

India March for Science - August 9, 2019 Mumbai

On 9th August 2019, Mumbai academia decided to march along with other cities and towns around the country. The main tune of the event was set to celebrate science among common people. "Public understanding of science is what we really need to work upon"- said Ashutosh Mule, an active organiser of the March for Science, Mumbai. People gathered in a class room of D G Ruparel College, near Matunga Road station. There a number of people from different institutions, different academic background expressed their view on their cause of joining the march. A third year political science student of Sophia College said "I think, young India should be really angry what is really happening right now. The quality of education is deviating, we need more funds for higher education and primary schools". About 250 marchers then left from Ruparel College to Shivaji Park of Dadar. Participants of the march were across the spectrum. Scientists from HBCSE, faculty of CEBS, Mumbai University, Sophia College, PhD scholars from TIFR, IIT Bombay, TISS, students from Ruia College, ICT joined the march. School students from Navmirmithi, Asha education trust also joined. Though the march was a silent one, but the posters they were carrying were saying a thousand words. 'Science belongs to everyone', 'Society should worry when even scientists have to protest' etc. were some of them. "Let's not hope for need of another march next year, but if the situation doesn't change we'll march again. Meanwhile be curious, ask questions, have fun with science"- Arnab Bhattacharya, faculty in TIFR, said at the end. Organisers have told that they will continue to work upon propagating scientific temper among students, general people by organising different programs on behalf of Curiosity Circle, which is a March for science follow up platform.





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