

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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INDO-UK SCIENCE FESTIVAL  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the indo-Uk Science Festival 2002 was held in some important cities of India during the month of January;
- (b) if so, details regarding theme of the festival;
- (c) the name of the place where this festival was held; and
- (d) the extent to which it was useful to our country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

- (a) Yes, sir. The British Council and the British High Commission in India organized a Science Festival 2002 in important cities of India, from 7-18 January, 2002 which highlighted the best of British Science.
- (b) As per the information received, the focus was on Biomedical research, Biotechnology, Digital Communication, and Environment where both the UK and India have substantial strengths. As a part of the Festival, besides organization of a series of lectures, by visiting British Scientists in the indicated topics, the focus was also on organizing exhibitions and science education events in important cities.
- (c) The Festival was organized in Chandigarh, New Delhi, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Kolkatta, Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai and Thiruvananthapuram.
- (d) Several eminent British and Indian Scientists participated in the festival with the objective of strengthening the India-Uk science and technology relationship. They contributed to panel discussions, public lectures and workshops on contemporary research and innovative ideas to promote scientific partnership and cooperation.