



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 March 1982

I thank you most warmly for my reception yesterday at the opening of the "Science in India" Exhibition.

The Exhibition is a fascinating display of Indian scientific achievement. I only wish that I had had more time to look at it at leisure. Would you please give my thanks to Professor Menon and Mr. Duckworth who so kindly escorted me around the exhibits.

My warm congratulations to you and all those who were associated in mounting the Exhibition. I am sure it will be a resounding success.

(SGD) MARGARET THATCHER

Dame Margaret Weston, D.B.E.



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SCIENCE MUSEUM
LONDON SW7 2DD

30th March, 1982.

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Dear Prime Minister,

We did enjoy your Opening of our exhibition 'Science in India', were most honoured that you came to do it, and glad that you were pleased with the end result.

I have passed on your congratulations, which delighted the people concerned. Mr. Duckworth was very pleased to hear that you had enjoyed viewing the exhibition.

A few photographs of the occasion are enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Weston

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Thatcher, P.C., M.P.,
10, Downing Street,
LONDON, S.W.1.



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

1 April 1982

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 30 March. Thank you, too, for sending her some photographs of the opening of your Exhibition last week.

With all best wishes,

Dame Margaret Weston, DBE.

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MR. COLES

PRIME MINISTER TO OPEN EXHIBITION
AT SCIENCE MUSEUM: WEDNESDAY,
24 MARCH

The correct title is
"Science in India" and not
what appears in the programme,
namely, "Science, Technology
and Medicine of India Exhibition".
Dame Margaret Weston rang with
this information as she was
nervous of the Prime Minister
getting the title wrong.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

23 March 1982



10 DOWNING STREET
PRIME MINISTER

[Handwritten signature]
cc: Mr Coles
Mr Colver

I attach an up-to-date
programme (Flag A) and a note
of the press arrangements (Flag B).

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23 March, 1982



VISIT TO THE UK BY MRS INDIRA GANDHI: 21-26 MARCH 1982

PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR OPENING OF SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBITION: 24 MARCH

- 1600 Arrival of Mrs Gandhi.
- 1602 Arrival of Prime Minister.
Both will be met by Minister for the Arts,
Dame Margaret Weston, Director of the Science
Museum, and Mr John Duckworth, Chairman of the
Science Museum Advisory Council, and escorted
by them into museum.
Following to await Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi
in entrance hall:
- Countess Mountbatten and
 Lord Brabourne
- Indian High Commissioner and
 Mrs Seyid Muhammad
- Sir John and Lady Thomson
- Sir Michael and Lady Walker
- Mrs Pupul Jayakar
- Professor M G K Menon
- 1604 Dame Margaret Weston to introduce proceedings.
- 1605 Mrs Gandhi to say a few words.
- 1610 Prime Minister to speak and declare
exhibition open.
- 1615 Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi to be taken around
exhibition in the following two groups:
- Prime Minister
- Professor Menon
- Mrs Jayakar
- Mr Channon
- Mr Duckworth
- Mr and Mrs Seyid Muhammad
- Sir Michael and Lady Walker

/- Mrs Gandhi



- Mrs Gandhi
- Dame Margaret Weston
- Dr M M Dhar
- Dr R G W Anderson
- Countess Mountbatten and Lord Brabourne
- Sir John and Lady Thomson

1645

Prime Minister and Mrs Gandhi to proceed
to Indian Government Reception.
Joint hosts Mrs Jayakar and Professor Menon.

1700

Prime Minister to depart.

1730


Mrs Gandhi to depart.



SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBITION ''SCIENCE IN INDIA''

The Science Museum's contribution to the Festival of India will be an exhibition dealing with aspects of science, technology and medicine from early times to the present day. The exhibition has been organised with the close co-operation of the Indian Government through the Department of Science and Technology in New Delhi, which has advised on, collected and transported many of the objects. Four British companies - British Aerospace, Davy McKee, Northern Engineering Industries and Standard Chartered Bank - are financing the construction of the exhibition. The Science Museum are responsible for its design. The exhibition will be open to the public from 25 March to 1 August.

