## Seminar on Superstitious practices and Black Magic in Ernakulam, Kerala

Breakthrough Science Society in association with Democratic Lawyers Forum organised a seminar on the topic "Should Superstitious practices and Black Magic be legally proscribed?" at the Bar Council hall, High Court of Kerala on Dec 11, 2014.

Justice Dama Seshadri Naidu in his inaugural address stressed the need for conducting activities to promote scientific approach among the people in addition to the legal measures. Speaking on the occasion, Justice Sukumaran said that even while our Constitution stipulates that we should follow scientific approach, many people occupying important positions in the society including constitutional positions are forgetting this fact.

Dr. Babu Joseph, former Vice Chancellor, Cochin University said that astrology is not something that originated in India and it is also not a science; and it is not necessary to hang on to it in the name of patriotism.

Advocate B K Rajagopal, Prof Susan John, Shri G S Padmakumar, Shri Francis Kalathungal and several others participated in the deliberations. The seminar was organised as a part of the nationwide campaign against superstitious practices and black magic.

