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MESSAGE  
ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY OF  
BHARAT RATNA DR. SIR M. VISVESWARAYA.

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It is not often that one has the privilege of paying homage not only to an outstanding Personality, but to one who has besides reached the rare distinction of celebrating his hundredth Birthday.

Dr. Visveswaraya whose great achievements are too well known to need any enumeration, has carried aloft the bright torch of his vast accumulated experience and meditations for a period seldom equalled by other outstanding men. In him we have the rare and inspiring example of a man who has through his own efforts, diligence and application of his talents risen to the highest posts of a brilliant career and has been the initiator of numerous capital projects which today eloquently speak of his broad vision and grasp of the basic problems at hand.

Men like him are the rare living examples which we must cherish and draw our inspiration from. Lives of all great men provide a wonderful stimulus and contain a unique lesson for the younger generations, inspiring, re-assuring, full of hope for those who would choose to follow in their footsteps.

And while we try to emulate in our lives Dr. Visveswaraya's achievements we must feel infinitely grateful to him for having shown us in his own person the Royal Path of Attainment and for all the practical services he has so abundantly rendered to his fellow men.

I would like to express to this great man on the auspicious occasion of his hundredth Birthday our deep affection and esteem and fervent hope that the light of his presence will continue to shine for us for many years yet to come.

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Svetoslav Roerich.