

## Visa Requirements

Those traveling for ACODS 2016 at NIT Tiruchirappalli 620015, Tamilnadu, India will need to apply for a Conference Visa. To obtain one from the relevant Indian Embassy the participant needs:

- ✓ A letter of invitation to the conference from the General Chair – Please drop in a mail to Prof. Ramakalyan Ayyagari: [rkalyn@nitt.edu](mailto:rkalyn@nitt.edu) or [acods.2016@nitt.edu](mailto:acods.2016@nitt.edu)

If you need relevant copies of permissions from Indian Government Agencies for the staging of a particular conference, please do mention this in your request for the invite.

It is advisable to apply for Visas well in advance, but not earlier than 3 months before the date of the Conference; in this case early November 2015 is ideal.

Foreign visitors entering India must possess a passport valid for at least 6 months after their date of entry into India; there may be exception, however, in the case of citizens from Bhutan and Nepal.

The list of Indian diplomatic missions overseas can be consulted at

<http://www.mea.gov.in/indian-missions-abroad.htm>

Many Indian embassies and consulates have outsourced their visa processing services to VFS Global:

<http://www.vfsglobal.com>

Visa application forms may be downloaded from either of the above links.

In India, INR is the only legal currency allowed in financial transactions. So, visitors are advised to carry sufficient funds in INR for basic expenses and to only transact with merchants in INR. However, many merchants in Tiruchirappalli do accept all major credit cards.

INR can also be obtained at various foreign exchange vendors at all the International Airports (upon arrival). It is advised that any participant converting foreign currency into INR should retain the transaction advice for these conversions. Similarly, it is advised to retain transaction slips for withdrawal of cash in INR from ATMs. These transaction advices and slips are required to convert any left-over INR into foreign currencies before departing from India.

## How to reach NIT Tiruchirappalli

Tiruchirappalli (Trichy in short) is very well connected by road to Chennai (320 km), and to all major cities/towns in South India by regular bus & train services. It has an international airport, and has regular flights to Chennai, Singapore, Kaulalampur, Colombo, Kuwait, and Sharjah.

The National Institute of Technology (NIT) is approximately 22-25 km away from the airport/railway junction/central bus-stand, and is on the Trichy-Thanjavur Highway 67. There are a number of shuttle buses from the city area to the NIT (approximate fare is INR 20 one-way). One may also engage radio cabs (approximate fare is INR 500 one-way). It takes about 20-30 minutes to reach the NIT Campus.

More details at: [www.nitt.edu](http://www.nitt.edu)