

**ITU-T Kaleidoscope Academic Conference 2010 (13-15 Dec 2010)**

**IPTV-GSI Event (13-17 Dec 2010)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> ITU Interop Event on IPTV (14-17 Dec 2010)**

**INFORMATION NOTE**

**A. Practical information**

**1. Venue**

**Sinhgad Technical Education Society**  
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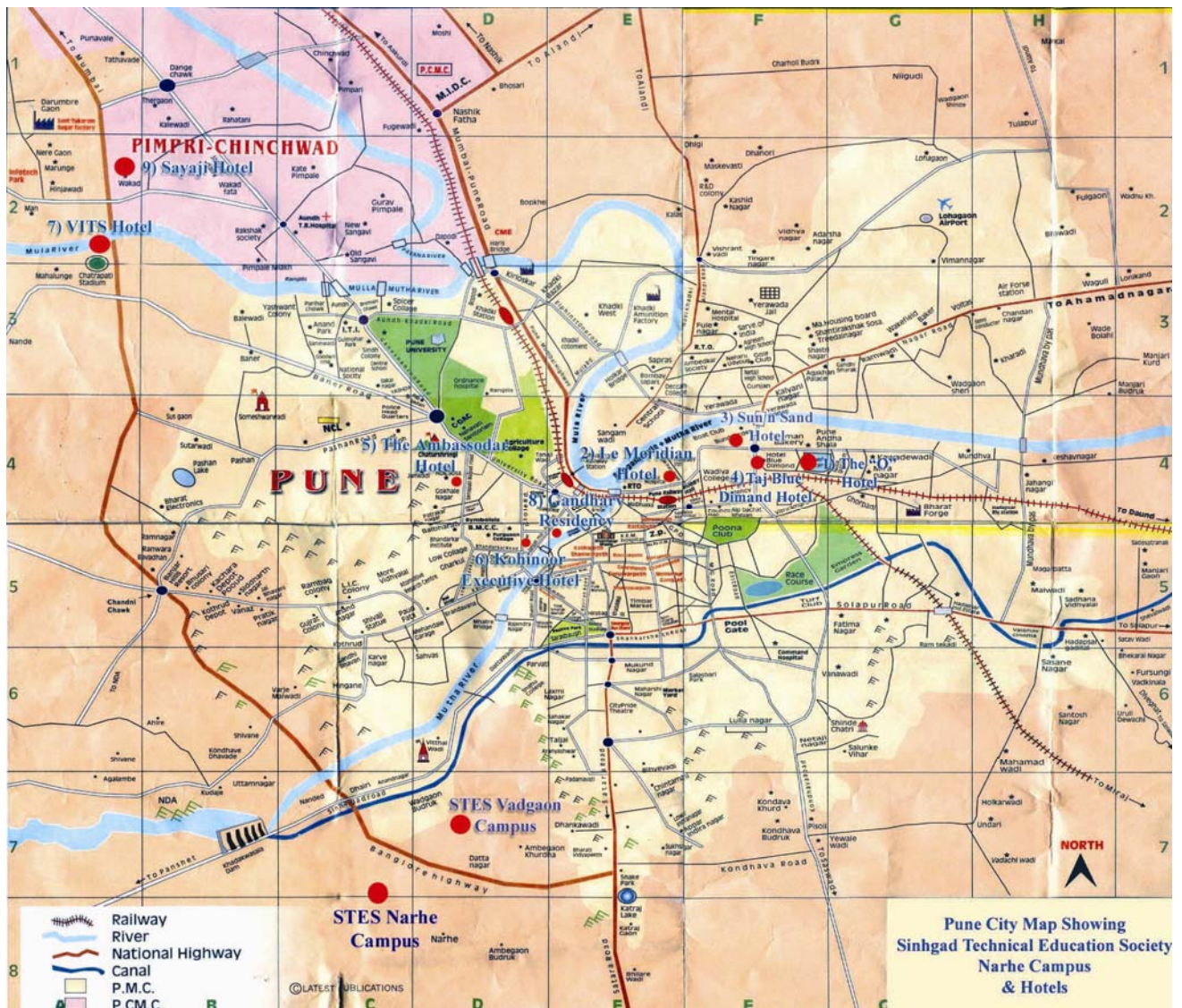
**4. Accommodation and hotel reservations**

Negotiations are being done by the local host and special rates will be offered to the delegates of the ITU-T events. Details are given in the table on the next page, including a map showing the proximity of each hotel to the ITU-T events' venue.

