

PODAR'S SOCIAL COMMITMENT AND THE ANANDILAL PODAR TRUST





INSCRIPTION ON THE PEDESTAL OF THE STATUE OF SHRI ANANDILAL PODAR AT MALABAR HILL, BOMBAY.

SETH ANANDILAL PODAR J.P.
(Born 21st October 1874 - Died 6th May, 1940)

In Accordance With the decision of the Public meeting of citizens of Bombay Convened by the Sheriff of Bombay with his worship the Mayor in the Chair on 19th September 1940. This Statue has been put up as a tribute by the city of Bombay To that leading citizen Commercial Magnate and Philanthropist Who did abiding Service to the city During his career of thirty years 20th November 1947





our chairmen



Mahatma Gandhi
The father of the nation

First chairman of the Trust
(1922-1930)

Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya

**The Founder Trustee and
Chairman of the Trust**
(1930-1946)



Raja Ramdeo A. Podar

Chairman of the Trust
(1946-1952)

Dr. Ramnath A. Podar

Chairman of the Trust
(1952-1989)



Kantikumar R. Podar

**Current Chairman of
the Trust**
(Since 1989)



trustees

Shri Anandilal Podar

**Founder Trustee
(1922-1940)**



Shri Jamnalal Bajaj

**Founder Trustee
(1922-1930)**



Shri Ganeshnarayan R. Podar

**Trustee
(Past)**



Shri Vinaykumar R. Podar

**Trustee
(Past)**

Smt. Snehalata K. Podar

**Trustee
(Present)**



Shri Rajiv K. Podar

**Vice-President-Trustee
(Present)**





Shrihari

Respected Shri Mahatma Gandhiji.

Pranam. I agree to give a donation of Rs. 2,01,000/- to Tilak Swarajya Fund on the conditions mentioned below:

Rs. 1,51,000/- (Rupees one lakh and fiftyone thousand only) may be spent in opening a National Brahmacharya Ashram at Nawalgarh Jaipur in Shekhawati.

Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) may be spent for spreading National Education in Shekhawati, Rajasthan.

To spend the above stated amount of Rs. 2,01,000/-, a Committee of Trustees as stated below may be formed to manage the Brahmacharya Ashram and spread education.

1. Mahatma M. Gandhi President
2. Pandit Madanmoharji Malviya
3. Shri Jammalalji Bajaj
4. Anandilal Podar Self

The majority opinion of the above four persons will manage the above. Both the works will be in the hands of one Sub Committee. The above amount from Tilak Swaraj Fund will be deposited in the names of the aforesaid four persons in any Indian Bank or Banks.

Yours
Anandilal Podar
Mti Jashtha Shukla 11,
Samvat 1978
16th June, 1921

N.B. I request that Mahatma Gandhiji, Malviyaji and Shri Jammalalji arrive for the inauguration of the above institutions at their own convenience.



The letter of Shri Anandilal Podar to Mahatma Gandhi offering to give a donation of Rs. 2,01,000/- to 'Tilak Swarajya Fund' 16th June, 1921



Anand Bhawan Allahabad 15-7-1921

Shri Babu Anandilal Podar.

Dear Sir,

I have received through Shri Jammalal the copy of your letter addressed to respected Mahatmaji.

I have great pleasure in informing you that your donation of Rs. 2,01,000/- has been accepted on the same conditions referred to in your letter. Many thanks for your generous donation. Whatever action you take to finalise the Trust, may be informed to me, so that it may be noted in this office.

Please send the amount of donation by cheque.

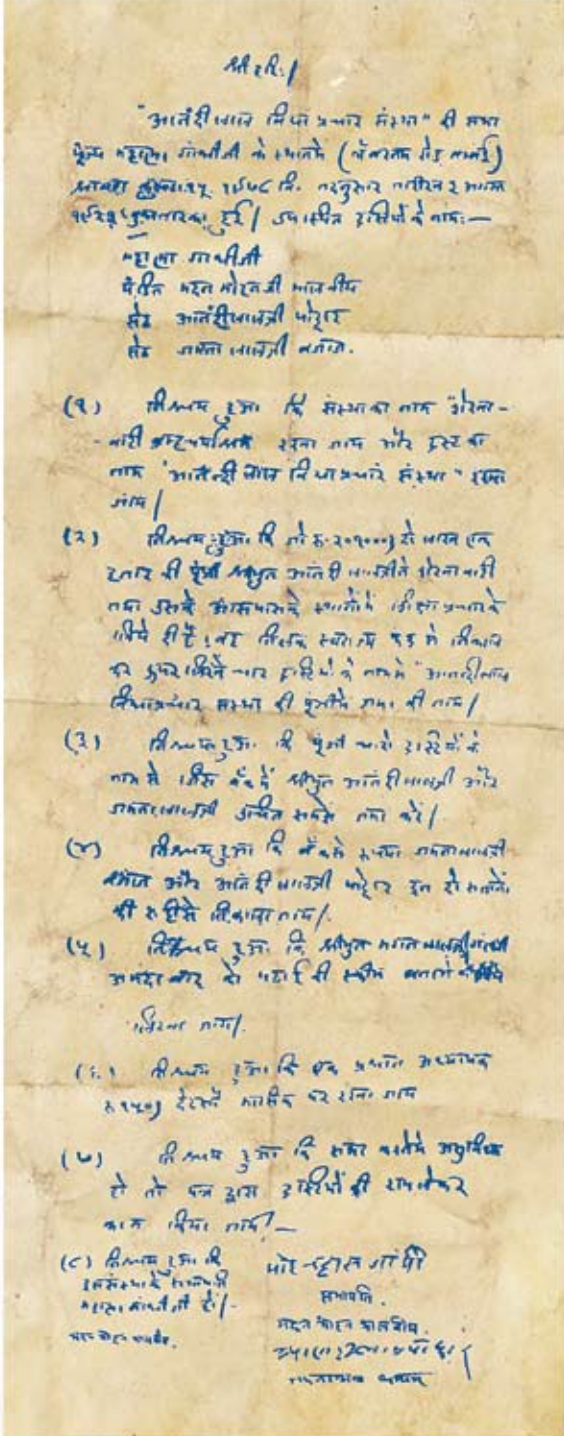
Yours sincerely
Motilal Nehru



Response of Shri Motilal Nehru, General Secretary, All India Congress Committee to Shri Anandilal Podar accepting his donation. 15th July, 1921



Trust-minutes of the first meeting



English version of the original minutes

'Shrihari'

A meeting of 'Anandilal Vidya Prachar Sanstha' was held at the place of Pujya Mahatma Gandhiji (Labournam Road, Bombay) on Miti-Shravan Krishna 15, Samvat 1978, that is on August 2, 1922. The names of the Trustees present :

Mahatma Gandhiji
Pandit Madan Mohanji Malviya
Seth Anandilalji Podar
Seth Jamnalalji Bajaj

1. It was decided that the institution be named 'Shekhawati Brahmcharya Ashram' and the Trust be named 'Anandilal Vidya Prachar Sanstha', (Anandilal Education Society).
2. It was decided that the capital of Rs. 2,01,000 (Two lac one thousand), given by Shriyut Anandilalji for the development of education in Shekhawati and neighbouring region, be withdrawn from Tilak Swaraj Fund and deposited with the capital of 'Anandilal Vidya Prachar Sanstha' in the name of the aforementioned four trustees.
3. It was decided that the capital be deposited in the name of the four trustees in whichever bank Shriyut Anandilalji and Jamnalalji found it appropriate.
4. It was decided that money could be withdrawn from the bank through the signatures of these two gentlemen : Jamnalalji Bajaj and Anandilalji Podar.
5. It was decided that Shriyut Maganlalji Gandhi at Ahmedabad be written to prepare a scheme for studies.
6. It was decided that a Head Master be kept at Rs. 150 (Rs. One Hundred fifty) per month.
7. It was decided that in the event of inconvenience in organising meeting, the functioning be carried out by obtaining suggestions from the trustees by post.
8. It was decided that Mahatma Gandhiji would be the Chairman of this Institution.

Sd/-
Mohandas Gandhi, Chairman
Madan Mohan Malviya
Anandilal Podar
Jamnalal Bajaj

Minutes of the First Meeting of The Anandilal Education Society, now renamed The Anandilal Podar Trust, signed by all four Trustees, viz., Shri Mahatma Gandhi, Shri Madan Mohan Malviya, Shri Jamnalal Bajaj and Shri Anandilal Podar on August 2, 1922

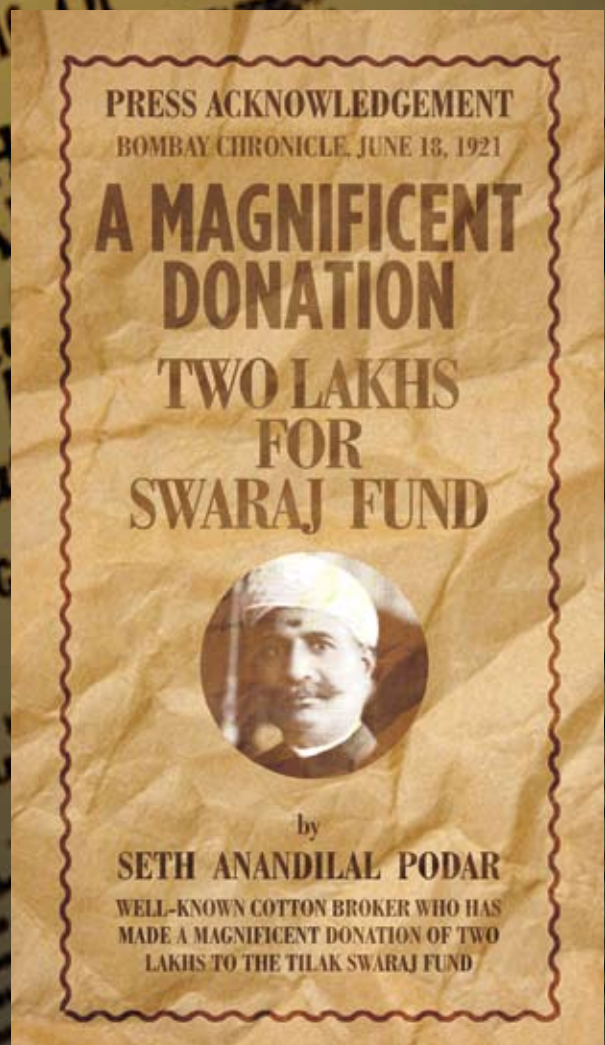


Press acknowledgement and appreciation

PRESS APPRECIATION THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE June 19, 1921

