



# India March for Science - 2025

## NEWSLETTER



### Appeal

Even as science and technology continue to advance at an unprecedented pace, scientists around the world are sounding the alarm: science itself is under growing attack; science education right from school level is receiving less importance; science departments are gradually closed down in arts and science colleges; crucial research in basic sciences in Universities and higher institutions is being stifled by shrinking funding; funding is diverted to using science for destructive purposes as in waging wars. Global warming and climate change are no longer distant threats—they are a present and escalating reality. Extreme weather events, vanishing ice caps, rising sea levels, collapsing ecosystems, and accelerating mass extinctions bear stark witness to this crisis. Most troubling of all, scientific evidence is ignored especially when it comes to protecting our planet—jeopardizing both our environment and our collective future.

In 2017, over a million scientists, educators, and supporters of science marched in nearly 600 cities across the globe to defend the role of science in society. In India, the 'India March for Science' has been organized in multiple cities since 2017.

These marches protested the steady decline in government funding for education and scientific research, the implementation of policies that ignored scientific evidence, and the active promotion of unscientific ideas through official channels. The marches in different countries could influence the governments to participate in serious discussions on climate issues. Yet, beyond climate summit meetings, speeches, and panel discussions, meaningful action remains elusive.

**The India March for Science (IMFS) 2025, held across different states of India, was part of the global March for Science movement that had its beginning in 2017. The campaign sought to uphold the values of science, reason, and education while voicing serious concerns about the rise of pseudoscience, inadequate funding for scientific research, environmental challenges, and threats to academic freedom. Scientists, educators, students, activists, and members of the general public came together in large numbers to make the movement a nationwide initiative.**

**March for science programs in the form of rallies, demonstrations, discussions and seminars were held in more than 30 cities and towns across 15 states in the country. The international dimension of the movement was highlighted by solidarity demonstrations organised in support of the India March for Science by research students from India working in different institutes in Israel, Germany, Denmark, Spain, France, UK, Taiwan and Hong Kong.**



In India, we are witnessing widespread deforestation, alarming groundwater depletion, and the relentless pollution of rivers and water bodies. Vast tracts of forest land—such as those in Chhattisgarh and the Nicobar Islands—are being handed over to corporate interests under the guise of 'development'. This unchecked exploitation of natural resources has led to a stark and shameful outcome: India ranked 176th out of 180 countries in the Environmental Performance Index 2024, a grim reflection of the environmental crisis we face.

While the remarkable achievements of science and technology in ancient India are a rightful source of inspiration, it is deeply concerning that unscientific and factually unfounded assertions are now being promoted as science by individuals in positions of power. This not only distorts our understanding of genuine scientific heritage but also fuels a combative chauvinism that stands in stark contrast to the spirit of true patriotism we uphold. Alarming, such claims are no longer confined to personal belief—they are being institutionalized through textbooks introduced under the banner of 'Indian Knowledge Systems' as part of the New Education Policy 2020. In 2023, the centrally administered NCERT removed several key topics from the school curriculum—including Darwin's theory of evolution, Mendeleev's periodic table, the history of the Mughal era, and chapters on human rights and democracy. Despite widespread nationwide protests and strong criticism from the academic community, these essential subjects have yet to be reinstated.

Even in the 21st century, Indian society remains deeply entangled in superstition, allowing unscrupulous individuals to exploit vulnerable people through deceit and fear-mongering. Practices such as witch-hunting, human sacrifice, and exploitation in the name of faith healing and oracles continue to persist in various parts of the country. To effectively curb these inhumane and fraudulent acts, there is an urgent need for a comprehensive, nationwide Anti-Black-Magic Act.

Science education in government schools is in a deplorable state—many lacking even basic science laboratories—while universities face severe shortages of infrastructure, faculty, and support staff. Since 1968, every national education policy has promised to allocate at least 6 % of the GDP to education.

Yet, actual spending has remained below 3 %. Experts estimate that to meet this commitment, 10% of the Union budget and 30 % of state budgets would need to be dedicated to education.

