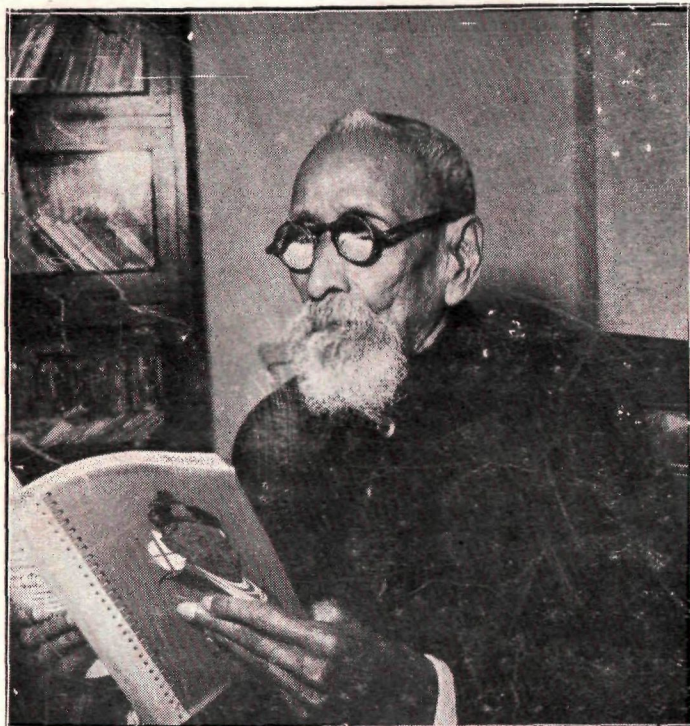


SHREEMATI NATHIBAI DAMODAR THACKERSEY  
WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

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The Founder's Centenary

Dr. D. K. Karve, the founder completes  
his birth Centenary on 18-4-1958

# S. H. D. Thackersey Women's University, Bombay





**1916 — 1920**

The S. N. D. Thackersey Women's University was founded by Dr. D. K. Karve in 1916. Sir Vithaldas Thackersey during his world tour visited the Women's University in Japan in the year 1919 and was much impressed by its unique features. After his return from the tour, he donated a sum of 15 lacs of rupees to the Women's University founded by Dr. D. K. Karve in 1916 with a view to promote the higher education of women on the model of the Japanese University, but with subjects to suit Indian conditions. This donation of 15 lacs yielded an annual interest of Rs. 52,500, which was useful in developing the Institution. By virtue of this donation, the University came to be known as "Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University".



Smt. Nathibai, mother of late Sir Vithaldas, after whom the University and its four Institutions are named.





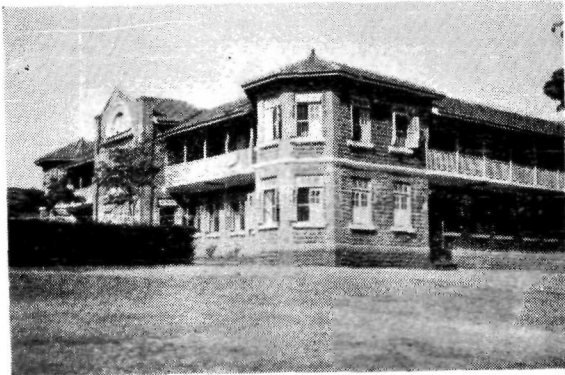
Late Sir Vithaldas Thackersey donated a Sum of Rs. 15 lacs to the University in the year 1919 in Memory of his Mother Smti. Nathibai



