India joined the International March for Science on April 14. Scientists, researchers, teachers, students and science loving people in thousands across the length and breadth of the country joined hands to defend science and scientific temper. Marches were organised in more than 40 cities and towns. Marchers carried colourful placards and banners displaying slogans “Spend 3% of GDP for Science!”, “Spend 10% of GDP for Education to Educate the Next Generation!”, “Stop Spreading Unscientific Beliefs!”, “Science Not Silence”, “Science Belongs to Everyone”, “Science + Myth a dangerous mixture”, “Defend science do not defund science”, “Science Unites”, “Science for Society, Science for Man, Science in Thinking!” etc. People everywhere were enthused seeing a March for science and education. The March symbolised the unity of the scientific community which is the need of the hour to fight the present crisis facing science in India.
Appeal by the Scientists

On April 22 last year, more than a million scientists, technologists, teachers, scientific workers, and supporters of scientific thought marched in more than 600 cities worldwide in a unique collective effort to defend science and scientific outlook against the onslaught from unscientific forces powered by important politicians as well as fundamentalists of various shades. Scientists in the United States initiated the effort because their government was about to pull out of the Paris Accord ignoring scientific evidence. The response of scientists of most countries indicated that almost everywhere science is under attack, with the political leadership pursuing policies ignoring scientific evidence and in general reducing financial support for scientific research.

Washington

The situation has not improved much in the last one year, and the international scientific community is again organizing a March for Science to be held worldwide on April 14, 2018. "The March for Science champions robustly funded and publicly communicated science as a pillar of human freedom and prosperity," says the mission statement of the March. "We unite as a diverse, nonpartisan group to call for science that upholds the common good, and for political leaders and policymakers to enact evidence-based policies in the public interest."
Appeal by the Scientists

In India the concerted efforts by some interest groups to undermine science continues unabated. Unscientific ideas and superstitious beliefs are being propagated with accelerated pace. Ridiculous claims are being made about an imaginary glorious past ignoring the true contributions based on historical evidence. These are acting against the propagation of scientific temper among the people. Opposing them is a responsibility of all citizens as per Article 51A of the Indian Constitution.

Support for education in general and for scientific research in particular remains unbelievably low in India. While most countries spend over 6% of their GDP on education and 3% of their GDP on scientific and technological research, in India the figures are below 3% and 0.85% respectively. As a result, a large section of the country's population has remained illiterate or semi-literate even after 70 years of independence. Our college and university system is reeling under acute shortages of infrastructure, teaching and non-teaching staff, and funds for carrying out research. Science-funding agencies like CSIR and DST, pushed into acute fund crisis, are unable to disburse even committed support to students and research projects.
 Appeal by the Scientists

To address these problems the scientific community of India staged an 'India March for Science' on August 9, 2017 with the following demands:

1. Allocate at least 3% of GDP to scientific and technological research and 10% towards education

2. Stop propagation of unscientific, obscurantist outdated ideas, and develop scientific temper, human values and spirit of inquiry in conformance with Article 51A of the Constitution.

3. Ensure that the education system does not impart ideas that contradict scientific evidence.
4. Enact policies based on scientific evidence.

Since then, the situation has not improved. The forces acting against science have become more active, and the funding for education and science remains dismally low.

In this situation we, from the scientific community of India, have decided to participate in the March for Science on April 14, 2018 called by the world body of scientists. We appeal to every individual who is concerned about science and scientific temper to join the March. It is a March not just for science but to save the future.
Messages from eminent scientists

Prof M S Swaminathan
Eminent Agricultural Scientist

“Jawaharlal Nehru used to say that “the future belongs to science and those who make friendship with science”. Science in a broad sense is Search for Truth. Understanding of science helps to improve the quality of one’s life. Science is basic to progress in all areas of human activities. I am therefore happy that a March for Science is being organised on April 14th. I hope this will create an atmosphere of science for all, whether young or old, whether rich or poor, whether man or woman. The onward March of Science is basic to solving the problems of hunger, poverty, unemployment and disease. I therefore plead for the widespread participation in the March for Science.”

