

### **Helpful Information for Scholars working in Hyderabad**

1. place of research: Hyderabad, Telangana. More specifically the neighborhoods of Mehdiapatnam and Ameerpet.

2. Hotels, Paying Guest Accommodations, guesthouses that you may want to recommend:

I rented an apartment. I loved the apartment and the location and would highly recommend it. The landlords are Sanjay and Swathi Reddy. The apartment is 3 bedroom with three full bathrooms, AC in all the bedrooms, a kitchen, a washing machine, and two balconies. There is a large open living room/dining room/kitchen. The neighborhood felt very safe and central for my research...getting to both the older and newer parts of the city was easy. It is a bit expensive for single researchers (my husband was with me and working) at 35,000 rs/month but a great option if willing to find flatmates or if moving abroad with a family. Sanjay and Swathi's email is: sanjayswathi@yahoo.com

I have heard good things about the hostel for visiting scholars at Osmania University as well as the one on Hyderabad Central University's campus. In the city, Amogh (<http://www.cleartrip.com/hotels/info/amogh-boutique-hotel-334800>) is a boutique hotel that is not too expensive, centrally located, and quite nice inside. I like it because of its proximity to KBR park or the Pond for morning runs.

If you are nearby the University of Hyderabad and want to stay with a family, I stayed with the Ramanan's years ago and they still rent out upstairs rooms to students. Right before the Microsoft and ISB Crossroads. Mohan is a recently retired English professor. Tamil family who has been in Hyd for many years. Can contact Mohan and Sudha at: mohanramanan1949@gmail.com.

Or you can contact Biju Mathew and Sangeeta Kamat (both professors in the states) to rent their lovely 3 bedroom apartment in Himayath Nagar. Email Biju at: biju2u@gmail.com.

3. The safest and best ways to travel during the day and night:

While I planned on renting a scooter for my year abroad, my physician husband decided that was an unhealthy risk to take. Honestly, we relied on various rideshare companies this year: Uber, TaxiForSure, and Ola. They are extremely affordable (read: too affordable. Drivers have been protesting low wages for the last many months in Hyderabad) and I felt extremely comfortable all year. I took auto rickshaws for short distances but tried to limit traveling in them for long distances primarily to avoid the increasingly polluted air. There is a new women-driven taxi company started by the Telangana Government a few months ago (She Cabs: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/She-cabs-arrive-in-Telangana-for-women-safety/articleshow/48878488.cms>) – interested to hear reviews of that company and if good would love to support it.

4. Restaurants, doctors, pharmacies and book stores that you found useful:

**Doctor:** Apollo in Jubilee Hills (<https://www.apollohospitals.com/locations/india/hyderabad>) . Only went once as my husband is a physician and he handled all of our smaller incidences 😊.

**Dentist:** While Dr. Archana at Profile Dental Care ([www.profiledentalcare.in](http://www.profiledentalcare.in)) comes highly recommended by other expats, we found the cleaning to be far too abrasive. We were very happy with Smiline Dental Hospital-Sri Nagar Colony (<http://smiline.com/contact-us.html>). I can't find the note of which dentist we loved! Bummer.

This is another recommendation from a close family friend I would trust: Dr. Mohan at 040-23311446, <https://www.practo.com/hyderabad/clinic/sai-dental-surgery-somajiguda-2>

**Pharmacy:** Apollo. They carry internationally trusted pharmaceutical brands. They also deliver prescriptions to your home. <http://www.apollopharmacy.in/>

**Lab Tests:** DoctorC: <http://doctorc.in/> If you need any lab tests while in Hyderabad, DoctorC will come to your house, take your blood, and deliver lab results by the evening via mail and by the next day via post. We are close friends with the team and used the service throughout our stay. Highly recommended.

