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**Recommendation Letter for Syamlal Sankaran Kunnath**

It is my great pleasure to recommend Mr. Syamlal for a PhD position at your laboratory.

My interaction with Syamlal started at SRM University where I joined as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics. I taught Syamlal a course on Electromagnetic Theory during his second semester of MSc Physics course at SRM University (Even semester 2016, 6 months). He was within the top 20% of students in my class of 18.

During my interactions with him, I learned that he has a mind tuned to scientific enquiry and research. Syamlal has actively participated in the research activities at SRM and outside during the period of his MSc program. Syamlal worked for his master’s project on thin films with my colleague Dr. V. J. Surya, and he impressed us with his enthusiasm in the work. This work was selected as best project during SciConnect, a program organized by our School for research students in science streams.

Syamlal was selected to visit Shizuoka University, Japan during September 2017, which was organized and funded by Sakura Exchange Program.

He has reasonably well rounded skills and passion for science which makes him an ideal fit for a PhD program in your group. Personally he is very friendly and gets on well with his colleagues in a collaborative atmosphere.

I believe this PhD program will go a long way in exposing him to world class research and also support him to pursue a fruitful research career with tremendous benefits for science.

Syamlal has reasonably good communication skills and his English language is also very good.

I wholeheartedly recommend Syamlal for this PhD program.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Mohamed Ameen Poyli.