

“A DEDICATED SCIENCE CHANNEL IS NECESSARY TO DISSEMINATE AUTHENTIC SCIENCE INFORMATION AND CREATE SCIENTIFIC TEMPER”

IF SPIRITUAL CHANNELS, WHY NOT SCIENCE CHANNEL?

When we have channels devoted entirely to religion, then why not a channel for propagation of scientific information. We boast of having the largest scientific manpower. Therefore, to cater to their burgeoning needs and aspirations we cannot ignore the importance of this powerful audio-visual medium. The twenty first century is bound to witness great advances in science and technology. Therefore, to keep abreast of these developments we must have access to an exclusive science channel.

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HELPING A LITTLE EINSTEIN

A scientific channel imparts knowledge about the current scientific happenings around the world. It talks about the practical approach of the basic principles of science. A child who is interested in pursuing his or her career in science can gather a lot of knowledge and general awareness from these scientific channels. Sometimes, these channels increase the interest of a child in science. Who knows there could be a little Einstein hidden in that child, who can bring revolution in the world of science.

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DUTY OF THE STATE

Yes, the need of the hour is to start an exclusive and dedicated TV channel for dissemination of authentic scientific information and create scientific temper among the vast majority of illiterates including many



educated but ignorant and superstitious Indian masses. The Indian Constitution also envisages in Chapter IV, Directive Principles of State Policy that the state should promote scientific temper among the people of India.

Through such an exclusive and dedicated science TV channel, scientific information and science temper can be inculcated among the superstitious and ignorant masses by telecasting plays, skits, music, dances, puppetry and cartoons in an easily understandable language, aimed at eradicating superstitions on one hand and providing entertainment on the other hand. Such a channel can also work towards eradicating irrational thoughts like casteism, religious bigotry, human and animal sacrifice to appease certain gods, blind faith in godmen, ghosts, wrong mindset of male being superior to female.

astrology, palmistry and numerology, irrational thoughts about Solar and Lunar eclipses, child marriages, child prostitution, dowry system, female foeticides and female infanticides. Unless these are completely removed India can never become a superpower in the real sense of the term.

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VAST REACH

Nowadays since people are more attracted to TV rather than books, science channels can be truly



successful in spreading genuine information among the general populace. Do we know the reason for greater achievements in USA, London, Canada etc but not in India? This is because we are still not aware of many wonderful scientific experiments. A large percentage of students living in small towns and cities do not have any aid to reach out of their course books, but many have a TV.

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INFORMATION UPDATES

We are living in the age of high technology. New

inventions and discoveries are made every other day. India is also very much ahead in terms of space programmes such as lunar mission etc. But, given the present situation, students in the country are unable to update the latest information from the available sources as soon as the information is out. This has negative fallout on the aspirations of the young talented students. Our country has to ensure that information related to various fields of science reaches every nook and corner of the country. This can be possible if we have scientific channel exclusively for telecasting science programs.

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IT WILL BE DIFFERENT

Nowadays, there are lots of channels like *National Geographic* and *Discovery*, but they provide only limited knowledge about science. Just as *Science Reporter* provides us exclusive scientific knowledge, similarly an exclusive science channel will not only help all age groups to satiate their scientific hunger, but will also provide a solid platform needed for development of scientific brains. An exclusive science channel will be a milestone and will be much different from all the other channels that have become only entertainment channels.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

CHANNEL TO TEACH BASIC SCIENCE

Science is a very practical and systematic subject. It is best studied in a laboratory or in natural surroundings.



Some students or teachers may not get such chances. A dedicated science channel can be no less than a boon or a gift for

them. NCERT, IITs, IGNOU and many other educational bodies have their educational channels, webcasts or portals. Gyan Darshan, Gyan Vani, N P T E L H R D , ignouonline.ac.in are some such efforts. Numerous foreign universities upload their video lectures on youtube.com.

However, a special channel to encourage scientific thinking right from the beginning is required. Such a channel should teach basic sciences and must be a free channel like DD National. Teachers should be given prior training so that they can use these kits and teach students the same.

Then a further step is to store these lessons for future use, providing online (or other suitable format) access – because some students and teachers may be absent on the day of telecast. Sessions can be reused in coming years, until the syllabus changes. Adaptive or assistive technology should be used so that disabled students can have an access. This means – providing audio whenever there is text and image on the screen, to help

pupils with visual impairment.

This will also help decrease dependence on coaching institutes.

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AN ACUTE NEED

Electronic media has proved to be a rapid and effective means of carrying information globally since the 1960s because it has more efficacy than print media. But today it is a great cause of concern that science channels are fewer



in number with respect to other channels, despite the fact that it is more important to have updated scientific broadcasts. So, the acute need of a well-run and dedicated science channel is apparent, especially in India. It will certainly open up new ways to do research and development.

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MOTIVATE YOUNGER GENERATION

A dedicate science channel is essential for the present generation. It will help one to keep updated with the day-to-day technologies and people would able to understand the scientific changes that take place every day in our life. For students, it will expose them to genuine scientific information and motivate them to know the universe.

