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Respected Colleague,

I am writing to you on behalf of the All India People's Science Network (AIPSN) which is a network of people's science organizations working in various states of India for the promotion of scientific temper, scientific humanism, and the public understanding of science.

As you are aware, "promotion of scientific temper, humanism, spirit of enquiry and reform" is one of the fundamental duties of Indian citizens, mandated by our Constitution.

Recently, in the biennial AIPSN Congress, which was held at NISER, Bhubaneswar, it was resolved to commence observance of a 'National Scientific Temper Day', (NSTD) all over the country. We strongly feel that building scientific temper will contribute towards strengthening our constitutional values of secularism, equality, plurality and democracy, which is much needed in our country today.

The day chosen for observance of NSTD is August 20th, which is the anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Narendra Dabholkar. Dr. Dabholkar was one of the foremost proponents of scientific temper who gave excellent popular lectures on the subject. We enclose some excerpts from two lectures on 'Scientific Temper' translated from the original Marathi.

It is necessary to observe the NSTD on a broad and massive scale. This cannot happen without widespread collective effort of many like-minded organizations, school managements, teachers and individuals. In view of the committed work that you/your organization is doing for the promotion of constitutional values, we appeal to you to join this broad collective effort.

With best wishes on behalf of AIPSN,

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President,
AIPSN.