



### **Appeal by Scientists**

“As citizens of India as well as part of the world community of the 21st Century, it is one of our fundamental and civilizational duties “to develop and promote the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform;” as per article 51 A (h) of our Constitution.

We believe that this task has not received the attention and commitment it deserves and calls for, and on the contrary, there is a very worrying and disturbing atmosphere being whipped in the opposite direction. There is therefore an urgent need to take it up with much vigour and enthusiasm in a systematic and sustained manner at all levels. The role of schools, colleges and the educational institutions is particularly important and critical in taking it forward. Promoting scientific temper is not only the work of scientists, but of all citizens in Indian democracy.

Dr. Narendra Dabholkar was one of the foremost proponents of scientific temper in recent times. Through his lectures and writings, he spread the message of scientific temper among all sections of society. It is therefore particularly appropriate that 20th August, the day on which he was martyred should be observed as ‘National Scientific Temper Day’ all over the country.

We the undersigned, endorse and support this move, and appeal to all informed and concerned people as well as all educational institutions, organizations to join in this collective national endeavour for observing ‘National Scientific Temper Day’, towards building an India of reason and humanity with well informed and rationally empowered citizens.”

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