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To  
Prof. Nicholas Roerich, Uruswaki Institute,  
Naggar, Kulu or. (N 15)

Subject: An Indian Academy of Arts and Letters.

My dear Sir, May I respectfully draw your attention to the present movement for an Indian Academy, accounts of which have already appeared in The Scholar for September 1941 and The Modern Review for December '42? I hope you have read these articles already. Dr. G. Kumbhar Raja published an article on the Academy - ideal in The Indian P. E. N. for February '43. I believe you will be greatly interested in our Project of An All-India Academy and will support our enterprise. Dr. J. H. Cousins is the pioneer in this movement in 1923 and he is now greatly interested in our efforts. Prof. Rakshit's articles in The Modern Review (December '42) quotes his views.

(2) In Common with thousands of my countrymen, I have come to know you as a great artist and leader of Culture and an admirer of Indian Culture. I now write to you as an expression of my admiration for your greatness in art and Culture. I read several articles about your Art and I read my fellow-worker Mr. K. P. Radharaman Sastry's (Kerala Member of our Committee) Book on you. Kindly let me know your views about our Project and express your ideas about An Indian Academy and how it should be constituted.

(3) It is conceivable that the Indian Academy may honour foreign savants like you by co-opting as members of the Academy. I am in fact proposing the matter before our promoters of the movement. I think this proposal meets your approval in principle.

(P.T.C.)

(4) So far artists and savants of eminence like Sr. Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Sr. J. H. Cousens, Sr. G. S. Mahajan, Sr. C. Kunhan Raja, Sr. K. S. Venkataramani, Harindranath Chattopadhyaya, Saran Bahadur K. S. Namaswamy Sastri, Sr. D. R. Bendre, Atulananda Chakrabarty and others are supporting our project. Please let me know if you can lend your support to our endeavours. May be put your name as one of our Patrons?

(5) May I know if you have seen my Note in the 'Scholar' monthly of September '41? That gives a fair idea of our Scheme and work. May I request you to publish an article on our movement in any journal of your choice? I trust this subject appeals to your mind.

(6) Please send me any of your works so far published and a list of your famous paintings. Will you kindly send me reprints of your article on "Tagore and Tolstoy" (K.C.) I propose to write about your Art in Telugu journals (I am an Andhra and my language is Telugu) and want material from you.

(7) I shall send you copies of our ~~Appeal~~ and other article on hearing from you. Kindly send me an article on your ideas about An Indian Academy for our Symposium. I herewith a copy of our Scheme and circular of our Conference. Kindly acknowledge this letter and send me the required article and other works reprints of yours. More in my next.

Thanking you, with kind regards

P.S., My present address is as given above.

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Your admirer

D. Vivekananda

Prof. Nicholas Roerich, Kulu (Hyalik). 2

## An Indian Academy of Arts & Letters

ATKUR PALACE,

Nuzvid, P. O.

Krishna Dist.

(Madras Province)

Dear Sir,

It is considered desirable and necessary, by some enthusiastic *litterateurs* and members of our Provisional Committee, that a meeting of the Members of the Provisional Committee for preliminary spadework for establishing **An Indian Academy of Arts and Letters** should be convened in order to discuss the various means and methods of efficiently carrying it out for the establishment of the proposed Academy.

Guntur, the Head-Quarters of the Andhra University, the Navya Sahitya Parishat and the Navya Kala Parishat, is proposed to be the venue of the meeting during the coming ~~Poojah~~ ~~Holidays~~ ~~(October 1942.)~~ *Easter holidays, April 1943.*

Please let us know as early as possible if this meeting is now desirable and whether it will be convenient for you to attend the same. The main purpose of the meeting of our committee is to sound the views of individual members about the spadework in their respective provinces. If you think it too early, please suggest some other date during the coming X' mas. If the majority of our members and sympathisers suggest a change, it will be accepted, since our earnest wish is that all the members of our provisional committee and sympathisers should attend the meeting and take their due share in its deliberations which cover all aspects of our future work including financial matters, for the furtherance of this noble endeavour.

Kindly reply early at the address given above so that we may proceed with our arrangements for convening the meeting. When the meeting is fixed, invitations will duly be sent to you.

President: *Dr. J. H. Cousins.*

Yours faithfully,

Ramachandra Appa Rao

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Conveners.