A SPLENDID EXAMPLE

We have great pleasure in announcing the magnificent donation made by Mr. Anandilal Podar to the Tilak Swaraj Fund. The amount donated by Mr. Podar is one-thirtieth of the balance that must be collected by the end of the month to make up the crore which Mahatma Gandhi has appealed to the people of India to subscribe as an acid test of their determination to win Swaraj. There are more than thirty individuals in this great and rich city who can, if they so wish, give as much as Mr. Podar has given, if not twice, thrice or even five or ten times as much. Will they be patriotic enough to do so, if they feel for the wrongs of their country, if they feel the unutterable humiliation of remaining one day longer under a system of government which is based on the insulting assumption that they are unfit to be masters in their own house? Mr. Podar has set them a splendid example. We heartily congratulate Mr. Podar for the patriotic gift which will earn for him the enduring gratitude of his countrymen.





Trust and Social Commitment

The saga of the Podar Family's

social commitment begins with the active life of Shri Anandilal Podar. He was a great humanist, philanthropist and a commercial magnate wedded to the social commitment. His vision was foresighted enough to serve the society by creating and nurturing institutions of learning, health care, worship, sports, recreation etc.

In 1921, Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation, gave a call to the nation for a donation, amounting to Rs. 1 crore under the banner of 'Tilak Swaraj Fund'. He announced that if the fund was not collected in a given time, he would relinquish politics and go to the Himalayas. Due to oppressive British Raj, people were afraid of donating and be in the limelight. Less than 20 days remained to the last date and insignificant money was collected. Shri Motilal Nehru, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, Shri Jamnalal Bajaj and the other leaders were full of anxiety. They well knew of the resolve of Mahatma Gandhi but had no solution in sight. They could collect the money but wanted someone to take the lead. Shri Jamnalal Bajaj thought that he could probably approach his friend, a middle level but very bold, noble hearted businessman, to take the initiative in the interest of the nation. He approached Shri Anandilal who readily agreed to give a donation of Rs. 2,01,000/- to 'Tilak Swaraj Fund'.



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Shri Anandilal, requested Shri Jamnalal Bajaj and Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya if his contribution could be utilised for education in his home town, Nawalgarh, and if a Trust could be formed with Mahatma Gandhi as the Chairman Trustee and Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, Shri Jamnalal Bajaj and he himself as the founder Trustees. Mahatma Gandhi agreed. The same year, The Anandilal Education Society was formed with the above four Trustees. As visualised, the fund was collected in time.

Moving with times and activities undertaken, the Society's name was changed to The Anandilal Podar Charitable Society in 1936 and then to The Anandilal Podar Trust in 1999.



In 1930, owing to their political pre-occupation, Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Jamnalal Bajaj retired from the Trusteeship of the Society.

Shri Madan Mohan Malviya, the Founder Trustee and the most renowned scholar of that time became the Chairman of the Society till his demise in 1946.

Thereafter, two sons of Shri Anandilal chaired the Trust and guided its activities - viz. Raja Ramdeo from 1946 to 1952, and Dr. Ramnath from 1952 to 1989. Since then i.e. 1989 Shri Kantikumar, grandson of Shri Anandilal and son of Dr. Ramnath heads the Trust.

To begin with, the Society/Trust established a 'Shekhawati Brahmacharya Ashram' (School) in 1922 at Nawalgarh, in the State of Jaipur, now part of Rajasthan. The same was elevated to a High School (1930) and subsequently to Intermediate College (1942) and to Post Graduate College (1947). It was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Jaipur State, Sir Mirza Ismail. This college had the distinction of being the first College in the State of Jaipur. It was started prior to Rajasthan University and had to be affiliated to Agra University in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

To give concrete shape to the noble ideals, the Podar family established various institutions/establishments, almost all bearing the names of Podar. Today they number almost 50 institutions. They comprise of Schools, Colleges, Management Institutes, Teachers Education and Vocational Training Centres, Labour Recreation Centre, Ayurvedic Hospital with 310 beds. Ayurvedic College, Ayurvedic (Medical) Research Centre, Dumb and Deaf School, Sports Complex, Temples, Museum, Cultural Centre, Conference Halls, Hostels, Recreation Park etc.

Nawalgarh being the first Social Commitment of Podars and The Anandilal Podar Trust being located there, a special reference about it is given below:

All establishments at Nawalgarh are being run by The Anandilal Podar Trust.

Nawalgarh, a small town of approximately 70,000 persons (Year 2005) is amongst the most progressive Education Complex in Rajasthan. The College has very competent Professors and



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Teachers. In Keeping pace with modern system of teaching, a huge well staffed air-conditioned Computer Centre is functioning. Computer education is made compulsory from Primary School to College. The College also has the third biggest library in the State. Internet facility is provided to all Professors and Students.

Even in Science and Management, it has post graduate classes in diverse subjects such as Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Biotechnology, Information Technology, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, P.G. Diploma in Marketing Management, Human Resources Management, Computer Application, Computer Accounting and Audit etc. It is for these reasons that the College is amongst the top institutions in Rajasthan. Year 2006 will see addition of such diverse professional subject as Advance Diploma in Retail Management, Travels & Tourism, Insurance & Risk Management and current hot subject - Animation.

The Trust established an Institute for Career Development. The Institute takes care of the overall personality development, fluency in English and Special training for specific needs of the Industry. The Institute is in regular touch with over 100 Industrial establishments to get its M.S. students in particular, trained in Industry and also get them employment.



**Nawalgarh,
a small town of
approximately
100,000
persons (Year
2012-13) is
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In Sports, Podar Sports Club has excelled in Cricket. Number of its students have been in the University team. In Football, it has won Inter Collegiate Tournament in the years 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2014 in Athletics (20 km. Walk) in 2003 and was runner up in Volleyball in the years 2000, 2003 and 2005. In individual events, the College won in Wrestling in 1999 and 2004, Boxing (48 kgs) in 2000, Boxing Open weight in 2001, Javellin throw in 2002, Judo (84 kgs) in 2004. The College won the Rajasthan University Inter Collegiate Handball Tournament, 2005-06. In the same year College won Rajputana Cup in the Rajasthan University Inter Collegiate Athletics Meet.

Paintings, Craftmanship, Debating, Chess, Badminton, Table-tennis, Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming and more are also being encouraged.

The NSS volunteers of the College, who represented the entire Rajasthan, won the award for the best participation at the National Integration Camp (2005) sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India held at Srinagar in Uttaranchal.



Social tributes to Podars

In recognition of the contributions of Shri Anandilal to the community and at the suggestion of Shri Vallabhbhai Patel; citizens of Bombay installed a 7 feet statue at one of the most prestigious and prominent place in the heart of Bombay – the Hanging Gardens, the only statue of a Rajasthani in Mumbai till today. (1947)



Citizens established a Statue Circle at the entrance of the Town of Nawalgarh with a 7 feet statue of Shri Anandilal as a mark of respect to his memory. (1974)



Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, President of India, specially visited Bombay to be the Chief Guest at Centenary Function on the very birthday of the founder, Shri Anandilal. (1974)



Raja Ramdeo was the first Rajasthani to be appointed Sheriff of Bombay by combined States of Maharashtra and Gujarat. (1952)



The State of Jaipur (now Rajasthan) bestowed the title of Raja (King) to Shri Ramdeo at a special Durbar held to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Maharaja Mansingh of Jaipur. (1947)



Dr. Rajendra Prasad, First President of India specially visited Nawalgarh to perform the opening ceremony of the Raja Ramdeo Podar Smriti Bhawan – a large indoor and outdoor sports complex and cultural centre. (1955)



Shri Ramnath was conferred the honour of Degree of Doctor of Laws by University of Rajasthan. (1976)



Dr. Rajendra Prasad, First President of India, unveiling the Portrait of Shri Jarnalal Bajaj, Founder Trustee, now renamed The Anandilal Podar Trust, Others are Shri G.D. Birla, Maharaja Mansingh of Jaipur and Raj Pramukh of Rajasthan, Shri Kamalnayan Bajaj and Dr. Ramnath. Nawalgarh (1955).



Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of India, Dr. Ramnath and Smt. Panabai at Podar House (Haveli), Nawalgarh (1955).



Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru, First Prime Minister of India and Dr. Ramnath at Dinner at Podar House, Jaipur (1963).



Smt. Indira Gandhi at Dinner at Podar House, Jaipur (1963).

The President also unveiled the life size statue of Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation, at the Gandhi Park, built and maintained by the Trust as its gratitude to its first Chairman Trustee. He also unveiled two statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya which were installed on the campus of Podar College, Nawalgarh. (1955)



Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, Prime Minister of India paid his homage by visiting the Anandilal Podar Statue Circle at Nawalgarh (1964).



