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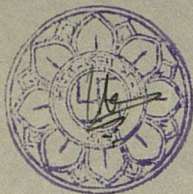
BENERAES, January 29, 1938 <sup>1</sup>

We hereby certify to have received from Mr. S. ROERICH  
Naggar the following two paintings:

- 1) A Portrait of Prof. Nicholas Roerich
- 2) Pilgrims (tempera)

as loan to the Benares Museum of Indian Art (Bharat Kala  
Bhawan).

The paintings have been received in good order and  
have been exhibited under glass in the special Roerich  
Hall.



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Vijaykrishna  
Asst. Curator.  
8/2/38

for Honorary Curator-Founder  
BHARAT KALA BHAWAN



# BHĀRAT-KALĀ BHAWAN

( Museum of Indian Art and Archæology )

NAGARI-PRACHARINI SABHA,

Ref. No. 61/94

Benares City, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1938.

Dear Mr. Roerich,

I am much obliged to you for your most precious gift of the two of your masterpieces. I hope the gift is the beginning of a long series of such priceless canvases. I am very glad to inform you that the opening ceremony of the paintings was performed on the 7/2/38, in a meeting attended by a select gathering of 3-4 hundred persons, by Syt Sampurna Nand ji, who is <sup>a</sup>very <sup>&</sup>learned scholar and is going to become one of the Hon. Ministers of the U.P. Govt.

The pictures were greatly appreciated by the audience.

Repeating our thanks,

Yours sincerely,

*Krishna Das*  
Curator, Founder.

S. Roerich, Esqr.  
Naggar,  
K U L U. (Punjab).

P.S. :- Please find the receipt of the paintings, enclosed herewith.



Bharat Kala Bhawan, Banaras

Jan. 7, 1948.

My dear Shri Svetoslav Roerich,

Allow me to supplement my condolence message sent earlier by telegram, which I regret I could not do yet due to my long absence from Banaras.

We have all been very much grieved at the passing away of your father H.E. Prof. Roerich, and I share with you your sad bereavement at it. In his death symbolic art has lost one of its greatest exponents and the world one of the greatest apostles of peace and beauty. He has made Naggar Kulu a place of pilgrimage for all lovers of art, and the noble institution which he has founded there will irradiate his sublime message to all corners of the world. May his soul rest in peace.

I regret very much that I could not meet him, much though I



wished to. In fact we had planned a visit to Naggar Kulu in October last, but it had to be given up in view of the unfortunate disturbances that arose in the Punjab.

I am enclosing hereto for your perusal an article in Hindi on <sup>Rai Anand Krishna</sup> the late Prof. Roerich written by my son who is also assisting me in Kala Bhavan. It was published in the 'Swatantra Bharat'.

Yours sincerely,  
Krishna das