## A confluence of scientific thoughts, exercises and experiences

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It is our great pleasure to announce that after protracted efforts 130 participants including representatives of 36 people's science organizations from different districts of West Bengal and outside have assembled at 'River Research Institute', Mohanpur, Nadia, on 13.11.'16. Due to unavoidable circumstances some delegates could not attend. Those who are present have interacted throughout the day, have developed common minimum programme (coming up) and have taken oath that they will continue their pro-people scientific practice, activities and research for the sake of humanity and for further development of the society amidst all odds and hostility and in a more scientific, creative and co-ordinated way.



The speakers have expressed their concern on different issues including:

- All grabbing aggression of the Big and Crony Capital Corporate Organizations and Trans National Corporations in lieu of massive and irreparable devastation of the nature, the environment, the life and the civilization
- Heightening racism, religious terrorism, torture, massacre and mass eviction in international level which are directly masterminded, funded and encouraged by imperialist forces and their allies



- Enhanced religious and communal divide and hatred in our existing enduring and peaceful country and society by the basically anti-people autocratic governments and reactionary political parties including ruling parties in favour of Hindutwa and Islam to fragment and weaken our society and to consolidate their vote banks to continue their profiteering rule
- Increased atrocities on Dalits and Adivasis and crimes against women and nationalities like Kashmiris and minor ethnic groups like Manipuris
- Drama on demonetization to divert the attention of mass of the people from basic essential and justified demands and to save the interests of Ambani, Adani, Mallya et al or the syndicates, extortionists and Sharada - Narada scam tainted leaders in lieu of endless sufferings of toiling people





- Putting religion and belief against science and rationalism and state sponsored glorification of all the evils, the nonsense, the religious rituals and backwardness of the society
- Attack on free thinkers, bloggers, rationalists, human right activists, RTI activists, journalists, environmentalists and other humane, rational and protesting voices
- Undermining health, education, employment and indigenous scientific research
- Jingoism for War and procurement of very expensive lethal weapons from abroad through the crony touts
- Import of harmful, expensive and rejected atomic technologies ...



Theoretical discussions have been conducted on definition of science, scientific mind and practices, pros and cons of science movements, major threats, programmes and strategies, role of journals and co-ordination. The house has expressed its gratitude to 'Bigyan Aneswak' science journal and 'Bignaner Darabare, Kanchrapara' for organizing the conference. 'Swasthya Siksha Unnayan' has wholeheartedly supported the initiative and has sent representatives. Few scientific and documentary slides are shown including a slide on reviving the lost local river Yamuna. A natural study has been conducted in Mathura Bill, a large and very resourceful water body which is under constant threat from land mafia – police – politician nexus. A state level co-ordination body and a Whatsapp group have been formed.