Government of Maharashtra appointed Shri Kantikumar, the Second Podar and youngest person as Sheriff of Bombay (1974).



Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India graciously agreed to Dr. Ramnath hosting a Dinner at his House at Jaipur at the time of Congress Annual Session. The Dinner was attended by a very large number, almost all Congressmen were present. Many prominent persons like Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, Shri G. L. Nanda, Shri Morarji Desai, Smt. Indira Gandhi, who all were future Prime Ministers of India. Shri Jagjivan Ram, Shri V.P. Naik, Shri S. K. Patil, Shri B. G. Kher and Shri M. L. Sukhadia etc. etc. also attended the Dinner, Jaipur (1963).



Our founder: Shri Anandilal Podar



Was born at Nawalgarh on 21st October 1874 and died in 1940.



Married to Smt. Mahadevi in 1886 who died in 1936.



Was blessed with four sons (1) Ramdeo (2) Ramniranjan (3) Ramnath (4) Rambilas and one daughter Bhagwanibai and three grandsons viz. (i) Ganeshnarayan (ii) Kantikumar (iii) Vinaykumar. Two of his sons Ramniranjan and Rambilas died at a comparatively young age.

Presence - Business

Struggled with economic difficulties in childhood.



Went to Assam for service.



Arrived in Bombay in 1893 to make Career in Business.



Established himself in the Cotton trade of Bombay and gained expertise as a Cotton broker.



Was instrumental in organising the Bombay Cotton Brokers and its Association and was its first President (1907)



Played significant role in the formation of The East India Cotton Association, Bombay. At the instance of Sir Purushottam Das Thakurdas, he was given the honour to perform the Bhumi Pooja



Shri Anandilal and four sons, Raja Ramdeo, Shri Ramniranjan, Dr. Ramnath and Shri Rambilas and two grand children. Sushilabai and Ganeshnarayan. Bombay (1935).



Shri Anandilal speaking at the First Annual Function of Seth Anandilal Podar High School, Bombay (1931).



Shri Anandilal performing the Bhumi Pooja of the building of the East India Cotton Association, Bombay (1932).



Shri B. D. Jatti, Vice-President of India, during his visit for Birth Centenary Celebrations of Shri Anandilal, Others. Shri Joginder Singh, Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Hardeo Joshi, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Ramkrishna Bajaj, Maharani Smt. Gayatri Devi of Jaipur, Dr. Ramnath and Shri Kantikumar, Jaipur (1974).

and lay the foundation stone of the Office building and trading place of The East India Cotton Association, Bombay (1932).



He took initiative in purchasing a Cotton Mill and set up the first Japanese joint venture in the country with a Japanese Enterprise - Toyo Menka Kaisha, a subsidiary of Mitsui of Japan viz. Toyo Podar Mills, Bombay (1924).

Presence - Social

Contributed a donation of Rs. 2,01,000/- to Tilak Swaraj Fund in 1921 and formed The Anandilal Education Society, now renamed The Anandilal Podar Trust, with Mahatma Gandhi as its first Trustee Chairman.



Donated a large sum of money to Japan for the Relief to its Earthquake Victims (1923).



Played a very important role in establishing The Marwari Vidyalaya High School, Bombay (1912).



Established The Santacruz Education Society and was its first President. The Society established The Anandilal Podar School at Santacruz in Bombay. (1929)



Was President of the All India Agarwal Mahasabha. (1925)



Established Educational Institutions at Nawalgarh, Bhawani Mandi and Bombay.

Presence - Politics

He took part in Boycotting the Simon Commission. (1929)

Recognition

He was offered the title of Rai Bahadur and then Knighthood but being a core nationalist, he humbly declined the same.



He was decorated with the title of ‘Vanijya Bhushan’ (Jewel of Business) and “Tizimi Sardar’ (Title of reverence) by the state of Jhalawar (Rajasthan).



Several Roads in the City of Bombay have been named after him.



His statues have been installed at very prominent public places in Bombay and Nawalgarh.

Presence - Religion

Was very pious and used to visit temple every day.



Constructed Temple – Laxminarayan Temple at Santacruz Bombay.

Birth Centenary Celebrations

The year 1974, the birth centenary of the founder Shri Anandilal was a hectic year. The Centenary was celebrated for a full year in a very exemplary manner in Bombay, Jaipur, Nawalgarh and Bhawani Mandi.



Shri Sudhir Joshi, Mayor of Bombay, visited Hanging Gardens on 1st of January 1974 and garlanded the statue of Shri Anandilal and thus launched the Centenary year.



Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, President of India specially visited Bombay to be the Chief Guest at a glittering function on the very birthday of the founder Shri Anandilal (October 21, 1974) and garlanded his statue. The function was held at Hanging Garden. The function was graced by four Governors



Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, President of India, paying homage to Shri Anandilal on his Birth Centenary Day. Others are Shri Ali Yavar Jung, Governor of Maharashtra, Shri K.K. Shah, Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri R.D. Bhandare, Governor of Bihar, Shri S.K. Wankhede, Speaker, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, Chairman, Anandilal Podar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee. Bombay (1974)



Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, Prime Minister of India at the Statue of Shri Anandilal at Statue Circle, Nawalgarh. Also seen are Shri Mohanlal Sukhadia, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Smt. Lalita Lal Bahadur Shastri, Shri & Smt. Ramkrishna Bajaj, Dr. Ramnath, Rawal Madan Singh of Nawalgarh, Shri Kantikumar and others (1964).

Shri G. S. Pathak, Vice-President of India at the Birth Centenary Celebration of Shri Anandilal at Anandilal Podar Statue Circle, Nawalgarh (1974).



of different states, several Ministers, Mayor, Sheriff, eminent industrialists Shri Naval H. Tata, Shri K. K. Birla, Shri Tulsidas Kilachand, Shri Babubhai M. Chinai and many other leading lights from business, civil life, Consular Corps. In all more than 10,000 persons from Labour, Trade and Industry participated.



Shri B. D. Jatti, Vice President of India was the Chief Guest at a largely attended Public function at Jaipur in the Centenary year of Shri Anandilal. The function was attended by Sardar Dr. Jogendra Singh, Governor and Shri Hardeo Joshi, Chief Minister of Rajasthan (1974).



Dr. G. S. Pathak, Vice President of India specially visited Nawalgarh on **January 31, 1974**, the birthplace of the founder to pay his homage in the Centenary year and was Chief Guest at the Public function, which was attended by more than 15,000 persons.



Six Memorial Lectures were organised at Bombay and Jaipur by persons of eminence viz. (1) His Holiness Jagatguru Shankracharya Shantanand Saraswati Maharaj of Jyotirmath (Badrikashram) (2) Justice Shri P. N. Bhagwati of Supreme Court of India (3) Shri Ali Yavar Jung, Governor of Maharashtra (4) Dr. Shigeo Nagano, Chairman, Prime Minister's Council for Foreign Economic Co-operation, Japan (5) Shri T. N. Kaul, India's Ambassador, U.S.A.; and (6) His Holiness Swami Chinmayanand, the renowned Philosopher and spiritual Leader of the Country.



Raja Ramdeo A Podar



Born in Nawalgarh on **2nd May, 1896** and died in **1952**.



An illustrious son of an illustrious father.



At the age of 10, took up the responsibilities and assisted his father in business. Took keen interest in the independence movement of the country and was a habitual wearer of Khadi.



He along with his younger brother, Dr. Ramnath played significant role in establishing and running many industries in Bombay, Calcutta, Jaipur, Sriganaganagar and Bhawani Mandi.



Established number of educational and medical Institutions in Bombay, Jaipur, Bhawani Mandi and Nawalgarh.



Man of deep religious belief.

Presence - Business

Founded Silk and Art Silk Mills Association (**1939**) and was its founder President till his demise (**1952**).



Founded Silk and Art Mills Research Association (**1941**) and was its founder President till his demise (**1952**).



Director, Reserve Bank of India (**1945-50**).



Director, Union Bank.



Sir Roger Lunley, Governor of Bombay, Raja Ramdeo and Dr. Ramnath at Podar Office, Bombay (1941).



Mrs. Eisenhower, Wife of the President of U.S.A. at Tea hosted by Raja Ramdeo, Bombay (1952).



Dr. Rajendra Prasad, First President of India being received by Raja Ramdeo, Sheriff of Bombay, Bombay (1952).



Rani and Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay and Raja Ramdeo at the Swearing in ceremony as Sheriff of Bombay, Governor House, Bombay (1951).



President, All India Marwari Federation (1941).
Vice-Chairman, Western India Chamber of Commerce.



Vice-President, East India Cotton Association. (1941-43).



Vice-President of International Silk Congress, France (1948-52).

Social Recognition

He twice declined the offer of knighthood.



Was decorated with the title of 'Raja' by the State of Jaipur on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Coronation of His Highness Maharaja Sawai Mansingh (1947).



First Rajasthani to be appointed as Sheriff of Bombay (by present States of Maharashtra & Gujarat) (1952).



Received various recognitions from Maharaja of Jhalawad (Rajasthan) and was given a seat in the Royal Darbar (Court).



The Municipal Corporation of Bombay named a very important interjunction as "Ramdeo Podar Chowk".



His bust has been installed at number of places in Bombay in recognition of his meritorious services.



Trustee of several educational Institutions.



Received several mementos for his services to the nation.



Birth Centenary Celebrations

1996-97 marked the birth centenary of Raja Ramdeo, the third Chairman of the Society/Trust and the eldest son of the founder Shri Anandilal.

To commemorate the Centenary Year, four functions were organised during the year; two of these were at Nawalgarh, the birthplace of Raja Ramdeo and one function each at Jaipur and Bombay.

