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# **BREAKTHROUGH SCIENCE SOCIETY**

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Respected Sir/Madam,

Sub: Press Statement (For favour of publication in your esteemed daily)

## **Breakthrough Science Society expresses grave shock and condemns the brutal murder of Journalist and Social Activist Gowri Lankesh.**

The Breakthrough Science Society (BSS) is shocked by the brutal murder of the renowned journalist and social activist Gowri Lankesh on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in front of her house in Bangalore and condemns the dastardly act in no uncertain terms. The killing strikes at the very core of the idea of democracy which allows reason to rule, encourages spirit of enquiry and guarantees freedom to dissent.

The killing comes in the wake of the murders of Dr. Narendra Dabholkar, Sri. Govind Pansare and Dr. M.M.Kalburgi, whose 'sin' was to work against the propagation of unscientific ideas, prejudices and superstitions. The Breakthrough Science Society notes with serious concern that the murderers of these three eminent personalities are still at large. The BSS demands that the investigation into the murder of Ms Gowri Lankesh should be carried out with all due urgency and diligence, and the culprits should be brought to book at the earliest. The State Government has to ensure expediency of investigation of these murders and should unearth the conspiracy if any behind these killings and punish the guilty.

Yours truly,

Dhrubajyoti Mukhopadhyay  
President