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It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Ludmila Shaposhnikova on August 24, 2015.

Lyudmila Shaposhnikova was a remarkable personality: a rare combination of erudite scholarship, motivational drive and managerial skills. Her scholarship on Indian history and culture has been widely recognised. Her philosophical treatises broke new ground in the interpretation of the evolution of human culture. Her extraordinary energy and dedication ensured the conservation of the Roerich heritage for posterity and a wider dissemination of Roerich's message and philosophy. Her outstanding contributions to art and culture have been acknowledged through awards and decorations from around the world.

I would like to express special appreciation for her work for strengthening inter-cultural understanding between India and Russia and strengthening the bonds of our friendship.

We extend deepest condolences to her family and – together with her many friends and admirers – mourn the loss of this great personage. At the same time, we celebrate her exceptional legacy, which will continue to inspire future generations.

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