Sant Shri Morari Babu, the highly worshipped Saint in India specially visited Nawalgarh and was the Chief Guest on the very birthday of Raja Ramdeo on **May 2, 1996**, at Nawalgarh.



Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Chief Minister of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest at the second function, which was held at Jaipur on **October 31, 1996**. Amongst many distinguished guests were Shri Gopinath Munde, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Sis Ram Ola, Member of Parliament & Former Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers and Shri A.S. Kasliwal, President, FICCI.



The third function was held at Bombay on **December 24, 1996** and Shri Balasaheb Thackarey, Shiv Sena Chief was the Chief Guest. The other distinguished guests were Shri Gopinath Munde, Dy. Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Shivraj Patil, Member of Parliament and former Speaker, Lok Sabha, Shri Nani A. Palkhivala, Eminent Jurist and Shri R. P. Goenka, Eminent Industrialist.



Dr. K. R. Narayanan, Vice-President of India was the Chief Guest at the concluding function at Nawalgarh on **January 31, 1997**. Other distinguished guests were Shri Baliram Bhagat, Governor of



Dr. K.R. Narayanan, Vice-President of India, lighting the lamp at the Valedictory function of Raja Ramedeo Birth Centenary Celebrations. Others- Shri Baliram Bhagat, Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Manohar Joshi, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri H.S. Bhabhra, Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan Shri Sis Ram Ola, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Sharad Chandra Pawar, Former Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Shri Kantikumar, Nawalgarh (1997).



Shri Morarji Desai, Chief Minister of Bombay, laying Foundation of Raja Ramdeo Podar Higher Secondary School. Seen- Dr. Ramnath, Jaipur (1956).



Dr. M. Hidayatullah, Vice-President of India paying homage and delivering Raja Ramdeo Podar Memorial Lecture, Jaipur. Seen- Shri KantiKumar to his left (1981).



Shri Y. B. Chavan, Chief Minister of Maharashtra at Foundation Laying ceremony of Raja Ramdeo Podar Ayurvedic Research Institute, Bombay (1957).

Rajasthan, Shri Manohar Joshi, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Sis Ram Ola, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri H. S. Bhabra, Dy. Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri. Sharad Pawar, Member of Parliament and Former Union Defence Minister and Former Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Shri Jai Singh, Maharaj Jaipur, Shri D.N. Patodia, Shri Kamal M. Morarka and Shri K. K. Modi.



The Municipal Corporation of Bombay christened a very prominent location in South Bombay as “Ramdeo Podar Chowk”. The Mayor of Bombay was the Chief Guest.



To perpetuate the memory of Raja Ramdeo, Memorial Lectures were organised at Jaipur. Persons of very high eminence delivered these lectures. To name a few: (1) Dr. P. B. Gajendragadkar, Former Chief Justice of India and Vice-Chancellor of University of Bombay (2) Dr. M. Hidayatullah, Vice-President of India (3) Shri Jagjivan Ram, Defence Minister of India (4) Shri T. A. Pai, Industries Minister of India (5) Shri Mohanlal Sukhadia, Governor of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and also the longest reigning Chief Minister of Rajasthan (6) Shri Justice P. N. Bhagwati, Chief Justice of India (7) Dr. Karan Singh, India’s Ambassador designate, U.S.A. (8) Shri Pranab Kumar Mukherjee, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission (9) Dr. L.M. Singhvi, High Commissioner of India, U.K., (10) Shri Nani A. Palkhivala, Eminent Jurist (11) Shri C. Subramaniam, Governor of Maharashtra and more.



Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, Vice-President of India and Dr. K. R. Narayanan, Vice President of India were the Chief Guests at the inaugural and Valedictory functions to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Podar Medical College and Hospital at Mumbai. (1991-92)



Pujya Sant Morari Babu at the inauguration of Raja Ramdeo Birth Centenary Celebrations, Nawalgarh (1996).



Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, garlanding the photograph of Raja Ramdeo at the Raja Ramdeo Birth Centenary Celebrations. Others: Shri Gopinath Munde, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Shri Sis Ram Ola, M.P. and Former Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers and Shri Kantikumar, Jaipur (1996).



Dr. Ramnath A. Podar



Born in Nawalgarh on 21st January, 1910 and died in 1998.



He along with his elder brother, Raja Ramdeo, played significant role in establishing and running many industries in Bombay, Calcutta, Jaipur, Sriganagar and Bhawani Mandi.



Established number of educational, medical and cultural Institutions in Bombay, Jaipur, Nawalgarh and Bhawani Mandi.

Presence - Business

Took keen interest in the business and economic development of the country.



President, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the apex body of Trade and Industry in India. (1968-69).



First Chairman of Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation (1962-64).



Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, President of India and Dr. Ramnath, Bombay (1961).



Smt. Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India and Dr. Ramnath as President, FICCI, having discussions Delhi (1969).

First Chairman of the Development Council for Silk and Art Silk Industry (1955-59).



Founder and Chairman, Indian Cotton Mills Federation, the apex body of Cotton Textile Industry. Now Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (1963-65).



Founder and President of Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (1950-52 & 1960-68).



Founder member and Chairman of Bank of Jaipur (1949-57).



Founder Chairman of Rajasthan Financial Corporation (1955-68).



President, Indian Merchant Chamber, Bombay (1966-67).



Director, Central Board, State Bank of India (1957-67).



President, Local Board (Bombay) State Bank of India (1963-67).



Dr. Ramnath being conferred the Degree of Doctor of Laws by University of Rajasthan, Seen · Dr. Joginder Singh, Governor of Rajasthan, Jaipur (1976).



Shri T.T. Krishnamachari, Union Minister of Finance, Shri G.D. Birla and Dr. Ramnath at Podar House, Jaipur (1952).



Chairman, Millowners' Association, Bombay (1957-58 & 1960-61).



Chairman, Indian Council of Arbitration (1969-70).



President, Business Cooperation Committee on Economic Development of India and Japan (1966-67).



Chairman, Cotton Advisory Board constituted by Government of India (1957-62).



Founded Rajasthan Textile Mills Association (1954).



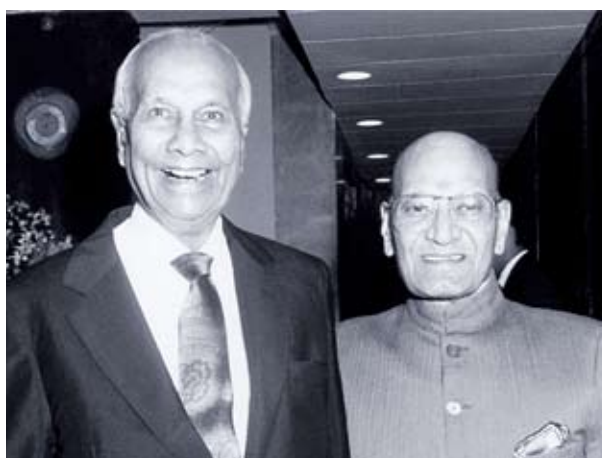
President, Council of Industrial Safety (1969-73).



Deputy Chairman, Bombay Textile Research Association (1959-65).



Shri Shriyans Prasad Jain and Dr. Ramnath at Podar House, Bombay (1970).



Shri L. N. Birla and Dr. Ramnath at Podar House, Bombay (1990).



Director, East India Cotton Association (1946-49).



Director, National Industrial Development Corporation (1962-64).



Led several Business delegations to almost all parts of the World.

Presence - Education

Member, Senate of Agra University (1945-49).



Member, Senate of Bombay University (1954-59).



Shri G. M. Modi, Shri G.D. Somani, Dr. Charat Ram, Shri Karan Chand Thapar and Dr. Ramnath, Delhi (1968).



Shri Manubhai Shah, Union Minister of Commerce, Shri K. K. Birla, Shri K. P. Goenka and Dr. Ramnath, Delhi (1967).



Mr. Richard Nixon, President of USA and Dr. Ramnath, Delhi (1969).



Member, Senate of Rajasthan University (1948-50 and 1967-72).



Chairman Trustee, Marwari Vidyalaya High School, Bombay.



Established and connected with many educational, medical, research, cultural institutions and charity trusts.

Presence - Politics

Took active part in the freedom movement led by Indian National Congress.



Justice of Peace (J.P.) since 1944 then Special Executive Magistrate.



Appointed as sole representative of the Business Community to the political Reforms Advisory Council for Jaipur State (1942).



Councillor, Bombay Municipal Corporation (1943-1952).



Member, Bombay Legislative Assembly (1946-52).



Member, Parliament of India, Rajya Sabha (1952-54).



Twice offered Ministry of Finance and Industry by Shri Jai Narayan Vyas and Shri Mohan Lal Sukhadia, the then Chief Ministers of Rajasthan but he politely declined (1951 & 1954).

Presence - Religion

Man of deep religious belief and devoted time for worship everyday.



Built Shri Ram Mandir (Temple) at Jaipur (1974).



Founded the “Nawalgarh Devasthan Kosh” a Trust dedicated to celebrate various festivals, have Pravachans and Kirtans at different temples so as to increase religious activities in Nawalgarh (1991).

Presence - Sports

Keen sportsman and played Cricket, Tennis, Table Tennis, Horse Riding, Swimming, etc.



Played as opening bowler along with Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, in a Cricket Match between Vice President’s XI and Prime Minister’s XI (1953)

Social Recognition

City of New Orleans (U.S.A.) honoured him by making him honorary citizen of New Orleans (1966).



Conferred the honour of Degree of “Doctor of Law” (LL.D.) Honoris Causa by University of Rajasthan for his many faceted Public Services (1976).