### Restaurants and Coffee Shops:

Where to even start? Zomato is a good place to check for hours, ordering online, or Wi-Fi availability. My favorite coffee shops to do work at are:

- The Gallery Café: <https://www.zomato.com/hyderabad/the-gallery-cafe-banjara-hills>
- Lamakaan: <https://www.zomato.com/hyderabad/lamakaan-banjara-hills>
- Deli 9: <https://www.zomato.com/hyderabad/deli-9-banjara-hills>

A few favorites for food:

- Sarvi: For Iranian Hyderabad food: <https://www.zomato.com/hyderabad/sarvi-restaurant-banjara-hills>
- Spice6: For falafel and shwarma: <https://www.zomato.com/hyderabad/spice-6-the-global-cuisine-banjara-hills>
- Simply South: for appams and Keralan stew: <https://www.zomato.com/hyderabad/simply-south-1-film-nagar>
- Ofen: for the roast chicken: <https://www.zomato.com/hyderabad/ofen-banjara-hills>
- Ananda: for good south indian in what feels like a museum: <https://www.zomato.com/hyderabad/ananda-banjara-hills>
- MOB: for an afternoon beer: <https://www.zomato.com/hyderabad/mob-film-nagar>
- Agra Sweets in Kali Kaman (a few minutes walk from Charminar). Reliable, good Punjabi snacks, meals, sweets, and lassis in the Old City. Look on Google Maps near Kali Kaman.
- Hotel New Udipi Anand Bhavan: Another one of my Old City favorites: <https://www.zomato.com/hyderabad/anand-bhavan-charminar>

### Bookstores:

- **Akshara Books:** Lovely independent book store. One of the few left in Hyderabad. Fantastic children's collection. [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/The-Book-Point-India-Pvt-Ltd-%3Cnear%3E-Opposite-Kubera-Towers-Himayat-Nagar/040P3020023\\_BZDET](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/The-Book-Point-India-Pvt-Ltd-%3Cnear%3E-Opposite-Kubera-Towers-Himayat-Nagar/040P3020023_BZDET)
- **Oxford University Press:** they stopped selling books off the shelf in the Hyderabad store. But you can order books from their catalogue to the store. (also, sometimes they still sell books off the shelf if you are nice): [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Oxford-University-Press-%3Cnear%3E-Above-Syndicate-Bank-beside-Chilli-Factoryr-Banjara-Hills/040PF004795\\_BZDET](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Oxford-University-Press-%3Cnear%3E-Above-Syndicate-Bank-beside-Chilli-Factoryr-Banjara-Hills/040PF004795_BZDET)
- **The Bookpoint:** This is the bookstore connected to Orient Blackswan Publishers. They carry a wide (and the best I've found in the city) variety of scholarly publications as well as Andhra and Telangana specific histories. [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/The-Book-Point-India-Pvt-Ltd-%3Cnear%3E-Opposite-Kubera-Towers-Himayat-Nagar/040P3020023\\_BZDET](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/The-Book-Point-India-Pvt-Ltd-%3Cnear%3E-Opposite-Kubera-Towers-Himayat-Nagar/040P3020023_BZDET)
- **Best Book Center:** A few locations throughout the city. Both new and used books. If you hunt can find some gems in the store, or, if you are in need of a new novel to pass the time at at the FRRO, they are 30-60 rs here: <http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Best-Book-Center-%3Cnear%3E->

[Above-Tip-Top-Dry-Cleaner--Beside-Hotel-Ashoka-Lakdi-Ka-Pool-Khairatabad/040P1208530\\_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXJhYmFkIGJlc3QgYm9va3MgQmFuamFyYSBlaWxscw==](http://Above-Tip-Top-Dry-Cleaner--Beside-Hotel-Ashoka-Lakdi-Ka-Pool-Khairatabad/040P1208530_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXJhYmFkIGJlc3QgYm9va3MgQmFuamFyYSBlaWxscw==)

- **Haziq&Mohi Rare Books:** William Dalrymple found some of his primary sources for *White Mughal* in this small alley shop in the Old City. It is in a lane adjacent to the Jama Masjid Chowk clock tower, in the lane with all the brass and copper workers. The owner's father bought all of the books from wealthy families in the 50s-90s and you can find rare original books here. Unfortunately, the owner passed away in 2015. Last time I visited I spoke with one of his sons (they are co-running the shop, and they are all under 18). He does not have the knowledge of the books like his father did, so you have to be ready for a lot of dusty foraging. **Do not have phone number or exact address.**
- **For Urdu books:** Samant Khan - car mechanic who will apparently track down anything Urdu for you. I haven't used, but my friend Farhan mentioned that he knows all the nooks and crannies of the city, though is not the easiest to work with: 040-23564436

### And other random stuff...

Below is a map I created of some of these places for friends asking about them.

