IOPS Committee Meetings &
2019 International Conference on Private Pensions
“Options for creating sustainable pension systems in emerging markets”
6-7 March 2019
New Delhi, India
Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi, India

Information Note for Participants

Organisation
The IOPS Committee Meetings and IOPS International Conference will take place on 6 and 7 March 2019 in New Delhi, India.

The meetings are hosted by India’s Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

Registration
Please note that participation in the International Conference is by invitation only. If you have been invited to register, please do so by filling out the registration form and sending it by email to the contact persons listed at the end of the registration form.

Registration at the events will take place on 6-7 March at the meeting venue. Each delegate will receive a conference kit before the International Conference begins.

Venues
The IOPS Technical and Executive Committee meetings and the International Conference will be held at the Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi, India.

Address: Sardar Patel Marg Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi, Pin code :110 021, India

Website: https://taj.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj-palace-new-delhi/

Accommodation
Please contact the hotels direct for booking. Below is the table containing details of some of the options which the delegates may like to explore:
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Taj Palace Hotel (5 star)</td>
<td>Sardar Patel Marg, Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi, 110 021 <a href="https://tajhotels.com/en-in/taj-palace-new-delhi/">www.tajhotels.com</a></td>
<td>Single occupancy: Rs. 12,500 (~ USD 178)</td>
<td>Double occupancy: Rs. 14,000 (~ USD 200)</td>
<td>011-26110202 Ms. Neha Roy <a href="mailto:palace.delhi@tajhotels.com">palace.delhi@tajhotels.com</a></td>
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<td>The Park Hotel (5 star)</td>
<td>15 Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110 001 <a href="http://www.theparkhotels.com">http://www.theparkhotels.com</a></td>
<td>Single occupancy: Rs. 8,000 (~ USD 115)</td>
<td>Double occupancy: Rs. 9,000 (~ USD 129)</td>
<td>Ms. Shikha Thakur Sales Manager 9891827074 <a href="mailto:sthakur@theparkhotels.com">sthakur@theparkhotels.com</a> <a href="mailto:resv.del@theparkhotels.com">resv.del@theparkhotels.com</a></td>
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<td>Hyatt Regency (5 star)</td>
<td>Bhikaji Cama Place Ring Road, Delhi 110066 <a href="http://www.hyatt.com">www.hyatt.com</a></td>
<td>Single occupancy: Rs. 8,500 (~ USD 121)</td>
<td>Double occupancy: Rs. 10,000 (~ USD 143)</td>
<td>Mr Sandeep 9871952306 <a href="mailto:sandeep.madan@hyatt.com">sandeep.madan@hyatt.com</a> <a href="mailto:delhi.regency@hyatt.com">delhi.regency@hyatt.com</a></td>
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<td>Shangri-La’s – Eros Hotel (5 star)</td>
<td>19, Ashoka Rd, Janpath, Connaught Place, New Delhi, 110001 <a href="http://www.shangri-la.com">www.shangri-la.com</a></td>
<td>Single occupancy: Rs. 8,500 (~ USD 121)</td>
<td>Double occupancy: Rs. 10,000 (~ USD 143)</td>
<td>Ms. Preeti (9910033205) <a href="mailto:slnd@shangrilala.com">slnd@shangrilala.com</a></td>
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<td>The Lalit (5 star)</td>
<td>Barakhamba Avenue, Connaught Place New Delhi-110001 <a href="http://www.thelalit.com">www.thelalit.com</a></td>
<td>Single occupancy: Rs. 8,000 (~ USD 115)</td>
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<td>Ms. Swati Dubey (9910305975) <a href="mailto:bookings@thelalit.com">bookings@thelalit.com</a> <a href="mailto:sdubey@thelalit.com">sdubey@thelalit.com</a></td>
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<td>The Ashok Hotel (5 star)</td>
<td>50-B Central Bank Of India, Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, 110021 <a href="http://www.theashok.com/">http://www.theashok.com/</a></td>
<td>Single occupancy: Rs. 7,700 (~ USD 110)</td>
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<td>Mr. Vishal (9910305975) <a href="mailto:ashokrooms@gmai.com">ashokrooms@gmai.com</a>,</td>
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<td>ITC Maurya (5 star)</td>
<td>Sardar Patel Marg, Akhaura Block, Diplomatic Enclave, Chankpuri, New Delhi, 110021 <a href="http://www.itchotels.in">www.itchotels.in</a></td>
<td>Single occupancy: Rs. 10,500/ (~ USD 150)</td>
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<td>Mr.Ravish Khorana (9654543573) <a href="mailto:reservations@itchotels.in">reservations@itchotels.in</a></td>
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<td>Hotel Samrat (4 star)</td>
<td>50-B Kautilya Marg, New Delhi, 110021 <a href="http://samrat.delhitophotel.com">http://samrat.delhitophotel.com</a></td>
<td>Single occupancy: Rs. 7,000 (~ USD 100)</td>
<td>Double occupancy: Rs. 8,000 (~ USD 115)</td>
<td>011-24152804/06 <a href="mailto:Hotelsamrat1@yahoo.co.in">Hotelsamrat1@yahoo.co.in</a></td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Hilton Garden Inn (4 star)</td>
<td>A4, DLF Place, Saket District Centre, New Delhi, Delhi 110017 <a href="http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com">hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com</a></td>
<td>Single occupancy: Rs. 7,500 (~ USD 107)</td>
<td>Double occupancy: Rs. 8,500 (~ USD 121)</td>
<td>Mr. Saby (9711733115) delsk.reservation</td>
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Social Events

