



Proposal for openSUSE.Asia summit 2019 Conference & Hackfest



Proposed City : Faridabad (Delhi-NCR)
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1. Introduction

MR FOSS Developer Group of Department of Computer Science and Engineering, FET, MRIIRS team propose to organize openSUSE.Asia Summit 2018 / openSUSE Hackfest to be hosted in Faridabad (Delhi-NCR).

New Delhi is gaining importance and significance as a powerhouse for the future and Faridabad being part of the National Capital Region (NCR) is not far behind. The capital offers a glimpse of India's diversity, yet retains the essence of the various cultures (the ancient Indian, the Mughal, the British) in its purest form. Faridabad is a city dotted with greeneries, yet building infrastructures for a better and smarter future. The city is famous for henna production from the agricultural sector, while tractors, motorcycles, switch gears, refrigerators, shoes, tyres and garments constitute its primary industrial products.

We strongly believe that Faridabad is the best place to host the upcoming openSUSE.Asia summit.

2. Objectives

To bring the OpenSUSE community in India, Asia and abroad come together and meet each other face to face and know each other in person out of the virtual world to the real world. Increase awareness about openSUSE, Free and Libre Open Source Software. Introduce users, students and developers in our area and the ways in which they can contribute to openSUSE.

3. Local Organisers

MR FOSS Developer Group at CSE, FET, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, Faridabad

Organizing committee for summit

Shobha Tyagi, CSE, MRIIRS

Suresh Kumar, HOD, CSE, MRIIRS, Open Source Enthusiast

Raju Ravidas, Hamara Linux

Amey Abhiyankar, openSUSE

Ankur Malik, openSUSE, GSoc 2018 Intern

Jwngfu Brahma, Student, CSE, MRIIRS, SUSE user

Rhitabrat Pokharel, Student, CSE, MRIIRS, SUSE user

Rachna Bhel, CSE, MRIIRS

Proposed supporting organisations

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology(<http://meity.gov.in>)

Department of Science and Technology (<http://www.dst.gov.in>)

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (<http://www.mospi.nic.in>)

4. Dates: Tentative dates

Possible period: September 27th to 29th 2019.

Venue



A Block, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS), Delhi SurajKund Road, Sector 43, Faridabad, Haryana 121004, India.

MRIIRS is a world-class institution and a visible symbol of knowledge and experience providing high-quality education. Carrying forward the mantle of excellence and professionalism with the philosophy of Manav Rachna 'Vidyantariksha' (the reality of inner vision or root of all knowledge), the group has built a reputation for excellence in professional education and research. Proximity to National Capital Territory (NCR), New Delhi, with MRIU campus located at a distance of about 5 Km from South Delhi.

OpenStreetMap

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Indira Gandhi International Airport, igi airport

Manav Rachna, Surajkund Road, Greenfield,

Car (OSRM)

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Reverse Directions

Directions

Distance: 41km. Time: 1:10.

1. Start on unnamed road 2.4km
2. Slight right onto unnamed road 200m
3. Turn left onto unnamed road 1.5km
4. Turn left onto the ramp 700m
5. Merge right onto NH48 3.8km
6. Take the sliproad on the right 600m
7. Continue on Rao Tula Ram Marg 2km
8. Continue on Palam Marg 900m
9. At the fork turn right onto Palam Marg 1.9km
10. Continue on Outer Ring Road 2.8km
11. Continue on Ho Chi Minh Marg 3.1km

It is at the distance of 41 km from Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi. It takes 1 hour 10 mins to reach Manav Rachna Campus by Taxi or Cab.

A peek into our venue:



OpenSUSE Event

We organized an event on 26 september 2018 to introduce our students to linux and openSUSE [1]. They very enthusiastically attended the lecture. We will soon organize an openSUSE installation fest. We are below sharing some of the images from the event.



[1] Link to [view](#) to the presentation

5. Activities and schedule

Conference:

- Keynotes
- Talks
- BOF(Bird of Feather)
- Lightning Talks
- Booths
- Party after the conference

Hackfest:

A wiki page can be put up to allow participants to write down their proposed works / topics. Activities include:

- Hacking
- Collaboration
- Workshop
- Discussion
- Technical Helpdesk

Conference Schedule		
	Track 1	Track 2
8:00	Conference starts	
08:45	Welcome speech - Local organizer & openSUSE.Asia Committee	
9:00	Keynote #1	
10.00	Keynote #2	
11.00	Keynote #3	
12.00	Lunch	
13.30	Talk#1	Talk#2
14.00	Talk#3	Talk#4
14.30	Talk#5	Talk#6
15.00	Talk#7	Talk#8
15.30	Talk#9	Talk#10
16.00	Talk#11	Talk#12
16.30	Talk#13	Talk#14
17.00	Lightning Talk	
17.30	Closing speech – openSUSE.Asia Committee	
18.00	Dinner Party	

* Schedule is tentative and can be rescheduled as per the suitability and mutual understanding.

