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Madam,

We thankfully acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter dated 29th September 1986.

Further, the recorded tapes of the function  
have been takenover by Delhi authorities. Our-  
selves, we do not have a copy at present.

Anyway, photographs of the function is  
getting processed. Immediately on receipt of it  
we shall bring it to you personally and handover.

Once again we thank you for joining us and  
for making the programme successful.

Kindly convey our regards to Dr.Svetoslav  
Roerich.

With regards,

(N.V. PADMANABHALAH)



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10th October 1986.

My dear Mr. Tcholakov,

I had a charming letter from Mr. Padmanabhaiah, the Chairman of the INDO-BULGARIA CULTURAL SOCIETY here who said that he would bring the photographs of the occasion of the National Day function but he could not give me a copy of the tapes recorded on that occasion and he told me that they were taken to Delhi.

Since it was such an important occasion and such good speeches were made, we would like to have a copy of the tape recording and we will certainly pay for it. Dr. Roerich's speech was liked by everyone and I am sure they will be most happy, also we would like to keep it in our records.

It was a pleasure to meet you and Mr. Atanas Atanassov but I am sorry you stayed for such a short time.

With our best wishes to you both and looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you,

Yours sincerely,

(Mme. DEVIKA RANI ROERICH)

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## CORDIALLY INVITE YOU ON THE CELEBRATION OF " NATIONAL DAY "

of the peoples Republic of Bulgaria 42nd anniversary  
of the victory of Socialist Revolution in Bulgaria  
on Friday, 26th September 1986 at 6.00 p.m. at

"THE ANNEXE, BANGALORE CLUB, RESIDENCY ROAD "

Mr. STEPAN ICHOLAKOV

Councillor, Head of the Cultural Department, Embassy  
of the peoples Republic of Bulgaria has consented to  
be the Chief Guest.

Dr. Svetoslav Roerich (Chief Patron)

Dr. RAMESH, M.B.B.S.,

Chairman of the Association, Karnataka unit will  
preside over the meeting.

Mr. SURENDER SINGH,

Chairman, President of India Bulgaria Friendship  
Association, New Delhi Unit.

Mr. VIJENDER JAIN

General Secretary, All India Bulgaria Friendship  
Association (National Committee, New Delhi)  
will grace the occasion.

### PROGRAMME

1. INNOVATION
2. WELCOME ADDRESS
3. REPORT BY DR. RAMESH, CHAIRMAN
4. SPEECHS BY DELIGATES AND OTHERS
5. MOMENTOSE DISTRIBUTION.
6. VOTE OF THANKS
7. ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME BY YUVA RANGA
8. NATIONAL ANTHAM

Cordially yours,  
I.B.F.A.

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The speech by Dr.M.Ramesh, M.B.B.S., Chairman "The Indo-Bulgaria Friendship Association", Bangalore, on the occasion of "Bulgaria National Day Celebrations" on Friday, the 26th of September 1986.

Respected Chief Guests, Pattern, The Board of Members of the Association, Ladies and Gentlemen and Friends.

It is a pleasure to have an opportunity requested by the board of the society to talk on the glimpses of the country Bulgaria and its Friendship with India in respect of the following points:-

PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

LOCATION AND SIZE: Peoples Republic of Bulgaria is a small country situated over a territory of 110,900 Sq.Kms with a population about One Crore. This country is situated in the continent of Europe. It has Grece in the South, Black Sea in the East, Yugoslavia in the West and Rumania in the North.

PEOPLE WITH NO RIGHTS: The end of the 14th and the beginning of the 15th Century witnessed tragic events in the Balkan Peninsula, the individual feudal principalities constituting the Balkan Peninsula were not sufficiently strong, that their rulers were constantly engaged in hostilities among themselves, the Ottoman hordes, conquered the whole Peninsula. After a long struggle it was with great joy and enthusiam that the Bulgarian People celebrated the Historical Victory on September 9th, 1944 which brought about deep revolutions in the life of the country. They made greate progress in the different fields.