<http://hydandseek.weebly.com/>

### Other India hacks/random:

We LOVE Blue Tokai. Fantastic coffee beans. They are based in Delhi but deliver fresh Indian coffee beans to your home wherever it is in India. Pack your coffee grinder. <http://bluetokaicoffee.com/>

Baba at Baba Tailor's in Pummy Lodge (right next to Hyd Central). Pummy Lodge is correct on google maps). I've had pretty good luck with him. Keep track of what you give him but he's copies many shirts quite well.

Meghavi Salon and Spa is one of my favorites in Hyd for a massage or pedicure. <http://www.meghavispa.com/>

### Cultural Centers/Art Galleries

**Manthan:** [www.manthanindia.com](http://www.manthanindia.com) Get on the listserv or watch the website...interesting talks all the time.

**Kalakriti and Gallery Cafe** (events at cafe each Wednesday, openings at gallery with artists usually once a week): <http://www.kalakriti.in/>, <http://gallerycafe.in/>

**Shrishti Art Gallery:** <http://www.shrishtiart.com/> website and FB are not most up to date: <https://www.facebook.com/Shrishti-Art-Gallery-176212005800603/>

**Jagdish and Kamla Mittal Museum of Indian Art:** <http://www.mittalmuseum.com/>  
Appointment only - must call a few days to a week ahead. Absolutely fabulous collection.

**Saptarni:** Every first Sunday of each month the GoodSeeds organic bazaar happens here. Food, crafts, etc...fabulous and larger than Lamakaan's weekly one. [http://www.saptarni.in/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=57&Itemid=58](http://www.saptarni.in/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=57&Itemid=58)  
Their Facebook page has the updated events, website isn't updated: <https://www.facebook.com/SaptarniHyd/>

**Lamakaan:** No listserv but events are always current on website. One of my favorite places in the city. Their menu is full of Hyderabad street food (best mirchi baji and keema) and cheap drinks (10-20 rs chai, buttermilk,

nimbu pani) and good events often. The Sunday Organic Bazaar is a regular event for us. <http://www.lamakaan.com/>

**Goethe:** <https://www.facebook.com/goethezentrum.hyderabad>

**Alliance Francaise.** Their website isn't great, but get on the listserv: <http://hyderabad.afindia.org/events/categories/events/>

**FB is better:** <https://www.facebook.com/Alliance-Fran%C3%A7aise-of-Hyderabad-192084170839017/>

**The Little Theatre** is a group of people that get together and give live readings of stuff: <https://www.facebook.com/LittleTheatreHyderabad/>

**Our Sacred Space:** Fantastic arts and culture space in Secunderabad. Website doesn't work, use FB: <https://www.facebook.com/OurSacredSpace/>.

**Hyderabad Urban Lab:** Awesome social science research lab in Hyderabad. Keep an eye on their FB page for upcoming lectures: <http://hydlab.in/>

**Save the Rocks Walks:** <http://www.saverocks.org/Programmes.html>

#### **Favorite Parks:**

KBR: [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g297586-d3346204-Reviews-KBR\\_National\\_Park-Hyderabad\\_Telangana.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g297586-d3346204-Reviews-KBR_National_Park-Hyderabad_Telangana.html)

Lotus Pond (Near Omega Hospital in MLA Colony). Both open morning and evening walking hours. 6-9:30; 4-6:30/7. Lotus Pond gives a sense of what the city used to be with rocks and ponds scattered everywhere.

