



**Culture and attitudes:** In many senses, Hyderabad is the meeting ground between North and South India. The city has a culture that is distinct from the rest of Andhra Pradesh. It is good to keep in mind that the city is still a deeply conservative place and to dress appropriately, especially in the old city.

### Pharmacy Shops

Apollo Pharmacy, Chanda Nagar, ☎ 040 23433616  
 Archana Medical Hall, Chandanagar, ☎ 040 23033566  
 Chaitanya Medical Stores, Chanda Nagar, ☎ 040 23030464  
 Dream Source Homoeo Stores, Chanda Nagar, ☎ 040 23035391  
 Hetero Pharmacy, Chandanagar, ☎ 040 64633682

**Nearest Shops:** Ramachandrapuram and Chandanagar are the nearest places where small shops are available. Vijetha a supermarket at Chandanagar, a place where you can get all the day-to-day items. It is around 7 kms away from the Campus. In addition to institution shuttles, an auto rickshaw or taking a public transport is available.

### Shopping Malls/Centers

Inorbit Malls (India) Pvt. Ltd, Madhapur  
 Hyderabad Central, Punjagutta  
 Lifestyle, Begumpet  
 Shoppers Stop, Begumpet

If you are shopping for pearls and bangles Charminar is the best place to shop.

### IWMI Staff to contact:

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# Welcome to IWMI, Hyderabad



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## General Information

**Climate:** Hyderabad is fairly warm all through out the year except for the winter season which is pleasant. Summer (March to May) is severely hot with temperature is always above 30°C and soaring as high as 45°C. Winter from November to February is pleasant with temperature running between 22°C to 14°C. Monsoon season (June to September) offers medium rains and may be associated with heavy winds.

**Language:** Telugu, the state language of Andhra Pradesh and Urdu are widely spoken in Hyderabad, and most educated people speak Telugu, Urdu, Hindi and/or English. English signs are common.

**Time :** GMT + 5 hours 30 minutes

**Electricity :** 230-240V, 50 HZ

**Changing Money :** You can change most major foreign currencies and brands of travellers' cheques - but you'll widen your options and save yourself hassles if you stick to US dollars or pounds Sterling and either Thomas Cook or American Express travellers cheques.

**ATMs :** Available at most major banks.

**Credit Cards :** Credit cards are widely accepted, particularly American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa.

**Health Risks :** Many of India's larger cities are highly polluted and travellers with respiratory ailments may wish to take precautionary measures.

## Restaurants



**Our Place Restaurant** Road No. 10 Banjara Hills  
*www.ourplacorestaurant.in* Hydbad; ☎ 040 2335422

**Angeethi Indian Food** Road No.1, Banjara Hills  
Hydbad; ☎ 66255550

**Chutneys** Road No. 3, Banjara Hills  
Hydbad; ☎ 040 23350569

**Red Fox Hotel** Madhapur, Hyderabad  
*www.redfoxhotels.com* ☎ 040 44484848

**F Cafe & Lounge** Kondapur, Hyderabad  
☎ 040 23123999

**Our Place Restaurant** Banjara Hills, Hyderabad  
*www.ourplacorestaurant.in* ☎ 040 2335 3422

**Ohri's Banjara** Road no.12, Banjara Hills  
<http://www.ohris.com/index.php/ohris-hotels/ohris->



**Sight seeing sites:** Birla Mandir, Golconda Fort, Qutb Shahi Tombs, HITECH City, Salarjung Museum, Zoo Park, Charminar & Mecca Masjid, Lumbini Park

**Handicrafts:** Lepakshi, Abids ☎+91 40 2766 8178.  
Bidri Crafts, Abids ☎ +91 40 2323 2657, 2323 3663.  
Shilparamam, Madhapur-Exhibition of handicrafts.

**Transport:** Trainees and staff living on campus usually travel to and from the city by ICRISAT shuttle buses. For additional information, you may contact the IWMI administrative staff. You may also use the public transport taxi, cabs, buses, auto (motorized) rickshaws, and cycle rickshaws which are available in Hyderabad and Secunderabad. Bus numbers 218 ply to Hyderabad and 219 to Secunderabad. Another convenient mode of transport is the MMTS train which you could take to reach to different parts of the city in lesser time than the bus. The details can be seen on the website <http://mmts.co.in/>. Lingampally is the nearest railway station to ICRISAT Campus where one can take a train to Hyderabad or Secunderabad.

For timings from Lingampally Railway Station see [http://mmts.co.in/hyderabad\\_lingampally\\_timetable.shtml](http://mmts.co.in/hyderabad_lingampally_timetable.shtml)

**Taxi:** Taxis in the city of Hyderabad are metered, and the prices are pre-determined. Taxis are available only from the taxi stands and cannot be hailed off the road. Meru Cabs- (+91) 40-44224422  
Easy Cabs- (+91) 40-43434343  
Dot Cabs 24242424  
Orange Cabs 66324300

## Emergency Contacts

### Hospitals

Apollo Hospital, Jubilee Hills, ☎ +91 40 2360 7777.  
Yashoda Hospital, Somajiguda ☎ +91 40 2455 5555.  
CARE, Banjara Hills, ☎ +91 40 30418888  
Image Hopsital, Ameerpet, ☎ +91 40 4466 0000  
Mythri Multispeciality Hospital, Chandanagar  
☎ +91 40 64633357.

### Toll Free Number for

Police ☎ 100  
Ambulance, Fire, Accident & Trauma ☎ 108  
Airport Call Centre Numbers ☎ 040-66546370  
1800 419 2008 (Within India)