

# "A GREAT SCIENTIST AND SCHOLAR"

## NEHRU'S TRIBUTE TO DR. KRISHNAN

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.

Prime Minister Nehru offered felicitations to the eminent scientist, Dr. K. S. Krishnan, on his 60th birthday, to-day, as "a great scientist, a great scholar and a man with the least lopsided personality".

Mr. Nehru was speaking at a function held at the National Physical Laboratory, this evening, to celebrate the occasion.

The Prime Minister said that, apart from being a scientist of repute, Dr. Krishnan was a man endowed with rich human qualities and it were these human qualities that made him more valuable to society. Continuing, he said that one could feel young and active all one's life by developing a sense of fun—"not in the trivial sense of the term but a deeper sense", and the reason why Dr. Krishnan continued to be youthful and active, in his opinion, was that he had a lot of fun and good humour in him. "Every time Dr. Krishnan meets me, he has an interesting story to tell," he added.

Earlier, Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, who presided over the function, said that Dr. Krishnan ranked among the few Indian scientists who had attained international repute and thereby brought honour and glory to the country.

Others who praised Dr. Krishnan's services to the nation in general and science in particular, included the distinguished scientists, Dr. C. H. Bhaba and Professor M. S. Thacker.

The staff of the National Physical Laboratory presented to Dr. Krishnan a silver plate with a replica of the Institute inscribed on it, which he donated to the Institute "for starting a fund for the welfare of the members of the staff".

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## March Of Science Has Affected Human Spirit

—Nehru's Warning

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Mr. Nehru greeting Dr. K. S. Krishnan, the well-known scientist, on his 60th birthday which was celebrated at a function in Delhi on Tuesday.

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# SCIENTIST WITH HUMAN TOUCH

## Mr. Nehru's Tribute To Dr. Krishnan

By A Staff Reporter

The most important problem today, according to Mr. Nehru, is how to combine the ever-increasing knowledge of science with "other things which go to make a good, whole and integrated man."

We saw "some such person in Dr. K. S. Krishnan, a lovable human being who, in spite of his tremendous learning" had not lost the common touch of humanity.

Mr. Nehru paid this tribute to Dr. Krishnan while inaugurating the scientist's sixtieth birthday celebrations at Vigyan Bhavan, New

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Delhi, on Sunday. The function was organised by Dr. Krishnan's 60th Birthday Celebrations Committee.

The Prime Minister referred to the vast development taking place in all fields, especially scientific, and man's inability to catch up with them. He thought man was not grown-up enough yet. He should develop not only intellectually but in other respects as well, Mr. Nehru added.

In his tribute, Pandit Pant, the Home Minister who presided said that men like Dr. Krishnan not only contributed to the store of knowledge but also enhanced the status of their country.

### HUMILITY & HUMANITY

He said Dr. Krishnan retained the simplicity of the soul and the humility and humanity characteristic of culture and in him we saw "the integration of science and philosophy."

Others who felicitated Dr. Krishnan included Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Dr. K. L. Shrimali, Education Minister, and Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University.

Earlier a golden shawl and a birthday souvenir, being a collection of scientific articles in Tamil and English, were presented to Dr. Krishnan.

In his reply, Dr. Krishnan spoke of the infinite expansion of scientific knowledge and said if he had to live for another sixty years—as one of the speakers had wished—he would spend the time learning.

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# K. S. Krishnan Felicitated

## PM, PANT PAY TRIBUTES

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In an age whose problem was correlation between science and humanity, Dr K. S. Krishnan was an integrated personality, Mr Nehru said at a celebration of the 60th birthday of the Director of the National Physical Laboratory.

The Vigyan Bhavan auditorium was packed on Sunday when the Prime Minister, the Home Minister and the Speaker of the Lok Sabha participated in the birthday celebrations organized by a committee headed by Dr K. L. Shrimali.

Dr Krishnan received a richly decorated golden shawl from the Dharmapuram Adinam in South India. The Central Council of Sanskrit Education, Hyderabad, also presented him a shawl.

Mr Nehru said that Dr Krishnan was something more than a scientist. That was why people loved him. One of the basic problems of the day was how to co-ordinate science and certain other vital aspects of life. Not a day passed without some new development in science and technology, to understand whose significance the human mind was not yet wholly capable.

Pandit Pant, who presided over the celebrations, said that in Dr Krishnan one saw a synthesis of science and philosophy. He was a scientist who was conscious of the limitations of science. He combined the ancient wisdom of India and the virile dynamism of the new world, retaining the inimitable cultural qualities of humility and humanity.

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## TO MEET NEEDS



Pandit Pant presents a gold-embroidered shawl to Dr K. S. Krishnan, Director of the National Physical Laboratory, at a function to celebrate his 60th birthday at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, on Sunday evening. (Report on page 3)

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## Integrated Being

### P.M.'s TRIBUTE TO KRISHNAN

By Our Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14.—Prime Minister Nehru said here today that despite all the progress science had made during the last few decades and the physical comforts it had brought "one feels it has benumbed the spirit of man".

