



During my 6-week internship at Manipal University of Jaipur in the summer of 2023, facilitated by the IAESTE program, I supported research in Augmented Reality. The university had a Mixed Reality Lab managed by the ATAL Incubation Centre, part of a state entrepreneurship program, equipped with various VR and AR headsets, 3D printers, and high-performance computers. The working atmosphere was relaxed, flexible, and personal, typical of a well-equipped private university.

**Preparation:** IAESTE, with offices in Munich and Jaipur, offered excellent service in organizing the internship. Staying updated via email and adhering to guidelines was sufficient. The Munich IAESTE team created a WhatsApp group, facilitating communication among students for information exchange. This proved particularly helpful for obtaining a student visa from the Indian Consulate in Munich.

**Preparation for Stay in India:** Preparing for a non-touristic stay of several weeks in India involved checking the current situation on the Foreign Office website and consulting with my doctor for required vaccinations. Completing the vaccinations took about a month, with additional preparations for essential medications. The application for an Indian visa was processed within a week.

**Travel to Jaipur:** Booking through the Kiwi app for a multi-airline journey turned out to be less convenient due to flight cancellations. It's advisable to book with a single airline to minimize risks of luggage loss and logistical complexities.

**Contact with Host Institution:** Communication with Manipal University Jaipur was smooth through email and mostly via WhatsApp on-site, with the local IAESTE team serving as the primary contact.

**Financial Transactions:** Most transactions were conducted through an Indian app requiring an Indian bank account. Cash payments, uncommon in Jaipur, became necessary as smaller businesses often lacked change. Salary payments were made in cash at the end of each month.

**Accommodation and Rent:** IAESTE Jaipur organized accommodation on campus, shared with another intern, covering the rent with the salary.

**Leisure Activities:** The campus offered facilities like a fitness studio, sports, and communal spaces for games. The campus had an intern-like structure with strict rules but less restrictive for foreign interns. Beyond the campus, taxis provided access to the city, and IAESTE Jaipur organized trips to various locations.

**Useful Addresses:** In case of emergencies, knowledge of contact details for the German Embassy or Consulate is essential. However, specifics may vary based on location and time.