But only 2.54 % of the Union budget was allocated in 2025. While most developed and developing countries invest between 2.8 % and 3.5 % of their GDP in science and technology research, India allocates less than 0.8 %. The sudden imposition of 18 % GST on scientific equipment has further jeopardized the smooth execution of research projects.

The number of government-supported JRF (Junior Research Fellowship) and NPDF (National Postdoctoral Fellowship) positions falls far short of the actual demand, and NET or UGC fellows often face delays in receiving their stipends. The recruitment of science graduates in scientific establishments has reduced to near zero as ISRO, DAE, DRDO, CSIR etc focus on technological projects rather than theoretical research.

Thus there is no motivation for taking up science courses. Many colleges are closing down the basic science degree courses, and the only chance of getting a teaching profession in science is diminishing.

In a time of deepening crisis—climate change, rising obscurantism, and shrinking research support and opportunities in science—we call upon the scientific community and all science-loving citizens to rise in defence of science, reason, and education.

**Defend Science, Defend the Future!**

Join the India March for Science in your city to demand:

1. Halt the propagation of unscientific and obscurantist ideas. Promote scientific temper in accordance with Article 51A(h) of the Constitution.
2. Adopt urgent, evidence-based policies to address the escalating climate crisis and environmental degradation, and to protect people from their adverse impacts.
3. Prevent the inclusion of irrational, unscientific content in educational curricula and ensure that education is firmly rooted in scientific evidence and critical thinking.
4. Increase opportunities for science graduates in scientific establishments, research and teaching.
5. Allocate at least 10 % of the Union Budget and 30 % of State Budgets to education, and significantly reduce student fees at all levels of public education. Invest a minimum of 3 % of the GDP in scientific, technological, and social science research to strengthen India's knowledge economy.
6. Enact a nationwide Anti-Black-Magic Act to eradicate inhuman, superstitious, and exploitative practices.
7. Ensure timely and regular disbursement of scholarships and fellowships to research scholars. Exempt all research-related purchases from GST.



## DELHI

On August 23, 2025, the India March for Science was successfully organized in Delhi, beginning at Gate No. 4 of the Vishwavidyalaya Metro Station and culminating at the main gate of the Delhi University (DU) Arts Faculty. The event drew participation from over 250 individuals, including school students, university students, researchers, professors, and scientists, exemplifying a meaningful confluence of science and society.



At the conclusion of the march, a short but impactful public meeting was held at the DU Arts Faculty gate. Prominent speakers at the gathering included:

Dr. Amitabha Basu, retired scientist, CSIR-National Physical Laboratory, Prof. Chetna Sachidanand, senior scientist, Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), Mr. Jalal Umar, retired principal, Islamia College, Saharanpur and Dr. Vinay Kumar, associate professor, Zakir Hussain College, Delhi, and Convenor of the IMFS Delhi Organising Committee. The speakers emphasized the importance of nurturing a scientific temperament among students, highlighting that education in science should go beyond textbooks to instill critical thinking and curiosity.



**Dr. Amitabha Basu, former scientist, CSIR-NPL, New Delhi addressing the gathering**

Distinguished attendees also included Dr. Jyotsna Dixit (researcher), Mrs. Sharda Dixit (retired principal), Dr. Sushmita Maiti (IMFS member), Ms. Rakshita Chawda (science communicator), and several others who contributed to the success and spirit of the event. The proceedings were efficiently conducted by Adrika, who anchored the event with clarity and enthusiasm.



**Dr. Chetna Sachidanand, senior scientist, IGIB, New Delhi**



**Mr. Jalal Umar, former principal, Islamia College, Saharanpur**



**Prof. Vinay Kumar, professor, Zakir Hussain College Delhi and convenor, IMFS Delhi Organising Committee**



## Kolkata

On 20 August 2025, the India March for Science – Kolkata Organising Committee held a rally from the foot of Vidyasagar's statue at College Square to Esplanade. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from scientists, professors, researchers, students, and science activists.