Grinberg

Dr Dipankar Chatterji
Honorary Professor, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

“This is an excellent and just issue on which today’s programme is arranged. We all have assembled here to reaffirm our faith on science and rational way of living. We are here not to criticise any one or discuss the nature of science administration. Rather we would like to emphasise that no country in the history of human existence has become successful devoid of scientific methods. Irrational way of thinking is in fact a clear way to exploit the poor and the downtrodden. Let us together avoid that apocalyptic end.”
Messages from eminent scientists

Dr M Anandakrishnan
Former Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai

“I wish to complement the organizers of the March for Science on 14 April 2018. The goals of the March to plead for 3% of GDP for Science and 10% of GDP for Education are indeed laudable. More commendable are the insistence to create a society with scientific temper devoid of superstitions. Unfortunately the recent trends in India for development of Education and Science are highly disappointing. The last budget of the Central Government doles out lavish increases for space, biotechnology, and renewable energy but very little for research in other scientific areas. India’s nuclear program didn’t get the raise it was hoping for. While the nuclear power expansion plans will stay intact, nuclear research will suffer. In the budget proposal, released Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), which runs 38 labs, is slated to receive slightly more than a 3% increase. The contribution of private sector for scientific research is dismal.

Pitsburg
Messages from eminent scientists

At the annual Science Congress last January, Prime Minister Modi exhorted Indian scientists to help the nation become one of the world’s top three science powers by 2030. The 2017 science budget won’t propel India far along that road. India has been stuck for years with 0.9% of GDP spending on S&T, which is far less than 2% spent by China. The national ambition to attain high economic growth and to become globally competitive remains a dream. The need to induct school children in the ways of science is yet find root. Under these circumstances I hope that the March for Science will evoke public awareness and support.”

San Deigo
Solidarity from abroad

In solidarity with the March for Science in India, 250 Indian scholars organized demonstrations in 37 cities across 18 countries. It was an extraordinary effort which depicts the importance and uniqueness of this March. No matter where Indian scholars stay, they did understand the necessity of this March and extended their support to the demands raised by the March for Science in India.

The list of countries and the cities (in bracket): Austria (Vienna), Belgium (Ghent, Louven), Brazil (Santa Maria, Natal), Canada (Vancouver, Waterloo), Finland (Oulu), France (Paris, Besancon), Germany (Erlangen, Stuttgart, Munich, Ulm, Dresden), Israel (Tel Aviv, Negev, Weizmann/ Rehovot), Italy (Padova, Trieste, Rome, Naples), Mexico (Leon), Netherlands (Eindhoven), Poland (Gdansk), South Korea (Pohang, Suwon), Spain (Barcelona, Madrid), Switzerland (CERN, Geneva), Taiwan (Taipei, Kaohsiung), USA (Tempe/ Arizona, Tallahassee/ Florida, College Station/ Texas, Buffalo, Dartmouth/ Hanover).
Solidarity from abroad

Barcelona, Spain

USA
March for Science - Delhi

New Delhi: In solidarity with the ‘International March for Science’ on 14th April, nearly 400 scientists, professors, scholars and students from DU, JNU, AIIMS, IIT-Delhi, CSIR-IGIB, Aditya Paramedical Institute, Ambedkar University and various institutions in Delhi participated in the March at Delhi. The March was the culmination of the extensive campaign work undertaken by the ‘March for Science Delhi Organising Committee’.

The ‘March’ started from Mandi House at 3:30 pm and ended at the Parliament Street. The March was well decorated with ‘Tablo’ and the participants carried placards saying, “Spend 3% of GDP for Science!”, “Spend 10% of GDP for Education to Educate the Next Generation!”, “Stop Spreading Unscientific Beliefs!”, “Science Not Silence”, “Science Belongs to Everyone”, “I March to Save Science”, “No Cut in Science Budget”, “Mythology is Not History”, “Science for Society, Science for Man, Science in Thinking!” etc.

