

Proposal to Host
UbuCon Asia 2024
India

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Overview

India, one of the fastest growing tech spaces, and the largest population in the world, with a huge tech savvy audience is the perfect place to host an event like UbuCon Asia.

India is the land of diverse cultures and rich heritage, many times considered as a union of countries instead of a single one due to the extent of diversity between places. Such a place will not only be able to engage participants but will also be able to create an everlasting impression.

The main communities powering the event will be Ubuntu India and GNOME Users Group, Delhi - NCR (Student-led communities, not legally established).

India has seen major events in the past, such as - GNOME Asia, DebConf 2023, Opportunities Open Source by Canonical in 2023, etc... With a rich heritage, culture and infrastructure to sustain, empower and enjoy an event of this scale.

There is also a possibility of a joint conduct between GNOME Asia and UbuCon Asia (If both organisations agree), empowering the spirit of collaboration and community that exists in Open Source. (More details in the end)

Key facts

- City and country: Jaipur, India
- Venue: Proposed universities mentioned below.
- Proposed dates: 24-26 September / 4-6 Oct 2024
- Participant scale: About 250 - 300 attendees
- Organizer:
 - Ubuntu India (Reboot)
 - GNOME Users Group, Delhi - NCR
- Main contact person:
 - Aryan Kaushik (akaushik@gnome.org)
 - Bhavani Shankar (bhavi@ubuntu.com)

About the location

Venue

As we are still in the proposal period, we would like to propose venue options (JECRC Preferred).
The options we have shortlisted as of now are -

- LNMIT, Jaipur
 - LNMIT is also a great choice, it has a really nice open-source and coding culture, and many people have done GSoC from LNMIT. One of our contacts there is an established personality in Open Source, and was a graduate of this college.
- JECRC University
 - It also packs a lot of students and a fairly good open-source and coding culture, people there respond well to coding events and hackathons etc. So response wise it's a really nice place to host an event
- Manipal University Jaipur

- MUJ is a fairly new college with great infrastructure and a growing tech community. So in that case, it could be a good option. But it is the farthest from the main city.

We currently prefer JECRC, Jaipur due to the presence of our connection there, the feasibility of hosting the event, the presence of good infrastructure and the student culture.





JECRCUniversity





Location and accessibility of the venue in the city

The colleges are easily reachable by Taxi in max 20 - 40 min.

IT Infrastructure & Live streaming/Video recording availability

We will make sure all equipments are ready to use

1. Power outlets
2. Stable connections to WiFi
3. Video recording equipment
4. Audio equipment: microphone, sound, etc
5. Projector in the auditorium and classes
6. Walkie-talkie for committees and volunteers

Available rooms and space options for the event and its facilities

As we will be hosting in University we will have plenty of rooms and an auditorium to host the event. The specifics can be discussed once we have official approval to reach out to the chosen venue.

