Travel Information for Attending WA2025 Hyderabad India

We're excited to welcome you to WA2025 in the vibrant city of Hyderabad, India! This guide includes essential information to help you plan your trip. It includes essential information on travel logistics, visa requirements, accommodation, local transportation, and other key details to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience.

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1. Event Program

- **Event**: **WA2025 India (World Aquaculture India 2025)**
- **Event Date**: November 10 to 13, 2025
- **Venue**: Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC). HICC is connected to Novotel Hotel, Hyderabad Convention Centre: An international business hotel.
- **Address**: Near Hitec City, P.O Bag 1101, Kondapur, 500081 HYDERABAD, India
GPS:17.47269, 78.37258
- **Website:** www.hicc.com
- The venue is about a 40-minute drive from the Hyderabad International Airport.
- Exhibition Location: **Hall 1+2+3, first floor**
- Conference Location: **Hall 4,5,6 first floor and second floor.**
- Registration Location**: On the first floor**

2. Event Registration

- Please register online at World Aquaculture 2025 India | World Aquaculture Society Meetings
- **Note:** The Early Bird registration discount ended on **September 30, 2025**, but late registrations are still being accepted.
- The deadline for abstract submissions is **July 15, 2025.**
- We encourage you to register early to take advantage of reduced fees and to allow sufficient time for visa processing, as we will need your passport information to submit to the government for the required approvals for your conference visa.

On the event date:

- If you have already registered and paid online in advance, when your arrival, you can pick up your badges at the **ADVANCE REGISTRATION DESK**.
- For those who are unable to make payment online, on-site payment will be accepted.
- Exhibitors: please upload/add the names for your staff online and provide the passport information – use the Exhibitor Link. The badges will be available at the **EXHIBITORS REGISTRATION DESK**

3. Travel to Hyderabad: Before you go

Weather:

- November is considered one of the best times to visit Hyderabad and comfortable weather. During this month, temperatures typically range from 17°C to 31°C (62.6°F to 87.8°F), offering cool mornings and warm afternoons. It is also one of the driest months of the year, with virtually no chance of rain, making it ideal for sightseeing and outdoor activities. A visit to Hyderabad in November can be truly memorable!

Airport:

- RGIA (Rahul Gandhi International Airport – Shamshabad, Hyderabad)

Airport Transfer and Transportation in Hyderabad

- **Airport Taxi:** Reliable taxi services such as **Uber, Ola**, and several others are available at dedicated counters located in the basement of Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Shamshabad, Hyderabad. These metered, air-conditioned taxis operate outside the arrival terminal. Please note that fares are to be paid in Indian Rupees as per the stipulated rates.
- **Getting to HICC:** The Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC) is approximately 35 km from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport and takes around 40 minutes to reach by road. It is well connected by various modes of transport such as hired taxi or public transport.
- **Hyderabad Metro**: Hyderabad has a city metro and the closest station to the venue is Hitech City Station which is about 2 kms from the Conference venue. The route map is available at https://www.ltmetro.com/metro-network-map/

4. Visa and Travel Documents

- As per the Indian government's regulations, all international participants must obtain a valid visa to enter India for WAI2025. To apply, participants are required to provide personal information such as name (as per passport), father's name, date of birth, nationality, passport number, and passport issue/expiry dates **during the online registration process**. A letter of invitation from the conference organizers will be provided to assist with the visa application after you have registered at the conference.
- **Visa Application**: Visit the **online e-visa application, click here.**in your country to apply for e-conference visa. The process may take a week or more, so make sure to apply in advance.
- **Steps for obtaining a conference visa.**
    1. All foreign nationals require to apply for the e-CONFERENCE VISA or valid visa or a REGULAR CONFERENCE VISA. Eligible Country for Indian e-Conference Visa in 2025 click here: Indian e-Conference Visa in 2025 , Indian Visa Application
    2. First step, all foreigner who requires an Indian Conference visa need to register to the conference and submit all your passport details and information, please submit early as you

can for obtaining clearance for the conference visa and We recommend that you submit your passport details and complete your registration no later than **August 31, 2025**. We will then send these details to the Ministries to obtain the clearance letter and other conference approval letters.

3. After obtaining the clearance letter and other necessary conference approval letters we will then generate the visa invitation letter (pdf with attendee details & organizers' signatures) and share all required letters with the attendee.

4. Attendees need to apply for the e-CONFERENCE VISA or a REGULAR CONFERENCE VISA after obtaining the required letters and uploading the above documents along with other relevant information.

The requirement letter for conference visa:

1. Conference invitation letter from the organizers.
2. MEA Clearance letter
3. MHA Document.

5. WA2025 Conference Mobile Phone App: (Refresh Upon Arrival to get the current event)

- **Download the Official Event App**: Install the "WAS Meeting Assistant" application, available on both Google Play and the Apple App Store. Once downloaded, the app will display the WAS Event program that has been scheduled those time when you downloaded.
- Or scan the QR code provided below. This will direct you to the event page, where you can select the appropriate event.
- **Please note** that the current event program will typically appear one or two weeks before the scheduled date, so be sure to refresh the app if you have it installed already.