Late D. B. K. M. Zaveri who was Vice-Chancellor from 1950 to 1957

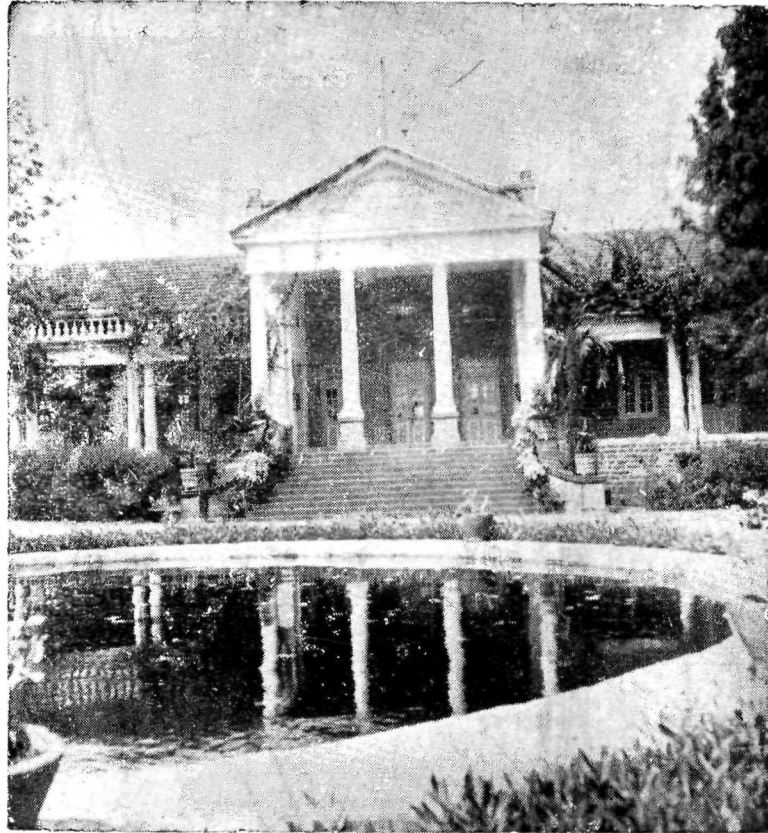
## 1922

One of the aims of starting the Indian Women's University was that the instruction should be imparted through the mother-tongue of the student. It was the firm conviction of Dr. D. K. Karve that the easiest way of making things understood would be the use of mother-tongue instead of a foreign medium like English. The other aim was to impart such education to women so as to enable them to achieve the ideal of perfect womanhood. This ideal has been kept in view in framing the courses of studies. Stress is also laid on Home Science, which includes knowledge of cookery, laundry, nursing, dietetics, home-decoration, and similar subjects.



Sheth Mulraj Khatav Hostel

The building for the University College at Poona was erected in the year 1922. To this building was attached a Hostel for students known as Sheth Mulraj Khatav Hostel. In the same year a High School for girls was established at Poona by the S. N. D. Thackersey Women's University.

