



The Palms

Platinum Jubilee Souvenir 1930-2006



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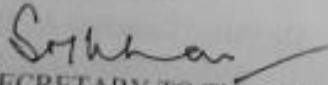
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MESSAGE

The President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, is happy to know that the Ismail Yusuf College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai is organising a National Conference on Indian English Poetry and Poets on the occasion of its Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and also bringing out a Platinum Jubilee Souvenir of its College Magazine.

The President extends his warm greetings and felicitations to the Principal, staff and students of the College and wishes the College continuing success in the years to come.

The President sends his best wishes for the success of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and the Conference.

  
PRESS SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT

**THE FIRST PRINCIPAL**



The late Dr. M. B. Rehman who served the College  
from 4th April 1930 until 16th May 1947



*A historic visit : The freedom fighter Netaji Subhashchandra Bose with the founder Principal Dr. M. B. Rehman*



## An Experiment in Social Service

Like everything under the sky, democracy grows from below. Bharat can rightly claim to be a prosperous and progressive nation not by the display of pomp and power in its capital and mighty cities but by the raising of the standard of living and culture in the 700,000 little villages scattered throughout the length and breadth of our land. But this progress will not fall upon the villages like a ripe apple from the capital of the country. Nor can the national heroes who won us our independence be expected to visit each village and take interest even in trifling matters, such as the construction of village roads, the erection of wayside sheds and the inculcation of a sense of hygiene in the common man. No one will deny that freedom is the birthright of every individual. But who can gainsay its corollary that, once the birthright is acquired, a kind of "birth-duty" immediately follows? The price of democracy is the fulfilment by every citizen of his duty to the common weal. It will not, therefore, be out of place to narrate here the story of such a little experiment in self-help and national reconstruction carried out during the last summer vacation in my village, and in which I played an active role.

Whenever I neared my village, little Ambet in the district of Kolaba, the first thought that used to cross my mind was of the need of a proper jetty where the launches could halt. My village is situated on the river Gawitri, and to reach it meant undergoing much inconvenience on the water-route. I had entertained fond hopes that some wealthy gentleman would remove these troubles. Appeals had also been made to the Government. But all had been in vain.

On the 26th of March 1950, however, in a flash of inspiration I realized that truly God helps those who help themselves. On this day, penniless though I was, I made bold to confide to my young village friends my ambition to have the jetty constructed by raising public funds. There and then we founded the Gaon Sudhar Nawaiwan Committee, Ambet. I gathered together only the young, to avoid the gloomy forecasts of elders. And I set forth fully confident of winning the moral and material support of the public. For how could my mission, motivated by a sincere and selfless desire, meet with failure?

The committee consisted of eight members, irrespective of caste, class or creed. I was the convener, but all had equal powers. Three of us went for collecting funds, two attended to the purchases, while the rest helped where necessary. In addition, we asked an experienced young man to be the supervisor over the whole affair.

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With the next day, collections had begun in earnest. The total estimate of the construction was Rs. 3,000. On the 29th March, though we had only Rs. 250 in hand, we signed a contract of Rs. 1,000 with the mason. The fast approaching rainy season and our enthusiasm led us on to collect and construct side by side. But some ridicule this and others grieved about it. We had to pocket endless insults. Moreover, we had no money for travel. Luckily, however, the launch owners generously allowed free travel to us, and we did the land journeys on foot. Again, to employ labour on wages was beyond our means. I and a Maratha youth, who has influence with the kunbees or labourers, had to impress them with the importance of free labour for social work in free Bharat. Had we not been successful in winning the labour over, we would have incurred an additional expenditure of Rs. 700 or more.

Finally on the 18th April, the foundation stone was laid. Construction and collection then began racing neck to neck. On the 9th, the work was completed. On the 12th May, amid a pompous ceremony, with neighbouring villagers in our midst and guests praising the jetty as the finest and strongest in the whole region, the inauguration took place.

But our work was not yet done. The lack of a dharmashala caused great inconvenience to travellers during the monsoons and in the scorching heat of summer. We therefore resolved to erect a shed near the jetty. I obtained a donation of Rs. 500 from a philanthropic old gentleman, and the public provided the necessary wood. On the 13th May the foundation was laid, and with a month of hard work the construction was completed.

The committee had collected about Rs. 6,000 in cash or kind after a tour of twenty-two villages. We then published a brief report in Marathi of the work done in the two and a half months, with an account of the income and expenditure, and distributed the copies to each donor. By the 22nd, my little experiment in self-help and national reconstruction was over. In a couple of days I was back once more among the Ismailites. My comrades and I had understood an all-important lesson: "Democracy expects each man to do his duty".