India has a long and complex history of science. Indigenous systems of mathematics and medicine were developed from the Vedic period: the concept of zero was introduced into Hindu mathematics by the 6th century and the Ayurvedic system of medicine, still widely practised today, was systematised about 2000 years ago. The Chinese learnt about distillation from the Indians. Astronomy was developed, and culminated in the massive stone observatories of Jai Singh, built from 1720. These topics will be dealt with in the first section of the exhibition. The contributions of the Mughals and the British to science will be briefly treated; the earliest theodolite sent to India in 1802 and used on the Great Survey of India is being displayed. Adoption of western science by Indians from the late 19th century will be illustrated by the work of six internationally famous scientists including the Nobel prizewinner C. V. Raman, who gave his name to a spectrographic technique. /Modern



Modern India is in the forefront of developing science, both as an academic discipline and as a tool to help deal with problems faced by the nation. The variety of approaches will be shown in the final and largest section, which will deal with space research, nuclear power, agriculture, rural technology, transport and medicine. Contrasting technologies such as the APPLE communications satellite and the Pusa grain storage bin will illustrate the point. Exhibits will include the 65ft high SLV3 rocket.

The Prime Minister will be taken around the exhibition by Professor M G K Menon, Secretary (Permanent Secretary equivalent) of the Indian Government's Department of Science and Technology, who has been in London for the last two weeks advising on the display of various exhibits. His current responsibilities are mainly administrative, but he is a distinguished scientist in his own right. He plays a key role in determining the direction of Indian research and development in the field of science.

The Science Museum staff most directly involved in the organisation of the exhibition are:

Dr R E W Anderson (Keeper of the Department of Chemistry and Curator responsible for the exhibition);

Mr Michael Presto (Head of Exhibition, responsible for the design);

Miss Anee St John-Smith (Public Relations Officer); and

Miss Susan Cackett (Research Assistant, Department of Chemistry).

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Dame Margaret West
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also N. John Duckworth.
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PROPOSED TIME TABLE
FOR OPENING OF 'SCIENCE IN INDIA' EXHIBITION
AT SCIENCE MUSEUM ON 24 MARCH 1982

3.15 p.m.	Doors open.
By 3.50 p.m.	Guests arrive.
3.55 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Mrs. Gandhi arrives.
4.02 p.m.	Mrs. Thatcher arrives.
	(Both will be received by The Rt. Hon. Paul Channon, Minister for the Arts, and Dame Margaret Weston, Director, Science Museum. They will be greeted by (and where necessary introduced to) Mr. John Duckworth, Chairman, Science Museum Advisory Council, the High Commissioner of India to UK and High Commissioner of UK to India, Countess Mountbatten and Lord Brabourne, Dr. P.C. Alexander, Mr. H.Y. Shasda Prasad, Sir Michael Walker, Mrs. P. Jayakar, Prof. M.G.K. Menon.
4.04 p.m.	Dame Margaret Weston introduces proceedings.
4.05 p.m.	Mrs. Gandhi speaks.
4.10 p.m.	Mrs. Thatcher speaks and opens exhibition.
4.15 p.m.	The two Prime Ministers and those sitting on the dais proceed to the exhibition for a 30 minute visit (see attached list).
4.45 p.m.	The official parties go to the Indian Government reception.
5.00 p.m.	Mrs. Thatcher leaves.
5.30 p.m. approx.	Mrs. Gandhi's departure will depend on the time she spends at the reception.

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It is proposed that the two Prime Ministers will be taken around the exhibition in the following two groups:—

Mrs. Thatcher, Prof. M.G.K. Menon, Mrs. Jayakar,
Mr. John Duckworth, High Commissioner for India,
Sir Michael Walker, Mr. Paul Channon, M.P.

Mrs. Ghandi, Dame Margaret Weston,
High Commissioner of UK, Countess Mountbatten,
Lord Brabourne, Dr. P.C. Alexander,
Mr. H.Y. Sashda Prasad, Dr. M.M. Dhar,
Dr. R.G.W. Anderson.

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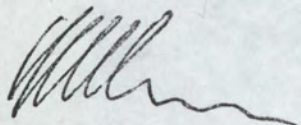
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Mr Coles

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS, ETC, FOR THE OPENING OF THE SCIENCE IN INDIA
EXHIBITION AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM.