The City

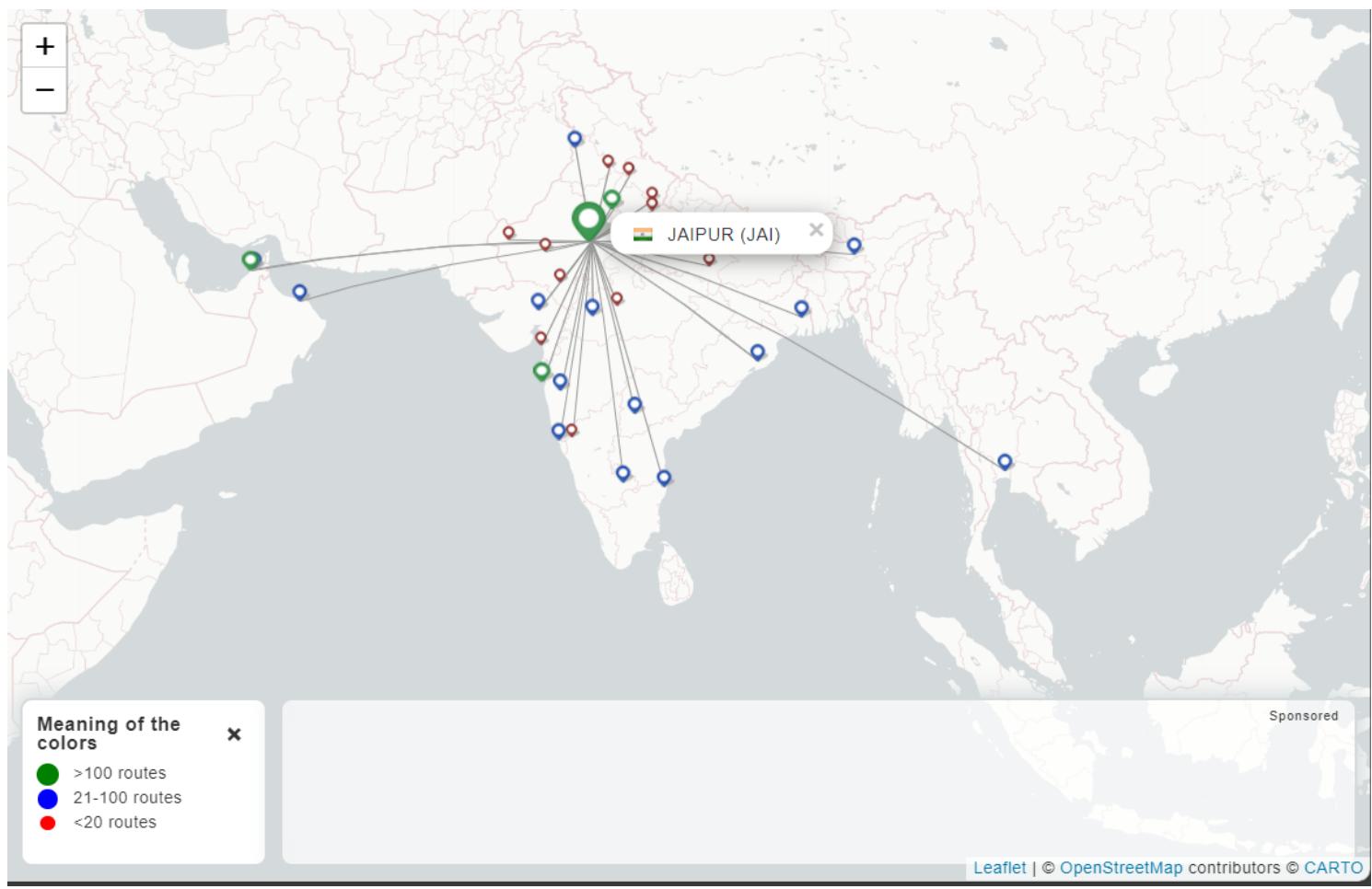


Jaipur: The Pink City of Innovation

Nestled in the heart of India's rich cultural tapestry, Jaipur stands out not only for its historic charm and architectural marvels but also for its burgeoning tech industry. The Pink City, renowned for its majestic palaces and vibrant bazaars, is rapidly becoming a focal point for innovation and technology in the country. Hosting numerous tech startups and IT hubs, Jaipur offers a unique blend of traditional values and modern dynamism, making it an ideal locale for any event. The region's rapidly growing tech community, advanced infrastructure, and rich history would provide a backdrop of inspiration and innovation for the event, ensuring an experience that's as enriching as it is memorable. Let us be a part of Jaipur's evolving story, where tradition meets technology.

Travelling

Jaipur, the radiant Pink City, boasts excellent connectivity with both the world and the rest of India. Jaipur International Airport frequently hosts flights from various international cities and offers numerous daily connections to major Indian metros. Moreover, with its expansive road network and robust railway system, Jaipur ensures smooth land travel to and from all parts of the country. The city's strategic location also places it within close proximity to the national capital, New Delhi, hoisting one of the busiest airports in the world (Indira Gandhi International Airport), further enhancing its accessibility. Whether arriving by air, road, or rail, Jaipur promises ease of travel, ensuring a hassle-free experience for all.



Direct (non-stop) flights from Jaipur to Delhi

All flight schedules from Jaipur, India to Indira Gandhi International Airport, India. This route is operated by 4 airline(s), and the flight time is 1 hour and 15 minutes. The distance is 145 miles.

