INVITATION TO THE
3GPP SA WG MEETINGS AT HYDERABAD, INDIA
(OCTOBER 14-18, 2024)

Introduction

Dear 3GPP Delegates,

Telecommunication Standards Development Society, India (**TSDSI**) is pleased to invite you to the 3GPP SA Working Group (WG) meetings in Hyderabad ("*City of Pearls*"), India.

Meeting Venue

3GPP SA WG Meetings – Oct 2024
[SA2 #165, SA3 #118, SA5 #157, SA6 #63]

Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre
(Novotel & HICC Complex)
Hyderabad – 500 081, Telangana, India
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Single Occupancy room at 15100 INR (**~180 USD**) + taxes per night
Doube Occupancy room at 18200 INR (**~218 USD**) + taxes per night
[*Includes BREAKFAST, LUNCH, INTERNET***]**

**** 3GPP Group Rates - Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre ****

Meeting Registration

Please register to the 3GPP meetings online with your 3GU account:

3GPP SA2 WG#165
3GPP SA3 WG#118
3GPP SA5 WG#157
3GPP SA6 WG#63

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL DELEGATES attending the meetings should also complete the form on the **TSDSI Registration/Visa Support Portal**, regardless of whether or not you require the visa support letter. This will help us better prepare and assist you for the purpose of the meetings.

Accommodation

- **A block of rooms is reserved for 3GPP delegates at discounted rates that include complimentary <u>BREAKFAST, LUNCH and INTERNET.</u>** This was made possible with the hosts guaranteeing a minimum number of rooms.
- The hosts **highly recommend that you stay at the meeting hotel** for your comfort, convenience and the sustainability of 3GPP meeting hosting model.
- Hotel reservations must be made using the <u>reservation link</u> provided, to ensure that the hotel recognizes you as a 3GPP delegate.
- **The CUT-OFF DATE for reserving rooms at negotiated price is <u>August 31, 2024</u>. The negotiated block of rooms will be released after this date.**

Note: *During the month of Oct, Hyderabad temperature varies between nearly 29.3 °C (84.74 F) to lows of 20.6 °C (69.08 F), making it an ideal time to visit the city. With approximately 11 hours of sunlight daily, travellers can enjoy the pleasant weather and explore the city's attractions at their leisure.*

Guarantee & Cancellation Policy:

Cancellation policy is governed by the hotel (please read carefully) as follows:

1. **Reservation Guarantee:**

   - All reservations must be secured with a valid credit card before the **CUT-OFF date (August 31, 2024)** to avail the negotiated 3GPP group rate.

   - A 100% advance payment will be automatically charged one time to the credit card on file the 8th day prior to check-in date, covering the entire duration of your stay. Should the transaction be declined, the reservation will be auto released / cancelled.

2. **Cancellation Charges:**

   - <u>No cancellation charges apply until 8 days prior to check-in date</u>.

   - Subsequent to this date, a 100% charge will be automatically applied to the credit card on file for any cancellations or modifications.
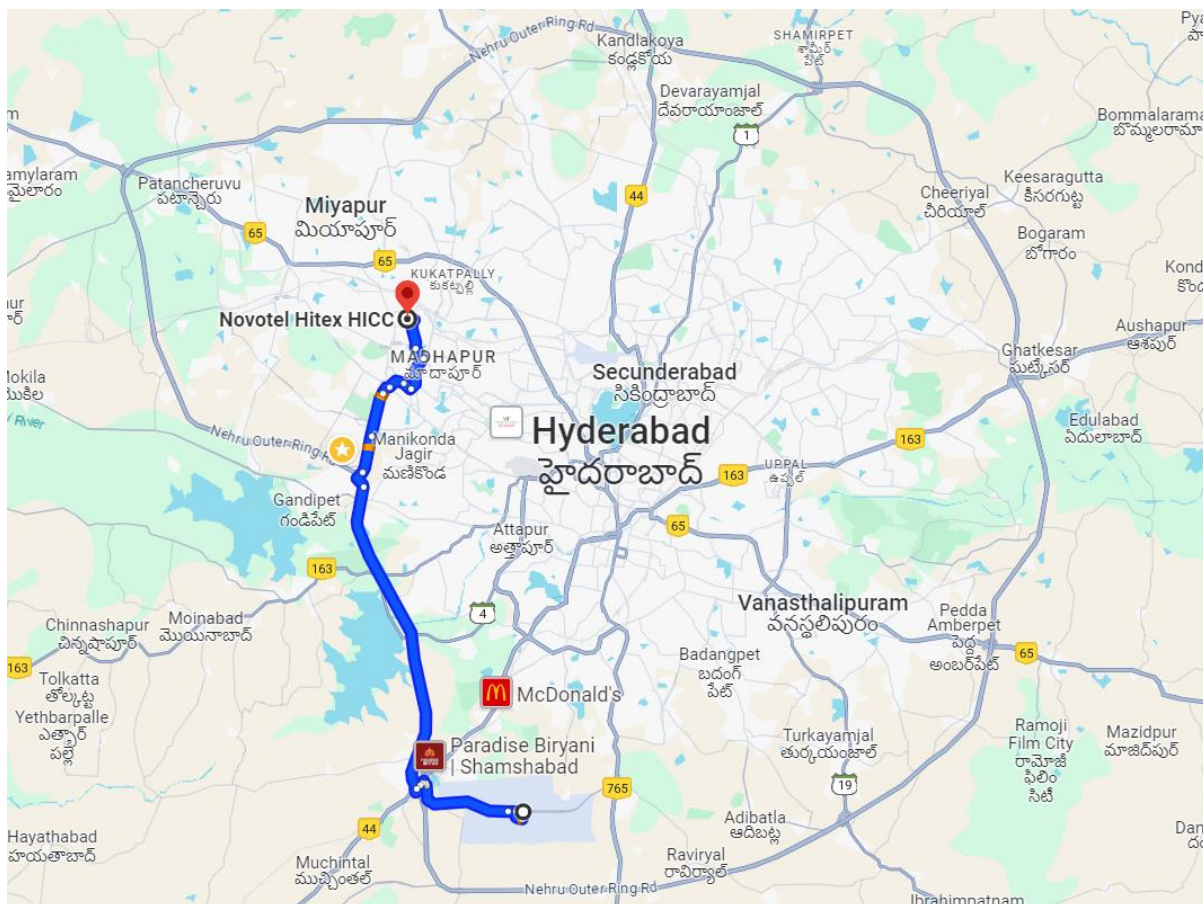
TSDSI, The Konnect (Event Management Agency) and 3GPP are not responsible for reservation confirmations, cancelled/modified reservations, or no-shows.

