



अंतर-विश्वविद्यालय केंद्र : खगोलविज्ञान और खगोलभौतिकी

IUCAA

**Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics**

An Autonomous Institution of the University Grants Commission

**Prof. Ranjeev Misra**

Dean, Visitor Academic Programmes

July 29, 2025

**Dr. Ramprasad Prajapati**

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Delhi 110067

Dear Dr. Prajapati,

I am very happy to inform you that your term of Visiting Associateship at IUCAA has been extended for a further period of three years with effect from August 1, 2025. We hope that this will enable you to continue to make good use of our facilities through your next term, and that your visits to IUCAA will prove to be very productive.

I am enclosing along with this letter of invitation (1) a copy of the letter I have sent to the Vice-Chancellor of your University, explaining the programme and requesting him/her to treat your visits to IUCAA under this programme as "*on duty*", (2) a copy of a letter sent in September 2, 2004 to the Vice-Chancellors of different universities by Professor Arun Nigavekar, the then Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC). You may use these letters when you apply for leave for visits to IUCAA, if you find that necessary.

I shall look forward to your response to this letter of invitation by Email to < vs@iucaa.in > and hope that you will contribute to IUCAA activities and your research will benefit from your regular visits, participation and advice. The Terms and Conditions of the Associateship Programme are also enclosed along with this letter.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

**Professor Ranjeev Misra**

Encl : (1) Copy of the letter sent to the Vice-Chancellor of your University;

(2) Copy of letter sent by UGC; (3) Terms and Conditions of the Associateship Programme.

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**The Vice-Chancellor**

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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 Southern African Large Telescope (SALT) at Sutherland. IUCAA is also involved in a number of large projects of national and international importance like ASTROSAT, Aditya-L1 Mission, 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 selected as **Visiting Associates of IUCAA**, can make visits to IUCAA for specified periods to participate in teaching, training, 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 then Chairman.

IUCAA selects a limited number of faculty every year to its Associateship Programme. I am happy to inform you that the term of **Dr. Ramprasad Prajapati** from your University has been extended for three years from August 1, 2025. 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. Prajapati, to take advantage of this offer. I request you to treat Dr. Prajapati's stay at IUCAA as a part of his duties and to provide him with leave as "on duty" so that he can make good use of his Associateship. I enclose the Terms and Conditions of the Associateship Programme for your information.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

**Professor Ranjeev Misra**

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

cc : Dr. Ramprasad Prajapati, School of Physical Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi 110067

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