India
JAI
Jaipur

Distance
145 miles · (233 km)

CHANGE DIRECTION

India
DEL
Delhi

Flight time
1 hour and 15 minutes

Airlines with direct flights from Jaipur (JAI) to Delhi (DEL)

| Airline | Days | Type | Flights |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------------|---|
| IndiGo | S M T W T F S | Low-cost airline | 3 daily flights Terminal 2 at JAI, Terminal 2 at DEL |
| Air India STAR ALLIANCE | S M T W T F S | | 1-2 daily flights |
| SpiceJet | S M T W T F S | Low-cost airline | 1 daily flight Terminal 2 at JAI, Terminal 1D at DEL |
| AirAsia India | S M T W T F S | Low-cost airline | 2 daily flights Terminal 2 at JAI, Terminal 3 at DEL |

Non-stop flights from JAI to DEL
145 miles (233 km) · 1 hour and 15 minutes

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Transfer Info

Terminal 3 Delhi Airport



Delhi Airport Terminal 3 is the newest terminal. It was opened in 2010 and is one of the biggest terminals in the world, being able to handle 40 million passengers per year.

All International flights are operated from T3, Domestic Flights are operated in T1 or T3, depending of the Carrier. Some domestic other carriers are operated from T3. Check below some information you must know of both terminals.

Transfer between terminals

In order to transfer between terminals, Delhi Airport offer free terminal transfer services to their passengers:

- From International to Domestic: There is shuttle service between the international and the domestic terminal every 20 minutes.
- Between Domestic Terminals: Complimentary Golf cart service is available for passengers who may transfer from Terminal 1 concourses.



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Getting from T3 to T2 is easy. Exit from the exit gate 6 or the left most gate of T3 arrival. Soon as you come out, on left you will see sign posting to lead you to T2. Cross the road, go in the covered passage to another road cross. And you reach arrival of T2. For departure you need to go to 1 floor up by lift. Total walk time is 5 minutes.

Up 75

Down

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AIRPORT SHUTTLE

BY AIRPORT METRO

BY CABS / TAXIS

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Airport Shuttle

At Delhi Airport, we provide a complimentary bus which shuttles between terminals every 20 minutes. To ensure a seamless experience to the passengers, signages are placed right after the baggage checkpoints.

Once you are done with baggage checks, follow the signages to reach the complimentary shuttles. You will be required to present identification documents to the officials in charge at the kiosks, for your onward journey. The officials will then provide you with the coupon for the complimentary transit bus, after which you can proceed to board the bus.

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By Airport Metro

Metro is a convenient option to commute between terminals. The two Metro lines which serve the Airport are:

- [Orange Line \(i.e. Airport line\)](#)
- [Magenta Line](#)

The frequency of Metro is once every 15 minutes during Non-peak hours and once every 10 minutes during peak hours.

There are three Metro station stops at the Delhi Airport.

1. Terminal 1 - Airport Metro Station
2. Aerocity Metro Station
3. Terminal 3 - Metro Station

The Delhi Airport, Metro and Railway Station are all linked to each other, easily accessible by walk. From the New Delhi railway station, on any given day, there are about 17 - 20 trains which stop at Jaipur station.

CIQ Information

Immigration/Visa policy

Conference visa is generally issued to attend conferences/ seminars/ workshops. The duration of the visa sought may allow for tourism/ sightseeing in India in addition to attending the conference, etc.

Please note the validity of the visa is effective from the date of issue.

- [e-Visa](#). Citizens of most of the countries will be able to apply for the e-Visa. Please view the [FAQ](#) of the [e-Visa page](#).

We are glad to have DebConf'23 conducted in India, as their experience will surely help us in making things like Visa smoother. There is a detailed post regarding the visa process on the DebConf blog - <https://debian.org.in/post/learnings-from-debconf23/>

Public transportation

Jaipur is a well-connected city with multiple ways to get around and explore the magnificent Indian culture and heritage.

Some of the options are - City buses, mini-buses, reserve autos, public autos, metro and cabs are available along with tourist cabs.

We also have cab service apps like - Ola and Uber to ease transportation.



Accommodation options

Bhanwar Singh Palace Jaipur

Address: NH-8, Ajmer-Jaipur Expy, opposite Solitaire Park, Bagru,
Rajasthan 303007

Phone: 0141-2955123

Mobile: +91 8905989501/513/508

Email: booking@bspjaipur.com

Hotel Highway King

Address: Manipal University Road, Dehmi Kalan,
Rajasthan 303007

Sterling Atharva Jaipur

Address: Himmatpura, Bad ke Balaji Road
Rajasthan 303007

Phone: 08094009281

Hotel The Sawai

Address: Jaipur-Ajmer Highway, opp. Pink Pearl Water Park, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302026