The march was led by eminent academicians Prof. Amitava Dutta, Prof. Dhruvajyoti Mukhopadhyay, Prof. Soumitro Banerjee, Prof. Chandrasekhar Chakraborty, along with representatives from ISI Kolkata, Calcutta University, Presidency University, Jadavpur University, IISER Kolkata, NIT Durgapur, SINP, Bose Institute, and S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences.



**Prof. Guruprasad Kar, addressing**

The program began with a tribute to Dr. Narendra Dabholkar by garlanding his portrait. Leading scientists and social activists including Prof. Soumitro Banerjee, Mr. Tapan Kumar Samanta, Prof. Guruprasad Kar, Prof. Tapan Chakraborty, Prof. Paramita Das, and representatives from Bigyan Anweshak, Nastik Mancha, Breakthrough Science Society, NOVA, Global Green Force, Research Scholars' Organisation, and Save Education Committee addressed the gathering.



Over 500 participants joined, carrying placards to highlight the demands of the March. The entire program was coordinated by Dr. Nilesh Ranjan Maiti, Convener of IMFS Kolkata Organising Committee.



**Prof. Amitava Dutta, speaking**



**Dr. Nilesh Ranjan Maiti, Convener of IMFS Kolkata Organising Committee**



## Mumbai

As part of the nationwide India March for Science 2025, a seminar was organised at Wilson College, Mumbai. The day began on a powerful note with Arko's soulful rendition of Faiz's "Bol ke lab azaad hain tere," which set an inspiring and thoughtful atmosphere for the discussions that followed.



The central event of the seminar was a panel discussion on the theme "Role of the State in Promoting Science and Scientific Temper." The panel featured eminent speakers—Prof. Aniket Sule, Prof. N. Krishnan, and Prof. Arpita Mondal. Prof. S. G. Dani moderated the session. The discussion addressed the major demands of the March for Science, emphasizing the need for greater investment in education and research, evidence-based policymaking to combat climate change, and the constitutional duty outlined in Article 51A(h) to foster scientific temper among citizens.



The session was marked by a vibrant interaction with the audience. Questions ranged from issues of climate change, India's research culture, and the interplay of corporate and public funding in scientific research, to concerns about the National Education Policy, and the declining curiosity among youth. The panelists shared nuanced and diverse perspectives, enriching the dialogue and inspiring critical reflection among participants.

Following the panel, students, representatives from science organisations, and faculty members including Prof. Michael D'Souza and Prof. B. M. Arora, expressed their views on the role of science in shaping a progressive society. Their contributions highlighted the collective responsibility of the scientific community and the public in defending and advancing rational thought. A poster demonstration followed, with enthusiastic participation from all attendees, giving visual expression to the core messages of the March for Science.



## Chennai

The Chennai Organising committee did intensive campaign and propaganda in several city colleges, IIT, IMSc, CMI, Polytechnic institutions and tuition centres.

On 24 August, 2025, a rally was held in Elliots beach, Besant Nagar where research scholars, science activists, Environmentalists, students right from primary school level to Research institutes, numbering more than 200, took part.







The rally was inaugurated by Er Selvamani, ExNoRa. Dr Joseph Prabhakar, President, BSS Chennai District, Dr Selvakumar, Advisor BSS Chennai, Dr Argyadas, RA, IMSc, Smt Maduri, IMSc Student IITM and a few others addressed the gathering highlighting the issues raised by IMFS-2025. Mr Udayan TNSF led a team that performed a group song on scientific thinking. Dr Venkatesan President BSS, Tamil Nadu concluded the program reminding the audience that a movement to pressurize the state government to enact anti superstition law will be developed by IMFS. Online signature was obtained for the memorandum for submitting to the PMO through the governor after consolidation of the list.

## Bangalore

The 9th edition of the India March for Science (IMFS) was held at Freedom Park, Bengaluru. Scientists, researchers, professionals, students, and science enthusiasts gathered to celebrate science and to demand stronger support for education, research, and rational thought in the country.