- The brief opening ceremony will take place on the raised area of the large main entrance hall which forms a natural stage. The exhibition itself is situated one floor up. In the main body of the hall will be 800 guests, already assembled when the PM arrives.
- Three microphones linked to a PA system will be placed on this "stage". The Director will welcome (3 mins) Mrs Thatcher and Mrs Gandhi. Mrs Gandhi (5 mins) will then speak, followed by the PM (5 mins).
- The timing of this occasion enables Indian television to show the opening live at peak viewing time (it will be 9.30pm in Delhi) and there will therefore be an outside broadcast crew from VISNEWS filming the speeches from the main hall and a handheld camera covering the exhibition tour itself.
- BBC TV and ITN are also expected to cover and still photographers and writing journalists will be placed on a raised landing to the right of the PM as she speaks.
- After the brief opening ceremony the PM will be escorted, with the platform party, up a staircase to the right and across a large empty room to a lift up to the exhibition itself, on the first floor. In the large room, incidentally, there will be exhibition boards by the four sponsors - British Aerospace, Northern Engineering Industries, Davy McKee and Standard Chartered.
- Museum information staff will ensure that press photographers are taken round by a different route so that they have a fixed photographic opportunity in the exhibition and do not get in the way.
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APPIE satellite - the space-born version will be transmitting the opening of the exhibition to India, as filmed by VISNEWS.

- After viewing the exhibition - for about half an hour - the party will return by the same route to the main reception area where the PM will mingle with the guests before departing.



HUGH COLVER

19 March 1982

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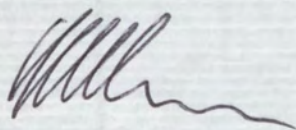
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19 March 1982

NOTES FROM BOB KINGSTON ON PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SCIENCE
MUSEUM ON WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH

Main Entrance in Exhibition Road

LH drop

Met by (from)

Dame Margaret Weston

Paul Channon

John Duckworth (Chairman, Science Museum Advisory Council)

Sir Michael Walker

Professor Menon

?Countess Mountbatten & Lord Brabourne

Dr. Robertson (Museum Keeper)

Mr. Preston (Design officer)

+ 1,000 invited guests (including many diplomatic circle invited
by Indians)

Address assembly from dais just inside main door (expected to be
beige back-cloth)

Then up spiral stairs on RH side of gallery, through reception area
and up. I floor in lift to exhibition area (press/photo-call on
leaving exhibition area).

Return via lift to reception area, then by spiral staircase to main
door and then away.

Timing:

1600 arrive; speeches to 1615

Exhibition 1615 to 1645

Reception 1645 to 1700

(Mrs. Gandhi apparently staying until 1730!)

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Exhibition Road
Main entrance
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Paul CHANNON

John DUCKWORTH (Chm. Sec. Mus.
Advisory Council)

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& then away.

Hugh COLVER is going to do
a press 'recc' tomorrow.
Emma St John SMITH is the
Information officer but still
unaware of the protocol side.

Timing:

1600 arrive; speeches to 1615

Exhibition 1615 to 1645

Reception 1645 to 1700.

(Mrs. G. app. staying 'til 1730!)

Mr and Mrs John Coles thank the High Commissioner for India for his kind invitation to a Reception on Wednesday, 24 March.

Mr John Coles has much pleasure in accepting this kind invitation but owing to a prior engagement Mrs Coles is unable to accept.

15 March, 1982



10 DOWNING STREET

The Prime Minister and
Mr. Denis Thatcher thank Shrimati Paul
Jayakar and Professor Menon for their
kind invitation to a Reception at the
Science Museum on Wednesday 24 March
at 1630 hours.

Mrs. Thatcher has much pleasure
in accepting, but Mr. Thatcher regrets
that, owing to a prior engagement, he
is unable to accept.

15 March 1982

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Festival of India

Here is John Coles' invitation
card for the Reception at the
Science Museum on Wednesday,
24 March.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

15 March, 1982



10 DOWNING STREET

SUPERINTENDENT CAWTHORNE

Here is yet another invitation for next week, this time for the Reception following the Opening of the Exhibition at the Science Museum.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'CJ' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

15 March 1982