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To Whom It May Concern

It gives me a great pleasure in writing this letter in support of the application of Mr. Arkaprava Layek for admission in the IIT Kharagpur – University of Manchester dual PhD program.

I know Mr. Layek since July 2018 as one of the 64 students in the MSc class. He was selected for admission in the MSc program in the School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad through a National Level admission test. His earlier academic record is consistent and excellent. He has done very well in his course work and completed all the requirements for the award of the MSc degree in June 2020. He is in the top 25% students of his class. He has written the NET examination in June, 2019 as well as in December 2019 and both times he has qualified for the CSIR-JRF.

I have taught his class two courses in Inorganic Chemistry. He has also completed his MSc fourth semester research project under my supervision. I have always found him as a highly motivated, disciplined and sincere student. His basic knowledge of chemistry is very good. He has excellent experimental skills. He is not afraid to learn any new topic or subject. He is familiar with most of the modern theoretical and experimental techniques.

Mr. Layek is a well composed person with a pleasant temperament. He mixes very well with others and is always willing to help. He should not have any difficulty to adapt quickly and work in a team. He is confident and capable of competently executing any task given to him.

In view of Mr. Layek's academic record, ability and motivation, I strongly recommend him for admission in the IIT Kharagpur – University of Manchester dual PhD program.

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