

Summer Course: CONTEMPORARY INDIA HYDERABAD, SOUTH INDIA, JULY 2003

A SUMMER IN HYDERABAD?

Hyderabad is a sprawling and rapidly expanding city with a multicultural society and the mixture of the very old and very new one often finds in India. Founded in 1591, it was ruled by Islamic governments until 1948 and has inherited a rich and distinctive blend of North and South Indian culture. Today's Hyderabad is one of the most dynamic cities in India, noted especially for IT and high-tech expertise. The climate is pleasantly warm. For more check out www.fullhyd.com.

A SUMMER COURSE FOR NORDIC STUDENTS

India is among the largest nations in the world and faces important challenges as well as tremendous opportunities for the future. This four week summer course for Nordic students will give participants thorough insight into major contemporary issues. The course will also familiarise participants with India's rich social, literary and religious culture.

The course will be held at the University of Hyderabad, a recently established institution with highly competent researchers. The course program consists of lectures, excursions and seminars given by scholars of that university..

Themes

Introductory course: The diversity of India

1. The political system and questions of identity
2. Globalisation and the economy focusing on the city of Hyderabad
3. Development, environment and human rights
4. Indian literature and cinema

Wish to take part?

The course is tailor-made for Nordic students with a few years' experience of higher education but not necessarily more than basic knowledge about India. Students of all disciplines are invited to apply – from political science or anthropology, from history or history of religion, from development studies...

Costs

The costs will be approx. NOK 8000. This includes all local costs, including the course, board and lodging, excursions and use of the University's library and medical facilities. The reading material will be made available in photo copies. Travel between Norden and Hyderabad will be extra. In some cases participants may receive refunding or financial assistance from home institutions.

Credits

The course is designed with Nordic students and university systems in mind. This means the course may count towards your degree. Because of great variation between Nordic institutions you need to ask at your home institution about the possibility of getting credit for participation. Ask us for the necessary information.

Organisers

The course is organised by the Nordic Centre in India (NCI) and the University of Hyderabad. It is an adaptation of the latter's Study in India-programme used by American universities over many years.

Application

Students from all Nordic universities and comparable institutions may apply. There is no application process and you may simply state your interest to the NCI director. However, a fairly firm commitment to participate is required with 30 April.

Interested?

More information is available at eurasia.nias.ku.dk/nordindia. Here you will find details of the reading list, pointers to the University of Hyderabad, and updated information. You are also invited to contact NCI director Arild Engelsen Ruud e-mail: a.e.ruud@hi.uio.no Ph. +47 2285 8900; Fax +47 2285 8920

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