

Visit of preventative maintenance from GONG Program, Boulder, USA to USO

The Udaipur Solar Observatory (USO) / Physical Research Laboratory is having an MoU with GONG Program, National Solar Observatory, Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Boulder, USA, to run a solar telescope which is a part of six-site network of telescopes around the globe aimed at continuous observations of the Sun. This telescope has been in operations at USO since October 1995 and provides full-disk observations of the Sun in continuum intensity, photospheric Doppler and magnetic fields, and chromospheric H-alpha intensity. Recently, during the period 1 December - 12 December, 2019, a team of engineers comprising of Mr. Sang Nguyen (Electronics engineer) and Mr. Detrick Branston (Optics engineer) visited USO for the annual preventative maintenance of the GONG telescope. The scientists, engineers, and technical support personnel from USO, viz., Dr. Brajesh Kumar, Mr. Naresh Jain, Ms. Ramya Bireddy, Mr. Kushagra Upadhyay and Mr. Sudarshan Jain coordinated the maintenance work of the GONG telescope along with the team of engineers from GONG Program. On 11th December, Prof. Nandita Srivastava, Deputy Head (Administration), USO hosted a high tea in the honour of the visiting team along with all the members of USO.