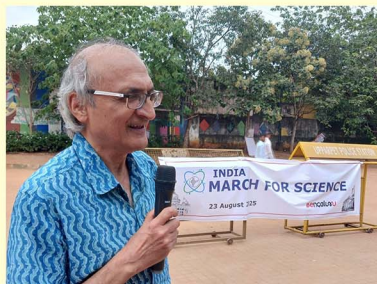


Prof. C. P. Rajendran stressed the need to nurture scientific culture, safeguard academic freedom, and counter pseudo-science through critical thinking. Prof. Jayant Murthy underlined the importance of celebrating science to make its value widely understood. Dr. S. Thangaswamy highlighted how knowledge from across cultures has advanced society.

Prof. Prajval Shastri criticised the diversion of scarce science funding to unscientific projects like DST's COWPIC and astrology and "vaasthu" in the name of "Indian Knowledge Systems".



Speakers also addressed broader social concerns. Mr. Anandraj called for classrooms that instill questioning minds and emphasised truth-seeking in education.



**Dr Jaynat Murthy**



**Dr C.P. Rajendran**

Mr. R. L. Mauryan condemned the growing use of science for militarisation instead of peace. Ms. Dipti highlighted Karnataka's anti-superstition law and pressed for a nationwide anti-black magic act. Mr. V. N. Rajasekhar criticised NEP 2020 for undermining public education and demanded higher budgetary allocations for the sector.



The event concluded with a collective call to uphold scientific temper, resist pseudo-science, and ensure that science serves peace, progress, and social transformation.



# India March for Science Solidarity from Abroad

The international dimension of the movement was highlighted by solidarity demonstrations organised by Indian research students abroad. They held placards supporting the IMFS demands in cities such as Jerusalem (Israel), Berlin and Düsseldorf (Germany), Copenhagen (Denmark), Valencia and Barcelona (Spain), Lille (France), Hong Kong and



Jerusalem, Israel



Melbourne, Australia



Taipei, Taiwan



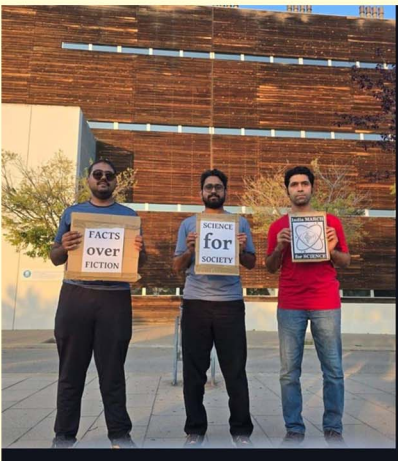
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## Hyderabad

A rally was held in Hyderabad on 29th August 2025. Beginning at Osmania University, the march concluded with a meeting at Hindi Mahavidyalaya. It was inaugurated by Prof. Ramachandraiah of NIT Warangal, presided over by Dr. R. Gangadhara, and addressed by several dignitaries, including Dr. Mehtab Banji and senior professors from Osmania University. The program saw enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, and scientists.



Barcelona Spain



Valencia



Berlin, Germany



Liverpool, UK





Ahmedabad

On 12 August 2025, as part of the India March for Science, a “Human Chain for Science” was organized in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The event saw the participation of about 250 science enthusiasts, including eminent scientist Dr. Raghavan Rangarajan, Prof. N. N. Roghelia, Shri Rafikbhai Kotharia, Shri Manishbhai Sonara, Dr. Kanubhai Khadadia, Dr. B. A. Makwana, Shri Prashantbhai Joshi, Kishan Malaviya, and Uttam Surpati, along with a large gathering of students, teachers, and educators from various schools and colleges.



The occasion also coincided with the 106<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Dr. Vikram Sarabhai. To mark the day, a floral tribute ceremony was held at his statue at Usmanpura, Riverfront, Ahmedabad.



Patna

India March for Science was organised on Aug 17 from Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Statue, Gandhi Maidan to Patna Science Centre, demanding to promote scientific outlook among the general public, to stop the spread of unscientific and superstitious ideas, to adopt evidence-based policies to tackle climate crisis and environmental degradation, to stop inclusion of unscientific and irrational content in educational curriculum, to allocate at least 10% of the Union Budget and 30% of the State Budget to education, to invest 3% of GDP in scientific, technological and social science research, and to implement 'Anti-Superstition Law' to eradicate inhuman, superstitious and exploitative practices.