New Delhi

At the Parliament Street the rally was addressed by Prof. Dhruv Raina (Professor, School of Social Sciences, JNU), Prof Joyshree Sengupta (Former Professor and Head, Dept of Physiology, AIIMS), Prof D Raghunandan of AIPSN, Prof Dinesh Abrol of AIPSN, Prof Bittu (Associate Prof, Ashoka University), Ms Sarada Dixit (Ex Principal, Bharatmata Public School, Narela), Ms Anupa (Research Scholar, Dept of Physiology, AIIMS), Mr Chanchal Ghosh (National Executive Committee Member, Breakthrough Science Society) and Mr Raghunandan (Research Scholar, JNU). The March program was coordinated by Dr. Vinay Kumar (Assistant Prof, Zakir Husain College, DU and Coordinator, Delhi Organising Committee). All the speakers spoke on the demands raised by the March for Science Organising Committee and strongly felt that this movement has made history and should be strengthened in future.
A memorandum was also submitted to the Prime Minister.
Kolkata: At the call of the March for Science Kolkata organizing committee, the Scientists, teachers, research scholars, students, and science loving people started pouring into the Ramlila Park near Moulali Kolkata after 1pm on April 14. Scientists and students from the southern districts also gathered one after another in the Ramlila Park. The volunteers were engaged since morning to decorate the streets and prepare banners, flexes and placards. The streets were full of colourful banners displaying the demands of the March. Professor Nilesh Ranjan Maiti, Convenor of MFS Kolkata welcomed the gathering at the Ramlila Park. Professor Amitava Datta was elected to preside the meeting. Professor Anindita Bhadra read out the solidarity messages received from eminent scientists across the country. Dr Radhakanta Koner read out the memorandum copy addressed to The Prime Minister of India. Then Prof Soumitro Banerjee addressed the gathering and explained the objectives of the March for Science 2018. He reiterated that the unity of the scientific community is the need of the hour to fight the present crisis and to guide the MFS movement in right path. Professor Nabakumar Mandal, internationally renowned Particle Physicist, flagged off the March. Scientists, teachers, research scholars and students in thousands started
March for Science - Kolkata

moving towards Esplanade at 3.30pm via Moulali. When the marchers reached Esplanade, Professor Amitabha Datta, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, briefly addressed the gathering. A four member delegation from the MFS Organising Committee submitted a memorandum to the Governor of West Bengal for onward transmission to Prime Minister of India. In West Bengal similar marches were also organized at Siliguri, Coochbihar, Balurghat and Baharampur

Kolkata
March for Science – Mumbai

Mumbai: Mumbai academia decided to march along with the world on 14th of April protesting against the fund cuts in the education sector, declaration of scientific temperament and against the government policies taken without caring for any scientific evidence. “Today, science is under threat. We are in a situation like never before. The scientific community is being attacked from all quarters with fund cuts and an increasing shift towards pseudo-scientific ideas,” said T Jayaraman, Centre for Science, Technology and Society, School of Habitat Studies, School of Research Methodology at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. “When the Prime Minister says that Ganesha is an example of plastic surgery, he is propagating ideas that have no scientific evidence” said Jayaraman, while addressing the gathering. “Through this March, we are trying to tell the world that the scientific community is taking note of what is happening in the country. It will be countered and restricted, not just by academics and scientists but by teachers and students as well,” said Vivek Monteiro, of Navnirmiti, an organisation that promotes scientific thinking and innovation.
March for Science – Mumbai

With around 350 participants, the turnout was higher compared to last year, with an evident rise in student participation. Spontaneous participations were seen from institutions like TIFR, IITB, TISS, CEBS, BARC. According to the organizers this was not a sudden turn up. Follow up programs were taken after the event of IMFC, 2017 with an attempt of not to make the March just an annual event. Last year’s March has culminated in to a ‘Curiosity Circle’ wherein groups of scientists and academicians visit educational campuses and hold public dialogues to talk about science. Several talks and poster making programs were taken in IITB, CEBS to mobilize people to join this March. Colleges were also contacted. Students were seen taking initiative in preparing posters and other works.

Mumbai
March for Science – Mumbai

Mumbai
March for Science – Bengaluru

Bengaluru: On the 14th of April, around 4pm, more than 300 scientists, research scholars, lecturers, academicians and students gathered at the 18th Cross College grounds in Malleswaram to stand up for science, celebrate science and defend science. The program started with an introductory speech by Ms Rajani.K.S, Member, March for Science Organising Committee (MFS OC) and State Secretary, Breakthrough Science Society, Karnataka. Floral tributes were paid to Prof Stephen Hawking and Prof. J.R.Lakshman Rao by the Scientists, science activists and common people who had gathered. Prof. Sharbari Bhattacharya (Dept. of Physics, Bangalore University) spoke on the contributions of Prof Stephen Hawking as a Scientist and Science communicator. She also said that science education and science policies should be left with scientists and academicians. Mr. Nagesh Hegde (Popular Science writer in Kannada) spoke about Prof J.R.Lakshman Rao’s popular books that have helped to take science to the common man.
Prof S Mahadevan, (MRDG Dept, IISc, Bangalore, Member MFS OC), in his speech expressed concern over the recent trends around the world moving away from a rational society. He hoped that the young minds would take up the struggle in establishing a society based on reason. Prof. Ramesh Londonker (HOD Biotechnology, Gulbarga University, Member MFS OC), in his speech also raised concern about growing superstitions in the society despite the developments in science. He stressed the importance of basic sciences. Dr. Sudha (Senior Plastic Surgeon, Member MFS OC) spoke on the history of development of medical sciences in India and how myth is being projected as reality by certain groups resulting in our country becoming a subject of ridicule. Many other scientists also spoke supporting the March.
March for Science – Bengaluru

Messages from Prof M S Swaminathan (Eminent agricultural scientist, Chennai), Prof M Anandakrishnan (Former VC Anna University) and Prof Deepankar Chatterjee, (Honorary Professor IISC) were read out.