AGRICULTURE:- Small Patches of land have been ploughed over, so as to merge into large fields of the co-operative farms which were later further integrated into the Druster Agro Industrial Complex. The Druster Agro Industrial complex is a unique Agricultural enterprise in the country. It has pooled the land of the entire District which allows for a greater degree of concentration and specialisation of agriculture for the introduction of new Industrial technologies, for the closer connection of land cultivation with the end product and its processing. Enterprises such as the poultry farm, dairies, the canneries, the wine factories are directly dependent on the work of the complex and provide a model of a new way of organising agricultural production,



which is increasingly becoming a type of industrial production. The important crops of Bulgaria are wheat, oats, Barley, Maize and Fruits, River Danube provides irrigational facilities.

INDUSTRY (NATIONAL ECONOMY): Prior to Bulgaria's liberation from fascist and capitalist rule, her economy stood on a very low level. The Industries were under developed. Agriculture was backward after independence Bulgaria turned into an advanced Industrial cum-agricultural country. Industry achieved immense success and occupied a dominant place in the economy.

The structure of industry was improved along with traditional branches, new ones came into being such as ore-mining industry, metallurgical Industry, Chemical Industry and Machinery Industries. The important Industries of Bulgaria are Electricity, Coke, Asphalt, Pig Iron and tools, Tractor seed drills, Nitrogen fertilisers, sulphuric Acid, Cement Cotton Fabrics, Footwear, Fruit Canning, Dairy Farming, and Meat Packing. Bulgaria has built a large petro-chemical plant at Bourgas and Plevna. The rapid economic development of the country is a stable foundation for raising the living standards of the people. The constitution guarantees every citizen the right to labour. There is no unemployment in this country. 60% of the village homes have been built in the last three decades.

EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE:- Bulgaria is a country with rich traditions in culture. She has a wide network of Children's establishments and schools. 7,580 kindergartens for nearly 400,000 Children, 4,485 schools attended by 1,530,000 students, 26 higher institutions, vocational, technical and Secondary. Special Education occupies a prominent place in the country's Educational system. Bulgarian culture is developing as a national in form and socialist in content culture. It is managed by the committee for culture and by the councils for art and culture on a local level, based on the principles of dual social and state guidance. This has helped the promotion of culture throughout the country. The press, the radio and the television are operating on an extremely large scale. Theatres-55, including 36 dramas, 7 opera, 1 operetta and 11 puppet theatres. Cinemas-3,689 with an audience of 114 million. Museums-181. Reading Clubs-4,267, Libraries-10,500.

Amateur art is very popular in the country. Hundreds of thousands of working people participated in amateur art companies. Bulgaria is a country of talented writers, singers,



artists, sculptors, who are enriching the democratic cultural traditions of the people with valuable works of socialist realism. Bulgarian Literature cinema theatre and opera singing have won Wide international recognition. Stone inscriptions and ancient manuscripts which have preserved important information about the speech of the first Bulgarian state, contain the list of Names of the Bulgarian rulers, the inscriptions of Omurtag Khan, Tsar Simeon's Codex etc., According to the calendar, known to the scientists as proto-Bulgarian, it has been proved that this calendar anticipated, by thousands of years, the first calendars in China, India and Egypt served as a basis for them. The calendar reflects Bulgaria's ancient predecessor's ideas and knowledge about the surrounding world and the movement of the celestial bodies. It also evinces their understanding of rigid laws governing our universe. The picture of a tortoise in the calendar represents the oldest ideas of the world structure, common to both the American Indians and Hindu Mythology. The first metropolis Pliska was founded by the Bulgarian Khan Isperich. His successors turned it into a monumental fortress. Best preserved are the ruins of the grand palace of Tsar Krum, built on an area of 4,718 sq.M, with a royal hall. The huge stone blocks which have remained in their place throughout the ages are the reminder of the epoch of stern morality and a rigid moral code.

BULGARIA A COUNTRY OF PEACE CO.OPERATION AND PROGRESS: Peoples republic of Bulgaria is pursuing a consistently democratic and peaceful policy in her foreign relations. Events of the last three decades have confirmed the justification, correctness and effectiveness in this policy, The people's Republic of Bulgaria together with the other Fraternal countries will be giving her full contribution in strengthening the unity, cohesion and defence potential of the Socialist community and working toward further strengthening and improvement of the organization of the Warsaw Treaty as a powerful deterrent against the aggressive policy of imperialism. Bulgaria is one of the founders of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (1949), The Bulgaria Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Co.operation and mutual Assistance was signed in 1948. Peoples Republic of Bulgaria is in line with the interests of India fighting for freedom and national independence for peace and social progress.

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