

About Puducherry

Puducherry, formerly known as Pondicherry, was ruled by the French for more than 3 centuries and today it symbolizes the living monument of the French culture in India. Located on the eastern coastline of India, it is the perfect place to come to if you want to take the pace of life down a few notches. The beauty of Puducherry lies in its quiet existence and vibrant surroundings. In the same vein, the department of Surgical Gastroenterology, JIPMER, Puducherry, warmly welcomes you to experience an academic feast along with wonderful memories of Puducherry.



How to reach Puducherry

Air: The closest airport is Chennai, which is 135 km from Puducherry. Chennai has excellent air connectivity with other major airports in India.

Road: Puducherry is best accessed from Chennai and other nearby major cities by road. There are excellent buses almost every 15 minutes from Chennai to Puducherry and back, both AC and non AC and reach in about 3 hours. Taxi facilities are also available. One can reach Puducherry from Chennai through two routes- either the scenic ECR (East coast Road) or via the newly constructed 4 line highway via Thindivanam. The latter route is shorter if you are travelling from Chennai airport.

There are also excellent private bus services connecting Puducherry with other cities like Bangalore, Coimbatore, Madurai, Trichy and Kochi, including AC sleeper volvo buses.

Rail: Though Puducherry is on the rail map journey by train to and from Puducherry is not very popular. Villupuram is the nearest junction, (35 km from Puducherry, taxi facilities easily available), and it is fairly well connected to places like Chennai, Madurai and Trichy.

Food and accommodation

'Pondy' as Puducherry is often fondly called, has a superb range of hotels with distinct class, as well as plenty of restaurants serving a variety of cuisines ranging from typical South Indian to French and Italian. Some of the recommended hotels within 5 km from conference venue are:

Name of Hotel	Tariff (AC Double room, per day, exclusive of taxes)	Tariff (Suite, Per day, exclusive of taxes)	Phone number	Website/mail id
Sunway Grand	Rs 5000/-	Rs 8000/-	0413-2281608, 9600234567, 18004255500	www.grthotels.com reservations@grtsunway.com
Athithi	Rs 5000/-	Rs 6500/-	0413-2345000 to 008	www.atithipondicherry.com
Anandha Inn	Rs 3750/-	Rs 5950/-	0413-2330711-14	www.anandhainn.in
Annamalai	Rs 3600/-	Rs 5200/-	0413-2247001-7 9894617720	www.hotelannamalai.com
Ginger	Rs 1699- 2299/-	-	0413-6663333, 2236077,1800209 3333	www.gingerhotels.com
Surguru	Rs 1800/-	Rs 2300/-	0413-2339022, 2227290	www.hotelsurguru.com, info@hotelsurguru.com
Jayaram	Rs 1600/-	Rs 1800/-	413-2214311, 4206400, 9600949990, 9894488866	www.hoteljayaram.com, booking@hoteljayaram.com
Jai Paradise	Rs 1200- 1500/-	-	0413-2244430, 9994334113, 9442260281	-
Ram International	Rs 1200/-	Rs 1400- 1500/-	0413- 2337230,4206600 9486144100	www.hotelraminternational.c om

Places of tourist interest in Puducherry

Some of the most sought after tourist destinations in Puducherry include:

- Sri Aurobindo Ashram
- Auroville
- Pondicherry beach and Promenade
- Arikamedu
- Bharathi Park
- Paradise beach, Serenity beach, Auroville beach
- Chunnambar backwaters
- Botanical gardens
- And many more ancient churches, temples, French colonial buildings and much more.....

