Address: **Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake**

Beneficiary: **Regional Science Association, India**

IFSC: **SBIN0007816;** Swift Code**: SBININBB334**

I wish to book a Room at the BITS Students Hostel during 12th World Congress of RSAI, 2018 for the dates mentioned above.
I enclose Transaction ID or scanned copy of NEFT for your reference.

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Signature of the Candidate
Date:

## Terms and Conditions

- Fees once paid cannot be refunded
- Kindly attach proof of payment
- Kindly attach a soft copy of payment receipt along with hostel booking form over email on or before 31March,2018.