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### PROTEST DEMONSTRATION AGAINST NON-SCIENCE PRESENTATIONS IN 103<sup>rd</sup> INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS

Breakthrough Science Society staged a protest demonstration against the proceedings of 103<sup>rd</sup> Indian Science Congress at Mysore. The protest was against two non-science topics namely - “Blowing of Shankh- an indigenous tradition of fitness and wellness” by an IAS officer Rajeev Sharma on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2016 and “Lord Shiva: The greatest environmentalist in the world” on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2016 by Dr Akhilesh Pandey. Scientists, research scholars, post graduate students, engineers and doctors joined the protest near the Gandhi Statue in front of the Court complex in Mysore.



Activist of Breakthrough Science Society in protest at Mysore on January 7, 2016

Smt.Rajani.K.S, All India Treasurer of Breakthrough Science Society said: “Science has a glorious tradition of upholding truth, fighting against superstition, half-truths, and unverified facts. Science has grown protesting

religious bigotry. Science should not be mixed with mythology, religion and religious traditions. We should uphold what is true about ancient Indian science, but making tall claims in the name of ancient traditions and puranas should be condemned. Baseless claims as reported in the media about Shanknad turning grey hairs to black hairs is absolutely unwelcome”

“No wonder, Nobel laureate Dr.Venkataraman Ramakrishnan and Prof. P.M.Bhargava are critical of the Indian Science Congress. The Science Congress is becoming a political platform to put forth certain nefarious agenda” she lamented.

Dr.Lakshminarayna, Dr.Rati Rao, Balaji Rao, Smt.M.Umadevi, Sri.Chandrashekhra Meti were among the social activists who joined the protest.

Placards that read- “Do not mix science with mythology, science congress or anti-science Congress, Do not defame ancient India’s glorious contributions, Do not defame Indian Science” were displayed.

A memorandum against the proceedings will be submitted to the President of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Science Congress.