A. R. Antulay  
Senior B. A.

### Forget You Not

Smith is a young lawyer, clever in many respects, but very forgetful. He had been sent to interview an important client, when the head of his firm received this telegram: "Have forgotten name of client. Please wire at once."

The reply was a masterpiece of sarcasm. It ran: "Client's name Jenkins. Your name Smith."

CHIEF MINISTER AT COLLEGE DAY



Principal Bannerjee  
Welcomes the Chief Guest



Shri B. G. Kher  
Acknowledges Greetings



That was Easy !  
(Finish of Men's 100 metres)



This is Easier !  
(Women's 50 metres)

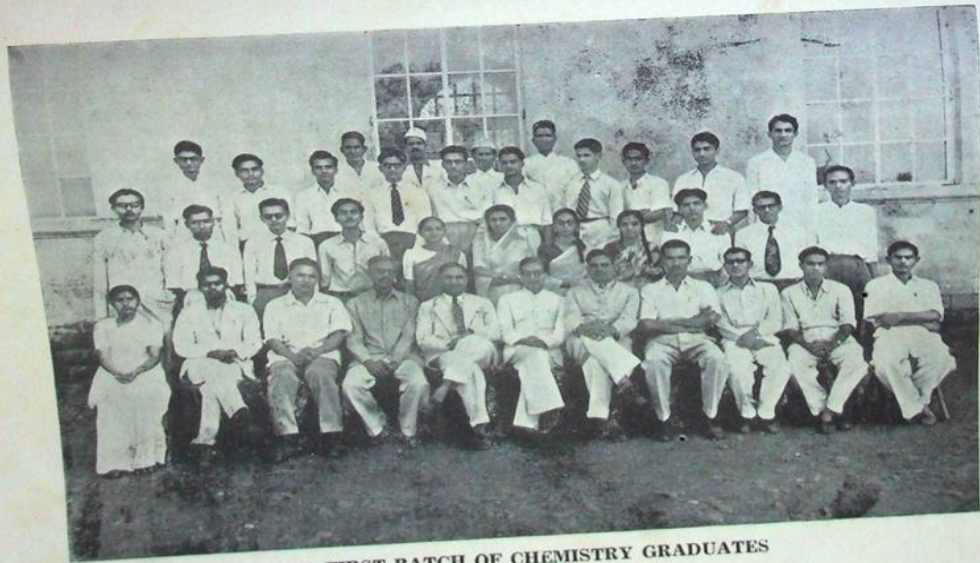


Balance !  
(Lemon and Spoon Race)



Harmony !  
(Girls' Lezim Party)

(Photos : Prof. N. B. Inamdar)



THE FIRST BATCH OF CHEMISTRY GRADUATES



The Rt. Hon. SIR FREDERICK HUGH SYKES, GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY



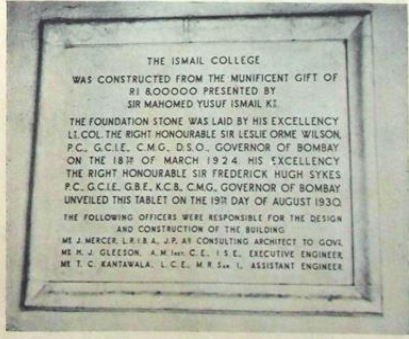
THE GOVERNOR ARRIVES

MOULVI SIR RAFIYUDDIN AHMED,  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION,  
GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY,  
1930



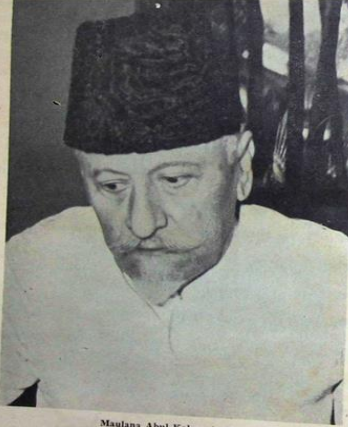
BUT FOR WHOM THE COLLEGE  
WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN  
STARTED

HE UNVEILS THE TABLET



THE ISMAIL COLLEGE  
WAS CONSTRUCTED FROM THE MUNIFICENT GIFT OF  
RS 6,00,000 PRESENTED BY  
SIR MAHOMED YUSUF ISMAIL K.T.  
THE FOUNDATION STONE WAS LAID BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
LT. COL. THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR LESLIE ORME WILSON,  
P.C., G.C.I.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY  
ON THE 18TH OF MARCH 1924. HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR FREDERICK HUGH SYKES  
P.C., G.C.I.E., G.B.E., K.C.S.I., C.M.G., GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY  
UNVEILED THIS TABLET ON THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST 1930.  
THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN  
AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING  
MR J. MERCER, L.R.I.B.A., J.P., ARCHITECT CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO GOVT.  
MR R. J. GLEESON, A.M.I.C.E., I.S.E., EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.  
MR T. C. RANTAWALA, I.C.E., M.R.S.M.I., ASSISTANT ENGINEER.

