

Nanotech expert to speak at NCL

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Pune: First it was Sir Richard Friend from the University of Cambridge, Now, it is leading Oxford nanotechnologist-entrepreneur Peter Dobson who will give a pep talk to the scientific community in Pune on how to take laboratory research successfully to the marketplace.

Dobson, who is academic director at Oxford University's Begbroke Science Park and professor at the university's engineering sciences department, will deliver the second 'Innovation and technology enterprise' lecture on 'The journey from science to technology' at the national chemical laboratory (NCL) on April 2.



Peter Dobson

He will talk on his personal journey taking science to technology and to commercially attractive products—the opportunities, challenges and solutions. The public lecture is sponsored by the British Council and the NCL Research Foundation.

Dobson's spin-off company, established in 1999, and now called Oxonica PLC, is one of the earliest and most successful nanotechnology firms in the world. It specialises in making nanoparticles for a range of applications from sunscreens to fuel additive catalysts and bio-labels. Dobson has become a role model for science parks and business incubators in the UK and parts of the world, NCL officials said.