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SRI AUROBINDO PATHAMANDIR

'Gram : 'SRIMANDIR'
CALCUTTA

15, COLLEGE SQUARE
CALCUTTA
4.9.1942.

Nicholas Roerich, Esqr.,
P.O. Naggar,
KULU.

Dear Sir,

Your sincere and touching message, though received late owing to dislocation of communication, has been circulated among all the members of this Institution, and permit me to convey my most sincere thanks on behalf of all - concerned. Please note that we have sent a copy of this message to Asram at Pondicherry and Sri Aurobindo has seen this.

As a token of our gratitude and a sincere feeling of inner contact with your goodself, please accept this humble - publication of the Pathamandir published on this sacred occasion of the 70th Birthday of the Master sent under separate cover. We would appreciate it very much if you would kindly let us know how you have liked this modest publication.

The Governing Body of the Pathamandir feels indulged and emboldened to request you to let us have a small sketch of your immortal brush of the towering beacon of light effulgent as you have visualised Sri Aurobindo to be - treasured in our Mandir as a source of constant inspiration.

Permit me at the end to invite you to our Institution whenever you would like to come and accept our grateful thanks.

Yours very sincerely,

K. Dutt
(Khitishchandra Dutt)

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Dear Friends

Many thanks for your splendid Annual * on the 70th birthday of Sri Aurobindo. I shall keep it ~~in our library~~ on the ~~shelves~~ of honour. It is a real joy to witness when a Great Spirit is venerated in a Great Country.

My best greetings

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'GRAM - SRIMANDIR
CALCUTTA

15, College Square, Calcutta,
October 26, 1942.

Dear Friend:

Many thanks for the reprints of some of your essays. I have gone through them and I am charmed with, as I have always - been, the subtle beauty of their expression, clarity of - exposition and a comprehensiveness of conception which are rarely attained. I am sending all these reprints to the Asram at Pondicherry as I think that to be the most suitable place for these precious things to be treasured. Every year thousands of people from all over the world that come to see the Great Master and seek His blessing have access to this Library.

Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir is an institution at Calcutta - with the express object of 'making known to the public the ideal of future realisation as Sri Aurobindo foresees it' in a lucid and easy way. We have a comprehensive library containing all His writings and literature, and contribution on them by many that have studied His writings on varied - subjects of His philosophy, yoga, art, literature, poetry, sociology etc., and also some of the ancient scriptures of the Hindus and books of reference in Sanskrit, Bengali, English and other provincial languages in India. This institution, apart from letting out books to its members, holds every week a Study Circle for proper exposition of the writings of the Great Master and once a month there is held a Public - Meeting with sympathetic and public figures of Bengal and outside in the Chair where the exponents of Sri Aurobindo's truths deliver lecture on different sides of His culture and truth.

I am very glad to note that you have kindly agreed to come and pay a visit to this institution of ours at Calcutta at your earliest opportunity and we are eagerly looking forward to this opportunity of having you among us for a closer contact and acquaintance. We hope that it would be soon and you would let us know beforehand for making proper arrangements for you.

You have also kindly agreed to let us have a suitable piece of your Himalyan Temperas for our institution. This is - apparently in response to my request in my last letter to

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let us have the reproduction of your message, you kindly sent to the Pathamandir on the occasion of the 70th birthday of Sri Aurobindo, from your immortal brush. What I meant was that the beautiful message, which I am reproducing below, that was sent by you was so graphic and unique in its motive that it brought home to us a symbol of your inner conception of Sri Aurobindo. It was exactly a pen-picture of what you felt about Him, and our request was to let us have the reproduction of this picturesque message of yours by your immortal brush for us to preserve and be inspired by. I do not know if I am asking too much - but if it is possible, please fulfil this wish of ours.

Very sincerely yours,

K. Dutt.

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Copy of your message:

"AS A BEACON OF LIGHT EFFULGENT TOWERS
SRI AUROBINDO STOP IN DAYS OF ARMAGEDDON
THE ENVOY OF HEAVENLY THOUGHT IS EVER MORE
PRECIOUS TO DISTRESSED HUMANITY STOP LET
US ALL SEND HEARTIEST THOUGHTS AND WISHES
FOR THE SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY OF AUROBINDO
AND PRAY THAT HIS UPLIFTING GUIDANCE MAY
FOR LONG ILLUMINE THE WEARY ASCENT OF
MANKIND."

NICHOLAS ROERICH.

Nicholas RoeRich, Esqr.,
Naggar,
Kulu.

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'Gram: ('SRIMANDIR
CALCUTTA)

15, College Square, Calcutta,
the 4th August, 1943.

Dear Sir:

On the 15th of August next the Seventy-first Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo will be celebrated in Calcutta under the auspices of Sri Aurobindo Pathamandir - at the above address at 5 P.M. I cordially invite you to be present at this function, failing which - kindly send us a fitting message on this occasion.

With best regards,

Yours faithfully,

K. K. Chakravarty

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Nicholas Roe Rich