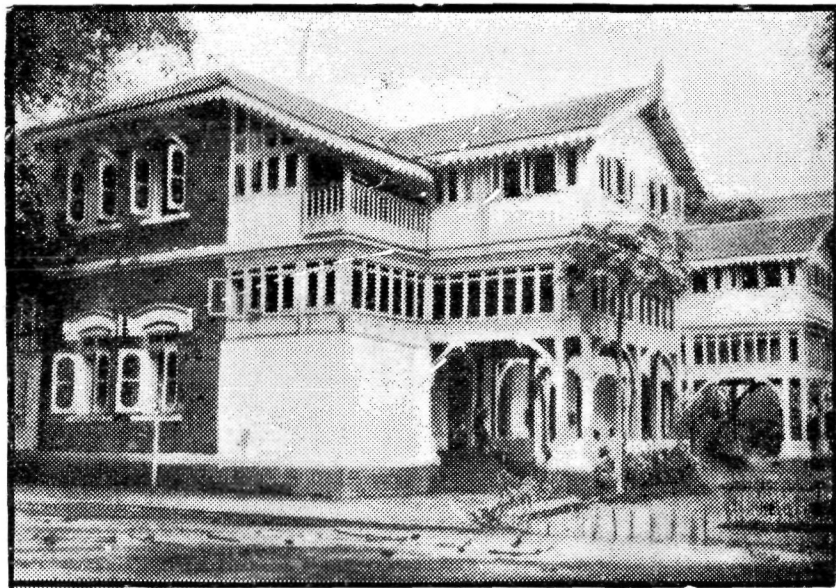


S. N. D Thackersey College, Pooa

## 1924—1936

In Bombay, a High School for girls known as S. N. D. Thackersey Kanyashala was established by the University in the year 1924. The University is also giving pecuniary assistance to another High School for girls in Bombay conducted by the Vanitavishram Society. After the Poona College was established on firm footing, a College for Women was established in Bombay in the year 1931. In 1935, a site for University Offices and the Bombay College was purchased and these were housed in a small building standing there on. In the Year 1950 a spacious four storied building was constructed at the cost of about 10 lacs of Rupees wherein were accommodated the University Offices and the Bombay College.





The old building of the S. N. D. Thackersey University where University Office and College were situated from 1936-1950.





### *Convocation 1939*

Mahatma Gandhi was present on this occasion. Late Shri B. G. Kher who was then prime Minister of the Bombay state is seen delivering the Convocation address. Smti Sharada Divan, the then Registrar is fourth from Shri B, G. Kher

## 1950

The University was recognised by the Government by a Special Act called Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey University Act in the year 1949. The number of students rapidly increased. Thus it was absolutely necessary to provide additional accommodation. In the year 1950 the present College Building came into existence, mainly due to the charity of Chaturbhuj Vallabhadas Mankarni, the Managing Trustee of the Goverdhandas Khetsey Trust. This building at present accommodates the 1200 students of the Arts • College, 80 students of the College of Education, and 75 students of the College of Nursing. The numbers have to be restricted as even present accommodation is insufficient.



1. Smt. Laxmi Thackersey ( Registrar ), 2. Dr. Radhakrishan, 3. Smt. Sharda Diwan, 4. Lady Thackersey,  
5. Shri. K. C. Desai, Shri. Chaturbhuj Vallabhadas Mankarni is on the extreme right.

Dr. Radhakrishna Vice-President of the Indian Union Performed the opening ceremony of the present University Building.

The University Library has been established in 1955. It is growing by leaps and bounds. An extensive space will be necessary for the library and to provide accommodation for students to read in the library. Money will also be required to add new books in English, Hindi, Gujarati & Marathi.

It is, therefore, that the scheme for a new building is undertaken by the University. It is proposed to have full-fledged laboratories for the practicals of Home Science. The study of Child Psychology is included in the syllabi of both the Home Science and The Degree Course of Education, for which a nursery school has to be conducted for practical observations in the new building.



Governor of Bombay in the Fine Arts Dept, of the Thackersey College. Drawing and Painting are integral parts of the University Education.



*Students at work in the Home Science Dept.*  
“Home Science” is a compulsory subject to all the students of the Arts College.



Students of the University Nursing College at work



Besides those conducted Institutions there are the following four colleges affiliated to the University :—

1. S. L. U. Mahila Pathashala, Ahmedabad (Arts & Education)
2. Chimnabai Mahila Pathashala, Baroda (Arts & Education)
3. Mahila vidyalaya, Surat (Arts)
4. Mahila Vidyalaya, Bhavnagar (Saurashtra (Arts),

The authorities of the University have already appointed a Committee to prepare plans for the establishment of the Post-graduate Research Departments. There are also other schemes for the growth and progress of the University under consideration. For this purpose even the new building that is being erected will not suffice. It may, therefore, be necessary to separate some of the present activities and move them to other suitable places. The University has not been able so far to erect a hostel in Bombay, though it is a great necessity to have a hostel to accommodate at least 500 students.



