

# ‘No Babri tragedy, had Ram’s birth site been proved’

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**Gandhinagar:** A prominent nuclear physicist from Islamabad - Professor Parvez Hodbhoy said on Wednesday that science and reasoning should triumph over religion and said that if Lord Ram’s birth had been proved scientifically, there would not have been any Babri Masjid dispute in Ayodhya.

While delivering his lecture on ‘Science and Reason in This Age of Unreason’ at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Gandhinagar, Hodbhoy first gave the example of a bogus Pakistani innovation of cars that can run with water and even famous nuclear scientist of Pakistan, A Q Khan, had admired it. He then gave the example of India.

“This has happened here in India. Just think what happened in Ayodhya at the

Ramjanam Bhumi-Babri Masjid episode. How, using common sense or science or scientific method, could you have established that Ram was born over there? This blame game was so immense that it set India on fire. 200 people were killed and had reason been used over there, and unreason challenged, you would have been spared of this tragedy,” Hodbhoy said.

Later, talking with ToI, Hodbhoy said that it is however difficult to raise voice against religious practices and staunch practitioners. He also expressed his concern over the murders of three Indian rationalists including M M Kalburghi, Narendra Dabholkar and Govind Pansare. He said that one’s birth in a particular religious community is accidental. It made no sense when people boasted over it or warred to kill people of other religions and nations.

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