* There will be booths and exhibitions from 8:00 to 17:00.

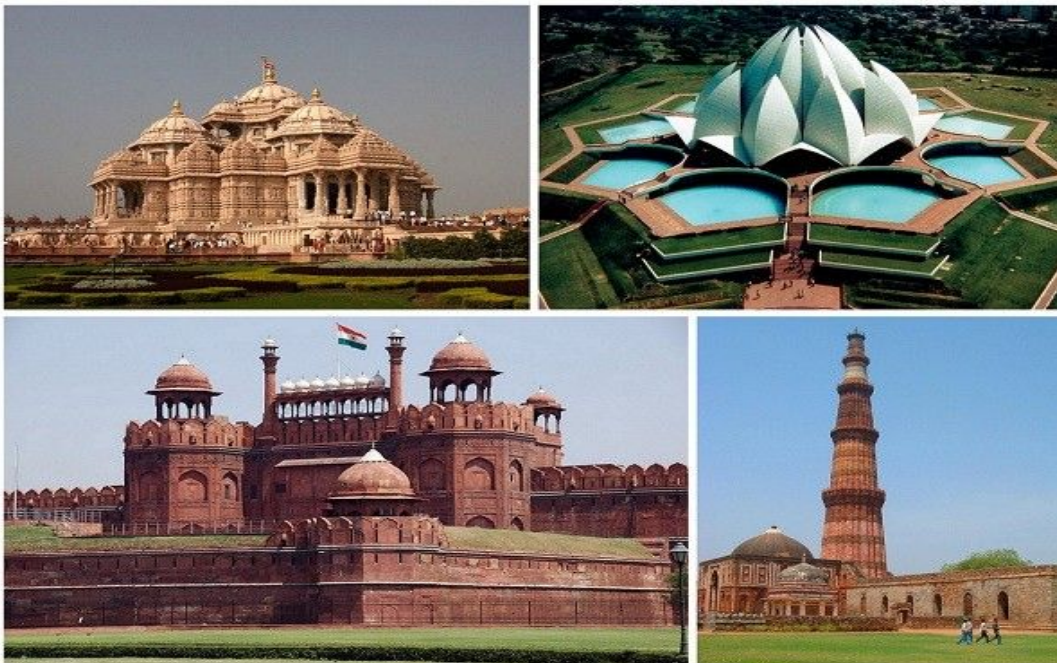
* We proposed to have a party room (and support booth) as well, the purpose is to help students/participants to install openSUSE Shell and Desktop.

Optional One Day Tour

Option 1: Agra (Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Memtabh Bagh)



Optional 2: day local tour: Delhi Darshan



6. Expectations and Marketing

We will send out "call for participation" 3 months prior to the event. We expect to have around 500 participants joining the conference and around 50 people joining the Hackfest. We intend to invite participants from India and other Asian countries to attend the conference. On top of the above marketing channels, mass scale marketing will also be carried out 3 months prior to the conference in India. Please find below the communication channels:

Conference:

Advertising in Universities, IT related colleges and some secondary schools in Delhi, NCR.

Articles and/or website banners at all FOSS communities in India.

Mailing lists, OpenSUSE and FOSS community in Delhi-NCR and all over India .

Magazine / newspapers ads.

News site banners and articles.

Word of mouth.

Social Networks (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.)

Workshop/Hackfest :

openSUSE website

Selected mailing lists from openSUSE and other related communities

Selected IRC channels of openSUSE and other related communities

openSUSE developers from different companies

Blog posting

Invitations to selected contributors

Social Networks (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.)

7. Target Audience

Hackfest (~ 20 OpenSUSE contributors / developers):

OpenSUSE Developers

OpenSUSE contributors in India

Conference (300 - 400 people):

Existing and potential OpenSUSE contributors and users

Developers and university students

8. Budget Estimation

			USD	USD
Category	Item & Description	Quantity	U/P	Amount
Conference Venue	Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (24x7 on-campus Wi-Fi access)	Hall (300) 1 Hall (100)* Exhibition Area	Free	Free
Marketing materials	T-shirts	100	4.00	400.00
	Banner	10	8.00	80.00
	Badge			
	Posters	20	5.00	100.00
Tea Breaks	Tea/Coffee & Cookies	200(workshop) +2*300(Conference)	0.50	400.00
Lunch		100 (Workshop) + 2*150 (Conference)	2.00	800.00
Travel subsidy and accommodation				
Miscellaneous (10%)				178.00
Grand Total				1958.00

*More conference hall(s) can be put to use if needed.

Note: Travel Sponsorships, Day Tour and Accommodations are not included above

9. Potential sponsor and media partners

We will send out "call for sponsors" to find local open source sponsors in India.

