



THE TECH SURVIVAL STRATEGY.

*So you think that all you have to do is show up with your **cellphones** and **laptops** and **wifi's** and you are connected? Wrong!*

Here are a few tips from a fellow road warrior.

Technical Instructions

For India: Hi Tech maybe the buzzword but the systems are different. So in the interests of your sanity a bit of preparations will go a long way towards avoiding time wasting, frustration inducing delays while trying to connect.



1. Cellular / Mobile Services

- a. Make sure you tri-band world phone is unlocked, the roaming switched on, and it is compatible with the Indian system.
- b. Enter your mobile phone service's International Customer Assist number into your phonebook.
- c. The cellular / mobile phone services in India works on 900/1800 MHz hence your phone should support these frequencies (most European & Asian countries' phone do). You may need to switch this manually if your phone does not do so automatically.
- d. Switch off your phone once and then switch it on once you are in India
- e. India has international cellular companies like Hutch / Orange and other local service providers who provide interconnect service with all major international cellular service providers.
- f. In the network settings of your handset, please set the 'Network Selection' option to automatic
- g. If you have opted for International roaming with your service provider then your phone will automatically log in to one of the local service providers.
- h. If the settings of your phone is not automatic then you will have to choose the service provider manually
- i. You will get the options of cellular service providers once you switch on your phone – choose any one of them
- j. In case you wish to hire a local cellular / mobile phone then let us know in advance with your credit card guarantee



2. Wireless Internet @ Hotels

- a. Some hotels do not have a DSL / LAN option and all internet access is via **wireless connection**.
- b. If your notebook / laptop already has wireless internet (802.11B) – either a card or inbuilt – then you will see the log-in screen once you switch on your machine
- c. Please enter the relevant details – Usage plan, name and room number – to get connected to the net. These will be provided to you by the hotel.
- d. Please carry the drivers CD media in case it is required by hotel technicians to enable the inbuilt wireless access or the wireless card
- e. In case you do not have the wireless card or if your machine doesn't have wireless inbuilt then please let us know in advance or immediately on arrival so that a wireless access card for your machine can be arranged at the hotel



3. Broadband / DSL Cable Internet @ Hotels

- a. Some hotels have internet access **only through hi-speed DSL lines** for which they have provided DATA PORTS in the rooms
- b. You will need to have LAN port in your machine and it is advisable that you carry the DATA CABLE with you.
- c. Once the laptop is connected to the port with the cable, you will automatically get the log-in screen in which you need to fill in relevant details and you will be connected.



4. Voltage and Plugs.

- a. India has three or two round pin plugs and 220 volts.
- b. If you are carrying the works ... PDA, Cellphone and Laptop then think about getting a multiple charger ...
- c. Both APC and IGO Juice are wonderful and exchange three sets of transformers and wires for one with multiple tips.
- d. A set of adapters that slide onto on thick base further reduces bulk.