Phone: 09829049024, 0141-2943745

Email: hotelthesawai@gmail.com

Hotel Pinkcity Prime By Fabstays

Amit Bhardwaj Petrol Pump, 14/71, near WTP Mall, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302017
097991 67002

Red Fox Hotel, Jaipur

3-star hotel

Opp. MNIT College, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Bajaj Nagar, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302017

Hotel Keptown

C-39, Behind World Trade Park Maha Laxmi Nagar, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302017
089496 24421

Hotel De Nada-A Luxury Stay

3-star hotel

9/C, Girdhar Marg, near FORTIS ESCORTS HOSPITAL, Siddharth Nagar, Sector 9, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302017•

Foods

Jaipur's cuisine is a delectable symphony of flavours, mirroring the city's royal heritage and rich traditions. From the spicy pyaaz kachori and succulent laal maas to the sweet ghewar and creamy lassi, every dish offers a unique taste of Rajasthan's vibrant culture. The Pink City's culinary landscape covers most appetites.



Local team

True for all -

- Signed Ubuntu Code of Conduct on Launchpad
- Read the UbuCon Asia Code of Conduct

Local team members

- Aryan Kaushik
 - Discourse username: (aryan) / Launchpad username: (aryan-kaushik)
 - Biography: Aryan Kaushik is a student pursuing Bachelor's in Technology with a major in Computer Science. He loves contributing to open source and mentoring people. He is a GNOME Foundation member and was a former GSoC'22 Intern Under GNOME Foundation, where he worked on the Pitivi project. He was also a GSoC'23 Intern under Chromium. He is also the Group Lead of the GNOME Users Group, Delhi-NCR, where he conducts events and mentor fellow students regarding FOSS and is working towards reviving Ubuntu India. Aryan was a speaker at GUADEC'22, GNOME Asia'22, GUADEC'23 and will present this year at GNOME Asia'23.
- Bhavani Shankar

- Discourse username: (bhavi) / Launchpad username: (bhavi)
 - Biography: Just another ubuntu and debian guy from 17 years 😊
- Asmit Malakannawar
 - Discourse username: (asmitbm) / Launchpad username: (asmitbm)
 - Biography: Asmit Malakannawar is a passionate and experienced product designer with a strong background in user-centered, interaction and accessible design. He is currently pursuing B.Tech in Computer Science and Business Systems from Pune, India. He has been contributing to open source for over two years, and have participated in programs like Google Summer of Code, Google Season of Docs and LFX Mentorship program. He was responsible for designing, wireframing, prototyping and implementing websites for various open source organizations. He is also a GNOME Foundation member and have helped to organise events on large scale like GUADEC and GNOME Asia 2023.
- Devanshu Saxena
 - Discourse username: (devanshucodes) / Launchpad username: (devanshucodes)
 - Biography: Devanshu Saxena is a 3rd-year BTech student pursuing his degree at KIET Group of Institutions. He has actively participated and contributed to various Indian communities, including Hack the Mountains, which is India's largest hackathon. Devanshu holds the position of Developer Relations (DevRel) at the Eduhub community and has successfully organized two TEDx events, the Web3 Carnival, and the GNOME Asia Summit in 2023
- Deepesha Burse
 - Discourse username: (deepeshaburse) / Launchpad username: (deepeshaburse)
 - Biography: Deepesha is an undergraduate student at Bharati Vidyapeeth (DU), College of Engineering Pune, and a Foundation Member at The GNOME Foundation. She was an LFX Mentee in the summer term this year and worked on restructuring the documentation of the CNCF Project - ORAS. She has helped organize GUADEC 2023, GNOME's annual developer conference in Europe and is helping organize GNOME.Asia 2023. Along with this, she has also been a community manager at Layer5 where she led the entire Writing Program and helped grow the community.
- Srijan Srivastava
 - Discourse username: (srijancodes) / Launchpad username: (srijancodes)
 - Biography: Srijan Srivastava is a 3rd-year BTech student pursuing his degree at KIET Group of Institutions. He is an OpenSource enthusiast and a supporter of tech communities. He is also a contributor to the Internet Health Report(IHR). He is an organizer at the PythonDelhi user group and has volunteered at other tech communities. He loves Linux and has been using it since school.

