

## HYDERABAD

Hyderabad is a historic and the capital city of state Andhra Pradesh. It is located in 1o 11' of the Northern Longitude and 78o 27' of the Eastern Longitude. Hyderabad is generally referred to as twin city as today's city is an amalgamation of two cities Hyderabad and Secundrabad The two put together is a lively 400-year-old conurbation, famous for his heritage of the extremely wealthy Nizams, and is also known as the city of pearls. It is a hot tourist destination in South India. Hyderabad is today one of the fast developing cities in the country and a modern hub of Information Technology, ITES and Biotechnology. The city is home to the world's largest film studio, the Ramoji Film City as well as the second largest film industry in the country, the Telugu Film Industry known popularly as Tollywood. The city is also known to be a sporting destination with many national and international games conducted here. Hyderabad has become a preferred conference venue in India, with many conferences and meetings taking place in the city. Here is a compilation of facts and figure on Hyderabad.

<b>Area:</b>	217 Sq Km
<b>Altitude:</b>	536 Meters
<b>Climate:</b>	Tropical Wet and Dry
<b>Summer:</b>	Max 40 C and Min 22 C
<b>Winter:</b>	Max 22C and Min 13.8C
<b>Rainfall:</b>	89cm (June to Sept)
<b>Best Season:</b>	June to February
<b>STD Code:</b>	040
<b>Currency:</b>	The unit of currency in Hyderabad is the 'Rupee'
<b>Population:</b>	Around 4 million (Hyderabad district, based on 2001 census)
<b>Attractions:</b>	Char Minar, Golconda Fort, Qutbshahi Tomb, Mecca Masjid, Osmania University and HITEC City
<b>Languages Spoken:</b>	Urdu, Hindi, Telugu and English
<b>Tipping:</b>	Tipping is usually 10% to 15% of the charge
<b>Airport:</b>	The airport at Shamshabad, Southwest of the Hyderabad city.
<b>Religion:</b>	About 50% of the population consists of Muslims; there are Hindus and Sikhs also
<b>Exports:</b>	Software, Basmati rice and spices, medical transcription and oil exports.
<b>Industries:</b>	Electrical fans, cooling systems, software industries, jewelers, pharmaceuticals and automotive industries.

Adapted from: <http://www.hyderabad.org.uk>

## **Connectivity of Hyderabad**

### **By Air**

Hyderabad is connected to the rest of the world by both national and international flights. The new state-of-the-art Rajiv Gandhi International Airport opened on March 2008 at Shamshabad, southwest of the city. The airport has the second longest runway in India next to Delhi and caters to the high passenger and cargo transits. The Hyderabad airport is divided into both domestic and international terminals. Indian Airlines, Jet Airways, Air Sahara, Deccan Airways, Kingfisher Airlines and Spice Jet are the major domestic flights that operate here. The international terminal is called the Rajiv Gandhi International Terminal. Major international flights operating here are Lufthansa Airlines, Silk Air Airlines, Malaysian Airlines, Emirates Airlines, Saudi Airlines, Sri Lankan Airlines and Qatar Airlines.

### **By Rail**

Secunderabad, which is the co-sister city of Hyderabad, is the head office of Southern and Central railways. Besides the Secunderabad railway station there are two other railway stations namely, the Hyderabad railway station (also known as Nampally) and Kacheguda railway station. All the trains leaving from Hyderabad and Kacheguda railway station have a stoppage at the Secunderabad railway station.

### **By Road**

Hyderabad city is well connected to all the major states like Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Orissa. The Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) has maintained a well laid out system of roadways, which connect Hyderabad to almost every city and town. Its head office is at Secunderabad. Some major national highways that pass through Hyderabad are NH - 4, NH - 5, NH - 7, NH - 9, NH - 16, NH - 18, etc.

### **Important Cab numbers**

There are taxis which charge anything between Rs. 10 and Rs. 18 per km and the vehicle itself could vary from a Maruti Omni/Tata Indica to a Toyota Innova or Mahindra Renault Logan. Some of the cab numbers you may call are:

Meru Cabs (040) 42424242

Dot Cabs (040) 24242424

Orange Cabs (040) 44454647

Important places and distances from IBS campus. The fares and time is an approximation based on the latest information.

		<b>IBS Campus (Dontanapally)</b>	<b>Banjara Hills (Center of the City)</b>
<b>Airport</b>	Distance	38 Kms	36 Kms
	Cab Fare	600-700 INR	550-650 INR
	Time	60-75 Minutes	50-60 Minutes
	Prepaid	Yes	Yes
<b>Secunderabad</b>	Distance	45 Kms	11 kms
	Cab Fare	650-800 INR	200-350 INR
	Time	75-90 Minutes	15-30 minutes
	Prepaid	No	No
<b>Nampally</b>	Distance	41 Kms	10 kms
	Cab Fare	600-700 INR	200-350 INR
	Time	75-90 Minutes	15-30 minutes
	Prepaid	No	No