Delegates are kindly requested to inform us on the reservations made by sending an e-mail message to [sknevent@gmail.com](mailto:sknevent@gmail.com) and attaching a copy of the reservation form available at the

Kaleidoscope event's web page (<http://www.itu-kaleidoscope.org/2010>) at the General Information section.

It is important that reservations be made as early as possible to allow proper logistics planning. **All reservations must include a credit card number.** You will receive a confirmation message once your reservation has been accepted by the hotel. If you wish to cancel your reservation, please do it at least one week before.



**Pune city map**

## Hotel information

#	Name of the hotel	Distance from venue	Category	Type of room	Rate USD + Apprx. 10% Tax Extra	Rate INR + Apprx. 10% Tax Extra	Remarks
<b>Recommended list of hotels</b>							
1	<b>VITS Pune</b> Adjacent to Chhatrapati Shivaji Sports Complex, Pune-Bangalore Highway, Balewadi, Pune-411045 Tel: (+) 91 020-60017555 www.vitshotels.com Contact Person: K.Hussain Mobile: + 91 9623681874 Email: <a href="mailto:saleshdpune@vitshotels.com">saleshdpune@vitshotels.com</a>	18 Km	****	Single	67	3000	Rate includes buffet, breakfast, pick and drop from Pune Airport.
				Double	81	3600	
2	<b>Gandharv Residency</b> Jangali Maharaj Rd Pune, Maharashtra 411005 Tel. (+) 91 020 25520903 www.gandharv-residency.com Contact Person: Mr. Nitin Shete Mobile: +91 9922936972 Email: <a href="mailto:info@gandharv-residency.com">info@gandharv-residency.com</a>	8 Km	****	Executive Room	78	3500	Rate includes buffet, breakfast, pick and drop from Pune Airport.
				Executive Suite	101	4500	
3	<b>Sayaji Hotels Limited</b> 135/136, Mumbai-Bangalore Bypass Highway ! Wakad, Pune-411057 Telephone : +91-20-42121212, Fax: +91-20-42121000 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sales@sayajipune.com">sales@sayajipune.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.sayajihotels.com">www.sayajihotels.com</a> Contact Person: Mr. Nirmal Mobile: +91 9372267433	20 Km	***	Single	109	4875	Rate includes buffet, breakfast, pick and drop from Pune Airport.
				Double	126	5625	
				Suite	185	8250	
<b>Other hotels</b>							
4	<b>The O Hotel</b> North Main Road Koregaon Park	20 Km	*****	<b>Deluxe</b> Single Double	157 168	7000 7500	Rate includes morning