First “SAMAJ RATNA” (Gem of Society) by the Western India Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, at the Diamond Jubilee Function (1978).



“NAWALGARH RATNA” (Gem of Nawalgarh) at the function of 250 year of Nawalgarh (1989).



The Municipal Corporation, Bombay, has christened a prominent location in South Bombay as “Ramnath Podar Chowk” (2001).



Trustee of Several Trusts.



Received several mementos for his services to the nation.



Dr. Ramnath being presented the honour of “Samaj Ratna” at the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Western India Chamber of Commerce Ltd. seen are · Shri Ramkrishna Bajaj & Shri Rameshwar Das Saboo, Bombay (1978).



Dr. Ramnath, Member of Parliament, playing for Prime Minister’s XI seated next to Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru at Cricket Match between Prime Minister’s XI and Vice-President’s XI, New Delhi (1953).



Dr. Ramnath in the Indian Delegation at Tashkent, U.S.S.R. led by Shri G.D. Birla (1970).



Shri B.M. Birla addressing Podar Function. Others: Shri Mohanlal Sukhadia, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Manubhai Shah, Union Minister of Commerce, Dr. Ramnath and Shri K.M.D. Thackersey, Jaipur (1967).



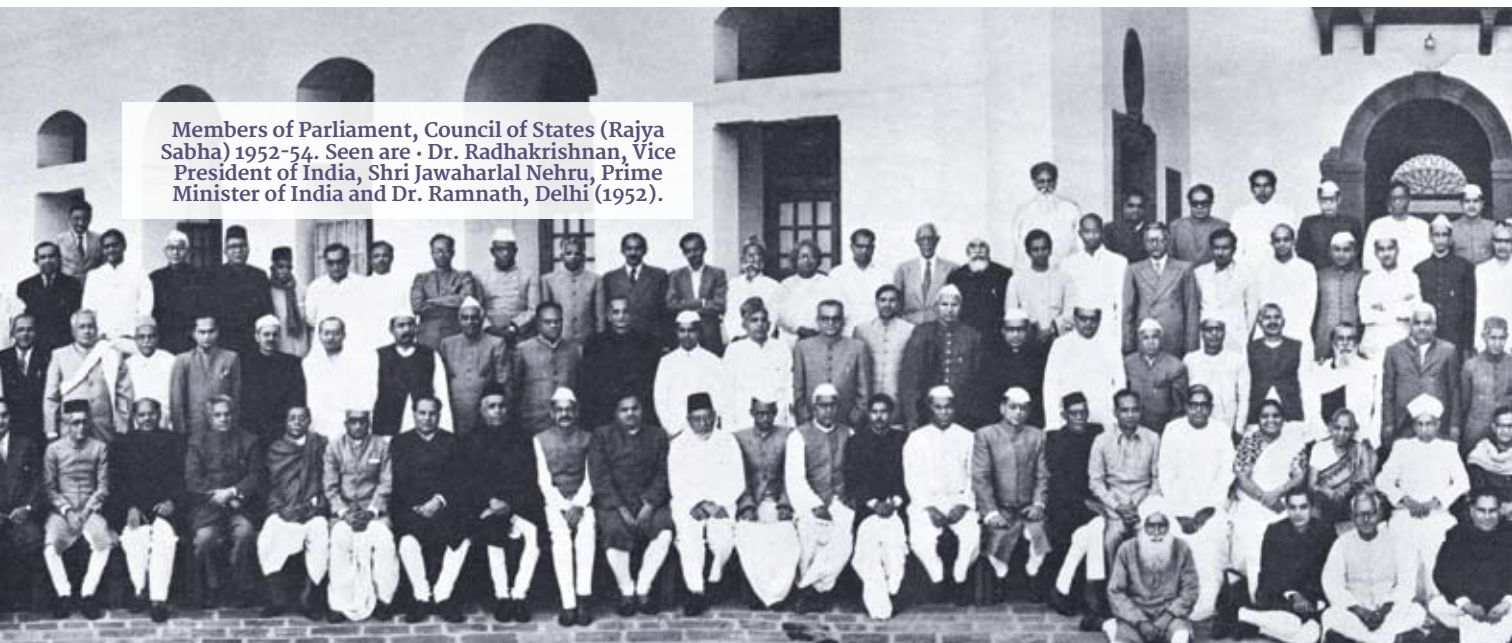
Shri Shriyans Prasad Jain, Shri K. K. Birla, President FICCI, Shri Naval H. Tata, Dr. Ramnath and Shri Kantikumar at Dinner at Podar House, Bombay (1974).



Shri Gulzarilal Nanda and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri (future prime minister) at Dinner at Podar House. Also seen: Dr. Ramnath and Shri Kantikumar, Jaipur (1963).



Shri Morarji Desai, Prime Minister of India and Dr. Ramnath at Dinner, Delhi (1978).



Members of Parliament, Council of States (Rajya Sabha) 1952-54. Seen are: Dr. Radhakrishnan, Vice President of India, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India and Dr. Ramnath, Delhi (1952).



Dr. M. Hidayatullah, Vice-President of India, Shri Raghukul Tilak, Governor of Rajasthan, Dr. Ramnath and Shri Kantikumar at Shri Ram Mandir, Jaipur (1981).



Shri V. V. Giri, President of India with Dr. Ramnath and Shri Kantikumar, Delhi (1973).



Shri M. L. Sukhadia, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, presenting memento on behalf of the citizens of Rajasthan to Dr. Ramnath on being elected President of FICCI. Seen Sir Padampat Singhania, Jaipur (1969).



Shri & Smt. Manohar Joshi, Chief Minister of Maharashtra with Smt. Pallawi and Smt. Sarladevi Birla, Shri B. K. Birla, Dr. Ramnath, Smt. Snehalata and Shri Kantikumar at Dinner at Podar House, Bombay (1995).



Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Chhagan C. Bhujbal, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Sis Ram Ola, M.P. Shri Rahul Bajaj, Eminent Industrialist and Shri Kantikumar at the naming ceremony of Ramnath Podar Chowk, Bombay (2002).





Shri Ganesh Narayan R. Podar



Shri Ganeshnarayan was the eldest grandson of Shri Anandilal and son of Shri Ramniranjan Podar.



Born in Bombay on May 11, 1930, was a graduate of Sydenham College of Commerce & Economics, Bombay.



Leading Industrialist and Educationist.



Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of India, Shri Ganeshnarayan, Smt. Saroj Podar, Maharaja Mansingh of Jaipur and Raj Pramukh of Rajasthan, Dr. Ramnath and Smt. Panabai Podar at Podar House (Haveli), Nawalgarh (1955).



Smt. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, Shri Babubhai M. Chinai, Former President, FICCI, and Shri Ganeshnarayan, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay. Bombay (1974).

Presence in Business

(A) Shri Podar has headed the following bodies-

President, Rajasthan Textile Mills' Association (1968)



President, Silk & Art Silk Mills Research Association (1970).



President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay (1974).



President, Maharashtra Tourism Board (1975-78).



President, Western India Automobile Association (1976-77).

President, Western India Shippers' Council (1978).



(B) He has been on the Executive Committees of various important bodies such as-

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).



All India Manufacturers Organisation.



Silk & Art Silk Mills Association



Rajasthan State Electricity Board.



The Member of Senate of University of Bombay.



Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, Shri Mohanlal Sukhadia, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Kamalnayan Bajaj, Shri Sanjivaia, Congress President and Smt. Saroj Podar at Podar House, Jaipur (1963).



Raja Ramdeo, Smt. Saroj, Shri Ganeshnarayan and Dr. Ramnath, Bombay (1949).



Income-tax Advisory Committee.



Port Export Promotion Advisory Committee.

(C) He was Director of several leading Industrial Companies like Texmaco, Kanoria Jute, New City Mills, Piramal Spg. Mills, Usha Spg. Mills, Hind Rectifiers, State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur, etc.

Presence in Education

Like his grandfather and uncles, he has taken keen initiative in spreading education and established several educational institutions at Santacruz, Bombay, under Anandilal and Ganesh Podar Society. Under his stewardship, the institutions have reached unparalleled heights and have carved out a special position in the field of education in the City of Bombay. In the year 2004, there were 15 multi-educational institutions. Some of these have collaboration with American and other foreign Universities.



For the past several years, Shri Ganeshnarayan is entirely devoting his time for the cause of education.



Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, President of India and Shri Ali Yavar Jung, Governor of Maharashtra with Shri Ganeshnarayan, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, at his house, Bombay (1974).



Sir Padampat Singhania, Dr. Ramnath and Shri Ganeshnarayan, Podar House, Bombay (1960).



Shri Balasaheb Thackeray, Shiv Sena Chief, Chief Guest, Raja Ramdeo Birth Centenary Celebrations. Smt. Jyotsna Ajay Podar (daughter-in-law of Shri Ganeshnarayan) offering flowers to Shri Balasaheb. Also seen are Dr. Ramnath and Kantikumar, Bombay (1996).



Shri Gopinath Munde, Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra at Raja Ramdeo Birth Centenary Celebrations. Smt. Mamta Pawan Podar (daughter-in-law of Shri Ganeshnarayan) offering flowers to Shri Munde, Bombay (1996).



Shri Kantikumar R. Podar



Born in Bombay on 12th April, 1935. Graduated in Commerce from Sydenham College of Commerce & Economics, Bombay.



Leading industrialist, educationist and social worker.

Recognitions

Recognising his contribution, Government of Maharashtra appointed him as the Sheriff of Bombay. Had the honour of becoming the youngest Sheriff of Bombay (1974).



Justice of Peace (J.P.) and then Special Executive Magistrate (S.E.M.). Later appointed Special Executive Officer of Bombay.



