

**Promoting Scientific Temper and observing  
'National Scientific Temper Day'  
on 20<sup>th</sup> August**



Respected Colleague,

We are writing to you on behalf of the All India People's Science Network (AIPSN) & Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmulan Samiti (MANS). AIPSN is a network of people's science organizations working in various states of India for the promotion of scientific temper, scientific humanism, and the public understanding of science. MANS is an organized movement dedicated to fighting superstitions and promoting scientific temper in India, particularly in the state of Maharashtra, founded in 1989 by Shaheed Dr. Narendra Dabholkar.

We have initiated the observance of 'National Scientific Temper Day' on 20<sup>th</sup> August every year, which commemorates the day Dr. Narendra Dabholkar was martyred in 2013. We appeal to you to join in this endeavour.

We have also initiated the following concomitant statement, which has been endorsed by **Dr. Jayant Naralikar, Dr. Naresh Dadhich, Dr. Spenta Wadia, Dr. Vidyanand Nanjundiah, Dr. Satyajit Rath, Dr. K. Subramaniam** and many other scientists and educationists:

*"As citizens of India as well as part of the world community of the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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."*

We hope to observe National Scientific Temper Day on a broad and massive scale. This cannot happen without the widespread collective effort of many like-minded organizations, school managements, teachers and individuals. We send this appeal to you to join this broad collective effort in view of the committed work that you/your organization is doing for the promotion of constitutional values.

We also request you to join this national movement for observing National Scientific Temper Day on Aug 20<sup>th</sup> and by sending a brief endorsement email with your details to [gsaipnsn@gmail.com](mailto:gsaipnsn@gmail.com) and [scientifictemperday@gmail.com](mailto:scientifictemperday@gmail.com) and spread it to your colleagues.

Best Wishes,

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