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Breakthrough Science Society held a PRESS MEET on 8th January, 2015 at Somajiguda Press Club, Hyderabad against the recent papers submitted in the Indian Science Congress, held in Mumbai. Eminent Scientists and Education personalities like Sri. P.M. Bhargava, Sri. Viswesara Rao, Sri Vakulabharanam Ramakrishna spoke on the occasion. The summary of their speeches is given below:

Sri. P.M. Bhargava

The happenings at Indian Science Congress are a farce. The scientists who attended it are to be blamed for this more than anybody. Any science paper has to be backed by evidence and fanciful, unverified aspects cannot be part of a scientific paper. To unduly glorify India's past in the field of science is not proper. The Prime Minister started it all by saying ancient India possessed all the latest cosmetic surgery wherewithal which is not correct. The government is trying to use the modern technology but is spreading all kinds of unscientific ideas which clearly show its inconsistency. Though there are unknown phenomena still which is not unravelled by science yet science accepts without any shame or guilt the same and does not claim it knows everything. But verified truths like $2 \times 2 = 4$ are incontestable. But Godman, pseudo sadhus claim that they know everything in this universe which is against the tenets of science. Such tendencies must be effectively countered by educating the people and spreading the correct truths.

Prof. Visweshwara Rao

It is unfortunate that outsiders, particularly politicians were attending the Science Congress. The mix of politics and science is very dangerous. No scientist there has protested the unscientific papers presented in the Congress. It was mentioned in one of the papers that aviation planes in the ancient India could move in every possible direction which is absolutely nonsense. This incident cannot be seen in isolation. Almost every day some minister or some religious head is issuing statements which are fraught with dangerous consequences. They are even urging the women belonging to Hindu religion to beget more children which is highly disgusting and unacceptable. Perhaps, if we remain silent over these happenings, future science congresses will see only babas and sadhus. Whoever attempts to fanaticise the people in this country cannot succeed as it was proved in the past. People of the country are far more rational than the government thinks.

Sri. Vakulabharanam Ramakrishna

Romila Thapar is an acknowledged historian worldwide. According to her, the Mahabharatha and Ramayana were no older than between 4th century BC and 400 AD. But to say that they existed even beyond that period is nothing but distortion of history. Earlier, they brought astrology to include in the university syllabus, but with the spirited resistance of the people they withdrew it. Whenever BJP government comes to power there is a concerted effort to distort history and spread all kinds of obscurantist ideas. Every religion is part of study of history and every historian studies the religion but religious study altogether is a different phenomenon which the rulers are attempting to do. We have world renowned historians who are acknowledged authorities on ancient Indian history but their works are being distorted and misinterpreted which must be opposed. Indian History Congress had in its fold who were not Marxist historians but who recorded history factually but the present government is trying to spread all kinds of falsehood concerning the past and promoting anti-science thoughts in a systematic manner. One is free to pursue any religion of his choice and in fact religion is a private affair but to bring religion into politics and science is very harmful. We are not opposing any religion, we are only opposing superstitions. Though it is not easy to dispel such unscientific thoughts yet with patience and collective efforts they need to be fought out. I see those who came here are all below thirty and young. That is a hope. You all should shoulder this responsibility and reach out to the people before it is too late. We need to curb such tendencies. I really appreciate Breakthrough Science Society for having come forward to take up this responsibility of holding this press meet in the present juncture. I wish it all the best in all its efforts in this regard.

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