

GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS OF Pulsar Observatory for Students (2012)

RAC welcomes you for the POS 2012 Program. You are requested to abide by the following rules for use of facilities at RAC, Ooty.

1. Please see the RAC notice board and our web page for the academic program (<http://ncra.tifr.res.in/~rpl/pos.html>)
2. Students may make use of the RAC Library only during regular working hours. The library key will NOT be issued to a visiting student. Please introduce yourself to the Library-In-Charge (Mrs. M. Karpagam) and enter your name in the visitor's register.
3. Students are not allowed to borrow any books from the library. Students will be responsible for safe keeping of the books. The books must NOT be taken out of the building to your rooms.
4. Limited photocopy facility will be available on the guide's recommendation. For any help, please contact Mrs. M. Karpagam, Library-In-Charge
5. Students using any equipment in the Observatory for their project work must do so with the guide's approval.
6. Computer facilities at RAC are to be used only for the work related to the project. For details contact Mr. R. Venkatasubramani (RVS) (Inter Com No.40)
7. Canteen facilities can be availed of by the students. Please inform the canteen well in advance if you wish to take breakfast/lunch/dinner.
8. Students are required to return all RAC items available with them to his/her guide before leaving the Institute on completion of the project.
9. Travel allowances only for outstation candidates will be paid as mentioned in the letters. Please download the Travelling Allowance form from <http://ncra.tifr.res.in/~rpl/pos.html> and submit the same duly filled in to Mrs. L. Shanthakumari. You will need to attach a copy / original ticket to the Travelling Allowance Form.
10. In case of any emergency you may please contact Mr. Krishnakumar at 0423 2550334/335 or email him at kkma@ncra.tifr.res.in

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Some Useful Information

Information on how to reach Ooty from Coimbatore railway station:-

- 1) From Coimbatore Railway Station to Ooty Bus Stand (Or) New Bus stand:-
 - a) Take City Bus up to Gandhipuram Bus Stand by paying Rs.4 to 7/-
 - b) Gandhipuram Bus stand to Ooty Bus stand (Or)New Bus stand City Bus No.150. Rs. 7/- will be charged.
 - c) OR take an auto to New Bus Stand.

At the New Bus stand you have to stand in a queue for Ooty Bus. The fare is approximately Rs.55/- per head. The Travel time from Coimbatore to Ooty is four hours.

There are passenger trains from Coimbatore to Mettupalayam and Mettupalayam to Ooty (meter gauge). Though there are some trains (meter gauge) plying from Mettupalayam Railway Station to Ooty, it is advisable to avoid the train service since they are not reliable. There will be a heavy rush by tourist and it is better to use bus service.

Information on how to reach Ooty from Bangalore:-

- 1) You can come by Kanataka State Road Transport Corp. (KSRTC) Buses (Or) Tamil Nadu Buses from Bangalore to Ooty.
- 2) If you are coming from the Northern part of Kerala or from Karnataka, it is advisable to take a bus that will be coming to Gudallur or directly to Ooty.
- 3) There are direct buses available from Calicut, Mysore and Bangalore.

Please remember to take State Transport buses to get the Travelling Allowances (TA).

Some Useful information on Hotels at Ooty

Please note that the Hotel Charges will be varying between Rs.500 to 5000/- for a double room.

The following are the Phone Nos of few reliable moderate hotels.

I) YWCA of India Project, Anandagiri, Ettiness Road, Ooty- 643 001
Phone No. 94423 22022
www.ywcaagooty.com
Project Manager: Mr. A. Patrick Titus

II) Hotel Tamil Nadu -Youth Hostel:-
Telephone : 0423 - 2443665

III) Hotel Tamil Nadu:-
Contact person: Mr. Gunalan
Phone No; 0423 - 2444370 to 77
FAX: 0423 - 2444369