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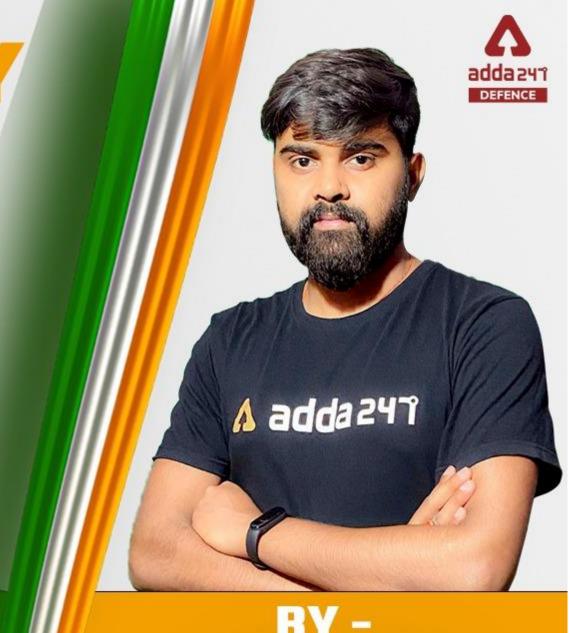


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K M Munshi 30 December 1887 – 8 February 1971), popularly known by his pen name Ghanshyam Vyas, was an Indian independence movement activist, politician, writer and educationist from Gujarat state.

A lawyer by profession, he later turned to author and politician. He is a well-known name in <u>Gujarati literature</u>. He founded <u>Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan</u>, an educational trust, in 1938.



Munshi wrote his works in three languages namely Gujarati, English and Hindi.

Before independence of India, Munshi was part of <u>Indian</u>

National Congress and after independence, he joined <u>Swatantra Party</u>.

Munshi held several important posts like member of Constituent Assembly of India, minister of agriculture and food of India, and governor of Uttar Pradesh. In his later life, he was one of the founding members of Vishva Hindu Parisha