Core local communities and organizations that consists the local team

- Ubuntu India (Reboot)
- GNOME Users Group - Delhi - NCR

Supporting local communities and organizations

- 1) Skill Eliters
- 2) GDSC KIET Group of Institutions
- 3) KTS KIET Group of Institutions
- 4) PyDelhi
- 5) GDSC BML Munjal University
- 6) GDSC JECRC
- 7) Debian India (Proposed)

There are many more local communities that would be willing to support our efforts. Including the clubs/communities of the chosen venue, we can reach out to some and for others open registration forms.

Programs

Brief preparation timeline

1. Dec 25, 2023: Selection of the venue and announcement of the conference dates.
2. Feb 10, 2024: Launch of the conference website and call for papers and sponsors.
3. March 31, 2024: Deadline for paper submissions and sponsorship applications.
4. April 20, 2024: Notification of paper acceptance and confirmation of sponsors.
5. April 30, 2024: Finalization of conference schedule and program.
6. May 1, 2024: Early-bird registration opens.
7. May 31, 2024: Deadline for early-bird registration.
8. June 1, 2024: Regular registrations open.
9. June 30, 2024: Final registration deadline.
10. June 30, 2024: Deadline for speaker materials and conference schedule to be sent to the printer.
11. July 30, 2024: Final preparations and rehearsals for the conference.
12. 24 Sept / 4 Oct 2024: Ubucon Asia Conference begins.
13. 26 Sept / 6 Oct 2024: Conference ends and follow-up with attendees and sponsors.

Ticket information

800 INR (9.64 USD) for normal attendees with Discounted pricing of **500 INR (6.02 USD)** for students

Session types and languages

India is a land of Diversity, with about 780 languages. To simplify it, sessions will only be conducted in **English**.

- Keynote (30 min)
- Talk 30 to max (50 min)
- Workshop / BoF (60 min)
- Lightning talk (3 min to 5 min)

Conference timetable draft without session content details

For now we are considering only 2 workshops / BoF but it depends on the submissions we get during CFP.

Day 1

| Event - Track 1 | Event - Track 2 | Time |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| | Keynote 1 | 10:00 - 10:50 |
| Presentation - 50 minutes | Presentation - 50 minutes | 10:55-11:45 |
| Presentation - 30 minutes | Presentation - 30 minutes | 11:50-12:20 |
| | Coffee Break | 12:20-12:35 |
| Presentation - 30 minutes | Presentation - 30 minutes | 12:35-13:05 |
| | Lunch | 13:05-14:30 |
| Presentation - 30 minutes | Presentation - 30 minutes | 14:35-15:05 |
| Presentation - 30 minutes | Presentation - 30 minutes | 15:10-15:40 |
| | Coffee Break | 15:40-15:55 |
| | Lightning Talks | 16:00-17:00 |

Day 2

| Event - Track 1 | Event - Track 2 | Time |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| | Keynote 2 | 9.30 - 10.00 |
| Presentation - 30 minutes | Presentation - 30 minutes | 10.00 - 10.30 |
| Presentation - 30 minutes | Presentation - 30 minutes | 10.30 - 11.00 |
| | Coffee Break | 11.00 - 11.15 |
| Workshop - 1 hour | Workshop - 1 hour | 11.15 - 12.15 |
| | Lunch | 12.15 - 13.30 |
| Presentation - 30 minutes | Presentation - 30 minutes | 13.30 - 14.00 |
| Presentation - 30 minutes | Presentation - 30 minutes | 14.00 - 14.30 |
| | Coffee Break | 14.30 - 14.45 |
| Presentation - 50 minutes | Presentation - 50 minutes | 14.45 - 15.35 |
| | Coffee Break | 15.35 - 15.45 |
| | Lightning Talks | 15.45 - 16.45 |
| | Conference Closing | 16.45 - 17.00 |

Day 3

Social events

In this, you will get the opportunity to visit the most popular and beautiful places of Jaipur like Nahargarh, Jaigarh, Amer, JalMahal, Hawa Mahal, City Palace etc.