- [https://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction\\_Review-g297586-d3705101-Reviews-Lotus\\_Pond-Hyderabad\\_Telangana.html](https://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g297586-d3705101-Reviews-Lotus_Pond-Hyderabad_Telangana.html)

**Yoga:** <http://www.sharmilasyogazone.com/home.html>

#### **Favorite Historic Sites:**

- Paigah Tombs\*\*\*\*my favorite. Quiet and secluded and amazing architecture. Caretaker is the sweetest. About 15-20 minutes past Charminar. Correct on Google maps.
  - [https://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction\\_Review-g297586-d3705691-Reviews-Paigah\\_Tombs-Hyderabad\\_Telangana.html](https://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g297586-d3705691-Reviews-Paigah_Tombs-Hyderabad_Telangana.html)
- Chowmalla
- Faluknama (must book a meal)
- Qutb Shahi
- Charminar:
- Mecca Masjid
- Badshahi Ashurkhana: [http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction\\_Review-g297586-d4037835-Reviews-Badshahi\\_Ashurkhana-Hyderabad\\_Telangana.html](http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g297586-d4037835-Reviews-Badshahi_Ashurkhana-Hyderabad_Telangana.html)
- Surendrapuri: [http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction\\_Review-g297586-d2686015-Reviews-Surendrapuri-Hyderabad\\_Telangana.html](http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g297586-d2686015-Reviews-Surendrapuri-Hyderabad_Telangana.html)
- AP State Museum:
  - [http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction\\_Review-g297586-d1200832-Reviews-Sudha\\_Cars\\_Museum-Hyderabad\\_Telangana.html](http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g297586-d1200832-Reviews-Sudha_Cars_Museum-Hyderabad_Telangana.html)
- Purani Haveli: [http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction\\_Review-g297586-d2542488-Reviews-Purani\\_Haveli-Hyderabad\\_Telangana.html](http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g297586-d2542488-Reviews-Purani_Haveli-Hyderabad_Telangana.html)

- Also when you are here make sure to get the “char kone ke naan” aka “four cornered naan” cooked in the underground stoves. By the big yellow door.
- Sri Ramakrishna Math: [http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction\\_Review-g297586-d4401161-Reviews-Sri\\_Ramakrishna\\_Math-Hyderabad\\_Telangana.html](http://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g297586-d4401161-Reviews-Sri_Ramakrishna_Math-Hyderabad_Telangana.html)
- Very peaceful and quiet place, especially the library. Religious center. Nice park across the street.

#### **Tours:**

**Hyderabad Trails:** Contact Gopal at: <https://www.facebook.com/hyderabadtrails>

- Cheap storytelling/heritage/culture walks. Recently met and went on a walk, they are fantastic.

**Detours:** <http://www.detoursindia.com/>

- Custom tailored intimate tours. Not cheap but maybe a good thing for when parents come in town (that’s when I used them). I know main lady Jonty.

#### **Printable Map and Guide for Heritage Map in Old**

**City:** <http://telanganatourism.gov.in/heritagewalks/> <http://telanganatourism.gov.in/heritagewalks/media/2.pdf>

- If you want to take yourself on a guided walk. Best in early morning before the Old City is bustling.

**SIA Photography:** <http://siaphotography.in/contact/> He is out of town Dec. 22-26th leading a photo tour of Gujarat but otherwise here.

- Saurabh leads photo tours of the city and all over India. Quite reasonably priced: 700rs/person per hour if 1/2 or less if more. Can organize one with him at any time.

**Heritage Walks On Demand Every Sunday** (Old City...four to choose from): <http://telanganatourism.gov.in/heritagewalks/>

- Call tourism dept and schedule. 50rs each per person. Was started by conservation architect who sadly has since moved out of the city.

#### **Stores:**

##### **Creative Bee:**

- <http://creativebee.in/>
- The store needs an update, but the fabrics are fabulous. I’ve never found anything I loved in the ready-made clothes but many of my most-loves tops and stoles come from Creative Bee. All handloom silk and cotton, Bina is an NID trained textile designer and natural dye expert. Pick up some fabric and have something made, and grab some stoles for gifts at home. The Creative Bee foundation also produces Ethikopakka toys. The toys come from the Andhra village and are perfect for gifts for parents or young children, they are all vegetable dye. Yardage is 200+/meter and stoles start at around 600. Correct on Google Maps.