Airport/Transportation

Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad (Airport Code: **HYD**). Several leading international carriers serve this airport. Visit official website for more information: https://www.hyderabad.aero/

Transportation from/to Airport and the Meeting Venue :

Directions (Google Maps): The hotel/meeting venue is approximately 35KM, and takes anywhere between 45-60 mins by Taxi (which is the most convenient/recommended mode of transportation).

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The airport has a well-developed Airport Transportation services:

- **Airport Taxi:** Hyderabad Airport has Walk-in Taxi service (*Airport Taxi*) outside the Arrival Gates. Please follow the sign board of "Airport Taxi" once you exit the Arrival lobby area.
- **App Based Taxi Services:** There are various App based service providers such as **Uber** and **Ola**. There are dedicated **Uber zones** and **Ola zones** to pick up their passengers. The one-way cost is approximately 1200-1500 INR = ~15-20 USD.
- **Novotel** Hotel Taxi is also available at 4000 INR (~48 USD) plus taxes for one-way transportation. In case you wish to book a hotel cab you can contact the hotel directly or email amrit.sharma@accor.com

Power Adapter/Voltage

Please be sure you have the correct adapter. Voltage converters will <u>not</u> be provided at the meeting. India's A/C supply is 230V-50Hz. The plug is a "Type D." The image below is a visual representation of the adapter you will need if your equipment does not have the correct plug.

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TSDSI Registration and Visa Support Information

**** *TSDSI REGISTRATION & VISA SUPPORT LETTER*****
Delegates attending the meetings MUST follow these 3 steps: ☞**STEP 1: Register to the meeting on 3GU portal (this is a mandatory step to issue the visa support letter).** ☞**STEP 2: Make your hotel reservation through the 3GPP Group Rates - Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre (hotel confirmation number will be required to issue the visa support letter).** ☞**STEP 3: Complete the form on the TSDSI Registration/Visa Support Portal, to receive the visa support letter.** **NOTE: We advise all the delegates to complete the form, regardless of whether or not you require the visa support letter. This will help us better prepare and assist you for the purpose of meetings**. Please complete the above steps at the earliest, in order to allow us to work with Indian Administration to expedite and/or resolve any visa concerns you may have. For any questions, please email 3GPP_SA_support@tsdsi.in with the subject line "**3GPP Visa Support Oct 2024 Hyderabad**".

Authorized Portal for Visa Application to India: https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/

As of date, Government of India allows citizens from 171 countries to obtain an e-VISA. This is generally a convenient process and covers citizens from most countries. The recommended visa type is "**Conference Visa**". Please check with the local Indian embassy website of your country for further information. *The delegates from the countries that do not qualify for e-Visa, must undergo the standard visa application process.*

To apply for Conference Visa, you will be required to submit the following two documents:

- **Political Clearance** (Issued by MEA - Ministry of External Affairs) – Mandatory for all
- **Security Clearance** (Issued by MHA – Ministry of Home Affairs) – Mandatory only for PRC (Prior Reference Category) countries: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani origin and Stateless persons)

The above clearance documents will be made available by TSDSI in due course, and notified on the SA WG mailing lists.

Tourism

Hyderabad is the capital of Telangana state of India. Hyderabad popularly known as *"City of Pearls"*, and a major economic and research hub of India with pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and IT industries. Hyderabad is sure to leave a lasting impression on its visitors. For more tourism information, please visit: Hyderabad Tourism.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Hyderabad, India!

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, TSDSI

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