The member of Senate of the University of Bombay (1982-88).



For his excellent labour management relations, he on behalf of his company received best Industrial Relations Award from the hands of Smt. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India (1974).



For his meritorious service, bestowed with several recognitions, Manpatras (Scroll of Honour) one of which was at the hands of President of India (1992).



Decorated with the title 'Nawalgarh Gaurav' (Pride of Nawalgarh) (1989).



Shri Kantikumar taking oath as Sheriff of Bombay. Shri Ali Yavar Jung, Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Sharad Chandra Pawar, Minister of Home, Maharashtra, Bombay (1973).



Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, Shri Mohanlal Sukhadia, Chief Minister of Rajasthan and Shri Kantikumar at Dinner at Podar House, Jaipur (1963).



Shri Kantikumar receiving the Award for Best Industrial Relations at the hands of Smt. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, Delhi (1974).



Presence-Business (International)

At the instance of all the seven SAARC countries including India and other six SAARC countries took the initiative to form the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and industry with its headquarters in Islamabad, Pakistan (1996).



The President of the SAARC Chambers of Commerce & Industries (1997-99).



Represented business community in Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Maiden Bus Journey to Pakistan in which only 25 dignitaries of the country were members (1999).



Chariman of Indo-Polish Joint Business Council (1978-82)



Chairman of Indo-Netherlands Joint Business Council (1986-89).



Member of the Committee of International Textile Manufacturers Federation, Zurich. (1984-85 & 1985-86).



Member Indian National Committee of International Chamber of Commerce and Industry (1999).



Invited by the Government of Japan to visit Japan as their Guest under the "Annual Invitation Programme" (1982).



Travelled widely to U.K., Europe, U.S.A., Canada, Japan, South East Asia and West Asia on several occasions both as Leader and/or a Member of Business Delegations.



Mr. Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India and Shri Kantikumar and others at Pakistan President's House during maiden Bus journey taken to Pakistan by Prime Minister of India, Lahore (1999).



Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, President of India, awarding Golden Jubilee Award of National Press of India to Shri Kantikumar at Rashtrapati Bhawan, Delhi (1993).

Presence - Business (National)

Shri Podar has been Director of several industrial establishments like Andara Cement, Bobmay Wire rope, Empire group of companies, Swan mills, Piramal textile mills, Sutlez industries. Now he continues to be a director of Bajaj Auto, Ceat Ltd., PITTI Laminations Ltd. etc. (continuing in 2013)



Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, President of India and Smt. Snehalata & Shri Kantikumar at President House, Delhi (1993)



(A) Shri Podar has headed the following bodies-

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), New Delhi (1992).



All India Organisation of Employers, New Delhi (1974-76).



Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay (1982).



Indian Cotton Mills' Federation, Now Confederation of Indian Textile Industry, Bombay (1984-86).



Bombay Textile Research Association, Bombay (1987-89).



Economic & Scientific Research Association, New Delhi (1993-96).



Indian Council of Arbitration, New Delhi (1991-92).



All India Plastic Manufacturers Association, Bombay (1964-67).



Founder President, Employers' Association of Rajasthan, Jaipur (1968-76).



Founder President, Management Association of Rajasthan, Jaipur (1968-82).



Founder President, Rajasthan Industries Association, Jaipur (1975-82).

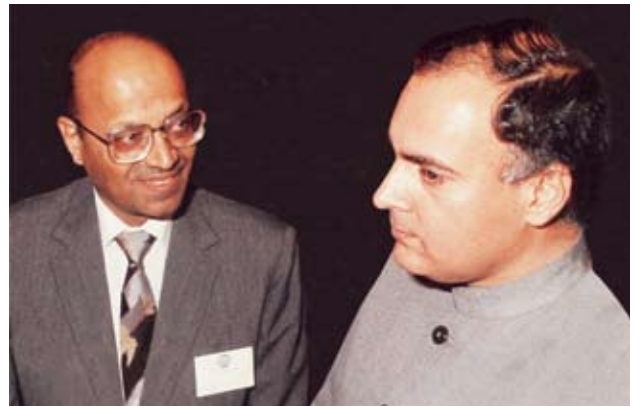


Textile Association, Bombay (1975).

Textile Panel under the State Board of Export Promotion, Maharashtra, Bombay (1976-77).



Dr. K. R. Narayanan, President of India and Smt. Snehalata and Shri Kantikumar, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Delhi (1997).



Shri Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of India and Shri Kantikumar, Delhi (1989).



Association of Sheriffs of Bombay (1975).
Millowners' Association, Bombay (1976-79).



(B) Has been associated from time to time with almost 100 Industry and Trade bodies such as-
Connected with Banking and Insurance as Director of Union Bank of India and All India General Insurance Co. Ltd., Bombay.



National Integration Council, New Delhi.



Advisory Committee on Capital issues Control, Bombay.



Board of Trade, New Delhi.



Central Advisory Council for Industry, New Delhi.



Cotton Advisory Board.



Council for Fair Business Practices, Bombay.



National Institute of Public Finances and Policy, New Delhi.



Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce &
Industry, Jaipur.



Small Scale Industries Board, Bombay.



Textile Export Promotion Council, Bombay.



President of Maharashtra Mandal, Jaipur.



Board member of Union Bank of India



National Productivity Council India, New Delhi.



Shri P. V. Narsimha Rao, Prime Minister of India and Shri Kantikumar as President of FICCI at the Annual Meeting of FICCI, Delhi (1993).

Presence - Education

(A) He has taken keen interest in development of education and is connected with Podar Educational Institutions apart from the following bodies as-

Chairman, Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics, Diamond Jubilee Trust
(Govt. College) (since 1990).



Chairman, Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics, Golden Jubilee Trust (since 1995).
Chairman, Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics, Amrut Mahotsava Nyas Nidhi
(since 2005).



Member, Advisory Committee of the Garware Institute of Career Education and
Development. (1984-89).



Chairman, Nawalgarh Devsthan Kosh.



Trustee, Marvadi Vidyalaya (High School) (since 1986).



Trustee, Indian Merchants Chamber Platinum Jubilee Endowment Trust (since 1983).



Given Shekhawati region of Rajasthan a very special position in the field of education particularly in
Science and Management. Made Podar Institutions excel in sports.



**(B) By his initiative the following additional Institutions have come to be
established in Nawalgarh.**

Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Institute of Higher Studies with post-graduate courses in Science in diverse
subjects such as Botany. Zoology. Chemistry. Environmental Science. Biotechnology. Information
Technology. Bio-Chemistry. Pharmaceutical Chemistry etc. Many specialised subjects are being added
with experienced Professors and experts with updated laboratories and huge library.



Set up a huge Computer Center and made computer education compulsory from
Primary School to College.



Rambilas A. Podar Institute of Management Studies.



Godavaribai Ramdeo Podar Senior Secondary School (English Medium).



Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Institute for Teacher Training (B.Ed.) I.

Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Institute for Teacher Training (B.Ed.) II.



Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Haveli Museum (awesome sight on Rajasthan's Culture).



Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Special Study Centre. Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).



Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Institute of Journalism and Mass Communication.



Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Girls Hostel.



Smt. Snehalata K. Podar Tiny Toddler School (2006)



Smt. Gyanwatibai R. Podar Boys Hostel.



Kantikumar R. Podar Institute of Career Development.



Converted his over 100 years old Haveli to an International Museum of Rajasthani Culture and put Nawalgarh on the Tourist Map of India.



Instrumental in founding the first Management Institute in Rajasthan. viz.. Ramnath Anandilal Podar



Mr. Felipe Gonzalaz, President of Spain and Shri Kantikumar, Delhi (1993)

Social Service

Contributed tremendously to the upliftment of the downtrodden and the under privileged children in the City of Bombay. He developed Children's Aid Society from 1.000 children to nearly 3.000 children. The Society provides lodging, boarding, schooling, medical, recreational and vocational training facilities. A Bal Kalyan Nagri was set up for 900 children, the foundation stone of which was laid by President of India. Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. Shri Podar was Chairman of the Society for over 10 years (1976).



With foreign dignitaries



Mr. F. Cotti, President of Switzerland and Shri Kantikumar at the lunch meeting hosted by Dr. P. C. Alexander, Governor of Maharashtra, Bombay (1998).



Mr. Viladmir Vladimirovich Putin, President of Republic of Russia and Mrs. Lyudmila Putin and Shri Kantikumar at the Dinner hosted by Dr. K. R. Narayanan, President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan, Delhi (2000).



Rtn. Hon. John Major, Prime Minister of U.K. and Shri Kantikumar, Delhi (1993).



Mr. Robert D'Erb, Managing Director International Monetary Fund and Shri Kantikumar, Delhi (1992).



Mr. Boris Yelstin, President of Russian Federation and Shri Kantikumar, Delhi (1993).



Mr. Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of Germany and Shri Kantikumar, Delhi (1983).



Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of U.K. and Shri Kantikumar, Bombay (1982).



Mr. Lewis Preston, President of World Bank and Shri Kantikumar, Delhi (1993).



Mr. Aga Khan and Smt. Snehalata, Bombay (1993).



Shri Kantikumar signing the joint Declaration during FICCI Delegation to Turkey. Shri P. Chidambaram, Union Minister of Commerce looks on. (1992).



Mr. A. Lukashenko, President of Republic of Belarus meets leading Businessmen and Bankers at Podar House, Bombay. Seen Shri Kantikumar (1997).



SAARC



Mr. Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan and Shri Kantikumar, Islamabad, Pakistan (1997).



Shri G. P. Koirala, Prime Minister of Nepal and Shri Kantikumar. Kathmandu (1998).