Lunch
Lunch will be offered at the Conference Venue on 6 and 7 March, 2019.

Dinner
A dinner will be hosted by the IOPS on 6 March at the Conference Venue.

A Gala Dinner for will be hosted by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority on 7 March, 2019 at the Conference Venue at Rani Bagh Lawn, Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi, India.

Dress Code
Dress code during the Forum and gala dinner will be business attire.

Internet connection
Free WiFi will be available in the Hotel rooms. Phone cards and data cards can be purchased at outlets of telecom companies in New Delhi, India.

Contacts, Information and Documentation
Meeting documents and presentations are available to IOPS Members on the O.N.E. Community site of IOPS (IOPS Members area).

For further information relating to the organisation of the events, please contact the IOPS Secretariat or the PFRDA:

IOPS Secretariat:
Ms. Caroline Lam, email: caroline.lam@oecd.org.in

PFRDA:
Ms. Manju Bhalla, Deputy General Manager; email: dept-IOPS@pfrda.org.in

Working Languages
The meetings and all related documentation will be in English.
Transportation from the Airport

The Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport is approximately 16 km (40 minutes drive) from the Conference Venue. Delegates can travel by public transport, take a taxi, or arrange for a transfer with the hotel where they are staying.

Approximate fares for different types of transportation from the airport to the Conference Hotel are as follows:

1. **Taxi (Meru/Uber/Ola)**
   - Hours of operation: 24 hours
   - Cost: around Rs. 400-600 (approx. US$ 6-9)
   - Travel time: 40 minutes

Visas

Where necessary, delegates are expected to obtain visas for entry into New Delhi, India before they travel. Delegates should refer to the link below to find out the process and verify the requirements with the Embassy/Consulate in their own countries.

[https://boi.gov.in/content/conference-visa-c](https://boi.gov.in/content/conference-visa-c)

Delegates may ask the PFRDA to provide them with an official invitation letter in support of their visa application. Please contact:

Ms. Manju Bhalla, Deputy General Manager; e-mail: [dept-IOPS@pfrda.org.in](mailto:dept-IOPS@pfrda.org.in)

Practical information

**Weather**

The weather in New Delhi, India in March is usually moderate - warm and sunny, with low humidity. The average low and high temperatures range from 15°C (59°F) to 30°C (86°F).
If needed, the latest weather forecast may also be obtained from Indian Meteorological Department’s website ([http://www.imd.gov.in/pages/city_weather_main.php](http://www.imd.gov.in/pages/city_weather_main.php)).

**Currency**

The legal tender in New Delhi, India is the Indian Rupee. Majority of the bank branches offer currency exchange services. Foreign currency exchange is available at the airport, venue and throughout the city Centre. Credit and debit cards of all major banks are accepted at most of the merchants across the city.

**Electricity**

Voltage is 220 volts, alternating at 50 cycles (Hertz) per second and the country uses type D power plugs/sockets.

**Medical Services**

There are a number of government hospitals and private medical clinics located near the Conference Venue from which medical assistance is available. A few prominent hospitals are as follows:

- All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS)  
  Sri Aurobindo Marg, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi – 110029 (around 25 minutes drive from the venue)

- Vardhman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital  
  Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi – 110029 (around 20 minutes drive from the venue)

- Primus Super Specialty Hospital  
  Chandragupta Marg, Opp. Russian Embassy, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi – 110021 (around 15 minutes’ drive from the venue)

- Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital  
  Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi – 110001 (around 20 minutes’ drive from the venue)
General Tips

- Please keep your passport safe, secure and handy. The same may be needed at check ins and at airports.
- Please consume only bottled drinking water while outside the venue to stay hydrated and carry your medication, if needed.
- Please note that smoking in public is prohibited and the same may attract fines and penalties.
- Please mark your luggage accordingly during transit.
- As the weather will be pleasant, summer clothing will suffice.