Mr. Nehru, who was inaugurating the 60th birthday celebrations of the eminent Indian scientist and scholar, Dr. K. S. Krishnan, at Vigyan Bhavan, felt one of the basic problems facing humanity today was how to co-ordinate science with other vital aspects of life.

The Prime Minister referred to the dual role the science had played in the present day world. If it had opened new vistas of human thought it was also responsible for mankind being gripped with the fear of the nuclear bomb, mainly because, man had not grown up to match the power of science in ways other than intellectual.

"One of the maladies of the present age," Mr. Nehru said, "is that it has plenty of specialists in all branches of human knowledge but very few integrated beings".

#### HONOUR & LOVE

Paying tributes to Dr. Krishnan, Mr. Nehru said he was one of the few people who looked upon life "as a single whole". Dr. Krishnan, he said, was a "likeable and lovable" person who "has endeared himself to all by his rare scientific and human qualities. Had he been a scientist alone, he would have been respected and even honoured but not loved".

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Earlier, Dr. and Mrs. Krishnan were given a traditional welcome at the central gate with the chanting of Vedic hymns and a Nagaswaram recital.

The golden shawl presented to Dr. Krishnan was donated by the head of the Dharmapuram Adhinam Mutt.

## SHAWL FOR SCIENTIST

## SIX-POIN



The 60th birthday of Dr. K. S. Krishnan, the eminent scientist of India, was celebrated at a function held at Vigyan Bhavan on Sunday. Pandit Pant is seen presenting a gold-embroidered shawl to Dr. Krishnan.

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## SCIENCE & HUMAN VALUES

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SOUVENIR FOR  
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Pandit Pant presenting a souvenir to Dr. Krishnan, the scientist, whose 60th birthday it was on Sunday.

## NEHRU PRAISES SERVICES OF DR. KRISHNAN

### 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

By A Staff Reporter

"We admire him, respect him and love him" said Mr. Nehru of Dr. K. S. Krishnan on Sunday and the speakers who followed him joined in praising the Director of the National Physical Laboratory for his services to the cause of science and his encouragement to young scientific workers.

The occasion was a special reception organized at Vigyan Bhavan by a committee to celebrate Dr. Krishnan's 60th birthday. Shawls and a welcome address were presented to him on behalf of the Head of the Dharmapuram Mutt and the Central Council of Sanskrit Education, Hyderabad.

The Prime Minister said that Dr. Krishnan had kept himself in touch with humour and humanity for he saw life as a whole following the old ideal of developing an integrated personality. These were the qualities that had endeared him to many.

Referring to the tremendous advance in science and technology in recent years he said that the main problem now was to correlate those achievements with man's advance. The rapid progress in the scientific sphere had opened new vistas but the difficulty was for the people to understand the importance of the changes and to keep pace with them. It seemed that immense knowledge had descended upon man even before he had had time to realize its importance and implications.

Pandit Pant said that Dr. Krishnan represented a synthesis of science and philosophy. He was a great scientist yet he was conscious of its limitations. The Home Minister expressed the hope that other scientists would emulate the example of Dr. Krishnan in his humility and understanding of humanity.

After Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar and Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao had praised his work Dr. Krishnan expressed his gratitude for the welcome and said that knowledge was endless and the satisfaction to a scientist or a scholar lay in the fact that he had contributed a little towards the understanding of that knowledge.

*Premier With  
Scientist*



**Mr. Nehru with Dr. K. S. Krishnan whose sixtieth birthday was celebrated on Tuesday. (Report on Page 3)**

# BIRTHDAY OF DR. KRISHNAN

(Continued from page 1)

Shrimali, Minister for Education. Sri Ayyangar said the present status of the National Physical Laboratory must be attributed to the fact that Dr. Krishnan is its director.

## A GREAT SOLACE

In his reply, Dr. Krishnan thanked the organisers of the function and others associated with it. He was feeling very grateful, he said, for the kind sentiments expressed about him. So far as his own attitude to the pursuit of scientific knowledge went, he could wish for nothing more than that the whole of his allotted span of life should be devoted to this pursuit. Compared to the revelations that science had yet to make, whatever had been done so far was mere child's play.

The contribution of an individual scientist, however great it may appear to contemporaries, is infinitesimal in the context of the totality of knowledge. Yet, the solace the scientist wanted was the feeling that he was doing his bit to advance human knowledge. It was a truly great solace.

# Dr. Krishnan Felicitated

## TRIBUTE BY NEHRU

By Our Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.—Prime Minister Nehru paid a glowing tribute to Dr. K. S. Krishnan, Director of the National Physical Laboratory for his great contribution to the advancement of science in India.

Felicitating Dr. Krishnan on his 60th birthday at the National Physical Laboratory here today, Mr. Nehru said that Dr. Krishnan was one of these rare scientists in the modern era, who combined scientific genius with human feelings and philosophy.

Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry and Chairman of the N.P.L. Executive Council, presided

## When Krishnan Drank Vodka

By Our Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.—How a teetotaler drank vodka was told today by Dr. C. H. Bhabha at the N.P.L. auditorium where Dr. K. S. Krishnan was felicitated on his 60th birthday.

Dr. Krishnan when he led an Indian delegation to Russia attended a banquet in Moscow. Someone there wanted to know how Indians drank without the glass touching their lips and Dr. Krishnan demonstrated this by drinking vodka kept in a glass there by mistake.

Dr. Krishnan, however, said that he knew that it was vodka.

over the function. The N.P.L. auditorium where the function was held was packed to capacity and important among those who attended the function were Mr. Swaran Singh, Union Minister for Steel, Mines and Fuel, Dr. J. H. Bhabha, Director of the Atomic Energy Commission and Prof. M. S. Thacker, Secretary of the Ministry of Scientific Research and Director of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Speaking with great love and affection, Mr. Nehru said: "I do not remember to have met Krishnan on any occasion when he has not narrated a new story to me—a story of his efforts in the field of science".

### GREAT SCIENTIST

The Prime Minister said: "Here is a man with so many faculties in him, a great scientist, who has specialised in many fields of science and yet, has not forgotten the essentials of human life. He enjoys life and work equally. In a corner of our mind we envy him too, because he has 'something' inside him which has brought him to such a great height".

Amidst laughter Mr. Nehru said that "for a person who has attained the age of 70, 60 looks a very small and ridiculous age and he hoped that Dr. Krishnan would live for many more years to guide the country in its scientific advancement.

Earlier, Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri said that Dr. Krishnan was amongst those half-a-dozen scientists, who had made a name and earned a high position not only in his own country but in the whole world also.

The staff of the N.P.L. presented Dr. Krishnan a silver plate on which was inscribed the laboratory. In a statement the members of the staff association said that they had been greatly inspired by Dr. Krishnan's guidance.

Prof. M. S. Thacker described Dr. Krishnan as a "tower of great strength and a guide" to everyone in the field of science. He also unveiled a portrait of Dr. Krishnan at the N.P.L. auditorium.

Dr. C. H. Bhabha said that students of science were being greatly benefited by Dr. Krishnan's guidance. He had a very human approach to all problems.

Dr. Krishnan was deeply moved by the warmth and affection with which tributes were paid to him and his voice was shaking when he rose to speak.

He said that he wished he could do more and more work in the field of science and expressed his desire to retire from the directorship of the National Physical Laboratory. This, he said, would enable him to devote his wholehearted attention to science.

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## Scientist With Sense Of Humour Nehru's Tribute To Dr. Krishnan

By A Staff Correspondent

The 60th birthday of Dr. K. S. Krishnan, the eminent physicist, was celebrated in an impressive manner in the Capital on Sunday.

Prime Minister Sri Nehru inaugurated, while the Union Home Minister presided over a largely-attended, two-hour function held in this connection in the Vigyan Bhavan. Rich tributes to the many qualities of Dr. Krishnan were paid by Sri Nehru, Pandit Pant and others.

The function opened with the traditional 'Purnakumbham' reception to Dr. Krishnan and his wife. Both were heavily garlanded. A golden shawl donated by the Dharmapuram Adbinam Mutt of Madras, as also shawls on behalf of the Central Council of Sanskrit Education, Hyderabad, and the Delhi Tamil Sangam were presented to Dr. Krishnan by the Home Minister Pandit Pant.

In his brief inaugural speech, Sri Nehru said: "Dr. Krishnan's speciality lies in the fact that he is not merely a highly eminent scientist, he is something more: he is an integrated personality who views life as a whole, whose wide sympathies and interests preclude the possibility of his getting into a groove, and who as a consequence may be described as the 'perfect citizen'.

"In the modern age, when science and technology are making such rapid strides and when it is clear that human beings are not sufficiently developed otherwise to make the best use of the advancing scientific knowledge, it becomes very important that there be men like Dr. Krishnan who are not only experts in their own line but also know what is good and what is not for humanity.

"What makes him particularly loveable and likeable is his sense of humour. The scientist may be respected, even feared, but if he is only a scientist and nothing more than that, he cannot be liked. Dr. Krishnan has retained his touch with humanity.

"So, we admire him, we respect him, but above all, we love him", the Prime Minister said amidst cheers.

Pandit Pant described Dr. Krishnan as a synthesis of science and philosophy, of the virile dynamism of the modern world and the serene wisdom of our ancient men of learning. In the scientific circles the world over, Dr. Krishnan commands high respect, a fact which made all Indians feel so proud of him, Pandit Pant said.

Tributes to the eminent scientist were paid also by Sri Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, Speaker of the Lok Sabha; Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao Vice-Chancellor of the Delhi University; Dr. Bhagwatam, Director of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; and Dr. K. L.



Pandit Pant presenting a golden shawl to Dr. Krishnan, Director of the National Physical Laboratory, whose 60th birthday was celebrated in New Delhi on Sunday.

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