Shri Kantikumar making presentation before the Council of Foreign Ministers at the SAARC Summit. Also seen in the picture are Mr. Fatullan Jameel, Minister of External Affairs, Maldives, Mr. Naeem U. Hasan, Secretary General, SAARC, Mrs Lakshman Kadirgamar, Minister of External Affairs, Sri Lanka, Colombo (1998).



Begum Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh and Shri Kantikumar, Dhaka (1999).



Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India and Shri Kantikumar. Delhi (1999).



Smt. Chandrika Bhandarnaike Kumaratunga, President of Sri Lanka and Shri Kantikumar, Colombo, Sri Lanka (1998).



Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoon, President, Maldives and Shri Kantikumar, Delhi (1998).



His Majesty Jigme Shingye Wangchuk, King of Bhutan, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, President of India and Shri Kantikumar, Delhi (1993).

With Indian dignitaries



Shri Kantikumar being felicitated on behalf of the citizens of Jaipur by Shri Joginder Singh, Governor of Rajasthan, Jaipur (1974).



Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, President of India, being welcomed with Tilak by Smt. Snehalata, Bombay (1974).



Shri Ali Yavar Jung, Governor of Maharashtra, Begum Zehra Ali Yavar Jung, Dr. Ramnath, Smt. Snehalata and Shri Kantikumar (1974).



Shri Zail Singh, President of India with Smt. Snehalata and Shri Kantikumar, Bombay (1983).



Shri Morarji Desai, Prime Minister of India, Smt. Snehalata and Shri Kantikumar at Dinner at Podar House, Bombay (1978).



Shri Kanti Kumar welcoming Mother Teresa, Noble Prize Receptient at Podar Deaf and Dumb Institute, Jaipur (1981).



Shri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister of West Bengal and Shri Kantikumar, Calcutta (1993).



Shri R. Venkataraman, President of India and Shri Kantikumar, Delhi (1987).



Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, President of India and Members of the Podar Family at Lunch at Podar House, Bombay (1974).



Shri Biju Patnaik, Chief Minister of Orissa and Shri Kantikumar, Bhubaneswar (1993).



Dr. Manmohan Singh, Union Minister for Finance, Smt. Snehalata and Shri Kantikumar at Dinner at Podar House, Bombay (1993).



Dr. Karan Singh, Ambassador designate to USA, Shri Kantikumar and Smt. Snehalata as President, Ladies' Wing of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay (1982).



Shri Shankarrao B. Chavan, Union Minister for Finance, presenting memento to Shri Kantikumar on his appointment as President Emeritus, Employers Association of Rajasthan, Jaipur (1989).



Shri I.K. Gujral, Former Prime Minister of India, Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, Prime Minister of India and Shri Kantikumar at the SAARC Economic Cooperation Conference, Delhi (1997).



Shri Naval H. Tata and Shri Kantikumar at Dinner at Podar House, Jaipur (1975).



Shri V.P. Naik, Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Shri Kantikumar, Bombay (1974).



Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, Prime Minister of India and Shri Kantikumar, Bombay (1996).



Maharani Gayatri Devi of Jaipur and Smt. Snehalata, Podar House, Jaipur (1974).



Shri Dhirubhai Ambani and Shri Kantikumar at Dinner at Podar House, Bombay (1980).



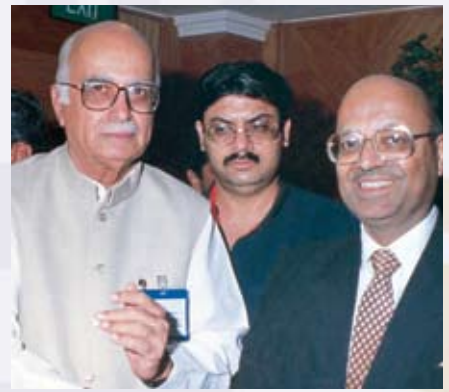
Dr. K.R. Narayanan, Vice-President of India and later President of India. Others are Shri Baliram Bhagat, Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Sis Ram Ola, Union Minister for Fertilizers and Chemicals, Shri Manohar Joshi, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Hari Shankar Bhabhra, Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Sharad Chandra Pawar, Former Defence Minister of India and Shri Kantikumar at Podar House (Haveli), Nawalgarh (1997).



Shri Balasaheb Thackeray, Shiv Sena Chief and Shri Manohar Joshi, Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Seen in the picture are - Smt. Pallawi Rajiv Podar, Kum. Vedica (Granddaughter of Shri Kantikumar), Smt. Snehalata and Shri Kantikumar at Dinner at Podar House, Bombay (1996).



Shri K.M.D. Thackersey, Shri Shriyans Prasad Jain and Shri Kantikumar at Dinner at Podar House, Bombay (1974).



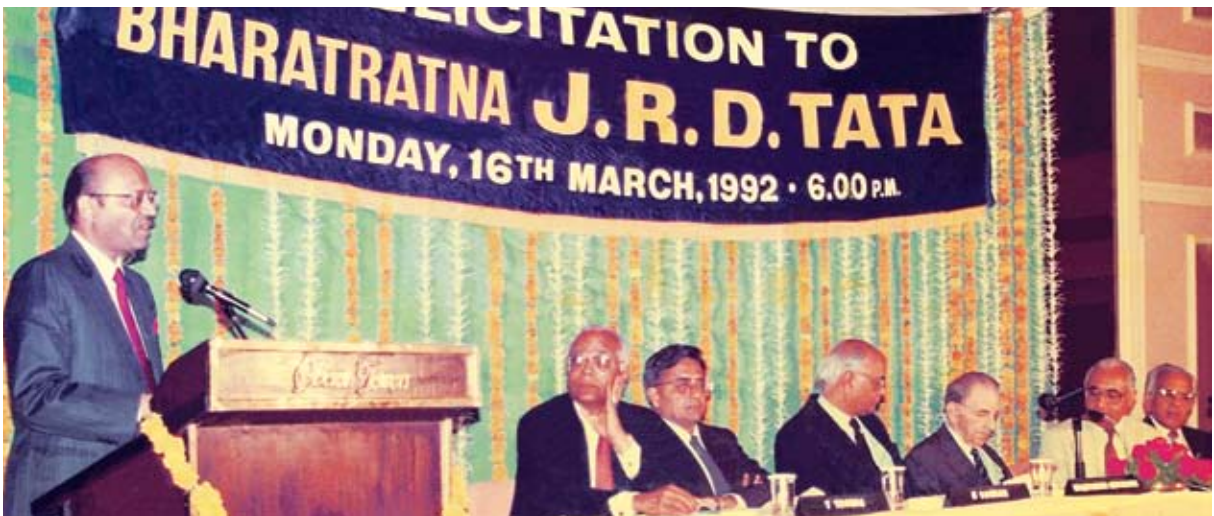
Shri L.K. Advani, Union Minister of Home and Shri Kantikumar, Bombay (1998).



Shri Kantikumar at the Annual Convocation of the University of Bombay as member of the Senate, Bombay (1986).



Shri Kantikumar, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, delivering Welcome Address at the inauguration of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the Chamber. L to R are - Air Chief Marshal I.H. Latif, Governor of Maharashtra and Shri Zail Singh, President of India, Bombay (1983).



Shri J. R. D. Tata being felicitated by Shri Kantikumar on being conferred Bharat Ratna, Bombay (1992).



Shri Rajiv K. Podar



Born in Bombay on May 24, 1964, Shri Podar graduated from Sydenham College of Commerce & Economics, Bombay.



After graduation, he joined the family business in 1985 and was instrumental in setting up textile units of the group.



He later diversified the activities of the Group into new areas of International Trade, Information Technology, sports and sports education.



Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, President of India and Shri Rajiv at Podar House, Bombay (1974).

Presence - Business

He is Chairman of the International Business Linkage Forum (IBLF) established in 2003. IBLF currently spreads in several countries and soon expects to expand to nearly 30 countries. The Forum includes businessmen from different parts of the world like Austria, Belarus, Canada, China, Hong Kong, India, Nepal, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Benin, Togo, South Africa, Thailand, UAE, UK and USA.



He is well known figure in Financial and Political circles of the CIS Countries particularly Russia and Belarus.



Counting on his ability and capability, the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations of the Belarus and the Ministry of Industry of the Republic of Benin (Africa) had conferred upon him special rights to negotiate any matter concerning expanding and deepening of the trade and economic relations between the Republic of Belarus and Republic of Benin and India as also proposals on concrete aspects of economic cooperation between the two countries on the basis of consultations with corresponding Indian Ministries, other Governmental bodies, companies and establishments.



Dr. Manmohan Singh, Former Finance and Prime Minister of India, Smt. Pallawi and Shri Rajiv at Podar House, Bombay (1998).



Shri Shankarrao Chavan, Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Smt. Pallawi R. Podar, Bombay (1987).



Mr. A. Lukashenko, President of Belarus, Shri Manohar Joshi, Chief Minister, Shri Gopinath Munde, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, and Shri Rajiv, at a dinner hosted by Podars, Bombay (1997).



He is the first representative of the Canton of Zug appointed by the Economic Promotion Department.



He is the Vice-Chairman of the Anandilal Podar Trust and takes interest in the development of educational activities at Nawalgarh.



Shri Morarji Desai, Former Prime Minister of India, Shri Rajiv and Smt. Pallawi at their Marriage reception, Bombay (1985).



Holy Saint Shri Morari Bapu and Shri Rajiv at Podar House, Bombay (2001).



Mr. Mathieu, Karekou, President of Benin with Shri Rajiv. Contonou, Benin (2004).



Heads of Delegates at the Inauguration of the International Business Linkage Forum (IBLF) and Shri Rajiv, Beijing (2003).