Places of interest in and around New Delhi, India

Red Fort

The Red Fort is an epitome of the Mughal era in India and is the face of tourist attractions in Delhi. Built in 1638, it is an outstanding marvel of Mughal architecture made of red sandstone. Within its magnificent walls, the chhata bazaar and every evening sound and light show are special attractions. It is one of the most famous places in Delhi.

Opening hours: 9 am to 6 pm. Closed on Mondays.
India Gate

India Gate is one monument that defines Delhi or India for that matter. It was built in 1931 as a memorial for martyrs of World War I and war in Afghanistan. At Rajpath, the structure looks amazing in evening lights. The gardens that line the structure are a must visit among the sightseeing places in Delhi.

Opening hours: Always open

Lotus ‘Bahai’ Temple

Lotus in the Bahai Temple symbolizes four religions namely Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism and Islam.

Worshippers of every religion are welcomed here.

Opening hours: From 9 am till sunset.
Akshardham Temple

While sightseeing in Delhi, a visit is suggested to Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple – one of the largest Hindu temples in the world. Built by the BAPS spiritual organization, it’s a stunning architectural work made of the pink stone and white marble.

Opening hours: 9.30 am to 6.30 pm, Closed on Mondays.

Qutab Minar

Among the other places to visit in Delhi, Qutub Minar stands tall with its 73-meter-tall brick minaret. Built by Qutub-ud-din Aibak of the Mamluk Dynasty which ruled Delhi as a Sultanate from 1206-1290 AD. The structure has five stories with chiseled carvings and scriptures.

Opening hours: Sunrise until sunset, Closed on Mondays.
Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal meaning "Crown of the Palaces" is an ivory-white marble mausoleum on the south bank of the Yamuna river in the Indian city of Agra. It was commissioned in 1632 by the Mughal emperor, Shah Jahan (reigned from 1628 to 1658), to house the tomb of his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal and is set in formal gardens bounded on three sides by a crenellated wall. **Opening hours:** opens 30 min. before sunrise and closes 30 min. before sunset

How to reach Taj Mahal

- By Air: you can get a direct flight to Agra from New Delhi.
- By Rail: You can enjoy a luxurious train tour on Palace on Wheels to the city, while Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Taj Express help you reach Agra in very less time. Via rails, it is a journey of just 2 to 3 hours to Agra
- By Road: Taj Mahal is around 230 kms from Delhi. It is a journey of just 3 to 4 hours from Delhi. Either take the Yamuna Expressway from Greater Noida or the old highway (NH19).

Hawa Mahal

Hawa Mahal situated at Pink City of Jaipur. Hawa Mahal was built in 1799. It has 953 windows on the outside walls. The honeycomb shaped and beautifully carved windows allow breeze to blow through the palace and makes it a perfect summer palace. It was built as an extension to the City Palace nearby. The best time to visit Hawa Mahal is in the early morning when the sun enters the rooms from the windows. The mahal is illuminated with golden sun lights. **Opening hours:** From 9:00am to 5:00 pm
How To Reach Hawa Mahal:
- By Air: Jaipur is connected to Delhi by domestic flights.
- By Rail: The train service to Jaipur is available from all the major parts of the country.
- By Road: Jaipur can be accessed from Delhi by road in 4-5 hours. (around 250 km)

Jal Mahal
Possibly the most serene sight amidst the chaos of Jaipur is the beautiful Jal Mahal Jaipur, the Water Palace. This low-rise symmetrical palace, that once was a shooting lodge for the Maharajah, appears to float in the centre of Sagar Lake. The light sand coloured stone walls of the Jal Mahal Jaipur are at a stark contrast to the deep blue of the waters of the lake.

Opening hours: From 12 Noon to 10:30 pm

How To Reach: Jal Mahal is 8 km to the north on Amer Road in Jaipur. Most tourist buses and taxis halt by the lake.

Mathura and Vrindavan
Mathura and Vrindavan are two amazing places to visit near Delhi within 200 km of the capital, known for their religious significance. While Mathura is known as the birthplace of Lord Krishna, it is Vrindavan where he is believed to have spent his childhood.


Best time to visit: October to March
Distance from Delhi: 161 km

How to reach:
- By Air: IGI Airport in Delhi (136 km away) are the nearest airports.
- By Rail: Mathura has its own railway station and is connected to Delhi Directly.
- By Road: Mathura is also connected by road to Delhi & nearby states.

More Information can be obtained from Official Tourism Website for Govt. of NCT of Delhi and http://www.delhitourism.gov.in/delhitourism/index.jsp