THE EDUCATION MINISTER, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



Maulana Abul Kalam Azad



EDUCATION MINISTER,  
INDIA.

New Delhi, the 27th October 1955.

I would like to send my greetings and good wishes to the Ismail Yusuf College on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee. Our colleges in India have to play a vital role in shaping the ideology of our young men and women and developing in them high standards of thinking and character. I hope this College will be able to make a valuable contribution to the achievement of this objective.

*A.K. Azad*  
(A.K. Azad)

L-8 No 5207-2

THE DONOR WITH THE GYMKHANA MANAGING COMMITTEE



The donor is in the centre

THE DONOR



Sir Mahomed Yusuf, Kt., who Presided over the College Day Celebrations on 18th December

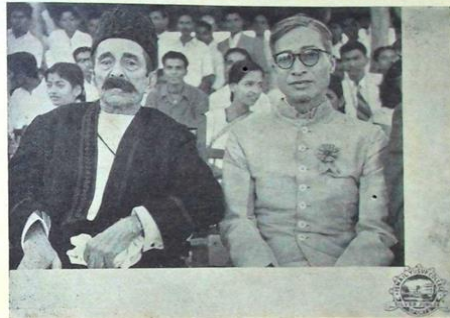
On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Year of the "PALMS" I would like to impress on the students of the College that they should exert themselves both physically and mentally to make their College one of the foremost in this great city of ours, nay in the whole of India. The most urgent need of the present day is to cultivate a spirit of national pride in our common heritage. Let us develop our character and imbibe knowledge so that we may become better able to hold our own in the hard days of struggle, and march on hand in hand to the great destiny that awaits our country.