Mr. Satish Kumar (Member, MFS OC and State President, BSS, Karnataka) in his concluding note urged everyone to stand up for the cause and not make the March an annual ritual.

Hundreds of people who had gathered, along the Scientists and activists, formed a HUMAN CHAIN starting from Malleshwaram 18th Cross, expressing solidarity for the science movement happening across the world.
March for Science – Chennai

Chennai: On the morning of April 14 around 7am as the bright sun lit up the Elliots beach, a big gathering of students, teachers, scientists and other science loving people assembled at the North end of the beach to take out a March to defend science and scientific temper. Before the start of the March, homage was paid to the eminent scientist Stephen Hawking who had passed away recently. Prof R Ramachandran, former Director, Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, spoke about the heroic life struggle of Prof Hawking in making great contributions to science braving the lifelong crippling disease he was suffering from.

The March was flagged off at 7.15am by Prof Ramachandran. Children carrying placards displaying the demands marched in the front followed by the scientists and other dignitaries that led the March. Students, teachers, scientists and other science loving people numbering more than 200 holding placards displaying the demands of the March participated with great vigour and enthusiasm. Moving slowly towards the south covering a distance of 1km, the procession returned back to the starting point and a short meeting followed.
March for Science – Chennai

Message from eminent agricultural scientist Prof M S Swaminathan was read out by M Iniyan, student of the New College, Chennai. Message from Prof Anandakrishnan, former VC Anna University was read out by Ms Suvetha of Anna University.

The dignitaries who addressed the gathering were Prof Mohana, President, Tamilnadu Science Forum, Prof T R Govindarajan, Chennai Mathematical Institute, Mr Ilango Subramanian, Newton Science Club, Prof J Gandhiraj, President, Association of University Teachers (AUT), Dr S H Thilagar, Vice President, Breakthrough Science Society, Tamilnadu and Dr Uma Ramachandran, Convener, March for Science Chennai Organising Committee.
Thiruvananthapuram: The March for Science began from the Institution of Engineers at 10.30 am on April 14. It was inaugurated by Shri D.Krishna Warrier, former Deputy Director, C-DAC and Chairman, March for Science Trivandrum Organising Committee.

Hundreds of people comprising of scientists, research scholars, teachers, students and concerned citizens actively participated in the March. The March had good number of participants from research and educational institutions like IIST, IISER, ISRO, NIIST, RGCB, CET, Medical College and Kerala University. The March culminated in front of the Kerala University office, Palayam, where a brief meeting was held.

The culmination of the March in front of Kerala University, Trivandrum.

Shri D.Krishna Warrier (Chariman, Organising Committee), Prof C.P.Aravidakshan (Vice Chariman, Organising Committee), Shri B.Ramesh (Vice President, Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishath), Shri G.S.Padmakumar (President, Breakthrough Science Society) and Shri Sreerag (Secretary, Aastro Kerala) spoke at the concluding function representing different organisations. Speakers representing various scientific and educational institutions also addressed the gathering. The March was organised by the committee comprising of science organisations Breakthrough Science Society, Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishath and Aastro Kerala.
March for Science – Thiruvananthapuram

Prior to the March, a seminar was held at the Institution of Engineers Hall. Dr. Umesh R Kadhane, faculty member, Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Trivandrum delivered a lecture titled ‘Building a Scientific Young Mind : Why and How?’

