



**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

7th March, 2017.

*Dear Ruth,*

I would like to thank you, and the team at the British Council, most sincerely for all your hard work to deliver the Reception at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the India-UK Year of Culture.

We were very appreciative of your advice and assistance with planning the guest list. The Indian High Commission was also delighted with the collaboration. Your enthusiasm and creative input and support were greatly appreciated by the Royal Household. The projection on to the front of the Palace generated excellent publicity for the event both in print and television media.

It was a pleasure working with you and your colleagues at the British Council. I do hope that the success of this event will have helped to start the year on a positive note and raise awareness of the cultural compatibility between the UK and India.

Today we received a letter from the Prime Minister of India thanking Her Majesty for the Reception. This high-level engagement is testament to the hard work and innovation that you brought to the event. I wish you the best of luck with all the activities in the coming year and we look forward to working with you again.

This letter comes with The Queen's warmest wishes.

*Yours sincerely,*

Samantha Cohen  
Assistant Private Secretary to The Queen

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