The march was led by Mr. Chanchal Ghosh (All India Secretariat Member, Breakthrough Science Society), Mr. Ashutosh Kumar (Convener, India March for Science, Patna Unit), and Mr. Kamal Mishra (Teacher and Executive Member of India March for Science – Patna Chapter).



Chandigarh

The India March for Science (IMFS) 2025 was held at Panjab University, Chandigarh, on 23 August 2025. The event began with a seminar and open discussion titled “Climate and Environment Crises in India — What We Can Do” in the university’s seminar hall. The session was led by Dr. Manabendra Nath Bera, faculty member at IISER Mohali, and one of the chief organizers of the March in Chandigarh.





Following the seminar, students and faculty gathered at the Student Centre, where science scholars and activists addressed the core demands of the India March for Science as part of a public outreach initiative. The session was moderated by Ram Sagar, President of Madam Curie Vigyan Kendra and research scholar at IISER Mohali. Prof. T. V. Venkateswaran, noted science educator and faculty at IISER Mohali, spoke on the urgent challenges of climate change and environmental degradation, stressing their long-term consequences. Prof. Lallan Baghel, Department of Philosophy, Panjab University, underlined the lack of a scientific culture within Indian academia and urged the expansion of the March for Science movement to revive the secular and scientific ethos of universities.



Mr. Vijay Kumar, All-India Council member of the Breakthrough Science Society, expressed concern over the growing influence of pseudoscience, particularly its integration into school curricula under the guise of the Indian Knowledge System. He called for safeguarding education from irrational and unscientific content. Concluding the program, Mr. Ravi Aftab, organizer of Madam Curie Vigyan Kendra, highlighted the chronic underfunding of India's education and research sectors and emphasized the need for significantly higher public investment to secure the future of science, education, and research in the country.



## Kerala

The India March for Science (IMFS) was observed across several districts of Kerala with rallies, public meetings, and cultural programs that highlighted the importance of scientific temper, rational thinking, and evidence-based policy making.

## Kottayam

In Kottayam, August 19 the rally was inaugurated by Dr. Joe Jacob. Speakers, including Prof. Gopalakrishna Panicker (Retd. Professor, NSS College, Changanassery), Mr. Rajagopal Vaakathanam (General Secretary, Kerala Yukthivadi Sangam), poet and social activist Mr. E. V. Prakash, Mr. P. N. Thankachan, Mr. P. G. Sasikumar, and Mr. M. J. Vinayachandran, addressed the participants and stressed the need to uphold science and reason in society.



## Ernakulam

In Ernakulam, a rally was organised on 23 August from Menaka Junction to the High Court Junction, drawing active participation from students, teachers, researchers, and science activists. The rally concluded with a meeting presided over by Sri Harikumar K. S., President of the Breakthrough Science Society, Ernakulam Chapter.



Rally at Ernakulam, Kerala



The event featured a street drama on environmental issues performed by school students, while chief guest Sri Ramachandran C. (Retd. Scientist, VSSC, Trivandrum) delivered a keynote speech stressing the urgency of addressing environmental degradation, climate change, the spread of obscurantism and pseudo-science, fund cuts in education and research, and the inclusion of unscientific content in curricula.



**Shri Ramachandran C addressing the gathering**

He urged students and citizens to rise in defence of science, reason, and education. Sri Sajeevkumar P. P. elaborated on the national charter of demands, and Adriel Mariya, a student of St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam, presented the vote of thanks.



**Street play by school children**

## Alappuzha

In Alappuzha, a public meeting was organised on 22 August at Aravukad. Dr. K. G. Padmakumar, agricultural scientist inaugurated the programme. Other speakers included Dr. P. S. Shajahan (Professor, Medical College, Alappuzha), orthopedic surgeon Dr. Shajihaan Muhammed, and Dr. K. Hariprasad, who all highlighted the relevance of scientific outlook in tackling social and environmental challenges.