THE COLLEGE DAY



THE DONOR WITH THE PRINCIPAL

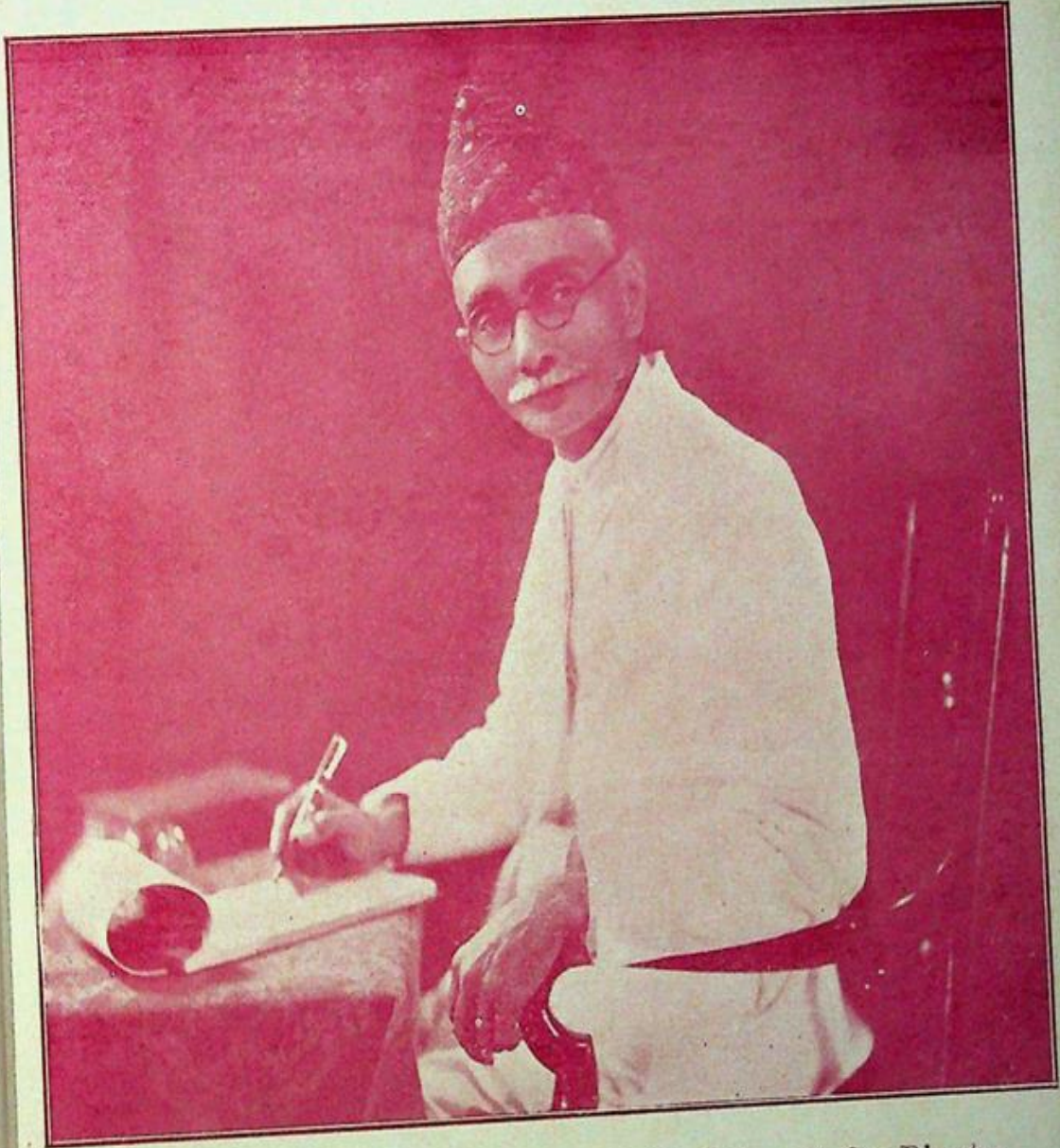


THE CHIEF MINISTER WITH THE PRINCIPAL





Seth Mathuradas Vissanji J. P.



Director, Imperial Bank; Director, Associated Cement Co; Director, Bombay Telephone Co; Director, Bombay Burma Trading Corporation etc. etc. who presided on the College Day celebrations on February 19, 1938.

## OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITORS



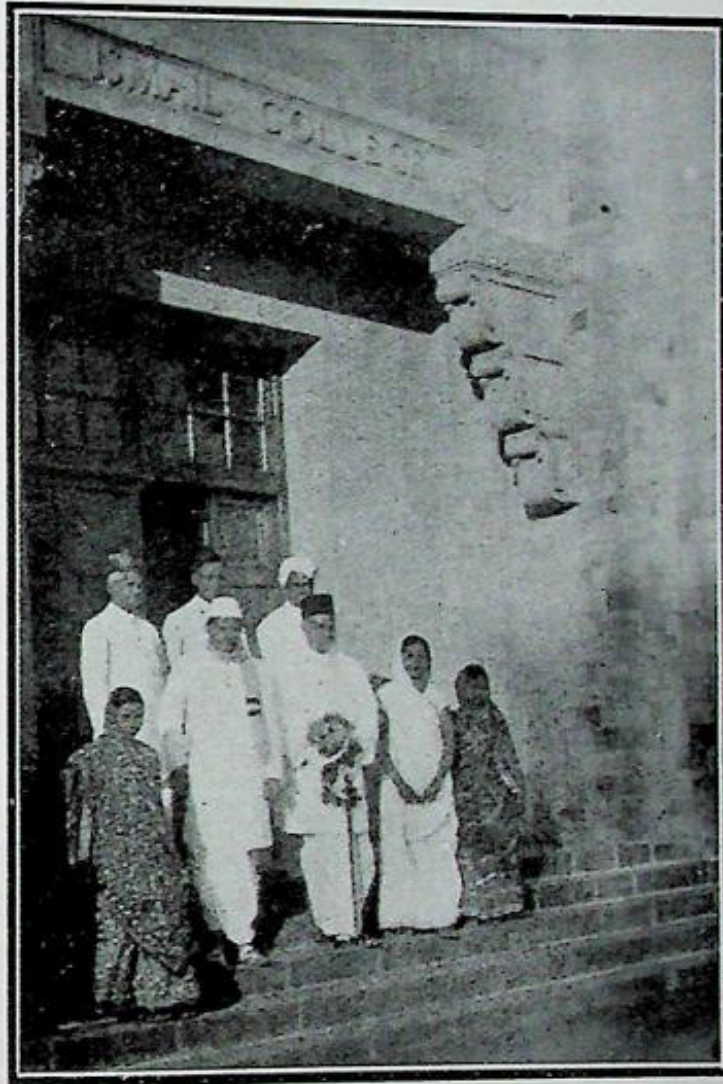
1. Shri Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Bombay.
2. Shri S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay.
3. Shri Abdul Rehman Yusuf, Chief Guest, Republic Day.
4. Shri P. H. Gandhi, President, Poor Students' Day.
5. Shri Fazal Rahimtoola, Sheriff of Bombay.
6. Shri A. A. Jadsenwala, Chief Guest, College Day.