##### **Plantation House:**

- <https://www.facebook.com/Plantation-House-Hyderabad-679229458762551/>

- Shalini Subramanian has an exquisite eye for fabrics, shapes, and colors. All of the clothes in Plantation House are monochromatic tops, tunics, and pants meant to be layered. She only uses the best silks and cottons and the simple clothes are somehow transformed into gorgeous pieces. I would go here just for the store itself, a serene hideaway off of a busy road, Shalini designed the store based on the Shaker principles: everything is clean cut and simple, which the furniture can be moved around in a myriad of ways. Jazz is always playing and keep an eye on her FB page for upcoming jazz concerts in the store. Last time I was there I picked up a tunic for 2500 and a silk top for 3000.

### **Translate/Anonym**

- While these are two entirely different endeavors, they are in the same storefront and both run by Vinita Passarie. Translate is her beautiful label of handwoven ikat in contemporary dresses, kurtas, stoles, and pants. Her signature look is a combination of two different ikat prints and colors on the same piece of clothing, and somehow they always work. Anonym is her multi-designer clothing store that sources some of the best designs from around the country. Go here and plan lunch at Little Italy across the hall or happy hour at MOB upstairs.
- <http://www.ikatindia.com/>

### **Karghaa**

- <http://karghaa.com/>
- Retail outlet of the CCW (Chenatha Colour Weaves), a weaving cooperative with hundreds of weavers around the two states. A good selection of fabric by the yardage. It seems like many people come here for the saris, but I keep returning for fabric and laptop cases. Quite reasonable.

### **Malkha**

- <http://malkha.in/>
- Uzamma (lady who started Malkha) is also one of the major textile revivalists in the city. Fabulous simple plain handloom fabric with natural dyes. Last time I was in a famous designer from Delhi was there buying tons of scarves to use as curtains.

### **Evolution Contemporary Arts & Crafts**

- Arts and craft store from stuff all over India. One of best selection of ceramics in Hyderabad. Beautifully curated. On Google Maps in correct location.
- [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Evolution-Contemporary-Arts-Crafts-%3Cnear%3E-Beside-Topaz-Building-Panjagutta/040PXX40-XX40-000539811780-R2U5\\_BZDET](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Evolution-Contemporary-Arts-Crafts-%3Cnear%3E-Beside-Topaz-Building-Panjagutta/040PXX40-XX40-000539811780-R2U5_BZDET)

### **Bidri Crafts**

- 4th generation Bidri makers. Have won innumerable awards over the years. Old-school shop that feels like you are transported in time. Typical Hyderabad gift. We love the bangles and soap boxes.
- [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Bidri-Crafts-%3Cnear%3E-Near-KFC-Opposite-Bombay-Bakery-Abids/040PF009743\\_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXlhYmFkIGlpZHlpIGFydCBhbmQgY3lhZnQgQWlpZHM=](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Bidri-Crafts-%3Cnear%3E-Near-KFC-Opposite-Bombay-Bakery-Abids/040PF009743_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXlhYmFkIGlpZHlpIGFydCBhbmQgY3lhZnQgQWlpZHM=)

### **APCO**



- Andhra Pradesh stat weaving cooperative. Great Pochampally *ikats*, towels, and *dhurries*. Right above Hollywood Footwear in Abids.
- [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Apco-Handloom-House-%3Cnear%3E-Abids/040PXX40-XX40-000428051513-E7J5\\_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXJhYmFkIGFwY28=](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Apco-Handloom-House-%3Cnear%3E-Abids/040PXX40-XX40-000428051513-E7J5_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXJhYmFkIGFwY28=)