## Kannur

In Kannur, on 19 August, Smt. K. M. Beevi, Member of the State Executive Committee of the Breakthrough Science Society, Kerala Chapter, delivered a lecture on "Role of Science in Modern Society and Thoughts" at Krishna Menon Memorial Government College. The program was organised by the IMFS Organising Committee, Kannur district.





## Assam

The India March for Science 2025 was successfully conducted in Assam across three locations—Goalpara, Lakhimpur, and Silchar. The events, held between 22 and 25 August 2025, witnessed the enthusiastic participation of students, teachers, science activists, and members of various organizations. Each march underscored the importance of scientific temper, rational thinking, and evidence-based policymaking in society.

### Goalpara



The series of events began in Goalpara on 22 August, with a spirited procession that set out from Kumri Bazar and concluded at Kumari High School. A public meeting followed, led by Pintu Debnath, Convenor of the Breakthrough Science Society (BSS), and Mohibul Islam, Executive Committee Member. In his address, Mr. Debnath emphasized the larger objectives of the March for Science, urging participants to stand against superstition and obscurantism while upholding the values of rationality and evidence-based knowledge.

### Lakhimpur



On 23 August, the march was held at Lakhimpur Government Higher Secondary School, where participants rallied around a set of key demands. These included the removal of irrational content from school curricula, promotion of scientific temper as mandated by Article 51(a) of the Constitution, and the allocation of at least 3% of India's GDP to research in science, technology, and social sciences. Anupam Chutia, member of BSS, addressed the gathering.

### Silchar



The concluding March for Science event in Silchar was held on 25 August with a march from Goaldighi to Ullaskar Dutta's statue. The program addressed regional concerns like recurring floods and environmental degradation, along with national issues such as declining research funding and unscientific practices. Convener Krishanu Bhattacharya emphasized the march's role in promoting rational thought, while organizer Asu Pal stressed the need for scientific approaches to flood management.



Various organizations including the Human Science Forum, Breakthrough Science Society (Silchar Chapter), People's Science Society, Corus, Forum for Social Harmony, Nari Mukti, and Kotha Paribar. Activists such as Bibek Acharya, Hanif Ahmed Barbhuiya, Unish Ali, Sabir Ahmed, Sabina Yeasmin, Rahul Roy, Biswajit Das, Manash Das, Pradip Nath, Snigdha Nath, Adima Majumdar, and Bijoya Kar contributed their voices to the cause, strengthening the collective demand for science-based governance.



## Agartala, Tripura

The India March for Science was held in Agartala, Tripura, on 20 August 2025. The march commenced at 4:30 PM from Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan and concluded at City Center. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Purnendu Kanti Das, Former President of the Tripura Chemical Society and Advisor of the Breakthrough Science Society (BSS), Tripura Chapter, who unfurled the IMFS flag to mark the beginning of the rally.



The march witnessed the participation of over 300 people, including students, teachers, researchers, and science enthusiasts. Prominent figures such as Dr. Swapan Kumar Das, Prof. Ashima Deb Das, Dr. Mihir Lal Roy (General Secretary of Bijnan Manch, Tripura), Shri Satyajit Banerjee (President of Tripura Yuktibad Bikash Manch), Shri Milan Chakraborty (State Committee Member of AISEC), and Prof. Priyasankar Choudhury (Advisor of BSS, Tripura Chapter) addressed the gathering. They highlighted the key demands of the March for Science, including the promotion of scientific temper, strengthening science education, resisting unscientific ideas, and ensuring evidence-based policies. The program was coordinated by Shri Raju Acharjee, Convenor of the IMFS–Agartala Organising Committee.



## Chhattisgarh

The India March for Science (IMFS) 2025 was actively observed across multiple districts of Chhattisgarh highlighting the demand for scientific temper, quality education, and effective climate action.

### Raipur



On 22 August 2025, the IMFS Organising Committee in Raipur held a demonstration by forming a human chain. The participants called for the promotion of scientific thinking, increased allocation of funds for science education and research, the protection of curricula that nurture scientific outlook, and urgent measures to address global warming and climate change.