Minimum time required: 8-9 hours (40+ kms of travel)

Bus rental portal: <https://www.harivanshtours.com/bus-rental-service-jaipur/>

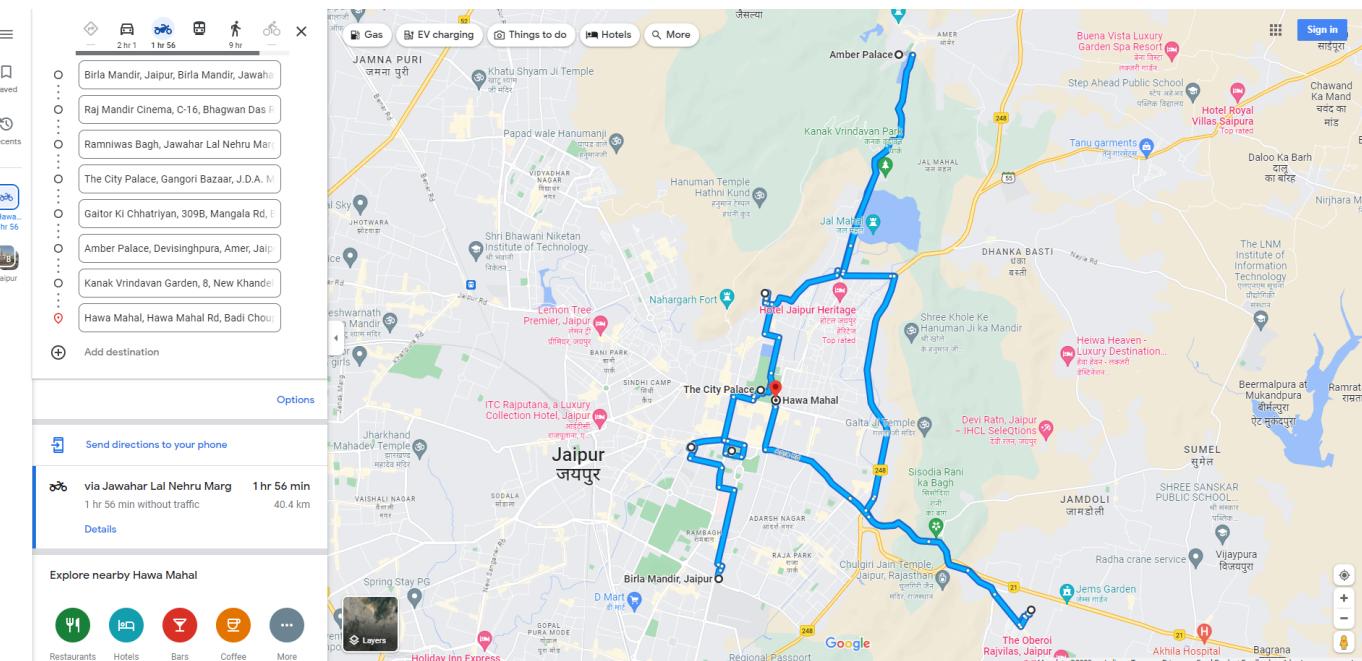
Fare 20 seater (AC): Rs 40 per km

Fare 45 seater (AC): Rs 55 per km

Estimated rate: Rs 2000 per person including food

List of places which can be covered:

- [Rajmandir cinema](#)
- [Birla Temple](#)
- [Ram Niwas garden](#)
- [Jaipur City Palace](#)
- [Royal Gaitor](#)
- [Amber Fort](#)
- [Kanak vrindavan garden](#)
- [Hawa mahal & Jal mahal.](#)





For Shopping:

- [Bapu Bazaar](#)
- [Johari Bazaar](#)

Financing

Budget estimation

Detailed budget can be found at - [UCA Budget Estimation India](#)

Total - **29857 USD**

Potential local sponsors and government sponsorship

- FOSS United
- Zerodha
- GitHub
- Indian Government

Fiscal sponsor

As of now, we don't have any fiscal sponsors. However, we communicated with DebConf India's local organising team to understand the procedures and got info regarding which hosts they teamed up with. With the help of the Canonical and DebConf team, we can prepare a list of them if accepted.

That said, we aim to converse with FOSS United regarding it as they were the fiscal sponsor for DebConf 2023.

Collaboration Proposal

As GNOME also has an Asia event, and we were planning to host that in India as well, we see this as an opportunity to combine GNOME Asia and UbuCon Asia events into one massive event that will really showcase the collaborative and community spirit of Open Source. This will not only relieve the funding burden of both organisations but will also help in successful execution.

India has always been a tricky place in terms of international funding, hence, the collaboration can help in the conduction of two massive events. GNOME also has experience with GNOME Asia 2016 India, hence that can be beneficial for us.

The details are still in draft, with interest from both organisations (personal outreach) hence, this could be an extension that can be discussed between Canonical and GNOME Foundation.



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