	Pune 411001, India Tel.: (+) 91 20 40011000 Fax: (+) 91 20 40011009 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ohotelsindia.com">info@ohotelsindia.com</a> <a href="http://www.ohotelsindia.com">www.ohotelsindia.com</a>			<b>Club</b> Single Double	190 213	8500 9500	buffet breakfast, pick and drop from Pune Airport.
				Suite	336	15000	
<b>5</b>	<b>Le Meridien</b> R.B.M. Road Pune - 411 001 Maharashtra (India) Phone : +(91)-(20)-26050505 Fax : +(91)-(20)-26050506 / 26050525 <a href="http://www.lemeridien-pune.com">www.lemeridien-pune.com</a>	15 Km	*****	Deluxe Room	359	16000	Rate includes morning buffet breakfast.
				Royal Club Room	448	20000	
				Royal Club Suite	583	26000	
<b>6</b>	<b>Sun-n-Sand Hotel</b> 262, Bund Garden Road Pune - 411 001, India Tel.: +91-20-2616 7777 Fax: +91-20-6164747 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@sunnspune.com">reservations@sunnspune.com</a> <a href="http://www.sunnspune.com">www.sunnspune.com</a>	17 km	*****	Single Room	146	6500	Rate includes morning buffet breakfast, pick and drop from Pune Airport.
				Double Room	157	7000	
<b>7</b>	<b>Taj Blue Diamond</b> 11 Koregaon Road Pune 411 001 Tel: 91-20-66025555 Fax: 91-20-66027755. Email: <a href="mailto:bluediamond.pune@tajhotels.com">bluediamond.pune@tajhotels.com</a> <a href="http://www.tajhotels.com">www.tajhotels.com</a>	22 Km	*****	Deluxe Room	172	7650	Rate includes morning buffet breakfast.
				Deluxe Suite	262	9000	
				Presidential Suite	303	11700	
<b>8</b>	<b>The Ambassador Hotel</b> 1125, Model Colony Off. F. C. Road Opp Jagtap Dairy Shivaji Nagar Pune - 411016 (Maharashtra) INMr. S. P. Herekar - Proprietor Tele Fax : +91-20-25660622 / 3 / 4 / 5 +91 - 20 - 3022 0621 <a href="http://www.hotelambassador.co.in">www.hotelambassador.co.in</a>	11 Km	****	<b>Deluxe A/C</b> Single Double	55 63	2464 2816	Rate includes morning buffet breakfast.
				<b>Super Deluxe A/C</b> Single Double	59 67	2640 2992	
				<b>Suite</b>	79	3520	
<b>9</b>	<b>Kohinoor Executive</b> Apte road, Shivajinagar Pune Tel. (+) 91 (020) 25531811 <a href="http://www.kohinoorhotels.com">www.kohinoorhotels.com</a>	8 km	****	Single	98	4350	Rates Includes morning buffet breakfast, lunch & dinner.
				Double	109	4850	
				Executive AC Room	120	5350	

\* Exchange rates are liable to fluctuate. At 04.05.2010, the dollar exchange rate was USD 1 = Rs 44.60. Hotels having # 1 to 3 have very good connectivity by highway and venue is reachable within 15 to 20 minutes from these hotels. Preferential rates are offered by these hotels which includes pick and drop facility from Pune Airport. Hotels Having # 4 to 9 are located at approximately 15 Km from the venue and are in crowded area hence are not strongly recommended.

## 5. Flights and transportation

**Pune Lohgaon International Airport:** It is located 30 minutes from the venue and is served by international flights. Delegates may reach the hotel by taxi from airport. All the hotels mentioned above provide travel assistance from airport to hotels.

**Connections from Mumbai's airport:** Pune has air and road links with major cities in India. Pune is located at about 175 km from Mumbai. Pune is conveniently connected to Mumbai (3 hrs drive by taxi to recommended hotel in Pune at the cost of 32 USD\* / 1500 INR). Round the clock taxi service is available from Mumbai. Information is available in the transportation document at the Kaleidoscope event's web page (<http://www.itu-kaleidoscope.org/2010>) at the General Information section.

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## B. General Information

### 1. Sinhgad Technical Education Society (STES)

STES was established in August 1993 by Prof. M. N. Navale, a great visionary and dynamic leader. At present STES is running more than 75 Institutions in the field of Management, Engineering, Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Architecture, Education, Law, Health Sciences, Arts, Commerce & Science, Gems & Gemology, Bio-Technology, Basic School Education from kindergarten onwards, across 9 campuses at Vadgaon, Karve Road, Narhe, Kondhwa, Lonavala, Mumbai, Pirangut, Solapur and Pandharpur, in the state of Maharashtra.

Sinhgad Technical Education Society's Smt. Kashibai Navale College of Engineering, Vadgaon (Bk.), Pune, was established in 2001 and has become synonymous with high Quality

Engineering Education and charting among the top Engineering College in Pune University.

The college offers bachelors degree programs in Computer Engineering, Information Technology, Electronics and Telecommunication, Mechanical Engg. and MBA. The college has consistently excelled in academics and extra curricular activities. Programmes offered by Institute have been accredited by NBA.

## 2. Pune City

**Pune** also known as '**Punawadi**' or **Punya-Nagari** or **Poona**, is the eighth largest city and eighth largest metropolis in India, and the second largest in the state of Maharashtra.

Pune is known to have existed as a town since 937 AD. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaaj, the founder of the Maratha Empire. In 1730, Pune became an important political centre as the seat of the Peshwa, the Prime Minister of the Chhatrapati of Satara. After the town was annexed to British India in 1817, it served as a cantonment town and as the "monsoon capital" of the Bombay Presidency until the independence of India.