### Dhamtari



On 24 August 2025, similar human chain demonstrations were organised by the IMFS committees in Dhamtari and Rajim (Gariaband), raising identical demands for scientific awareness, evidence-based education, and climate action.





## Korea



On 25 August 2025, the IMFS Organising Committee in Korea district conducted a March for Science programme with around 120 students from six schools. The march, accompanied by a band procession along the main road of Charcha, culminated in a student meeting at Shramveer Stadium. The gathering emphasized the need to eradicate superstitions, harmful practices, and regressive thinking, while fostering scientific outlook and awareness about the global climate crisis. The meeting was addressed by educators including Mr. Kamal Dadsena (Lecturer), Mr. Amarnath Singh (Teacher), Mrs. Tahira Bano (Teacher), Mr. Ravi Dwivedi (Teacher), and Mr. Salim Mohammad (Teacher).

## Odisha

The India March for Science (IMFS) was actively observed across multiple districts of Odisha in August 2025, with wide participation from students, teachers, and science enthusiasts.

## Cuttack



A science march was carried out on Aug 20 from Gouri Shankar Park to Netaji Memorial with enthusiastic participation from students of Guru Nanak Public School, Queen Mary's High School, Ravenshaw Girls' School, P M Academy, and Sayeed Seminary. The gathering was addressed by Dr. Padan Kumar Jena, Retired Professor and Former Registrar of Ravenshaw University; Pradipta Kumar Swain, science teacher at Guru Nanak Public School; Bhikari Charan Mohanty, science teacher at Badambadi New Colony High School; and Hrusikesh Bal, President of the School Management Committee of Ravenshaw Girls' School.

## Jajpur



In Jajpur, the program was held on 20 August at Jagannathpur Government High School, Mohanty Patna, Mangalpur. Retired teacher Sri Prakash Mohanty, teacher Sri Kulamani Nayak, and Chittaranjan Samal spoke to students on the significance of the March for Science and its objectives. The event was organised by Sri Akhya Panda.

## Rourkela



In Rourkela, the March for Science was conducted on 19 August 2025 with active local participation.



In Dhenkanal, the march was held in Bhuban Block on 20 August, followed by a meeting addressed by Prof. Sidharth Varadwaj. The program was convened by Sri Sridhar Prusty, Retired High School Headmaster. Students and teachers from eight schools and two colleges participated.



**Bhubaneswar**



The Bhubaneswar chapter organised the March for Science on 23 August. Students from different schools along with teachers participated in the program actively. A well decorated rally marched from D.M school gate to Pathani Samanta planetarium. Dr. Subhendu Patnaik, Prof. Ajit Shrivastava and other dignitaries led the march. A meeting was organized at the planetarium which was addressed by Dr. Subhendu Patnaik and prof Ajit Shrivastava. The program concluded with a planetarium show which the children enjoyed.



**Balasore**

In Balasore, the IMFS was observed on 24 August with the involvement of students from the NIST Group of Institutions. Prof. Ramesh Nayak, Advisor to BCM Odisha, was the keynote speaker.

**Jharkhand  
Jamshedpur**



In Jamshedpur, a rally was taken out from Sakchi Aambagan Maidan to Sakchi Gol Chakkar. The rally program was led by Mr. Shailendra Asthana, Dr. Tarun Mahato, and Mr. Patit Kuila. A pre-march discussion on scientific temperament was also held, where Mr. Asthana, Mr. Satish Kumar, Mr. Sajjan Singh, and Mr. Sardar addressed the gathering.

**Ghatshila**

A march for science program was also held in Ghatshila, Jharkhand on August 31.



**Andhra Pradesh**

The India March for Science (IMFS) was observed in Andhra Pradesh on 30 August 2025 with programs held in Anantapur, Tirupati, Hindupur and Kurnool.

**Kurnool**



In Kurnool, the program was conducted at Silver Jubilee Government Degree College in coordination with the Department of Physics. The event was inaugurated by Vice Principal Dr. Prasad Reddy, who encouraged students to reject unscientific beliefs and cultivate rational thinking. Dr. R. Gangadhara, highlighted the key demands of the March for Science. The program concluded with an engaging Q&A session, with the active participation of 12 faculty members and around 150 students, making it a vibrant and successful event.



