

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

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RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN  
NEW DELHI

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PADMA BHUSHAN  
Shri Svetoslav Roerich

Shri Svetoslav Roerich is a highly distinguished artist. His paintings, in tempera and oils, cover a vast range of themes, and show not only great technical skill and intellectual power, but also creative imagination and spiritual insight. His landscapes, in particular, are like poems in colour.

His art received early recognition, and exhibitions of his paintings were held in U.S.A. and Europe where he received a number of top awards. At the invitation of the Soviet Government, his paintings were exhibited in the Museum of Fine Arts, Moscow, and the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad. His paintings are on show in the leading art galleries of the world.

Shri Roerich, now an Indian citizen, was born in St. Petersburg (Russia) and educated in Russia, Sweden, England and U.S.A. He was Director of the International Art Centre, New York, and was actively associated with the conclusion of the International Pact for the Protection of Cultural Treasures and Institutions in time of war.