I convey warm greetings and heartfelt good wishes to the Bahá’í community of India on the occasion of the Bicentennial Birth Anniversary of Founder Prophet Baha’u’llah of the Bahá’í Faith, whose words “The earth is but one country and mankind it’s citizens” remain as relevant today as when they were first uttered by Him.

India takes pride in being home to the largest Bahá’í community in the world, a community as diverse as the country itself and one that has co-existed peacefully and harmoniously with fellow citizens of every faith and belief for almost 150 years.

Baha’u’llah’s legacy endures in the efforts of the Bahá’í community as it strives with countless others to translate His vision into reality and work for the peace and happiness of all.

I call upon the Bahá’í community as well as all Indians to use this occasion to reflect on Baha’u’llah’s life, His vision for the unity of humanity and the monumental body of His Writings about the moral and spiritual transformation of the individual and society.

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