Anantapur



August at Vishwabharathi English Medium School, Anantapur. Senior biology teacher G. Sridhar explained the charter of demands, followed by a demonstration in front of the school. Dr. Thabrez Khan and Mr. T. Narendra from the Andhra Pradesh chapter also addressed the gathering.

Tirupati



A discussion on India March for Science held at IIT Tirupati. Students from IIT and IISER participated in the event. All the attendees participated actively in the discussion and extended their support for IMFS.

Hindupur



In Hindupur, the march was organised in association with Sri Sekhar Academy. The march proceeded from Valmiki Circle to Chinna Market. At Chinna Market, a human chain was formed. District in-charge K. Mallik Dath Kumar, and Academy correspondent Chandrasekhar addressed the gathering. The event was supported by AIDS state secretary Mahesh, BSS members, teachers and students of the Sekhar Academy.

Tamilnadu

Madurai



On 22 August 2025, a rally cum demonstration was held at Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai. Students from various colleges in the city and NCC cadres of The Madura College marched towards the museum. Prof Abdul Kadir, former Principal of Walkf Board College and President, BSS Madurai District addressed the gathering. Prof Gayatri, Mrs Hilda Mary, school teachers Sivakumar and Nitya took active role in spreading the message of IMFS 2025 and mobilizing the students.



Karnataka

Koppal



March for Science was organised at Binnal in Kopal district on Sept 3, 2025. Around 350 students and 15 Teachers participated in the program.



**Gadag**



India March for Science program was organised at Government Highschool, Jantli Shiroor in Gadag district of Karnataka. Around 260 students and 7 Teachers participated in the program. The students and teachers were very happy to participate in the program.

**Haryana**

**Rohtak**



A March for Science was taken out from Medical Mor to D-Park in Rohtak on Aug 24. Mr Umesh Maurya addressed the gathering at D-Park.

**Madhya Pradesh**

India March for Science programs were organised in several cities and towns in Madhya Pradesh.

**Guna**



On 2 September, a March for Science was organised in Guna, starting from Modern Children School, Soni Colony, and concluding at Jajji Bus Stand. The event began with an address by Dr. Shweta Arora, Principal of Modern Children School, who highlighted the importance of tree plantation and conservation.

This was followed by Mr. Vikas Bansal, senior member of the March for Science Madhya Pradesh chapter, who spoke on the objectives of the movement. After the march, students and participants reached Dunai village, where a tree sapling plantation drive was carried out. The program was anchored by Mrs. Suman Kirar, with active involvement of science teachers Vikas Narwariya and Pardihi Jain.



**Ashoknagar**



A demonstrative program was held at Blue Chip Public School, Ashoknagar.



Students of Lions English Higher Seondary School, Ashoknagar displaying placards with the demands of the India March for Science.



Gwalior



Dr. Manabendra Bera

As part of the India March for Science a seminar on Climate Change and Environmental Degradation was held in the computer science department of Jiwaji University in Gwalior on 29 August. Dr. Manabendra Bera, IISER Mohali was the main speaker.



A demonstration was held in front of the KRG College in Gwalior. Prof. K N Jha, President of the India March for Science Organising Committee, Madhya Pradesh spoke highlighting the demands of the march program. He stressed that humanity is facing the grave challenge of climate change, while basic scientific research is being curtailed and superstitions are spreading in society. He underlined that the March for Science, initiated at the international level, aims to defend science and promote rational thought.

Rajpur



India March for Science at Rajpur Public School

Vidisha



Mr. Vikas Bansal addressing

A seminar was held on 4 September at Samrat Ashok Polytechnic College, Vidisha. Mr. Abhishek, Head of the Mechanical Branch, inaugurated the seminar. The main speaker, Mr. Vikas Bansal called for promoting scientific temper, curbing superstition and tackling climate change. He also demanded higher public investment for education and research along with autonomy for scientific institutions and evidence-based policymaking. Prof. Dilip Yadav and Mr. Girraj Saini also spoke.



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