Dr. Umesh R Kadhane delivering the lecture
A view of the audience in the Institution of Engineers hall, Thiruvandrum
March for Science – Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The March began from Basheerbagh press club, Hyderabad. At the start of the March, homage was paid to the eminent scientist Stephen Hawking. Dr M R Vishnu Priya (Principal Scientist, CCMB) flagged off the March. Students, teachers, researchers and scientists numbering more than 400 participated in the March. Marchers carried placards displaying the demands of the March and raised slogans echoing the objectives of the March. The rally ended at the Liberty Circle and a meeting was held in a hall.
March for Science – Hyderabad

The speakers who addressed the meeting were Dr M R Vishnu Priya, Dr P.V.Nagendra Kumar, Prof S.Bakhthiari Choudhary, Sri J.Sastry Garu, Sri R.V.Nathanial, Dr Krishnakumari Chall, Dr K. Babu Rao, Dr G.Rajitha, Prof K.Janibasha and Mr D.Gangaji and Mr R.Gangadhar. The speakers emphasized the objectives and the demands of the March. At the end a condolence message on the cruel death of Asifa was read out by Ms Payel Chatterjee.
**March for Science – Bhubaneswar**

**Bhubaneswar**: On April 14 scientists, teachers, research scholars and students from different institutes and Universities gathered in front of the Sainik School at 9am. A well decorated March with colourful posters saying “Science + Myth a dangerous mixture”, “Ask What, Why and How ?”, “Defend science do not defund science” etc moved through the Institute of Physics, the Institute of materials and minerals technology and reached in front of Utkal University, where a mass meeting was held.

Prof. Birendra Nayak (Retd.), Department of Mathematics, Utkal University presided over the meeting. Prof. Biju Raja Sekhar, Prof. L. P. Singh, Mr. Gobardhan Pujari, Dr. Kanta Das Mohapatra and Dr. Sidhartha Varadwaj deliberated on the necessity to build up scientific temper and urged the Government to provide adequate funding for scientific research. Engineer Akhaya Das gave a vote of thanks.
March for Science – Patna

Patna: On the morning of April 14, 2018 scientists, professors, doctors, research scholars and science loving people assembled at NIT More, Patna. The March began at 10 am and proceeded to Gandhi Maidan with marchers carrying placards displaying the demands of the March. Following the March, a meeting was held. Among the personalities who addressed the gathering included Prof Santosh Kumar, Prof Bharti S Kumar, Prof Ramashankar Arya, Director, Pre-Examination Training Centre & Ex. Vice Chancellor VKS University, Prof Tapai Mukherjee, Patna Womens' College, Prof Arun Kumar, General secretary, AIFUCTO, Dr P N P Pal, Professor & ENT Surgeon, PMCH, Col. Dr Ahmed Ansari, Dr Diwakar Tejaswi, General Physician & T B specialist, Mr Sunilkumar Singh, Mr Santosh Kumar (Gyan Vigyan Samiti, Bihar), Mr Joseph John, Director, St. Mary's High School, Patna and Mr Umesh Pandit (Science for Society).
**March for Science – Bhopal**

**Bhopal:** The March for Science Madhya Pradesh Organising Committee held a hall meeting on April 14, 2018 at Gandhi Bhawan, Bhopal. Students, professors, scientists and science loving people numbering more than 100 participated in the program. Students from other districts like Gwalior, Guna, Ashok Nagar and Indore had also come to take part in the program. Dr Parimal Mishra, Dean of Reddy Institute of Life Sciences was the main speaker. Ms Sadhna Pawar also spoke about the demands of the March. After the hall meeting, a rally was taken out from Gandhi Bhawan to Polytechnic Square. Mr B R Raghuvashi from B R Academy, Mr Sunil Gopal and Mr. Vikas Bansal from Breakthrough Science Society addressed the gathering at the conclusion of the March.
March for Science – Guwahati

Guwahati: The participants assembled at the Cotton University Gate at 12:30 on April 14. Mr Pintu Debnath, All India Council Member, Breakthrough Science Society invited the dignitaries to the dais. Ms Ramyani Chakrabarty, Convenor of Assam Organising Committee explained the purpose of the March and read out the messages from Prof J.V Narlikar and Dr M. S. Swaminathan. Eminent educationist and former VC of Dibrugarh University Dr. Kulendu Pathak addressed the participants. He elaborated on the need for cultivating scientific temper and increased funding for research. He also urged researchers to strive towards equitable distribution of the benefits of science and for the betterment of society at large. The memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister was also read out.

