

11 April 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Programme on 'Ethics and Values in Higher Education'
at Asia Plateau, Panchgani, from 16 to 20 May 2022.

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You would join an excellent participant group of around 50 Professors from various Universities in Maharashtra who have been nominated for the programme. While experienced facilitators have been invited to share their experiences with you, your most precious take-a-ways will come from your own reflections in the serene and inspiring atmosphere of Asia Plateau. As with all journeys, preparation is often the key to success.

We invite you to consider the following questions:

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- What happened? Where? When?
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The programme will also provide you an opportunity to showcase your unique talent during a 'Talent Nite'. Therefore, do bring along your favourite musical instrument, songs, skits, poems, etc.

Weather: At this time of the year, Panchgani normally has very pleasant weather. Temperatures are in the region of 32°C during the day and 17°C at night. On most

mornings and on some occasions during the day, you will be walking outdoors. So do bring along adequate warm clothing, walking shoes, track pants, etc.

Dress Code: During the programme semi-formal or smart casuals would be appropriate.

Schedule: The programme is scheduled to start on Monday, 16 May, at 9.00 am. Please arrive at Asia Plateau, Panchgani on Sunday, 15 May by 6 pm (Dinner is served at 7 pm).

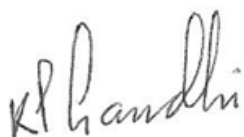
We expect to close with lunch on 20 May. Please plan your departure from Panchgani after 2:00 pm. We will appreciate if you would let us know your arrival details (date/time) at the earliest, if you have not already done so.

Programme Venue: Asia Plateau, the international training and conference Centre, located in Panchgani, for Initiatives of Change International, is the venue for this training programme.

Please find below the Asia Plateau Guidelines, which are self-explanatory. If you have any questions or need any assistance, feel free to contact our Senior Programme Coordinator Mr. Sanjay Lele (Email: programs.ap@iofc.org, Mob: +91-8380093276.)

We look forward to welcoming you at Asia Plateau

Warm regards,



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Course Director



Siddharth Singh
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What is Initiatives of Change (India)?

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About Asia Plateau

Asia Plateau is an education and learning Centre of Initiatives of Change located in Panchgani, near the famous hill station Mahabaleshwar, in Satara District. It was established in 1968 and is spread across 68 acres of mostly naturally regenerated forest.

Asia Plateau is a completely self-sufficient campus which can accommodate more than 200 participants with comfortable lodging, boarding as well as training and conference facilities. Besides the sprawling forest, Asia Plateau also has beautiful gardens and a farm. It is situated right below the Tableland or plateau that Panchgani is famous for.

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Initiatives of Change over the last 15 years has worked very closely with the Government of India & DoPT to organize various programmes for the central and state government departments as well as PSU's. Here are a few key programmes that we have delivered.

Our team of facilitators and trainers come from very diverse background, age and experience and we put together a team of facilitators and trainers who are best suited to the audience and the focus of the programme.

How to reach the campus:

Panchgani is 105 km from Pune and 270 km from Mumbai. The nearest railway station and airport is at Pune. Frequent buses and taxis are available both from

Pune and Mumbai. It is less than 3 hours' drive from Pune. You will find this Google Maps link useful. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/P9vvzNMLSpuG9g3r8>

Asia Plateau, the training Centre, is located on the left-hand side, next to 'Sherbaug', a theme park which is the nearest landmark, 2 kms before Panchgani town, on Wai-Mahabaleshwar Road.

Approximate Taxi Charges:

- Pune Pick up and drop at Asia Plateau, Panchgani: Rs.2900/- (Sedan) and Rs.4500/- (Ertiga) with toll
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Asia Plateau Guidelines:

- Many people have contributed over last 40 years in the creation and setting up of Asia Plateau, the international Training and Conference Centre of IofC in India. Please help us in conserving the nature and the beautiful surroundings of the Centre.
- You are invited to be a part of the Asia Plateau family and participate in service activities at the Centre.
- A schedule of the programme, including meal timings, would be given to you on arrival at Asia Plateau. We especially request you to support us by being on time for every session and meal.
- The entire campus of Asia Plateau is **No Tobacco and No Alcohol** zone.

Health and Safety Protocol:

In the interest of ensuring that everyone on the campus is safe, the following would need to be observed:

- Programme participants and facilitators would need a fully vaccinated (where the second dose has been administered at least 15 days prior to the programme date)
- Each of us has a part to play in ensuring that we keep one another safe. Hence other responsible steps such as wearing of masks, social distancing, frequent washing of hands, use of sanitizers, etc. is also expected.

31 January 2022

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Schedule: The programme is scheduled to start on Monday, 14 February, at 9.00 am. Please arrive at Asia Plateau, Panchgani on Sunday, 13 February by 6 pm (Dinner is served at 7 pm).

We expect to close with lunch on 18 February. Please plan your departure from Panchgani after 2:00 pm. We will appreciate if you would let us know your arrival details (date/time) at the earliest, if you have not already done so.

Due to the unpredictability of the Covid situation, one would need to prepare for a last-minute change in the above dates if needed.

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