



6th Plenary Meeting of ISO/TC 307
Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies
Hyderabad, India (18-22 Nov 2019)

LOGISTICS INFORMATION

We are glad to announce that the 6th Plenary meeting of ISO/TC 307 'Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies' and its Working Groups is being convened from Monday, November 18, 2019 to Friday, November 22, 2019.

Venue for the Meeting

Dr. MCR HRD Institute of Telangana
Road Number 25, MP and MLAs Colony,
Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana 500033
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Meeting will be coordinated by:

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Please find the enclosed Meeting related information and schedule of the meetings. Member's representatives are kindly requested to make their own travel and hotel booking arrangements directly.

Looking forward to meeting you at Hyderabad, India.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Reena Garg,
Head (Electronics and Information Technology Department)
Bureau of Indian Standards.



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About Host

Bureau of Indian Standards

ISO/TC 307 Plenary along with Working Groups meetings is being hosted by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in association with Govt of Telangana. BIS is the National Standards Body of India responsible for the harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. For more information about BIS, please visit <http://www.bis.gov.in/>

Government of Telangana

Government of Telangana has taken up several initiatives to develop a conducive ecosystem in the state for emerging industries. The vision of Telangana is to be the leader in key Emerging Technologies. To realize this vision the ITE&C Department has developed a roadmap on Emerging Technologies to assist the Government Departments and organizations in identifying specific technology solutions that will address specific challenges or pain points and strengthen service delivery or enhance user experience or improve operational efficiency. In Blockchain Technology, Government of Telangana is the first state to come out with a comprehensive draft policy and has planned several initiatives to develop a robust talent pool, promote research and innovation, enable collaboration and community building.

About Hyderabad

Hyderabad city is the capital city of the Indian state of Telangana. The city has a population of about 6.9 million. At an average altitude of 542 metres (1,778 ft), much of Hyderabad is situated on hilly terrain around artificial lakes. The annual mean temperature is 26.6 °C.

Founded in the year 1591 by fifth Qutb Shahi Ruler Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah, the original city of Hyderabad was founded on the banks of river Musi. Now known as the historic old city, home to the Charminar, Falaknuma Palace, Chowmallah Palace and Makkah Masjid.

Hyderabad was historically known as a pearl and diamond trading centre, and it continues to be known as the "City of Pearls". Many of the city's traditional bazaars remain open, including Laad Bazaar, Begum Bazaar and Sultan Bazaar.

Modern Hyderabad is a global hub bustling with opportunities and Hyderabad has now become a hub for information technology, pharma and biotech companies. Moreover, Telangana has successfully achieved the status of fastest growing state in India and now ranks 2nd in ease of doing business.



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Meeting Schedule
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Day	Mon			Tue			Wed			Thu			Fri	
Date	18-11-19			19-11-19			20-11-19			21-11-19			22-11-19	
Time	AM	PM	Evening	AM	PM	Evening	AM	PM	Evening	AM	PM	Evening	AM	PM
Plenary	●	●											●	●
WG 01				●	●		●	●		●	●			
WG 02				●	●		●	●		●	●			
WG 03				●	●		●	●		●	●			
JWG 04				●	●		●	●		●	●			
WG 05				●	●		●	●		●	●			
WG 06 (SG 02)				●	●		●	●		●	●			
SG 07/WG 07				●	●		●	●		●	●			
AG 01 / AHG 01 / Editors			●			●			●			●		
Social Event									●					

AM- 0900h – 1230h
 PM – 1330h – 1730h
 Even – 1900h Onwards

Registration

Delegates are kindly requested to register with the ISO meeting registration tool (<http://https://sd.iso.org/meetings/>).

Delegates (As Observers)

Delegates who want to participate as observers in the meeting may request separately to Mr. Ashish Tiwari at ashishtiwari2205@bis.gov.in. The observers can attend the meeting only when their request is approved by BIS and ISO secretariat.



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Travel Information

Hyderabad is well connected to all major Indian and International cities through Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) at Shamshabad. You can also reach Hyderabad through Bus or train from various Indian cities. The meeting venue is around 38 km from the airport. Cab service is available from the airport to the venue and the hotels. Taxi services like Ola and Uber are also available round the clock. The cost from the airport to the respective hotels may vary from ₹ 900 – ₹ 1500. The bus service is also available to reach the meeting venue and various hotels. For details, kindly [click here](#).

Please [click here](#) for location to Dr MCR HRD Institute from Hyderabad Airport.

VISA

In order to enter India, all foreign visitors are required to have a valid passport and visa. Visas must be obtained before departure (except for delegates of countries which have visa-on-arrival arrangements with India) and applications should be made to the nearest Indian Embassy / High Commission / Consulate or a travel agent in the country of residence, taking into account the length of notice for obtaining a visa. For visa requirements, please visit the website: <http://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa>

Before planning your travel to India, please check the vaccination and other health requirements at <http://boi.gov.in/content/health-regulation>

Should you require a letter of invitation for Visa, please send your request through the ISO meeting management to your National Body. You are also requested to send your invitation letter request to Mr. Ashish Tiwari (ashishtiwari2205@bis.gov.in) alongwith following particulars:

Name:		Passport No:	
Date of Birth:		Date of Issue:	
Place of Birth:		Date of Expiry:	
Nationality:		Email:	
Organization:			

Note : Invitation letter request may take approx. 7 days to process. Please send your request well in advance.



