



## **FOREWORD**

As we celebrate 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Centenary of Rabindranath Tagore, one of the India's greatest and most noble figures, we pay homage in this special commemorative publication, with articles on the great poet by Indian, Greek and other scholars on various aspect of his life and works.

Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, was one of the renowned luminaries of modern times – a multifaceted genius, who was a poet, a painter, a philosopher, a Noble Laureate and above all a humanist. Rabindranath Tagore's sublime poetry and masterly prose brings out the innate qualities of intimacy with nature, the quest for inner truth, and the sense of solidarity and community that transcends borders and breaks down presumed barriers of religion, race or language. In his writings, the ancient wisdom of India was restated to meet the needs of the modern times.

Rabindranath Tagore visited Greece in 1926, when he travelled to Europe. I have the proud privilege, on behalf of the Embassy of India and the Indo-Hellenic Society for Cultural Development (ELINEPA), to invite our friends in Greece to join us in this commemoration.

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