### Deccan Pen Store

- One of my favorite finds in Hyd. Looks from the outside and inside like a plain old stationary shop. But it's a 4th generation pen making shop - they make fountain pens and are some of the world's most reknown antique fountain pen fixers (they still use the tools their grandfather bought and brought over from the US in 1940, and their pen repairing table is the same one built for the store in Abids in 1928). A Deccan Pen is a perfect Hyderabad gift. Ask one of the many brothers in the store to show you their pens and tell you a bit about the history. Used to supply to Nizams and British in Hyderabad.
- [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/The-Deccan-Pen-Stores-%3Cnear%3E-Opposite-Bata-Showroom-Abids/040PF000847\\_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXJhYmFkIGRIY2NhbiBwZW4gc3RvcmlUgQWJpZHM=](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/The-Deccan-Pen-Stores-%3Cnear%3E-Opposite-Bata-Showroom-Abids/040PF000847_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXJhYmFkIGRIY2NhbiBwZW4gc3RvcmlUgQWJpZHM=)

### Dwaraka Plus

- Kalamkari NGO. Kalamkari is the distinctive painted and blockprint cloth in the region. Everything is quite affordable.
- [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Dwaraka-Plus-%3Cnear%3E-Beside-Mom-Me-Banjara-Hills/040PXX40-XX40-120627155047-H9J1\\_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXJhYmFkIER3YXJha2EgUGx1cyBCYW5qYXJhIEhpbGxz](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Dwaraka-Plus-%3Cnear%3E-Beside-Mom-Me-Banjara-Hills/040PXX40-XX40-120627155047-H9J1_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXJhYmFkIER3YXJha2EgUGx1cyBCYW5qYXJhIEhpbGxz)

### Abbas & Co.

- If you need something framed go here. Another one of the oldest stores in Abids, it is run by a father-son team who used to frame all the Nizams and other nobilities stuff. They do a great job and are very reasonable, and their store emanates history.
- [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Abbas-Co-%3Cnear%3E-Opposite-Santosh-Theatre-Abids/040P15010\\_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXJhYmFkIGFiYmFzIGZyYW1pbmcmQWJpZHM=](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Abbas-Co-%3Cnear%3E-Opposite-Santosh-Theatre-Abids/040P15010_BZDET?xid=SHlkZXJhYmFkIGFiYmFzIGZyYW1pbmcmQWJpZHM=)

### Royal Boot House

- Founded in the 1930s to make polo boots for the British, this is a 4th generation leather shoe and bootmaking shop. In the bottom of a dirty and unassuming GHMC (government) building opposite the General Post Office in Abids, don't be offput by the setting. They custom make fabulous boots for men and women. Just bring in a picture and pick out what type of leather you want. I love sitting in the back watching the shoe makers craft - and they'll usually serve you chai while you watch. Takes 1-2 weeks, though can sometimes rush. 2000+ for boots.
- [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Royal-Boot-House-%3Cnear%3E-Abids/040PG002625\\_BZDET](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Royal-Boot-House-%3Cnear%3E-Abids/040PG002625_BZDET)

### Gupta's on Rd no 12

- Best place for antique furniture and antique-reproduction furniture. Not much real antique anymore, but of the stuff they do have it's fantastic. Last time I was there there was an old temple door and

pillars from an old house. They always have small antique knick knacks. They also make beautiful reproduced furniture of antique style.

### Antique shop on Rd no 14

- Good antiques, knick knacks (think thrift store not 'antique') and good reproduction goods. He has a larger warehouse he will bring you to if interested.

### Suraiya's

- Suraiya is one of the major textile revivalists in Hyderabad. She set up her weaving center in Tolichowki in x. Dominic, her son, who now runs the place, is good friends with the guy who started Fab India and for many years she supplied the *dhurries* (small woven and blockprinted rugs), amongst other things, to FabIndia. The highlight are the antique fabrics that are woven on the looms in the back - ask Dominic for a tour and he might even pull out a piece of fabric from the old Nawab of Lucknow's kurta from the 1800s. The looms are incredibly time consuming - it takes a month or more to finish a few yards of fabric. Yardage, bedcovers, stoles, and *dhurries* are nice and extremely affordable. If you get a few meters woven it will cost 8000+. No sign. It is the house directly next to the mosque on the road - just walk in. The address will get you to the road.
- [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Suraiyas-Traditional-Weaves-Crafts-%3Cnear%3E-Behind-Traffic-Police-Station--O-u-colony-Roa/040PXX40-XX40-090923161438-B2K9\\_BZDET](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/Suraiyas-Traditional-Weaves-Crafts-%3Cnear%3E-Behind-Traffic-Police-Station--O-u-colony-Roa/040PXX40-XX40-090923161438-B2K9_BZDET)

