IETF Venue Assessment Report: Hyderabad, India

This is a recommendation made by the IETF Executive Director with respect to the appropriateness of Hyderabad, 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[1].

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
Met	
Uncertain but possible	
Not met	
Unable to assess / not assessed	

Methodology
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.

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[1] 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	Venue: 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
2.1	Venue and IETF Hotels: Open and unfiltered Internet access can be provided at the venue and IETF Hotels May require community feedback to assess	The Internet Freedom Score[2] 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.[3]	■

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[2] https://freedomhouse.org/countries/freedom-net/scores

[3] 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
3.1	Country: 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.[4]	
3.2	Country: 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
4.1	Country: U.S. State Department[5] does not indicate Do Not Travel. 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.	

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[4] https://indianvisaonline.gov.in
[5] 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
5.1	Country: No epidemic or local disease outbreak of concern; or vaccination requirements[6] [7] [8], for serious diseases other than those we reasonably expect that all participants are vaccinated against (Currently: COVID) Region/City exceptions may override	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. [4] No vaccines are required although some travelers, on an individual basis, may be required to take specific vaccines.	🟩
5.2	City: Air Quality Index[9] 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. May require community feedback to assess	March AQI (PM2.5) is acceptable based on measurements for 2024. There is insufficient data to assess March 2023. AQI is unacceptable in 2021 and 2022 with only 12 days at or below 150 in 2021 and 15 in 2022. On average, 19 days per month have an AQI of 150 or less.	🟧
5.3	City: No war, violent demonstrations, or political unrest that would make the city unsafe for IETF participants. May require community feedback to assess	Community feedback is required to complete this assessment.	⬜

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[6] https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/vaccination-requirements-and-recommendations-for-international-travelers-and-malaria-situation-per-country-2020-edition
[7] https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list
[8] https://www.who.int/travel-advice/vaccines
[9] https://aqicn.org/map/world/

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

#	Test	Assessment	Indicator
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 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; 2 criteria have been assessed as Uncertain but Possible; 0 criteria have been assessed as Not Met; and 2 criteria have not been assessed.