



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

26 March 1982

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Dear Mrs. Jayakar,

At the end of the first few days of the Festival may I congratulate you on the contribution which you and your Committee have made to the launching of this splendid event. I greatly enjoyed the inaugural concert and my later visits to the Hayward Gallery and the "Science in India" Exhibition. I am sure that these activities and all the many others that have been planned will have a profoundly beneficial effect on relations between Britain and India.

It has been a great personal pleasure for me to see you again in London this week and I hope we shall have an early opportunity of meeting in the future.

My very best regards,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Shrimati Pupul Jayakar

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Dear Sir Michael,

With the Festival of India safely and splendidly launched, I write to congratulate you and the other Trustees on all the thought and effort that went into the preparations. I enormously enjoyed the inaugural concert and my visits to the Exhibitions at the Hayward Gallery and the Science Museum, and have no doubt that the Festival has got off to the best possible start. I hope you and your fellow Trustees will feel that the success of this first week has been a fitting reward for all your labours, and I send you my best wishes for the many activities which lie ahead in the months to come.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Michael Walker, GCMG.

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April 2, 1982

*Dear Prime Minister*

I am most grateful to you for your letter of the 26th March, conveying your congratulations on the launching of the Festival. We value your deep appreciation for the activities planned and we hope that the Festival will, as you say, have a profoundly beneficial effect on relations between Britain and India.

I leave for India on Sunday the 4th but expect to be back some time in June when perhaps, if you can spare a few moments, I will seek an opportunity of meeting you once again.

With kind regards,

*Yours sincerely  
Pupul Jayakar*

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP  
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*Prime Minister*

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*Your Prime Minister,*

Thank you so much for your very generous letter of 26 March. I shall circulate it to my fellow Trustees to whom I am sure it will give a great deal of pleasure.

We are all very grateful to you for having given up so much of your time last week to the Festival when you already had such a full programme and I am delighted to know that you enjoyed the main events. Of course we are greatly indebted to your presence for their success and it is your patronage which has been so vital to us in mounting the Festival as a whole. I should like to take this opportunity of renewing my thanks to you for the support you have consistently given us.

As you mention in your letter many activities still lie ahead and I hope we may look forward to the possibility of your being able to visit some of the main events.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*Michael Walker*

Michael Walker  
 Chairman  
 Festival of India Trust



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Dear Prime Minister

I would like to thank you for the warmth and appreciation you have shown for the events organised by the Festival of India - we are very happy with the response from the press & other media & hope that the future events organised by the Festival Committee will arouse a new interest in India. I am sending a copy of "The Indian Experience" which has been brought out by our India for the festival. There are some interesting articles - with regards.

Yrs sincerely  
Pupul Jayakar