



अंतर-विश्वविद्यालय केंद्र : खगोलविज्ञान और खगोलभौतिकी

IUCAA

Inter-University Centre For Astronomy And Astrophysics

An Autonomous Institution of the University Grants Commission

Prof. Kandaswamy Subramanian

Dean, Visitor Academic Programmes

23 August, 2021

The Principal

Providence Womens College,

Malaparamba, Calicut,

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Dear Sir / Madam,

As you are aware, the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) has been set up by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to promote and nucleate astronomy and astrophysics in the universities and affiliated colleges. To this end, IUCAA has launched a number of programmes on its campus at Pune and also on the campuses of various universities and colleges. In particular, arrangements have been made to facilitate the usage by interested students and faculty of universities and colleges of centralized facilities at Pune, such as an advanced Computer Centre with High Performance Computing facility, a state-of-the-art library, the Instrumentation Laboratory and observational facilities including the South African Large Telescope (SALT) at Sutherland. IUCAA is also involved in a number of large projects of national and international importance like ASTROSAT, LIGO-India, the Thirty Metre Telescope, etc.

One major activity in this context is the **Associateship Programme**. Under this programme, faculty members of universities and colleges, who are made **Visiting Associates of IUCAA**, can make visits to IUCAA for specified periods to participate in the teaching research and development activities in astronomy and astrophysics. For such purposes, the universities and colleges are encouraged to regard IUCAA as their field station, whose facilities are at their disposal. Indeed, Professor Arun Nigavekar, the then Chairman of the UGC, has written in 2004 to all the university Vice-Chancellors urging them to look upon IUCAA in this spirit and to make it possible for the Visiting Associates to use its facilities to the maximum extent possible. I enclose for your ready reference a copy of this letter from the Chairman.

As part of the Associateship Programme, IUCAA has selected 17 new Visiting Associates this year and has extended the term of 53 Visiting Associates for a further period of three years. I am happy to inform you that **Dr. Aswathy S.** from your College has been selected as a Visiting Associate for three years from August 1, 2021. Under the Associateship Programme, IUCAA will pay the travel and per diem of the Visiting Associates coming to IUCAA for their scientific work.

I do hope that you will encourage Dr. Aswathy S to take advantage of this offer. I request you to treat Dr. Aswathy 's stay at IUCAA as a part of her duties and to provide herwith leave as "on duty" so that she can make good use of her Associateship. I enclose the Terms and Conditions of the Associateship Programme for your information.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Kandaswamy Subramanian

Prof. Kandaswamy Subramanian

Encl : (i) UGC-Chairman's Letter. (ii) Terms and Conditions of Associateship Programme.

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