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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.

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.

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 reasonble.

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.

Regards

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