The March was flagged off by Dr. Kulendu Pathak. The well decorated rally with banners and placards spelling out the demands of the March moved ahead towards Guwahati Club, where a brief meeting was held. Dr Apurbalal Senapati, CIT Kokrajhhar addressed the gathering at the culmination of the March. More than 150 people participated in the March. Since many faculty members and research scholars of IIT Guwahati were unable to join the March that took place in city, they gathered at IIT Guwahati Main gate and expressed their support for the March for Science.
March for Science – Guwahati

Dr. Kulendu Pathak addressing the participants
March for Science – Chandigarh

**Chandigarh:** The March for Science 2018 in Chandigarh was jointly organized by scientists from IISER Mohali, Punjab Central University and NIPER. The March started at 6:00 pm from Punjab Central University and reached its destination, which is Sector-17 Plaza at 6:45pm covering a distance of 3.7 km. In total 120-130 people joined the March. The gathering was addressed by Dr Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay, Dr Esha Halder, Dr Amol Amodkar and Dr Kala G. Pradeep from IISER and Dr Vijay from Punjab Central University. There were other speakers also. The March attracted large crowds when it passed through three consecutive market places.
March for Science – Agartala

Agartala: On 14 April 2018 at 3 pm participants assembled in front of Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhawan, Agartala. Dr Alak Satpathi, Associate Professor of Physics, BBM College, addressed the gathering. Dr Mridul Pal, Scientist and Dr Rabi Sarkar, Agriculture scientist also spoke. Then the rally began and passing through several parts of the city came to an end at Swami Vivekanada Sports ground. Research Scholars, Teachers, and Students numbering more than 100 took part in the March.
March for Science – Pondicherry

Pondicherry: The March was taken out at 4pm from the Head Post office to Gandhi Mandapam in Pondicherry. Students, teachers, scientists and general public numbering more than 200 participated enthusiastically in the March. Mr Prasanna G S from Pondicherry Science Forum, Mrs Hemavthy, HM, Savary Rayalu Higher Secondary School and Mr Ravi from Breakthrough Science Society addressed the gathering.
Ahmedabad: In solidarity with the Global March for Science on April 14, scientists, eminent citizens, academicians, students and science loving people organised a Human Chain at Vallabh Sadan, Delite cross road, Ahmedabad from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The dignitaries who participated included Prof Raghavan Rangarajan (Ahmedabad University), Dr Dipaniben Sutaria(Ecologist, CEPT University) and Shri Manishibhai Jani(Gujarati Lekhak Mandal). Research students from PRL, Ahmedabad ; Research students from Institute of Seismological Research, Gandhinagar; Students and teachers from various schools and colleges and common citizens joined the March program.
March for Science – Jamshedpur

Jamshedpur: On the 14th of April, braving the hot weather, science enthusiasts gathered in big numbers at the Graduate College, Jamshedpur and began the 2km march to Sakchi Golchakkar with great fervour and excitement. Shri Shailendra Asthana, Principal, Jamshedpur Workers College, Dr. B.N. Prasad, Prof Amitabh Bose, Dr Kiran Shukla (Kolhan University), Dr. S. K Sahu, Dr. Nandita Nag, Prof Pallavkant Biswaas, Mr T. N Singh, Mr Prasant Kumar (Mahila College Chaibasa), Dr. Rupa Sarkar (NIT), Mr Kanhai Barik, BSS Jharkhand State Secretary and several others led the March. At Sakchi Golchakkar, where the March culminated, a meeting was held. Dr. Sailendra Asthana, Prof Amitabh Bose, Prof Kiran Sukhla and Mr Kanay Barik addressed the gathering.
March for Science – Andhra Pradesh

Anantapur: In solidarity with the Global March for Science, a March was organised in Anantapur on April 14. The rally started from the Clock Tower and ended at Sapthagiri circle. Veteran science activist T. Amarnath Reddy, Sri Radhakrishnamurthy from Janavignana Vedika, Dr Zarena and Mr Suryasagar led the rally. More than 50 students participated enthusiastically in the March.

Tirupati: On April 14, a March was taken out in Tirupati town from Gandhi road to Highway road. The Prof Venkateswarlu from Praja Science Vedika inaugurated the March. Mr P.Suresh addressed the gathering. About 100 people participated in the March.
March for Science – Andhra Pradesh

Nellore: The March for Science Nellore organising committee organised a March on April 14 in Nellore town. 8 science organisations were part of the organising committee. About 100 people participated in the March.

Kurnool
On April 14, a March in solidarity with the Global March for Science was taken out from Raj Vihar to STBC Degree College in Kurnool town. Prof Sarathbabu flagged off the March. Mr Srimannarayana spoke to the gathering about the objectives of the March. Carrying placards displaying the demands of the March, students, science activists and general public numbering more than 150 participated in the March.
March for Science – Andhra Pradesh

Visakhapatnam: The marchers assembled at the Alluri Seetharamaraju statue, Seethammadhara at 9:30 am. Dr N.Chandrasekar (President, All India Polytechnic Lecturers Association) addressed the gathering and explained the objectives of the March. He also spoke about the sorry state of education in the country. Mr P.Viswanath Reddy from Breakthrough Science Society explained the demands of the March. The March was flagged off by Dr Chandrasekhar. Students, youths and teachers carrying placards displaying various slogans marched towards the Satyam junction. People eagerly watched the March, as they saw something different from the usual rallies, a March for science and education.
March for Science – Odisha

Odisha: In Odisha, the March for Science was organised in three cities Bhubaneswar, Rourkela, and Brahmapur. Followed by a preparatory meeting at the Anthropology Department, Utkal University on 8th April, the message of the March reached different institutions, Universities and colleges of Odisha. Students and research scholars participated in signature collection from eminent professors and scientists.