WAS Meeting Assistant APP

- **Navigating the App**: Once installed, open the app to access the WA2025 homepage and explore the various menu options available.
- **Event Information**: With the app, you'll have all the necessary details about the WA2025 event at your fingertips, ensuring you stay informed and prepared.

6. Accommodation in Hyderabad

- WA2025 has secured a special accommodation rate at the Novotel Hotel, conveniently located within the convention center. Attendees can book their stay at the following exclusive rates by following the below mentioned steps.

  Reservation link :   [Rates - Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre ALL - Accor Live Limitless](#)

  Step 1 :   Click on the above reservation link

  Step 2 :   Enter the check-in / check-out date

  Step 3 :   Click on the special rate, then enter the **preferential code** under **special rates: AQUA25**

  Step 4 :   Select the room type & process the reservation

Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre (★★★★★)

Many accommodation options are available within proximity to the Hyderabad International Convention Centre. Participants may search and book directly based on their travel needs**.**

7. Top Attractions in Hyderabad

Some of the most popular places in Hyderabad around the Convention Center include:

- **Golconda Fort:**

The Golconda fort is arguably the greatest hill fortress of India. Built in AD 1143 as a mud fort, it was fortified between the 14th and 17th centuries and served as the principal Palace of the Bahmani Sultans and the Qutb Shahi dynasty. Our guide will bring alive the history of this Fort and how it shaped the future of Hyderabad and its people.

- **Charminar:**

Charminar, a monument that is symbolic of the city of Hyderabad. It was built in 1591 by Mohammed Quli Qutb Shahi, the fifth sultan of the Qutub Shahi dynasty to commemorate the end of a deadly plague attack of the city. Our guide will enthrall you with legends like the presence of a secret tunnel underneath Charminar which connected to Golconda Fort, created as a means of escape for the royal family at times of distress.

- **Qutub Shahi Tombs:**

Qutub Shahi Tombs were erected in the memory of the old kings of Golconda. The arch, columns, dome minarets, and galleries look exquisite and are surrounded by gardens called Ibrahim Bagh. As per legend, these tombs were revered during the rule of the Qutub Shahi Kings and even criminals taking refuge here were pardoned.

- **Chowmahalla Palace:**

Choumahalla, the Palace of the Nizams who were at one time the richest people in the world is the next halt in this Hyderabad City Tour. Some of the noteworthy sections in this Palace include a water fountain, vintage cars, intricate carvings, glass chandeliers and the grand durbar hall. During the heydays of the Nizams, as many as 7000 attendants used to man this Palace! Our guide will give you an insight into the personal and political life of Nizams of Hyderabad.

8. Currency and Payment
The official currency of China is the **Indian Rupee (INR)**. It's advisable to exchange your home currency for Indian Rupee before you arrive or at the airport, although international currency exchange services are available at the airport and in the city center.

- **Credit Cards**: Major international credit cards like **Visa**, **MasterCard**, and **American Express** are accepted in most hotels, international restaurants, and high-end shops.
- **Mobile Payments**: India has a strong digital payment ecosystem. Mobile payment apps like **Google Pay** , **Phone Pay, Paytm, and UPI** are widely used in India.

9. Language

- English is widely spoken throughout India, especially in urban areas, tourist destinations, hotels, and business establishments.
- In Hyderabad (Telangana), the primary languages spoken are Telugu (state language), Urdu and English (widely used in business, education, and hospitality)

10. General Information for Visitors in Hyderabad

Namaste for Hello!, or Dhanyavaad! for thank you

Connectivity

- SIM cards are available at the airport with ID/passport.
- Wi-Fi is available in most hotels and cafes.
- Consider using an international roaming plan or a local prepaid SIM.

Clothing

- Lightweight, breathable clothing is ideal due to warm weather.
- Modest attire is recommended, especially when visiting religious or cultural sites.

India Time Zone

- **Time Zone**: Indian Standard Time (**IST**)
- **UTC Offset**: **UTC +5:30**

- India does **not observe Daylight Saving Time**.
- The **entire country** operates in a **single time zone**, despite its large size.

Food in Hyderabad

- Hyderabad is a paradise for food lovers, known for its rich culinary heritage and unique blend of Mughlai, Telugu, and Deccani flavors. From royal feasts to spicy street snacks, the city offers something for every palate.

Voltage and Plug Type

- Voltage: The standard voltage in India is 230V with a frequency of 50Hz. If your home country uses a different voltage (e.g., 110V in the U.S.), you might need a voltage converter to use your appliances safely.
- Plug Type: India generally uses plug types C, D, and M. The most common one is type D, which has three round pins. If your home country's plug type doesn't match, you will need a plug adapter. You can easily find adapters in most electronics stores or online.

Thank you very much, and we hope you enjoy your time in Hyderabad and have a rewarding experience at the World Aquaculture 2025 Conference and Exhibition.

See you soon at WA2025!