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**Sub: Invitation for New Research Proposals under UoP-ISRO Joint Research Programme for the year 2017-18**

Under ISRO-UoP Joint Research Programme, financial support is provided by ISRO for research proposals having relevance to ISRO's activities. Research proposals related to launch vehicle technology, satellite technology, and ground based systems and space sciences are supported. A list of broad topics of interest to ISRO in these areas is given in the University's **website\*** ([www.unipune.ac.in](http://www.unipune.ac.in)). Proposals may be made by the faculty of Savitribai Phule Pune University and its affiliated colleges (Recognized Research Centers). Participation of ISRO Scientists right from the stage of formulating the proposals is found to help in successful completion of the projects. It is therefore desirable to interact with ISRO scientists wherever possible. Process for final selection of the research proposals involves evaluation at 2-3 stages and also interaction with the prospective Investigators. As a first step, research proposals received in response to this invitation will be scrutinized by Preliminary Evaluation Committee (PEC) and shortlisted proposals will be called for detailed presentation. Suggestions to modify the proposals, wherever required, will be made at this stage. While assessing the new proposals, PEC also takes into account the past performance of the Investigators who have under this scheme either completed or are having an on-going project with them. PEC's recommendation then goes to Joint Policy Committee (JPC) chaired by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SPPU, where final acceptance/non-acceptance of the research proposal is given. Once the Project starts, Investigator is expected to submit six monthly progress reports highlighting the technical achievements and difficulties if any. Expenditure statement is to be submitted at the end of the financial year and unspent funds are to be returned.

You may kindly bring the above information to the notice of faculty members in the Department and motivate them to submit the research proposals in the prescribed format (Annexure-1) along with a soft copy to reach this Office on or before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017. For any clarification, they may contact the undersigned. Your cooperation and support is solicited to make the ISRO-UoP Joint Research Programme a success.

Encl: (1) Annexure-1

\* **website link:** [www.unipune.ac.in](http://www.unipune.ac.in) ⇒ Homepage ⇒ Academics ⇒ Independent units ⇒ ISRO Cell ⇒ Research areas in space for STC

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Cc: Chairman, JPC/Vice Chancellor  
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