*Manipuri Dance—*

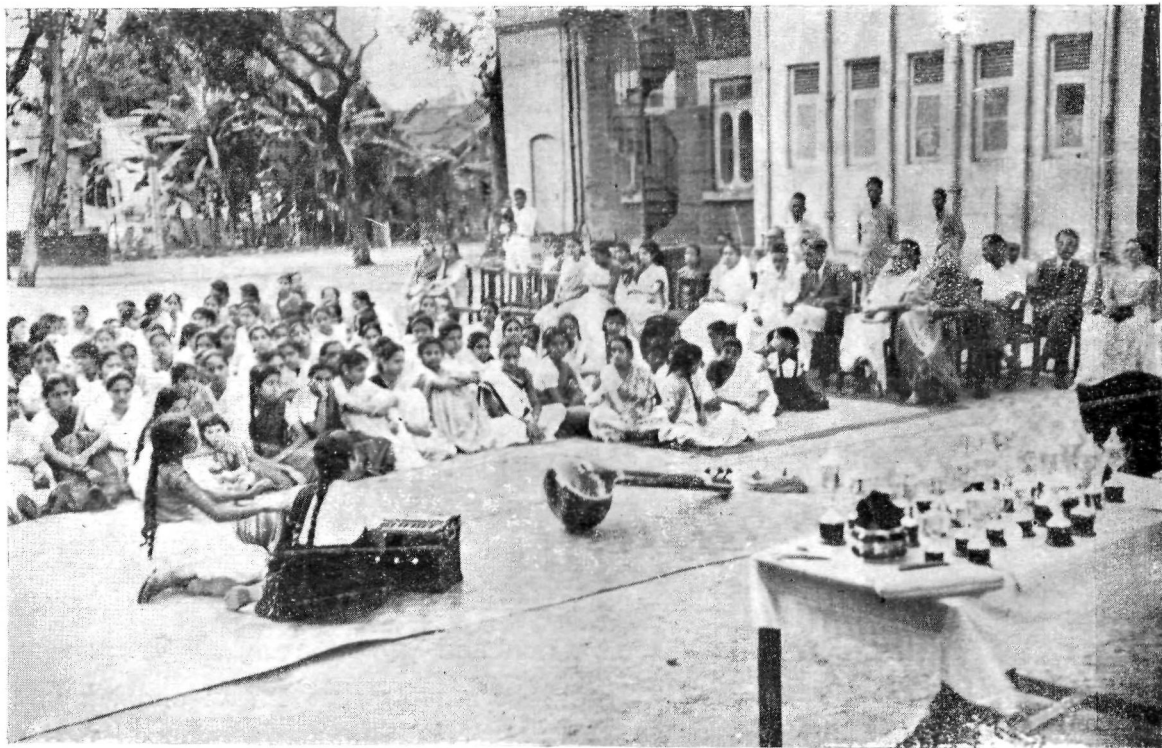
The student was awarded Solo-dance prize at the third Inter-University youth festival held at Delhi in the year 1956.



*Orchestra*

Music is an integral part of the University Education.

Great stress is laid on sports, physical education, and extra curricular activities



Prize distribution at one of the inter collegiate Sports-Meeting

The progress of the University and its needs are briefly stated above. For all these schemes of the University, large amounts of money are necessary. We are sure that the philanthropists and public bodies will be interested to see the growth of this University so that the cause of Women's Education would receive proper justice. This cause is a sacred one and this University is a unique institution in this country.

It was in 1942 that Shri. G. Rajagopalacharya in his message on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the University stated that :

“Thirty five years ago I saw the tiny beginnings of this great instruction. Even then it filled me with admiration and joy. I am glad that as a result of the noble Thackersey gift, those beginnings that I saw and admired at Hingne Badruk in 1907, have grown into an University which has come of age, so to say, for a Silver Jubilee celebration.”



Students on their way to the convocation Hall to receive their degrees.



A Scholar receiving the Prize from Shri. K. C. Desai Officiating Vice-Chancellor (Sept. 1957.)