### Hyderabad Perfumer's

- Fourth generation attar shop. They speak perfect English. My favorites are the old style still steeped in sandalwood oil, but he can throw anything together to mimic a contemporary perfume.
- [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/hyderabad-perfumers-%3Cnear%3E-Charminar/040PXX40-XX40-121004134312-A3Q8\\_BZDET](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/hyderabad-perfumers-%3Cnear%3E-Charminar/040PXX40-XX40-121004134312-A3Q8_BZDET)

### Prabhaa's Sterline Experience

- Amazing collection of jewellery, household goods, etc of silver. Not cheap. We had our eyes on an old tea strainer, an antique Rajasthani necklace, and an old comb.
- [http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/PRABHAAS-%3Cnear%3E-Panjagutta/040PXX40-XX40-121225114622-E3E3\\_BZDET](http://www.justdial.com/Hyderabad/PRABHAAS-%3Cnear%3E-Panjagutta/040PXX40-XX40-121225114622-E3E3_BZDET)

### Bazaars:

- **Jam Bagh Flower Market:** Go here in the morning after eating a fabulous dosa on the street (totally safe!) at Ram ki Bandi (on Zomato, opp Karachi bakery). Walk around and inside to the flower market which is best seen in the hours after sunrise.
- **Jumm-e-raat bazaar:** This bazaar has been going on for some 400 years. Jum-e-raat means "the night before juma (aka Friday)" so it refers to a Thursday morning bazaar. Many antique collectors in the city have had luck here over the years, but it is also just a big thrift market.
- **Patterghatti Sunday bazaar.** Another one of my favorites. Go get a dosa at Laxman-ki-bandi then walk (1/2 hour) to Patterghatti in the early hours on Sunday. Another thrift/antique bazaar set up on the streets.
- **Chowk Brass Market and 'antique' market:** Brass craftsmen making plates, lamps, the tops of mosques and temples, engraved bowls, etc. Amazing little lane. Also around the corner (marked on map) and many more around are antique/flea shops.



- **Chatta Bazaar:** another favorite market in the Old City - calligraphers and wedding cards market.

### Organic Stores:

- Kikaboni
- Organic Bites

5. Archives, libraries and museums that we not well knows which turned out very useful. The best way to contact them. (Please include contact persons, addresses, both postal and e-mail):

Hyderabad Urban Lab: The scholars and research assistants at Hyderabad Urban Lab graciously made time for me whenever I wanted to talk something over. Anant Maringanti is the head guy ([anantumn@gmail.com](mailto:anantumn@gmail.com)). But he is always doing too many things so do contact the lab through the directions on how to reach out to them via their website. As with most things in India, if you want a quick response, calling is always best.  
<http://hydlab.in/contact-us/>

Anveshi: My contact here was MA Moid ([moidma@gmail.com](mailto:moidma@gmail.com)). He responds quickly to both email and phone queries. He specializes on the minority affairs research at the institute, so depending on your area of research it might be best to reach out to someone else. Though he will be able to direct you. \*Anveshi is wrong on google maps. Call to get directions! (might be fixed by the time someone tries)  
<http://www.anveshi.org.in/>

6. Research Assistants, Translators whom you want to recommend and the best way to reach them:

Sipoy Sarveswar. An anthropology PhD student at University of Hyderabad. I used him for all of my transcriptions (Hindi/Urdu/English) and a few translations (Telugu). He has transliterated professionally for a few different scholars and is quite practiced in it. Contact him directly at [sipoysarveswar@gmail.com](mailto:sipoysarveswar@gmail.com)