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Dear Chandita,

### **Sub: Meeting of NGOs on Science Communication using Edusat at Mumbai**

Kindly refer to our discussions on the subject during your visit to Ahmedabad on November 21, 2002. I will be in Mumbai on December 13, 2002 to discuss the matter further. Kindly let me know if you are in Mumbai on the day and if so time and place for our meeting. We should then discuss the probable invitees, budget, time and venue for the meeting.

The Indian Space Research Organisation is actively pursuing the proposal of launching a Satellite dedicated to Education (Edusat). This satellite would provide communication capacity to meet the requirement of several sectors of education like primary, secondary, higher, and professional education, distance education, etc. It has also been proposed that dedicated capacity should be made available for Science Communication Channel.

To effectively utilise such communication capacity, substantial planning and preparation would have to be invested in. An idea of this nature would require several agencies to come together, and pool their expertise and resources. We recently had a meeting with different scientific departments. The role of NGOs is of vital importance and their participation would give the channel a more people-centric outlook. DST is an active partner in this exercise and we would like to involve NGOs like Homi Bhabha Centre, Mumbai; Eklavya, Bhopal; CEE, Ahmedabad etc.

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