Rourkela: In Rourkela, the March for Science was organised at Sector-2 Chowk. Prof. Sashikant Acharya (Retd.), NIT Rourkela; Prof. Ratnakara Panda, Principal Utkalamani Homeopathy College; Prof. R. K. Biswar, NIT Rourkela; and Prof. J. K. Rao (Retd), Principal, Municipal College Rourkela spoke on the occasion.

Brahmapur: At Brahmapur the March started from Khalikot University and moved through the city to the old bus stand. Students from different schools and colleges participated in the March. Dr.Susanta Pradhan, Lecturer in Zoology, Chhatrapur college, Mr. Shibani Sankar Mishra and several others addressed the gathering.
March for Science – Silchar, Assam

Silchar: The March was taken out on April 14 from Netaji Shubhash Chandra Bose statue at Rangirkhari to Goldighi, Premtola. At 3:30 pm participants nearing hundred assembled in front of the Netaji statue. The demands of the March were explained to the gathering. The dignitaries who participated in the March included Prof Surajit Sen, G.C.College, Prof Urbashi Sarkar, Assam University, Mr Subrata Nath, Mr Dipak Sen Gupta of Adhar Chand H.S. School; Social workers Snigdha Nath, Amalendu Bhattacharjee, Biswajit Das, Manosh Das, Mihir Kanti Shome, Kamal Chakraborty and Supriyo Bhattachaarjee; Writers Bijoya Kar Shome and Manjuri Roy. The organisations that joined the March were People’s Science Society, Human Science Forum, Science Squad, Foundation Classes, Kotha Bikolpo Poribar, CRU, Forum for Social Harmony and Chorus.
March for Science – Jharkhand

Jharkhand: March for Science programs were also organised at Hazaribag and Bokaro. A meeting was held in Gadwa in support of the March.
**March for Science – Madurai, Tamilnadu**

**Madurai:** A solidarity meet in support of the March for Science was held on April 14 at the Edward Hall, Madurai. The program began at 10 am. Prof Dinakaran, Convener, March for Science Madurai Organising Committee, presided. Prof. P. Rajamanickam from Tamilnadu Science Forum (TNSF) explained the significance of the March. Ms P. Selvi from Breakthrough Science Society placed the demands of the March. Dr. Sivasubramanian, retired scientist from ISRO spoke about the need to promote science. Several organisations: MUTA, MUFA, TNRTA, TNRECTA and AIEEA supported the March program. A good number of students, teachers and general public participated in the program.
March for Science – Kerala

Kollam: The March was taken out from the KSRTC bus stand to Chinnakada. The March began with a brief address by Shri A.James. Participants from Breakthrough Science Society, KSSP, P.Bhaskaranunni Foundation, Janakeeya Prathirodha Samithy, Secular Collective, Eravi Grandhasala, Lalaji Library, Edam Samskarika Samithi, Cheri Samskarika Vedi and Kerala Yukthivadi Sangom joined the March. At the conclusion of the March at Chinnakada, a meeting was held. Shri Kureepuzha Sreekumar, the renowned Malayalm poet addressed the gathering over phone. Dr.George D Cruz, Shri P Human Rasheed, (Mayor ,Kollam) Shri Rajendra Babu, N Tennyson, P P Prasanth Kumar, Ajith Plakaad, Kaladharan, Shyla K John, G Dhruvakumar, S Raghavan, B Ramachandran, Twinkle Prabhakaran, K Mahesh, R Rahul and R Jayakrishnan addressed the gathering.

