## **Beware Pseudoscience Statements**

- 1. Drawing upon the ancient Vedic texts to support the view that there was flying technology in ancient India, Captain Anand J Bodas, a retired principal of a pilot training facility, said, "There is a reference of ancient aviation in the Rigveda." He said Maharishi Bharadwaj spoke 7,000 years ago of "the existence of aeroplanes which travel from one country to another, from one continent to another and from one planet to another. He mentioned 97 reference books for aviation." History merely notes that the Wright brothers first flew in 1904," he said. Bharadwaj, who authored the book Vimana Samhita, had written about various types of metal alloys used to build an aeroplane. "Now we have to import aeroplane alloys. The young generation should study the alloys mentioned in his book and make them here," Bodas said. He also spoke of the "huge" aeroplanes which flew in ancient India. "The basic structure was of 60 by 60 feet and in some cases, over 200 feet. They were jumbo planes," he said. "The ancient planes had 40 small engines. Today's aviation does not know even of flexible exhaust system," he said.
- 2. Narada like today's internet search engine Google, says Gujarat CM Rupani
- 3. Tripura CM says only civil engineers suited for civil services
- **4. Tripura CM** questioned the crowning of Diana Hayden as Miss World as she was not beauties in the Indian mould like Aishwarya Rai is.
- **5.** Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb came up with the idea that "internet existed in the days of Mahabharata as well."
- **6.** Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb said Cow dung and urine serving as a cure for cancer
- 7. Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb said Lord Rama deployed world-class engineers to build the Rama Setu
- 8. Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb said Internet existed in the days of Mahabharata: Tripura CM Biplab Deb
- 9. Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb speaks of Sanjay who was blind but could still narrate what was happening in the battlefield to Dhritarashtra. This was due to

- internet and technology. The satellite also existed during that period."." Sanjay used Internet in Mahabharata time. Not USA or Western
- **10.** Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb said Atomic weapons were used during Mahabharat & Harappa, Mohenjo-daro ruined due to atomic war.
- 11. Junior education minister Satyapal Singh an MPhil in chemistry. said, "Darwin's theory is scientifically wrong" "Nobody, including our ancestors, in writing or orally, have said they saw an ape turning into a man. Darwin's theory (of evolution of humans) is scientifically wrong. It needs to change in school and college curricula."
- 12. Uttarakhand chief minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank said, "Astrology is the biggest science. It is in fact above science. We should promote it."
- 13. Prime Minister Modi"We all read about Karna in the Mahabharata. If we think a little more, we realise that the Mahabharata says Karna was not born from his mother's womb. This means that genetic science was present at that time. That is why Karna could be born outside his mother's womb. Karna, a character of the epic 'Mahabharata' was born due to genetic engineering, according to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- 14. "Modi went on: "We worship Lord Ganesha. There must have been some plastic surgeon at that time who got an elephant's head on the body of a human being and began the practice of plastic surgery." Prime Minister Narendra Modi had, while referring to Hindu mythology had said that he believes that Lord Ganesha was the first ever example of plastic surgery.
- 15. Some people wear rings of particular gemstones for improving luck and life. But if you wear a wrong ('manik') gemstone then it causes trouble. So Tripura had a wrong Manik (CM), time to take it off and wear a HIRA (diamond). H-Highways, I-Iways, R-Railways, A-Airways'', said Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a rally in Agartala on February 8

- 16. MoS HRD Satyapal Singh, in September 2017 said that students in premier engineering institutes like IITs must be taught about ancient Indian discoveries and inventions such as Pushpak Viman, which is mentioned in the Ramayana.
- 17. Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Naik in 2016 said that the practice of Yoga can cure major diseases including cancer. He added that the Government could come out with scientific evidence of it in a year.
- 18. According to BJP MP from Hardwar and former Uttarakhand CM Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, India was never a stranger to nuclear technology. In fact, a sage had conducted a nuclear test lakhs of years ago.
- 19. Rajasthan Education and Panchayati Raj Minister Vasudev Devnani came up with an ingenious theory to explain the 'scientific significance of the cow'. According to Devnani, cow is the only animal that inhales and exhales oxygen. He had also reportedly said that ailments like cold and cough can be healed by going near a cow.
- 20. Rajasthan Minster Devnani was guilty once again when he recently made a statement saying that Issac Newton had not discovered the law of gravity. It was in fact discovered by the Indian scientist Brahmagupta II one thousand years before Newton.
- 21. Union Minister of Agriculture Radha Mohan Singh had said that soil fertility can be boosted and 'seeds can be empowered' by adopting 'yogic farming'. "The idea behind Yogic farming is to empower the seeds with the help of positive thinking. We should enhance the potency of seeds by rays of Parmatma Shakti", Singh had said in September 2015. When asked if yogic farming is a scientific method, Singh said "We are supporting organic farming and, along with it, the idea of Rajyog. Such exercise is accepted by my ministry essentially to enhance Indian farmers' confidence. Indian farmers have, over the years, lost confidence in the age-tested knowledge of farming".

- 22. Assam Health Minister and senior BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma that people suffered from life-threatening diseases such as cancer because of sins they had committed in previous births.
- 23. In his book, Tejomay Bharat, which was made compulsory reading in Gujarat schools, Batra, Convenor of Shiksha Bachao Andolan Samiti, has said, When Gandhari, who had not been able to conceive for two years, she underwent an abortion. From her womb a huge mass of flesh came out. (Rishi) Dwaipayan Vyas was called. He observed this hard mass of flesh and then he preserved it in a cold tank with specific medicines. He then divided the mass of flesh into 100 parts and kept them separately in 100 tanks full of ghee for two years. After two years, 100 Kauravas were born of it. On reading this, he (Matapurkar) realised that stem cell was not his invention. This was found in India thousands of years ago." The book carries a customised message from Modi, as then Gujarat Chief Minister.
- 24. On his last day as a judge in the state capital, Jaipur, Justice Mahesh Chandra Sharma of the Rajasthan High Court in western India went on to claim that the peahen gets pregnant after swallowing the peacock's tears and a peacock or peahen is then born
- 25. Justice Mahesh Chandra Sharma of the Rajasthan High Court recommended life imprisonment for anyone killing a cow as inside it "reside some 330 million gods and goddesses"
- 26. Justice Mahesh Chandra Sharma of the Rajasthan High Court went on to declare that the cow was the only animal that inhaled and exhaled oxygen and was a mobile "clinic on its own".
- 27. Justice Mahesh Chandra Sharma of the Rajasthan High Court "Its milk and ghee are comparable to amrit (nectar)," Sharma stated, adding that cow urine had "miraculous properties of destroying germs and preventing ageing".
- 28. Gold is found in Cow urine