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This is to certify that Dr. Biju K.G., an Associate Professor from W.M.O. Arts and Science College, Muttil, Wayanad, Kerala, visited the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) during the following dates under IUCAA's Visitor Programme.

- 1. From October 29, 2017 till November 10, 2017.
- 2. From April 23, 2018 till May 22, 2018.
- 3. From December 27-31, 2018.
- 4. From July 20-22, 2019.

He worked under the able guidance of Professor Joydeep Bagchi, formerly a faculty member at this Centre and used the computing and library facilities at IUCAA for his research work.

IUCAA has paid him TA and DA as per norms, wherever applicable.

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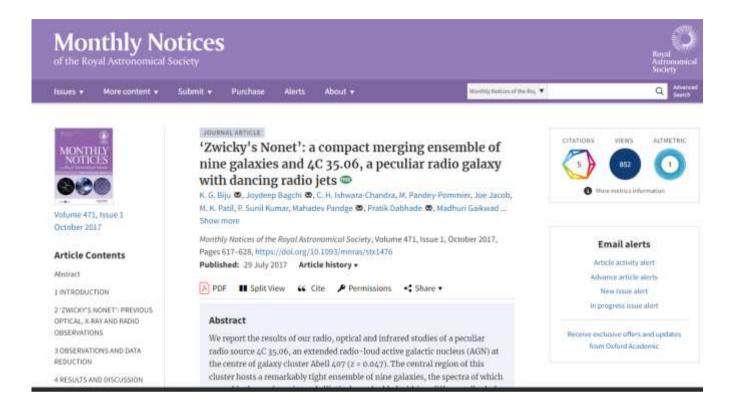
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2. ACTIVITY REPORT

1. Paper Published with Prof. Joydeep Bagchi (IUCAA) as Co-Author.



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'Zwicky's Nonet': a compact merging ensemble of nine galaxies and 4C 35.06, a peculiar radio galaxy with dancing radio jets

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ABSTRACT

We report the results of our radio, optical and infrared studies of a peculiar radio source 4C 35.06, an extended radio-loud active galactic nucleus (AGN) at the centre of galaxy cluster Abell 407 (z = 0.047). The central region of this cluster hosts a remarkably tight ensemble of nine galaxies, the spectra of which resemble those of passive red ellipticals, embedded within a diffuse stellar halo of ~1 arcmin size. This system (named 'Zwicky's Nonet') provides unique and compelling evidence for a multiple-nucleus cD galaxy precursor. Multifrequency radio observations of 4C 35.06 with the Giant Meterwave Radio Telescope (GMRT) at 610, 235 and 150 MHz reveal a system of 400-kpc scale helically twisted and kinked radio jets and outer diffuse lobes. The outer extremities of jets contain extremely steep-spectrum (spectral index -1.7 to -2.5) relic/fossil radio plasma with a spectral age of a few $\times (10^7 - 10^8)$ yr. Such ultra-steep spectrum relic radio lobes without definitive hotspots are rare and they provide an opportunity to understand the life cycle of relativistic jets and physics of black hole mergers in dense environments. We interpret our observations of this radio source in the context of growth of its central black hole, triggering of its AGN activity and jet precession, all possibly caused by galaxy mergers in this dense galactic system. A slow conical precession of the jet axis due to gravitational perturbation between interacting black holes is invoked to explain the unusual jet morphology.

Key words: galaxies: clusters: individual: Abell 407 - galaxies: elliptical and lenticular, cDgalaxies: jets-quasars: supermassive black holes-radio continuum: galaxies.

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2. Organized the Regional Astronomy meeting on Research in Astronomy -Opportunities and Challenges, of IUCAA at WMO Arts and Science college, Muttil 1-2 December 2017.



Proposals for holding Workshops/Schools Outside IUCAA

Proposals to conduct workshops/schools in Astronomy and Astrophysics or related areas are invited from university departments/affiliated colleges and the same may be sent to the Administrative Officer, Core Programmes, (email; aocp@iucaa.in), IUCAA, by April 30, 2018 (for events to be conducted during August 2018 - July 2019), so as to be included in the academic calendar for the next academic year.

The following details should be given while sending the proposals: (i) the title (topic), (ii) duration of the workshop/school, (iii) topics to be covered and number of lectures in each topic, (iv) the level of audience and their number, (v) the number of resource persons available locally and the number of resource persons expected from IUCAA, and (vi) a description of the facilities available and (vii) the budget estimates (clearly stating the support offered by the host university/institute).

It is generally expected that infrastructural facilities and accommodation to the participants as well as the resource persons will be provided by the host institution. Other expenses will be borne by IUCAA. The proposers are encouraged to consult IUCAA faculty while framing the proposal.

Once the workshop/school is approved, IUCAA will nominate a coordinator from its faculty, who will interact with the organiser in relation to the academic programme, budget, and identifying and approaching the resource persons.

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Meeting on Research in Astronomy: Opportunities and Challenges



The south regional astronomers meeting on Research in Astronomy: Opportunities and Challenges was conducted at the Department of Physics. WMO Arts and Science College, Muttil, Wayanad, Kerala, during December 1 - 2, 2017. The fourth in the series of annual meetings, intended for fostering ties between astronomers in this region, was inaugurated by Ranjeev Misra (IUCAA), and presided over by T.P. Muhammed Fareed (Principal, WMO Arts and Science College). There were 27 presentations, each of 15 minutes duration, given by the research students from the region. New results from the fields of Cosmology, AGN, Stars, ISM, IGM, Galaxies, Gravitational Waves, Instrumentation, and Machine Language were presented. Active discussions which ensued after each presentation served to provide new insights and directions for the participating researchers. There were 7 review talks by senior faculty members in various aspects of Astronomy, and were given by V.C. Kuriakose (CUSAT, Kochi), Annapurni Subramanium (IIA, Bengaluru), Charles Jose (CUSAT, Kochi), K. Indulekha (Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam), Blesson Mathew (Christ University, Bengaluru), and Sajeeth Ninan Philip (St. Thomas College, Kozhenchery)). Ranjeev Misra and Joe Jacob (Newman College, Thodupuzha) were the academic coordinators, and Biju K.G. (WMO Arts and Science College) officiated as the organising secretary. There were cultural programmes by the participants on the evening of the first day of the