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- *From:* "mensanator@xxxxxxxxxxxx" <mensanator@xxxxxxx>
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casioculture@xxxxxxxx wrote:

> I visited this page a little while ago and I was startled by the  
> extreme Hindu–nationalist and anti–Arab biases, and the resulting  
> ludicrous factual errors on the page. I therefore took the time to find  
> reputable scientific and academic sources that are neutral, edited the  
> article so that it was in line with the scientific consensus, quoting  
> even a professor who is an effective member of the International  
> Academy of the History of Science, and reputable Indian sources such as  
> from the Indian National Science Academy and from the Bulletin of the  
> National Institute of Sciences of India, and many others.

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> Let me make it clear; I have no anti–Indian bias, in fact, I listened  
> to Indian music on my playlist many times over the past few days  
> (Musafir, Gypsies of Rajasthan) and ate some pretty nice Indian food.  
> I'm against blatant biases leading to blatant factual errors and  
> deliberate distortion.

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> I have had help from many reasonable editors whom I thank, but the  
> article is now having a problem with a few individuals with quite  
> pronounced Hindu–nationalist who remain in persistent refusal to base  
> their content on reliable sources as per Wikipedia policies and whose  
> version contains too many serious errors to accomodate. They keep  
> reverting the page. The more I try to reason with them, going to  
> excruciating lengths as evidenced by the talk page linked to below, the  
> more I become aware, from the evasive and ironic one–liners they reply  
> with, that they're not really interested in being reasoanble.

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> Please visit the page, it still needs some work to edit it and fill in  
> some gaps, which must be based on reliable sources, and if you don't  
> want to help with that then at least put it on your watchlist and  
> ensure that the version you're in honest agreement that is based on  
> reliable source and is in line with the wikipedia policies linked to in  
> the talk page is kept from being reverted and hidden form the public.  
> Your comments on the talk page are also welcome.

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> Regards

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> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:Arabic\\_numerals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:Arabic_numerals)

Tempest in a teapot, eh?

Could you post a scorecard so I can tell who's on which side?

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