Thrissur
The March at Thrissur was held on April 13, 2018. Before the start of the March, a seminar on 'Science under attack' was held at the Sahithya Academy Hall. Prof K.R.Janardhanan, KSSP leader, and Convenor, Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment, presided. Dr.P.S.Babu (BSS) welcomed the gathering. Dr.Jiju.P.Alex, Head, Directorate of extension, Kerala Agricultural University, delivered the inaugural address. Prof C.Vimala, KSSP leader was the main speaker.
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The March started at 5.30pm from the Sahithya Academy compound. College professors, school teachers, scientists, science activists from KSSP and BSS, and science loving people participated in the March. At the conclusion of the March at Thekke Gopura Nada in the central part of the town, a brief meeting was held where Dr P.S.Babu addressed. The March was organized by a committee consisting of representatives from Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishath (KSSP) and Breakthrough Science Society (BSS).

Palghat: The March was taken out from Victoria College to Stadium bus stand on April 14. An Organising committee comprising of BSS,KSSP,Humanist Cultural Forum and Kerala Yukthivadi Sangam conducted the March. Dr. P.S.Babu, Prof. V Vijayakumar,K M Beevi(BSS), Agila teacher(KSSP), S Ramakrishnan (Humanist Cultural forum) and T Radhakrishnan (Red Star Club) addressed the March.
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Alappuzha: The March was organised on April 14. The March started from T.D.High School and ended at the Beach. Dr. K.G.Padmakumar (Agricultural Scientist), T Sivankutty (BSS), Dr.Hariprasad, and T Murali addressed the gathering.
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**Ernakulam:** The March was taken out on April 14 from the High Court junction to Menaka. Dr. M.K. Prasad (Former Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut), Dr. Shaji (Principal, Govt. College Manimalakunnu), Prof Aravind (S B College, Changanacherry), Shri Harikumar (BSS) and Shri K K Bhaskaran (KSSP) addressed the March. The March was led by Shri C. Ramachandran (Retd. Scientist, ISRO) and Shri Sajeevkumar.

**Pathanathitta:** The March was orginised by the Pathanamthitta Organising Committee from the Head Post office junction to the private bus stand. Dr P A George (Principal, Catholicate College, Pathanathitta), M S Madhu, Anilkumar, Anagha Anil and Binu Baby (Madam Curie Science Club) addressed the March.
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Thodupuzha: A public meeting was arranged near the Municipal bus stand. Sri. K. L. Eappachen from Breakthrough Science Society addressed the gathering.

Kottayam: The March was inaugurated by Dr. K Babu Joseph (Former VC, CUSAT). Dr. Sabu Thomas (PVC, MG University), Dr. A P Thomas (Visiting Professor and Director, ACESSD, MG University and Chairman, Organising committee), Dr. C S Menon (Retired Professor), SPAP, MG University and patron of the Organising committee), Adv. V K Satyavan Nair, Dr. Punnen Kurian (Principal, St. Marys college, Manarcaud), K Thankappan (Amateur Astronomer), Biju Darmapalan (Head, Department of Biosciences, MACFAST, Thiruvalla) and Prof. P. N. Thankachan (Convener, Organising committee) led the March.
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Malappuram: The March was organized by the Malappuram organizing committee. Dr Sreekumaran (Head, Department of Life Sciences, University of Calicut) inaugurated the March. T T Vasudevan, T K Bose (Banner Samskarika Samithi), Smt.Ajithri, Umar Moozhickal, Devsankar, P K Prabhash (BSS), Manoj Kottackal and Sherafuddin (Social Worker) addressed the March. Members of the Madam Curie Science Club, Kakkancherry also joined the March.

Kannur: The March was taken out in Kannur town on April 14. The renowned environmental activist Dr D.Surendranath addressed the March. Prof K P Saji (BSS) and Adv. Vivek led the March.
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Raipur: In solidarity with the Global March for Science on April 14, a human chain was organised at Raipur. Students holding placards displaying various demands of the March formed a human chain in front of the Raipur University.

Bilaspur: On April 14, a rally was taken out from Chandni Chawk to Old bus stand. Despite torrential rain, a good number of students participated in the March. Prof. Kamal Datsena addressed the gathering.
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**Durg:** In Durg, the March was taken out from Durg Science College to Durg Polytechnic.
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Siliguri

Cooch Behar
March for Science – West Bengal
March for Science – Haryana

Rohtak: The March for Science Haryana Organising Committee organised the March on April 14 at Rohtak. The March was taken out at 10 am from PGIMS (Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences) to Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak. A good number of school students, medical students and researchers joined the March. Dr Umesh Kumar (MD University), Dr Priyanka Saini (PGIMS), Dr Vedpal Deshwal, Mr Basant Lal, Mr Avdhesh Kumar, Mr Chanchal Ghosh and Mr Harish Kumar addressed the gathering.
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