



News from India

The General Secretary of the Boy Scout Movement in India requested Prof. Roerich for a Message to all Boy Scouts in India and the following Message was sent by Prof. Roerich :

ON SACRED VIGIL

Greetings to the Boy Scouts of India.

It gives me much pleasure to respond to your request, and to send this heartfelt message to the glorious Association of Boy Scouts in India. To greet the Boy Scouts means to hail the young generation, in which lies our hope for Progress, Friendship and Peace. The Boy Scouts are the guard of honour for their Motherland. They are guardians of Beauty and Knowledge. Precisely the young generations must understand their duty in upholding the fundamental concepts of life — Art and Knowledge, on which evolution rests.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are always prepared to defend everything noble and humanitarian. When we unfurled our Banner of Peace we had in view first of all the young generation, which understands its duty in defending the real treasures of humanity. From the first school years the Boy Scouts already know that the renaissance of the nation comes from Art and Science, in its highest form.

Youth knows that spiritual aspirations are the guidance to lofty Heights. More than once humanity deplored atrocities and vandalism. Precisely the young knights should be prepared to defend untiringly the great heroic achievements which have been created by the best of mankind for the common benefit. The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides know the meaning of discipline. They are concerned also with sports and physical training with the object of the general betterment of life. Service, Self-sacrifice, Honour, Friendship, Vigil, Courage and joyful Labour—all these noble virtues are inseparable from the concept of Scoutism. We have proclaimed "Pax per cultura"—indeed real peace is only there, where is true culture.

In the name of these foundations of progress, I am sending my ardent greetings and wishes for heroic success.

This message appeared in the "Jatri" magazine of the Bengal Boy Scout Association and other boy scout magazines. In "Jatri" Prof. Roerich's article "Be Prepared" was also published.

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The member of the Urusvati Himalayan Research Institute, Rev. Rahula Sankrityayana, after his recent return from Russia, has now started on an expedition to Tibet, accompanied by Lama Chompel. Rev. Rahula Sankrityayana is in search of ancient Sanskrit manuscripts on Buddhism.

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The Maha Bodhi Society has requested Prof. Roerich to donate for the adornment of the Library of the Mula-gandhakutti Bihara at Holy Isapatana, Sarnath, one of his paintings. Prof. Roerich expressed his consent.

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The following of Prof. Roerich's essays have recently appeared in the Press of India : "Our lesser Brothers" — in the *Field and Landholders Journal*.

"Confidence" — in *Vision*. "Flame of Things" in *Prabuddha Bharata*, "To the Memory of Princess Tenisheva" in *Educational Review*, "Parapsychology", "Tactica Adversa" and "Schools" in *The Scholar*, "Learning and Loving Heart" and the poem "Our Path" in *Mira* "The Blessed One" — in *Maha Bodhi Journal* and the poem "I shall Guard" in *Peace*
