

# IETF Venue Assessment Report: Delhi, India

This is a recommendation made by the IETF Executive Director with respect to the appropriateness of Delhi, India as a viable location for an IETF meeting, based on the assessment made by the IETF Secretariat of mandatory and important criteria taken from the requirements documented in RFC 8718<sup>1</sup>.

## Recommendation

This is a **preliminary report** prior to community feedback made on 6 December 2024.

## Classification system

This assessment uses the following classification system for each criterion:

| Assessment                      | Indicator | Methodology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Met                             |           | Each test is applied on a <u>country</u> , <u>city</u> or <u>venue</u> basis. For some, local level exceptions may be considered. Some tests use an external source with no IETF LLC assessment, some require the IETF LLC to assess multiple sources and make an assessment and some require community feedback to assess. To be approved, a venue must not have any Not Met criteria. |
| Uncertain but possible          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Not met                         |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Unable to assess / not assessed |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc8718.html>

## Assessment of individual criteria

**CRITERION:** City includes one or more venues able to accommodate an IETF meeting.

| #   | Test                                                                                                      | Assessment                   | Indicator |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1.1 | <u>Venue</u> : Possible venues evaluated for size and general location acceptable to hold an IETF meeting | 1 potential venue identified |           |

**CRITERION:** Open Internet access to venue and IETF Hotels.

| #   | Test                                                                                                                                                            | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Indicator |
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| 2.1 | <u>Venue and IETF Hotels</u> : Open and unfiltered Internet access can be provided at the venue and IETF Hotels<br><br>May require community feedback to assess | The Internet Freedom Score <sup>2</sup> for India is 50 (of a possible 100), similar to Singapore which scores 53. Indian laws require VPN providers to collect subscriber usage information and keep it for five years. <sup>3</sup> |           |

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<sup>2</sup> <https://freedomhouse.org/countries/freedom-net/scores>

<sup>3</sup> <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/explained-what-the-new-vpn-rules-means-for-internet-users-in-india/articleshow/91510719.cms>

**CRITERION:** An overwhelming majority of participants who wish to do so can attend.

| #   | Test                                                                                                                                                                                               | Assessment                                                                                                                                | Indicator |
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| 3.1 | <u>Country:</u> Visa requirements are such that 80% of IETF attendees will be able to obtain a visa without excessive effort or cost                                                               | 80% of attendees, by country, can enter India with a visa on arrival or an e-visa application at a reasonable cost. <sup>4</sup>          |           |
| 3.2 | <u>Country:</u> Visa rules are not discriminatory on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity (note: this intentionally does not include nationality) | The visa rules for India are not discriminatory on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity. |           |

**CRITERION:** Travel risks associated with holding an IETF meeting are acceptable.

| #   | Test                                                                                                                           | Assessment                                                                                                                                      | Indicator |
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| 4.1 | <u>Country:</u> U.S. State Department <sup>5</sup> does not indicate Do Not Travel.<br><br>Region/City exceptions may override | U.S. State Department does not indicate Do Not Travel, and so India is acceptable. Travel is at a Level 2, which is Exercise Increased Caution. |           |

<sup>4</sup> <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>

<sup>5</sup> <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/India.html>

**CRITERION:** Health risks associated with holding an IETF meeting are acceptable.

| #   | Test                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Indicator |
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| 5.1 | <p><u>Country:</u> No epidemic or local disease outbreak of concern; or vaccination requirements<sup>6 7 8</sup>, for serious diseases other than those we reasonably expect that all participants are vaccinated against (Currently: COVID)</p> <p>Region/City exceptions may override</p> | <p>The WHO and CDC recommend the following vaccines for the India: Chickenpox (Varicella), Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis, Flu (influenza), Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR), Polio, Shingles, COVID-19, Chikungunya, Cholera, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis, Malaria, Rabies, Typhoid, and Yellow Fever.<sup>4</sup></p> <p>No vaccines are required although some travelers, on an individual basis, may be required to take specific vaccines.</p> |           |
| 5.2 | <p><u>City:</u> Air Quality Index<sup>9</sup> in March, July or November is below 50 (Good), or below 100 (Moderate) or below 150 (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups) for at least 16 days of the month for the last three years.</p> <p>May require community feedback to assess</p>          | <p>March AQI (PM2.5) is not acceptable based on measurements for 2022, 2023, and 2024. On average, 13 days per month have an AQI of 150 or less.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |           |
| 5.3 | <p><u>City:</u> No war, violent demonstrations, or political unrest that would make the city unsafe for IETF participants.</p> <p>May require community feedback to assess</p>                                                                                                              | <p>Community feedback is required to complete this assessment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |           |

<sup>6</sup>

<https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/vaccination-requirements-and-recommendations-for-international-travelers-and-malaria-situation-per-country-2020-edition>

<sup>7</sup> <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.who.int/travel-advice/vaccines>

<sup>9</sup> <https://aqicn.org/map/world/>

**CRITERION:** Human rights risks associated with holding an IETF meeting are acceptable.

| #   | Test                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Assessment                                                  | Indicator |
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| 6.1 | <u>City</u> : City is not unsafe for IETF participants due to discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity, based on the lived experience of IETF participants<br><br>May require community feedback to assess | Community feedback is required to complete this assessment. |           |

## Additional sources including community feedback

None.

## Summary

5 criteria have been assessed as Met; 1 criterion has been assessed as Uncertain but Possible; 1 criterion has been assessed as Not Met; and 2 criteria have not been assessed.