- Potential Sponsors
 - Red Hat India
 - Google India
 - CDAC
 - Local Startups
 - Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
 - Department of Science and Technology (DST)
 - Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI)
 - IBM, India
 - Infosys, India

- Potential Media Partners
 - Delhi Times by Times of India, New Delhi
 - Dainik Jagran, New Delhi, a daily local newspaper
 - Computer Society of India
 - Indian Society for Technical Education
 - Reporter, by Manav Rachna, Vidyantriksha
 - Campus Buzz, etc.

10. Accommodations near MRIU & Visa Information



The Atrium, Delhi, NCR Shooting Range Road
Faridabad – 121001 India

Located in Surajkund, just 5.4 km from venue. Rate US \$44 - \$82.

Take taxi or auto rickshaw(INR ~25-30) to reach MRIU in 8 minutes.

Phone: +91 129 4090700 Email: info@atriumhotel.in



Park Plaza, Sector 21 C
Faridabad 121002 India

Via Suraj Kund Badkhal Road from venue just 3.9 km. Rates US \$54 - \$116.

Take taxi or auto rickshaw(INR ~25-30) to reach MRIU in 8 minutes.

Phone: +91-129-4241111 Email: ppf@sarovarhotels.com



Suraj Kund Road, Lakewood City, Surajkund, Faridabad, Haryana 121009

Located in Surajkund, just 6.2 km from venue. Rate US \$54.19 - \$262.

Take taxi or auto rickshaw(INR ~25-30) to reach MRIU.

Phone: +91 129 2512057 Email: rajhans@hry.nic.in

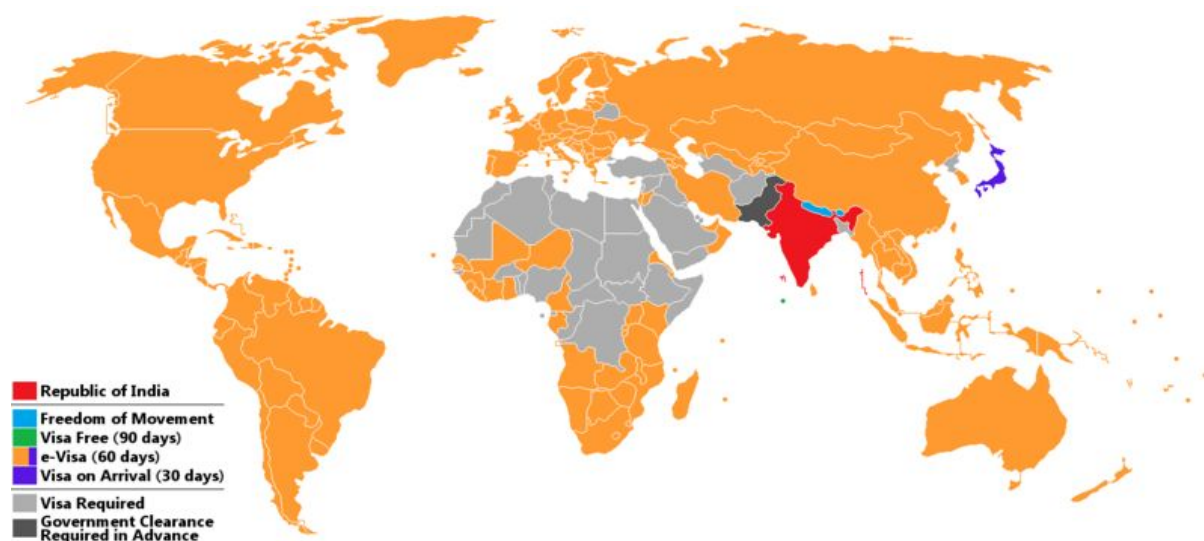


Vivanta by Taj – Surajkund Shooting Range Road, Faridabad –121 009,

Located in Surajkund, just 5.2 km from venue. Rate US\$148-\$300. Take taxi or auto rickshaw(INR ~25-30) to reach MRIU.

Phone: +91 (0129) 419 0000 Email: vivanta.surajkund@tajhotels.com

Visa Policy of India



It is really easy to travel in India for people of visa-exempt countries or a country whose citizens may obtain a visa on arrival, or an e-Visa online. The above map clearly shows that maximum countries in the world can travel in India with e-Visa policy online. Japan and South Korea can get Visa on Arrival. Citizens of Nepal and Bhutan do not require Visa or Passport to enter India. Countries covered in light grey colour require visa to enter India. For Pakistani citizen Government clearance is required in advance to enter Republic of India.

Complete and detailed Information about the visa policy of India can be found at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_India

11. Conclusion

Department of Computer Science & Engineering has a great team of passionate people and plenty of experience in hosting events and conferences. We have been talking to different local FOSS communities and potential sponsors as well as media partners, all of them showed their supports to the event. We strongly believe India is the best place to host this upcoming openSUSE.Asia Summit 2019. In case any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you.