

## **About Hyderabad**

Hyderabad is the capital of Telangana and it is the fifth largest city in India. Today it is an intermingling of three smaller cities – the old city of Hyderabad with its strong Islamic cultural heritage, the more cosmopolitan Secunderabad, and the most recent addition of a Hi-tech city which has become the hub of India's IT exports and BPO revolution. The city is situated 536 meters above sea level on the Southern bank of the river Musi and is characterized by a tropical wet and dry climate. Known for its laid-back charm and rich cuisines, the city has a lot to offer in terms of entertainment, including culture and history, nature and wildlife, and shopping.

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## **About the University of Hyderabad**

[The University of Hyderabad, India's Institute of Eminence](#) is one of the major institutions of higher education in India, is widely known for its excellence in research and for its distinguished faculty. Founded in 1974 with Prof. Gurbaksh Singh as its first Vice Chancellor, the university (also known as Hyderabad Central University or HCU) has emerged as a leading centre of higher education and research. With 46 different Departments and Centres organized in 10 Schools of study, the university has over 400 faculty members and 5000 students. The university offers close to 150 different programs of study and hosts an ever-increasing number of foreign scholars through the [Office of International Affairs](#).

## **[The Study in India Program \(SIP\)](#)**

The University of Hyderabad has been a pioneer in establishing this academic program called Study in India Program, providing opportunities for international students to come for short term courses. Launched in 1998, it started off as an experimental summer program initiative, a flagship venture which is now recognized as the most successful study abroad program in the country. The unique aspect of SIP is that it caters to the students' interests provided by the SIP faculty and program assistants. In some cases, programs are designed particularly for the concerned international students making it flexible. Short summer courses and semester programs are offered wherein the course credits are transferable to the Home Institution.

Apart from the above student initiatives, SIP has designed an innovative two-week long Faculty Development Seminar for University and college teachers which enables them to learn not just about Indian Culture and History but also about the advancements made in the fields of Science & Technology. This is to better prepare them for teaching South Asia related courses in their own institutions. SIP has thus been responsive to the varying needs and challenges of International Education, and designed curricula and courses that are in keeping with these broader trends, and with the evolving requirements of particular institutions.

## **UoH Campus**

The large campus of the University of Hyderabad is located near Gachibowli, which is the IT hub of Hyderabad, has immense bio-diversity and is home to over 75 varieties of birds, not to speak of the lakes and rock formations which give the campus a natural beauty. The [Indira Gandhi Memorial Library](#) is the only library on campus and it is surrounded by a reading

room that is open all days a week for students. The university has a [Health Centre](#) managed by a team of doctors, supported by nurses and other paramedical staff, and caters to the basic needs of the campus community. In case of need, students are taken to larger corporate hospitals. The University campus also has a multipurpose playground for cricket, football, volleyball, badminton, tennis, and basketball. Modern facilities for physical training and sports are also available on campus.

Campus also has a small bank, a post office, and ATMs, as well as several stores which cater to the needs of the students and related basic [amenities](#) and [sports and physical fitness facilities](#) for students in general. Considering that the campus is quite large, students have the option of renting bicycles or taking advantage of the university buses that run regularly and connect different areas within the campus. When visiting the centre city of Hyderabad there is a city bus service and autorickshaws easily available at the main entrance of the university. Students can also book taxis from campus and avail other taxi services like uber and Ola

### **Accommodation**

University of Hyderabad (UoH) strives to provide accommodation on campus to all its international guests. Accordingly, guests are housed in two buildings, namely, the Tagore International House (TIH) and an International Students Hostel (ISH).

Accommodation for students from the NCI member universities will be provided at the International Students Hostel (ISH). A choice of a single room or a room on twin sharing basis with washroom attached is available to students. Each room has a bed, mattress, pillow, table, chair, cupboard, bedspread, and blanket. All rooms are airconditioned, have Wi-Fi connectivity, wheelchair accessibility and elevators. Refrigerators are placed in common areas for the storage of essentials, such as medicines. There is a common room with television; besides board games and snooker-table for recreation, and an area to lounge. Laundry services are offered to residents by a private company on chargeable basis. Also, a laundromat is located in close proximity to the hostel.

Students are advised to bring their laptops.

### **Hygiene at the Premises**

The university has placed a systematic system to maintain hygienic conditions at all times on the premises. Daily, wet- and dry-waste is collected, and washrooms and common areas of the buildings are cleaned. Cleaning of rooms is also undertaken, if the occupant(s) provide access to the room. Regular upkeep of areas surrounding the buildings is also undertaken. A caretaker resides at TIH to ensure timely attention to issues of the occupants of the buildings. The caretaker will either attend to the issue and/or escalate the matter to concerned personnel.

### **Security at the Lodgings**

Security personnel are posted at the entrances to TIH and ISH, besides daily patrolling. The buildings are also surveilled through Closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras.

### **Dining facilities**

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner is served only at TIH which is 200m away from International Students Hostel. The dining facility is located on the ground floor of the TIH. Diners can opt

for vegetarian and/or non-vegetarian food. The caterer is equipped to meet various palates by serving Indian banquets as well as international cuisines. The caterer will endeavor to fulfill specific requirements of food that stem from medical conditions of diner(s).

#### **A typical menu:**

**Breakfast:** Cereals (corn flakes/muesli/chocos), eggs to order, bananas, toast with butter and jam/marmalade, fresh fruit juice, pancake/french toast/oats porridge/idli/vada/etc., tea and coffee.

**Lunch:** Salad, seasonal cut fruit, hand-made bread, special rice, two kinds of vegetarian curries, boiled vegetables/macaroni/pasta, starter and snack, lentils of the day, curd, pickle and dessert

**Dinner:** Designed as the lunch and with a non-vegetarian dish added.

Primarily based on Indian cuisine, most meals are prepared with locally sourced vegetables and fruits, and are therefore nutritious. Furthermore, the meals are specially cooked according to the needs of foreign students and special care is taken for students with food allergies. Mineral water is provided at the hostel and students are requested to take advantage of the same. There are also several canteens, tea stalls and small food stores on campus. Restaurants and fast-food joints are easily accessible outside the campus area.

Hyderabad, being a cosmopolitan city, provides a lot of options with regard to food. There are several restaurants dotting the city that meet different requirements in terms of price, ambience, and cuisine. To find restaurants, check [swiggy](#) and [zomato](#). Hyderabad has a lot of choices for visitors. For ideas on what to do in the city and during weekend getaways, check the following tourist and event pages: [Telangana Tourism](#), [Andhra Pradesh Tourism](#), [Meraevents](#), and [fullhyderabad.com](#).

#### **Transportation within Campus**

To commute around the campus, students may opt for allotment of a bicycle that is provided free of charge by the Office for International Affairs (OIA) of the university. A nominal refundable caution deposit is paid by student at the time of collecting key for the bicycle. Additionally, TIH and ISH are connected to various buildings on campus via buses that ply through the day. Commuting on campus by buses is free of charge.

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