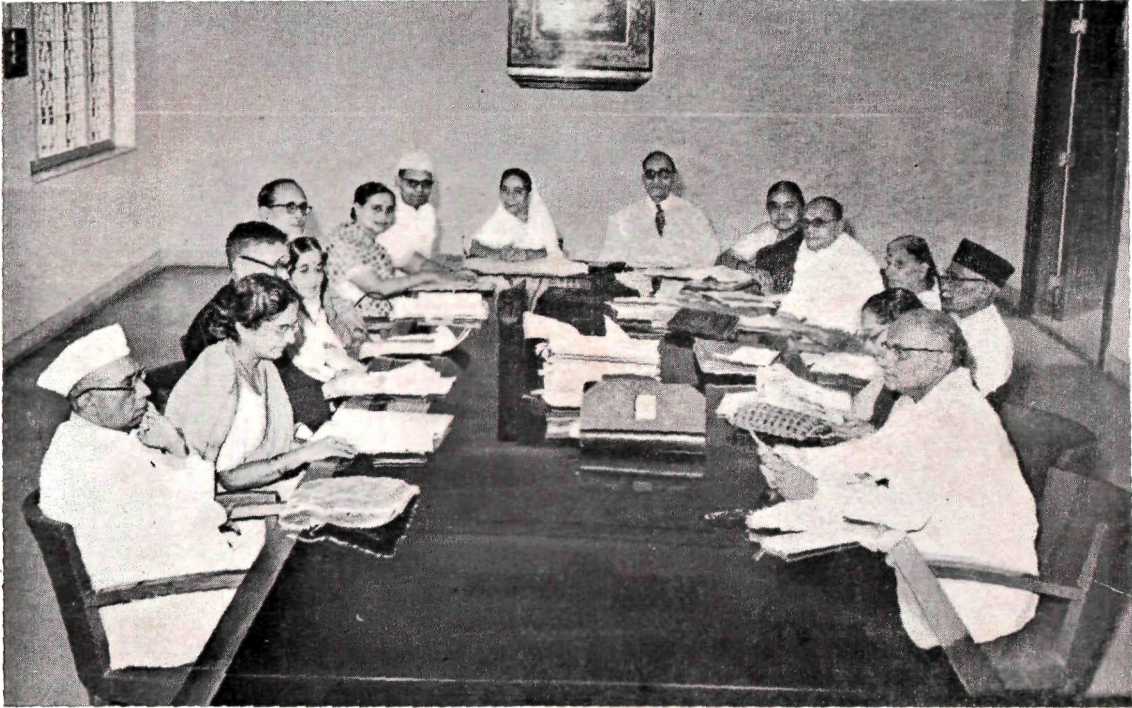
The Registrar Smti. Laxmi Thackersey is next to Shri K. C. Desai



Dr. Premlila Thackersey The Vice-Chancellor of the University.



## The Syndicate Meeting in Session 9-11-1957



At the head of the table just opposite is seen Dr. Premila Thackersey, the new Vice-Chancellor, next to her is seen Shri. K. C. Desai, retiring Vice-Chancellor.

On right: Next to Shri K. C. Desai: —(i) Smt. Laxmi Thackersey, (ii) Justice B. N. Gokhale, (iii) Smt. Savita Trivedi, (iv) Principal K. C. Shah, (v) Principal Smt. Sharayu Ba', (vi) Dr. B. B. Gandhi.

On left: Next to Lady Thackersey: —(i) Shri. C. C. Shah, (ii) Smt. Tarunika Dahejia, (iii) Shri. N. R. Trivedi, (iv) Smt. Jayshri Rajji, (v) Principal D. S. Phatak, (vi) Principal Subhadra Pagar, (vii) Principal J. G. Shah.

**1957**

It is a matter of joy that the Founder of the University is amongst us to see the growth of the institution. This year the University is celebrating the centenary of its Founder, Dr. D. K. Karve, who will be completing his 100th year on 18th April 1958. On this occasion, the University Authorities appeal to all women and lovers of Women's Education to send in their donations. No amount is too small for the purpose nor is any amount large enough.

On this occasion the public may be reminded of the message of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru sent on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of this University :—

“This University under the wise and self-sacrificing guidance of Prof. D. K. Karve has already carved for itself a special place in India. I am quite convinced that women's education and advancement in every field is essential for our national growth. If I may say so, it is even more important to pay attention to it than to men's education, for there are always sufficient people who are interested in men's education.”



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