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CUSTOMS

For customs regulations concerning items imported into India see the Indian Customs website:
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TRANSEER TO AND FROM HOTEL

One can book transfers from airport-hotel and hotel-venues via commonly used cab services which are readily available or taxi services available at the hotels. Public transport system consisting of the Metro/Subway train services and bus services are also easily available for traversing in the city.

Tips and general information for the Delegates

Business & shopping hours

	Weekdays	Saturday	Sunday
Banks	10:00 – 16:00	10:00 – 17:30 2 nd & 4 th Saturdays of the month - closed	closed
Major shops*	10:00 – 20:00	10:00 – 20:00	10:00 – 20:00
Government offices	09:00 – 17:30	Closed	Closed

*Some shopping centres close one day a week; this varies from place to place. Malls are usually open till 21 00 h.

Climate and clothing

The weather in Hyderabad in Nov is warm with temperature varying from 20-30 degrees centigrade. Light to medium clothes are best for everyday wear.

Internet connections

Free high speed Wi-Fi internet access will be available to delegates inside the meeting venues. Wi-Fi internet access is available at hotels in Hyderabad on a free or chargeable basis according to hotel policy.

Language

Hindi is the official language of India, though English is widely spoken. Signs, however, are often written in both languages.



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Meal facilities

There are a number of good restaurants within walking distance of the hotels which serve both lunch and dinner.

Smoking

In India, smoking is prohibited in public buildings and other places open to the public. This also includes offices, public transportation, hotels, bars, restaurants and all other establishments where food and beverage are served. You must be 18 years old or more to buy tobacco and tobacco products in India.

Telephones

All regular telephone numbers in Hyderabad consist of eight digits, and there are area codes (the area code for Hyderabad is 040). In case of emergency, the police can be contacted through number 100 and ambulance through 101.

To call India, the international telephone access code is +91 (city code)(number).

To call from India, the outgoing code from India is 00 (country code)(city code)(number).

For calls from your hotel, please enquire directly at the reception.

Taxes

A Goods & Service Tax (GST) is added on most products in India. Under GST, goods and services are taxed at the following rates, 0%, 5%, 12% ,18% and 28%.

Time zone

The time zone for India is Greenwich Mean Time + 5.30 hours.

This time zone remains unchanged throughout the year.

Vaccinations

Travel advisory for overseas travellers is available at: <http://boi.gov.in/content/health-regulation>

Currency and Credit Cards

The unit of Indian currency - Rupee (₹) (INR).

Denominations – 10, 20, 50, 100,200, 500, 2000.

1 USD = 70 INR (Approx.)

1 EUR = 79 INR (Approx.)

Major currencies can be exchanged into Indian rupee at the airport, hotels. Credit cards, e.g. VISA, MasterCard, and American Express are all widely accepted.



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Accommodation

The list of hotels nearby the venue is given below:

Hotel Name	Distance from Venue in KM (approx.)	Website
Taj Mahal Hotel, Jubilee Hills	4.6	https://www.tmhgroup.in/jubilee-hills/
Taj Deccan, Hyderabad	9	https://www.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj/taj-deccan-hyderabad/
ITC Kohenuur, Hitech City	5.2	https://www.itchotels.in/hotels/hyderabad/itckohenuur.html
Trident Hyderabad	8	https://www.tridenthotels.com/hotels-in-hyderabad?utm_source=GMBListing&utm_medium=organic
Green Park Hotel Hyderabad	8.5	http://hotelgreenpark.com/greenpark/
Avasa Hotel	7	http://www.hotelavasa.com/
The Park Hyderabad	9.1	http://www.theparkhotels.com/hyderabad.html
Taj Krishna	7.7	https://www.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj/taj-krishna-hyderabad/
Radisson Hyderabad	7.9	https://www.radisson.com
Best Western	8	www.bestwesternashoka.com
Novotel	10	https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6182-novotel-hyderabad-convention-centre/index.shtml

Other alternatives are also available near the venue. Delegates are free to choose any hotel/accommodation near the venue.

Telangana Tourism

Telangana, the 29th and youngest state of India, formally recognized on June 2, 2014 is a treasure trove of tourist destinations. One of the largest states in South India, Telangana is known for its hospitality and multicultural and pluralistic society with a proud history and grand heritage. Hyderabad, the capital city of this state is the fifth largest city in India and home to some of India's best educational institutions, public sector and defence companies and a thriving global services sector and film industry.

The region achieved statehood after a prolonged struggle and is known for its unique culture, dialect, cuisines and other aspects. Constituting a major part of Deccan plateau, Telangana has a pleasing climate, with abundant natural and water resources.

Through the link given below you can explore the wonders of this city be it its heritage, the art and crafts, the diverse cuisine and culture. <https://telanganatourism.gov.in/>

Some key places to visit:

Golconda	Charminar	Durgam Cheruvu
Taramati Baradari	Hussain Sagar Lake	Birla Planetarium
Qutub Shahi Tombs	Salar Jung Museum	Shilparamam
Chowmahalla Palace	Mecca Masjid	Birla Temple



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Electricity

India uses 230 Volts, 50 Hz alternating current as the power source. Plugs and sockets have either grounded / earthed 3 Pin connections (Type D) or ungrounded 2 pin connections (Type C).

The two pin plug has round pins. There are no fixed live (hot) and neutral (cold) terminals and can be inserted either way in the sockets.



The three pin plug is rated at 6A / 250V. It has three round pins in a triangular pattern. The earth terminal is slightly larger than the live and neutral terminals.