Shri MORARJI DESAI, CHIEF MINISTER OF BOMBAY



Addressing the gathering of past and present students on the last day of  
the Silver Jubilee Celebrations on 19th December 1954

A distinguished Gujarati Poet at the College.

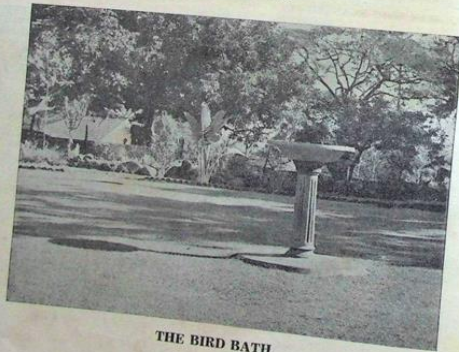


Mr. Nanalal Kavi ( centre ) addressed the members of the Gujarati Mandal in the 2nd term. He was photographed along with some professors and guests on this occasion.

A VIEW OF THE COLLEGE GARDEN



from the corridor



THE BIRD BATH

OPEN AIR CLASS ?

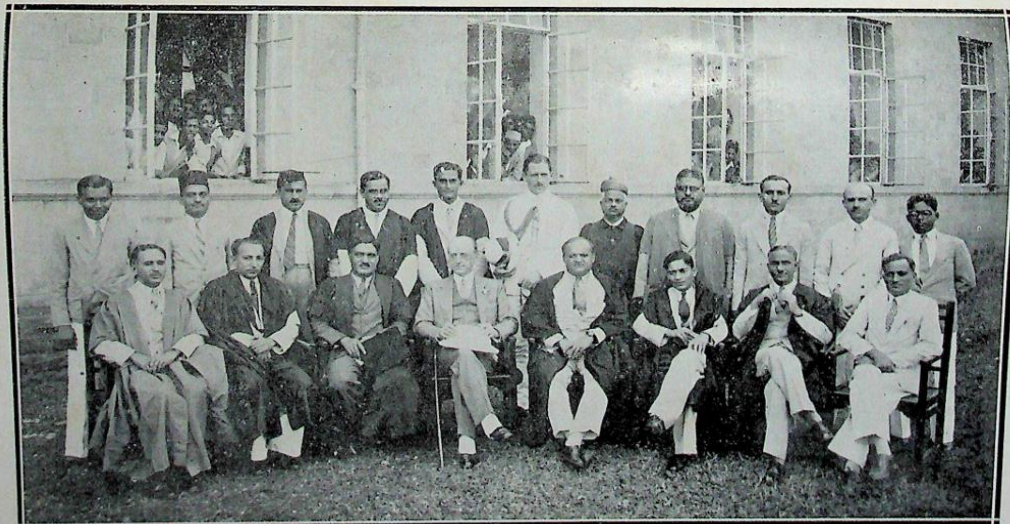


OR PLAIN TRUANCY ?



THE ISMAIL COLLEGE STAFF

Photographed with His Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Nov 33



Principal His Excellency Prof. Prof. Prof.  
 Seated:- DR. MUKHTAR DR. HAMDANI REHMAN SIR FREDERICK SYKES AFONSO AHMAD NADVI DR. SHAH  
 Prof. Prof. Prof. A. D. C.to Prof. Prof. Prof. Prof.  
 Standing:- MR. MEHTA MP. WANI DAUOPOTA BHAGVAT BOBB HIS EXCELLENCY BHADKAMKAR Z. AHMED NAQVI ASANA



His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Lord BRABOURNE G.C.I.E., M.C.  
Governor of Bombay, who presided over the College Day  
Celebrations on the 26th February, 1934.

Winners of the Brabourne Elocution Trophy



Messrs. R. A. Zakaria & Malick Wahedna



Mr. M. I. Siddiqi  
Chancellor's Gold Medalist for 1940-41



Mr. A. U. Shaikh

Distinctions secured by him at the Intermediate examination 1941, raise expectations of his being a Chancellor's Gold Medalist later.