Today, Pune is known for its educational facilities, having more than a hundred educational institutions and nine universities and has acquired a reputation as "The Oxford of the East", with students from all over the world. Pune has well-established manufacturing, glass, sugar and forging industries since the 1950-60s. Pune has a growing industrial hinterland, with many information technology and automotive companies setting up factories in Pune district. Pune is known for various cultural activities like classical music, spirituality, drama, sports, and literature. These activities and job opportunities attract migrants and students from all over India and abroad, which makes for a city of many communities and cultures.

As per the 2001 census of India, the population of the Pune urban agglomeration is 0.35 crore. This includes the towns of Khadki, Pimpri-Chinchwad and Dehu.

## 3. Entry formalities (visa)

You need visa to enter India. Please check the event's web page (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/uni/kaleidoscope/2010/index.html>), at the General Information section, for related details. No vaccination certificate is required for entering the country, except in the case of cholera and yellow fever for passengers arriving from countries in which those diseases are endemic.

You can also check visa requirements for India at your nearest Indian Embassy or Consulate, or via the website at:

- <http://india.gov.in/overseas/passport.php>
- [http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in/instructions\\_foreigners.htm](http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in/instructions_foreigners.htm)

To get the Directory of Indian Embassies with updated contact address, e-mail, phone, fax, and contact persons across various countries use the following URL: <http://www.infodriveindia.com>

## 4. Language

Marathi is the official and most widely spoken language, while Hindi and English are understood and spoken widely.

## 5. Electric current

Alternating current is used throughout India. The voltage is 220V. Most hotels can provide 110-volt adaptors.

## 6. Climate

Pune has a tropical wet and dry climate with average temperatures ranging between 20 to 28 °C (68 to 82 °F). Pune experiences three distinct seasons: summer, monsoon and winter. Winter begins in November; November in particular is referred to as the Rosy Cold (literal translation). The daytime temperature hovers around 28 °C (82 °F) while night temperature is below 10 °C (50 °F) for most of December and January, often dropping from 5° to 6 °C (41° to 43 °F). You would need to carry moderate clothing.

## 7. Time differences

You can check the following link for world time differences:

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>

## 8. Currency

Indian Rupee is the official currency of India. Foreign currency can be exchanged into rupees in banks and other authorized establishments. The most commonly accepted credit cards are VISA and MasterCard.

Exchange rates are liable to fluctuate. At 04.05.2010, the dollar exchange rate was USD 1 = Rs 44.60.





**Indian currency**

## 9. Business hours

As one of the largest cities in India, and as a result of its many colleges and universities, Pune is emerging as a prominent location for IT and manufacturing companies to expand. Pune has the sixth largest metropolitan economy.

Banks and exchange offices: Monday to Friday from 1000 to 1500 hours and on Saturday working hours are from 1000 to 1300 hours.

Company offices: Generally from 0900 to 1300 and 1700 to 2000 hours.

Shops and businesses: In the major cities, from 0900 to 2000 hours (in the city's interior there is normally a midday break), and Saturdays from 0900 to 1300 hours.

## 10. Tipping

It is as per the customer interest. It is not mandatory to offer tip.

## 11. Further useful links

- You can find further information on Pune city at the following web page:  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pune>



- Getting to Pune and the Venue:

Pune is served by Pune International Airport. Further information about flying to Pune is available at the Airport websites:

<http://www.puneairport.com/>

[http://www.aai.aero/allAirports/pune\\_generalinfo.jsp](http://www.aai.aero/allAirports/pune_generalinfo.jsp)

For flight details from other major cities go to:

<http://www.csia.in> (Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (CSIA), Mumbai).

<http://www.newdelhiairport.in/traveller.aspx> (Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi)

[http://www.bengaluruairport.com/portal/page/portal/BIAL\\_PageGroup/BIAL\\_HOME](http://www.bengaluruairport.com/portal/page/portal/BIAL_PageGroup/BIAL_HOME)

(Bengaluru International Air port, Bangalore)

- To get information about things to see and do during your stay in Pune see:

<http://pune.gov.in/>

<http://www.punecorporation.org/index.aspx>