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FOR NATIONAL INTEREST

Science has developed a lot but still we are dependent on Russian warships, payloads for space, and medicines also. Lack of information is a curse. For scientific development of the country curiosity about scientific developments must be created from the village level. We get information through the print media, which is limited only to a few. If we get information about the scientific facts and researches going on at various locations round the world it will create an all-round aura of science. So, for national interest we must have a separate channel for science so that we are also able to prepare future scientists in every home and every classroom.

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TO CREATE SCIENTIFIC TEMPER

Our age is essentially an age of transition where all things are changing, and changing so rapidly that many feel somewhat lost. There is much of bewilderment, a feeling of insecurity, and a sense of fear and anxiety, and these make for restlessness. This need not be so if we understand what it is all about, and if we retain a true sense of direction. Every TV channel should introduce different types of science programmes to teach science. This is because science and scientific learning is a fundamental part of our existence. Everything that we encounter on a day-to-day basis is, in some way, related to science. Even when we are sleeping, science is there to explain why we need to sleep and



what takes place while we are sleeping. Because of this, science education is essential to life as we know it. Of course there will be many people who are happy to go through life without knowing how a bird can fly. Even given this fact, there will always be something they will need to know and understand that is grounded in science. Even if it is something as simple as 'fire is hot' or 'getting punched hurts'. So, a dedicated science channel will help create scientific temper.

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ALERTING PEOPLE

A science channel may play an important role in alerting people to problems that may await humanity in the future. For example, nowadays everyone talks about Global Warming but most common people do not exactly know what it entails. Through a science channel such issues can be explained to people.

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VERY IMPORTANT FOR SOCIETY

Today what we see around us is all science. Science has entered each and every profession. So to be aware of the various logics and concepts hidden behind small things in everyday life we need to have some understanding of science. This awareness can only be spread through a dedicated science channel. It will help to develop scientific temper amongst our people

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

TO DISSEMINATE AUTHENTIC INFORMATION

"The television killed the book reader." Today, however, the television is not such a big idiot box. It has got numerous channels and programmes that can entertain a liberal and scientific mind. Besides, the school science channels can be relied on if we wish to disseminate scientific information. Nevertheless, these channels are mostly neglected due to lack of publicity and public interest. Nowadays channels continue to entertain the viewers and many new ones have started too. But the need for a dedicated science channel is still in the air and needs to be fulfilled. A dedicated science channel is necessary to disseminate authentic scientific information and create scientific temper.

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GOOD REACH

In this era of restless race, people find rest through TV serials and reality shows. Moreover, those who have not studied science subjects since class X would not feel any attraction for this. Therefore, if some attractive science shows are telecast on every leading TV channel, they will be more popular.

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SUPERPOWER REALITY

Today, we dream of making India a superpower. To



fulfill this dream we have to inculcate in our children a scientific approach. A

dedicated Science Channel can help mould these Junior-Einsteins into real Einsteins.

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TO CREATE INTEREST AND AROUSE CURIOSITY

Nowadays electronic media is one of the most important and popular sources of information and knowledge. There are many channels but there is no dedicated science channel. Science is not just about studding microorganisms, it is more



than that. Science creates a new way of thinking and understanding

the world in a person's mind. Science can only be learned and understood if there is curiosity and interest in our mind. Children of today are the future of tomorrow, they learn more from television as compared to books. We need a dedicated science channel that can create interest in and curiosity about science among people, it can also provide latest updates happening in the world of science, so that people can think and act scientifically. This type of channel is necessary in

developing countries like India where people are quite superstitious.

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TRANSFORMING SOCIETY

Cable Channels have attracted a large mass of population. Both children and adults



waste their time watching cartoons and serials. In this 21st century, while science and technology have passed great milestones, we are still in the world of superstitions and believe in birth and rebirth. So, it is very important that more and more science related programmes are shown on TV. This would change the mindset of the people and would provide a panoramic view on health related issues.

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GIANT STEP TOWARDS DEVELOPED INDIA

Science has made a lot of progress but people



especially in India still believe in myths only because most are not aware of the developments that science has made. A dedicated science channel will surely make people aware to a great extent and will be a giant step towards creating awareness and a

developed "INDIA".

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INSPIRING ENVIRONMENT

Motivation and inductive environment for anything including science has great impact on the human brain.



According to child psychology the impact on children's inquisitive mind is so severe that it may prove to be a turning point. Science channel may cultivate scientific interest and help children to set their goal at an early stage. There is an indispensable need for a dedicated science channel not only to create scientific temper but also to eradicate superstitions and myths that impede development.

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EASING MISERY

"Science is the search for Truth". It enables people to ponder logically rather than in a superstitious manner. Everything around us is based on scientific phenomena.

But, unfortunately, due to negligence and ignorance, we are unable to accept this fact and thus plunge into misery. I think, besides entertaining TV shows, if we spare a fraction of our time for watching a science channel then our sufferings will ease.

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Now write in your thoughts on this topic:

"Mining is necessary for development, people owning such mining-rich lands should be relocated."

Be short, crisp and logical. Send in your photo, if you like.