

**Subject: Call for Science observing proposals for 3.6m Devasthal Optical Telescope**

**Dear Colleagues,**

ARIES invites members of the Indian and Belgian astronomy community to participate in the call for Science observing cycle 2018A for the observations with 3.6-m Devasthal Optical Telescope (DOT).

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A communication received in this regard from ARIEs is copied below for your information.

Best Wishes

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ARIES invites members of the Indian and Belgian astronomy community to participate in the call for Science observing cycle 2018A for the observations with 3.6-m Devasthal Optical Telescope (DOT). India has 93% share in the telescope time of which 33% is guaranteed to ARIES, and 7% to Belgian astronomers. The Principal Investigator of the proposals should have affiliations at Indian or Belgian academic institutions and/or universities.

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You can submit your observing proposals through online proposal submission system at [www.aries.res.in/dopses](http://www.aries.res.in/dopses)

Two instruments are offered for observations namely Optical CCD Imager and Near Infrared Imager (TIRCAM-2). For more information on telescope and instruments, please visit

[www.aries.res.in/dot](http://www.aries.res.in/dot) <<http://www.aries.res.in/dopses>>

Allocation of time on the telescope will be based on the assigned ranking of the proposals through a peer-review process by Indian and Belgian Time Allocation committees for Indian and Belgian proposals, respectively.

ARIES will provide telescope operators and site-staff to perform routine start-up & shut-down procedures, and safety checks at the telescope.

Questions regarding the operational policies with the DOT should be directed to Dr. Brijesh Kumar ([brij@aries.res.in](mailto:brij@aries.res.in)). For specific questions related to 4Kx4K Imager and TIRCAM-2, contact Dr. S. B. Pandey ([sashi@aries.res.in](mailto:sashi@aries.res.in)) and Prof. D. K. Ojha ([ojha@tifr.res.in](mailto:ojha@tifr.res.in)), respectively.

For general assistance regarding the proposal submission process, contact Dr. Yogesh Joshi ([yogesh@aries.res.in](mailto:yogesh@aries.res.in) <[maheswar@aries.res.in](mailto:maheswar@aries.res.in)>) / Dr. Purushottam ([purushottam@aries.res.in](mailto:purushottam@aries.res.in)).

With best Regards

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