Signing of Agreement for Formation of Trade House of Moscow Regional Administration by Mr. N.I. Svistunov, Vice Governor and Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Shri Rajiv, Moscow, Russia (1999).



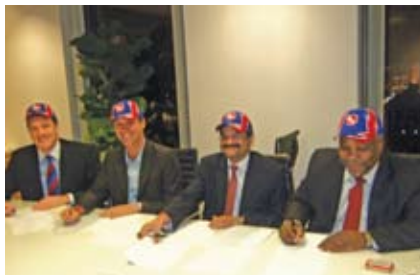
Shri Rajiv, Smt. Pallawi and Master Vedant Podar with Mr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, President of India



Shri Rajiv, Mr. Yash Mehrotra and Mr. Hasmukh Shah with Mr. Joe Wilson, Member of Congress, South Carolina, USA



Shri Rajiv with Ms. Tulsi Gabbard, Member of US House of Representatives. Also in picture Mr. Hasmukh Shah and Ms. Shally Mehra



From left to right, Neil Maxwell, Justin Vaughan, Rajiv Podar and Gladstone Dainty signing the historic agreement to establish CHALLC



Mr. Rajiv at ESPN Headquarters, Bristol, USA

Talent Development Initiatives

Some of the Programs undertaken for Vocational and Talent Development space:

Podar Skills

Podar Skills have established skill development centers where vocational courses are conducted. Our centers offer both government certified courses as well as advanced Podar Skills “proprietary” courses designed keeping in mind the needs of today’s dynamic job market.



Job Able Program

We have developed a Job Able Program (JAP) which comprises of 9 short modules that cover a wide range of areas that are of importance to employers. This is a novel concept which has been developed and written with the help of Industry and Education experts from Australia – Dynamic Learning Services group which is an Australian Government certified body for Vocational Training.



Train the Trainers

We have developed a Train the Trainers initiative for the upgrading of the skills of trainers to match with the ever evolving industry demands and reflecting the roles of individuals delivering training and assessment services in the vocational education and training (VET) sector.



Books2Biz – Research Program

This unique program aims to aggrandize the research skills of a student of a university/college and provide them with virtual work experience, while still being at Campus.



Online2Onsite – Internship Program

We offer students an opportunity to do internships with corporate and organizations in our network across various domains like Finance, Banking, Architecture, HR to name a few in the countries we operate in.



Advisory Services

We provide various services ranging from market feasibility study to market entry strategy. We also play a key role in acting as a representative of the University. Our services would include assisting in student recruitment, negotiate best terms for collaboration, provide regular reports on market opportunities for University programs as well as advise on education policies, government approvals, cultural and/or business practices.

We have signed MoU’s with Deakin University, Richmond, The American International University, London and TAFE NSW Sydney Institute.



Shri Rajiv with Professor John Annette, President & Vice Chancellor – Richmond University, Dr. Parviz Dabir-Alai, Dean – School of Business & Economics and Professor Dominic Alessio, Dean of International Programmes and Professor of History.



Shri Rajiv with Mr. Duncan Ivison, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences – University of Sydney, Ms. Sandra Meiras, Director International and Ms. Amanda Sayan, International Development Manager South Asia and Networks



Miss Vedica Podar with former Australian cricketer Mr. Brett Lee at the launch of our Research and Internship Program in Sydney



Social Establishments by Podar Family

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA)



- Mahadevi Anandilal Podar Hospital (Ayurvedic, 260 beds).
- Raja Ramdeo Anandilal Podar Ayurveda Cancer Research Institute
- Ramniranjan Anandilal Podar College of Commerce and Economics.
- Rambilas Anandilal Podar Medical College (Ayurvedic).
- Panabai Ramnath Podar Outpatients' Clinic (Ayurvedic).
- Anandilal Podar Junior College.
- Anandilal Podar High School (English).
- Anandilal Podar Vidyalaya (Hindi).
- Ramniranjan Podar High School.
- Raja Ramdeo Podar Shala.
- Lilavatibai Podar High School ICSE 'A' School.
- Lilavatibai Podar High School ICSE 'B' School.
- Rambilas Anandilal Podar Labour Recreation Centre.
- Podar's Jumbo Kids School.
- Podar International Educational Centre.
- Podar National Entrance Exams Centre.
- Podar Teddy Toddlers School.
- Podar Coaching Classes.
- Podar Computer Centre.
- Podar Children's Theatre.
- Podar Teacher's Training.
- Podar Sports Club.

JAIPUR (RAJASTHAN)



- Ramnath Anandilal Podar Institute of Management (First Management Institute in Rajasthan).
- Raja Ramdeo Podar Senior Secondary School.
- Anandilal Podar Institute for the Dumb and Deaf.
- Anandilal Podar Vocational Training Centre for Dumb and Deaf.
- Bhagwanibai Gouridutt Seksaria Dolls Museum.
- Podar World School
- Podar's Jumbo Kids School.

NAWALGARH (RAJASTHAN)



- Raja Ramdeo A. Podar P.G. Institute of Commerce (GB Podar College was the first College established in the State of Jaipur. It was established prior to Rajasthan University and had then been affiliated to the Agra University, Uttar Pradesh).
- Ramniranjan A. Podar P.G. Institute of Social Sciences (Arts College).
- Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Institute of Higher Studies.
- Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Institute of Science.
- Rambilas A. Podar Institute of Management Studies.
- Godavaribai Ramdeo Podar Senior Secondary School CBSE (English Medium).
- Panabai Ramnath Podar Senior Secondary School.
- Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Special Study Centre, Indira Gandhi National Open

University (IGNOU).

- Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Institute for Teacher Training (B.Ed.).
- Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Haveli Museum (awesome sight on Rajasthani Culture).
- Gyaniram Bansidhar Podar Primary School.
- Raja Ramdeo Podar Smriti Bhawan (Cultural Centre).
- Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Sports Pavilion and Sports Club.
- Raja Ramdeo Podar Pustakalaya (third largest Library in Rajasthan. over 60,000 books).
- Dr Ramnath A Podar Girls Hostel.
- Snehalata K. Podar Tiny Toddler School.
- Gyanwatibai R Podar Boys Hostel.
- Kantikumar R. Podar Institute for Career Development.
- Kantikumar R Podar Institute for Teachers Training (B.Ed)
- Gandhi Park.(Public Park)
- Rajiv Kantikumar Podar Cricket Academy
- Podar Defense Academy

BHAWANI MANDI (RAJASTHAN)



- Anandilal Podar Higher Secondary School.
- Ganesh High School

TEMPLES



- Shri Laxminarayan Mandir, Mumbai.
- Shri Ram Mandir, Jaipur.





Lilavatibai High School (ICSE), Bombay



Podar Ayurvedic College & Hospital at Podar Medical Center, Worli, Bombay



Raja Ramdeo Anandilal Podar Higher Secondary School, Jaipur



Dr. Ramnath Anandilal Podar Institute of Management, Jaipur



A Front View of Dr. Ramnath A. Podar Haveli Museum with Frescoes, Nawalgarh



View - An Ultra Modern Computer Lab, Podar Institutions, Nawalgarh



Rambilas Anandilal Podar Institute of Management Studies, Nawalgarh



Anandilal Podar Higher Secondary School,
Bhawani Mandi



Dr Ramnath A Podar Women Hostel, Nawalgarh



NCC unit Podar college, Nawalgarh



Ramaniranjan Podar Institute of Arts



Raja Ramdeo Anandilal Podar Ayurveda Cancer
Research Institute, Bombay



Raja Ramdeo Podar Smriti Bhawan (Cultural Centre)
Nawalgarh



Ramaniranjan Anandilal Podar College of Commerce
& Economics, Bombay



Mahadevi Ananadilal Podar Vidya Bhavan, Bombay



Ramvilas Anandilal Podar Labour Recreation
Centre, Bombay



Zoology Lab Podar College, Nawalgarh



Dr. Ramnath A Podar Haveli Museum

NAWALGARH (RAJASTHAN)

Nawalgarh:

It is located 270 Kms South of New Delhi and 140 Kms. North West of Jaipur. It was founded by Thakur Nawal Singh in the year (1739).



Shri Anandilal built a haveli for his own and family use (Residential House) (1902)



Restoration work was undertaken in 1994 under the supervision of specialists in the field using old system of colours made from stones and vegetables.



Today it is the best preserved haveli in India with its frescoes, pillars, arches and intricate carved wooden gate etc.



Frontage of Haveli admeasuring 110 ft. in length and 25 ft in height is complete with frescoes and the balcony at the top has very attractive pillars and arches.



All the four walls of the two court-yards and the main bathak (sitting room) are full of frescoes magnificently lit.



The Cultural and Art Galleries:

The Haveli Museum is housed with the following cultural and art galleries. All objects are specially prepared in traditional but miniature form giving visitor peep into the cultural heritage of Rajasthan.



Miniature Musical Instruments, Gems and Jewellery, Fairs and Festivals, Bridal Costumes, Handicrafts, Podar Family Photos, Miniature Paintings, Rajasthani Living Style Gallery.



A section of the Museum presents a glimpse of the traditional Earthen Kitchen-ware.



The reputation of this intricately restored heritage structure has spread all over the world amongst Heritage conscious foreign tourists, whose number is around 12,000 (2005).

It is becoming a hot spot for feature and commercial films. Shortly the museum is expected to host over 15,000 international tourists - a number that is steadily growing. It has put Nawalgarh on International Tourism Map.



The Podar Haveli has been the host to many of high Dignitaries, Officials and Celebrities.





Shri Laxminarayan Mandir, Bombay

Shri Ram Mandir, Jaipur



Shri Anandilal Podar statue circle, Nawalgarh, Rajasthan



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