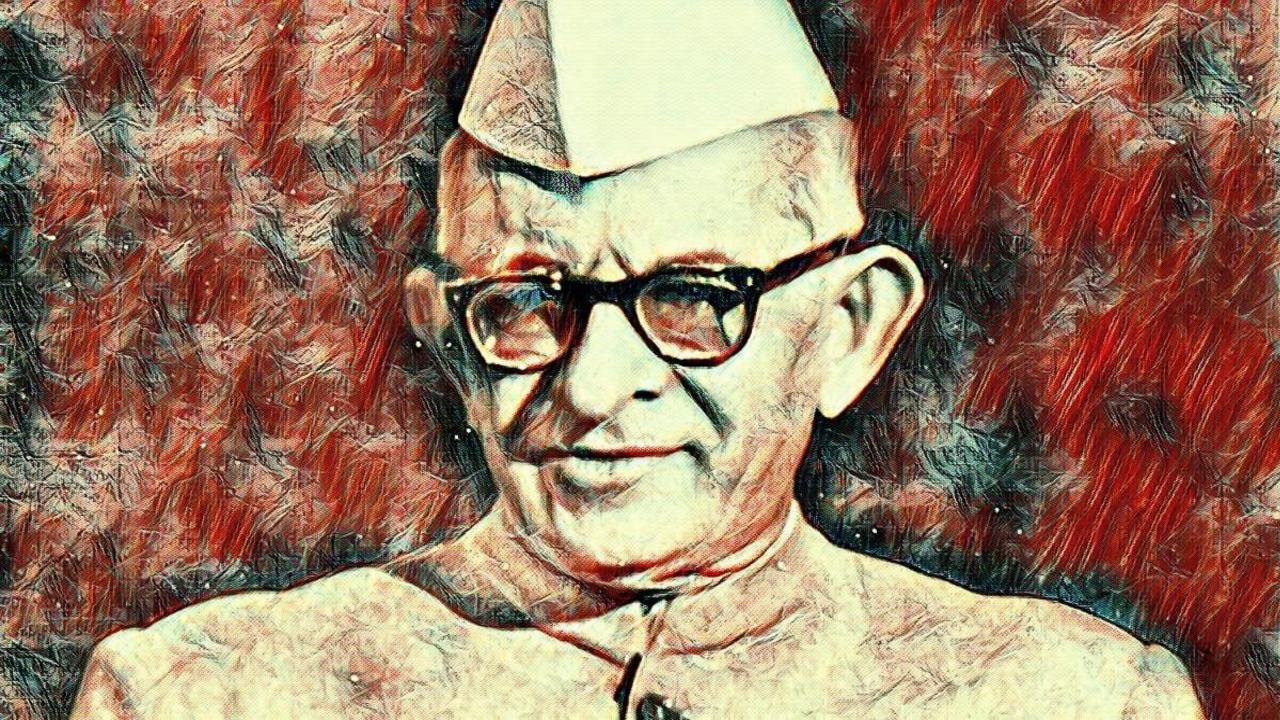


Munshi was born on 30 December 1887 at Bharuch, a town in Gujarat State of British India.

Munshi took admission at <u>Baroda College</u> in 1902 and scored first class with 'Ambalal Sakarlal Paritoshik'.

In 1907, by scoring maximum marks in the <u>English</u> <u>language</u>, he received <u>'Elite prize'</u> along with degree of <u>Bachelor of Arts</u>.

Later, he was given <u>honoris causa</u> from same university.





He received degree of <u>LLB</u> in <u>Mumbai</u> in 1910 and registered as <u>lawyer</u> in the <u>Bombay High Court</u>.

One of his professor at Baroda College was Aurobindo Ghosh (later <u>Sri Aurobindo</u>) who had a profound impression on him.

Munshi was also influenced by <u>Maharaja</u> <u>Sayajirao Gaekwad III</u> of Baroda, <u>Mahatma</u> <u>Gandhi, Sardar Patel</u> and <u>Bhulabhai Desai</u>.



Political career

Indian independence movement

Due to influence of Aurobindo, Munshi leaned towards revolutionary group and get himself involved into the process of bomb-making.

But after settling in the Mumbai, he joined <u>Indian</u> <u>Home Rule movement</u> and became secretary in 1915.



Political careerIndian independence movement

In 1917, he became secretary of Bombay presidency association.

In 1920, he attended annual congress session at Ahmedabad and was influenced by its president Surendranath Banerjee.





In 1927, he was elected to the <u>Bombay legislative</u> <u>assembly</u> but after <u>Bardoli satyagraha</u>, he resigned under the influence of Mahatma Gandhi.

He participated in the <u>civil disobedience</u> movement in 1930 and was arrested for six months initially.

After taking part in the second part of same movement, he was arrested again and spent two years in the jail in 1932.

In 1934, he became secretary of Congress parliamentary board.



Munshi was elected again in the <u>1937</u>
<u>Bombay presidency election</u> and became Home Minister of the <u>Bombay</u>
<u>Presidency</u>.

During his tenure of home minister, he suppressed the communal riots in Bombay.

Munshi was again arrested after he took part in <u>Individual satyagraha</u> in 1940.



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As the demand for <u>Pakistan</u> gathered momentum, he gave up non-violence and supported the idea of a civil war to compel the Muslims to give up their demand.

He believed that the future of Hindus and Muslims lay in unity in an "Akhand Hindustan".

He left Congress in 1941 due to dissents with Congress, but was invited back in 1946 by Mahatma Gandhi.



Offices held

- Member of Bombay Legislative Assembly
- •Member of Working committee of Indian National Congress (1930),
- •Member of <u>All India Congress Committee</u> (1930-36,1947)
- Secretary of Congress Parliamentary Board (1934)
- •Home Minister of Government of Bombay (1937-40)



He was a part of several committees including Drafting Committee, Advisory Committee, Sub-Committee on Fundamental Rights.

Munshi presented his draft on Fundamental Rights to the Drafting and it sought for progressive rights to be made a part of Fundamental Rights

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After the <u>independence of India</u>, Munshi, Sardar Patel and N. V. Gadgil visited the <u>Junagadh State</u> to stabilise the state with help of the Indian Army.

In Junagadh, Patel declared the reconstruction of the historically important **Somnath temple**.

Patel died before the reconstruction was completed.

Munshi became the main driving force behind the renovation of the <u>Somnath</u> temple even after <u>Jawaharlal Nehru</u>'s opposition.



Munshi was appointed diplomatic envoy and trade agent (Agent-General) to the princely state of <u>Hyderabad</u>, where he served until its accession to India in 1948.

Munshi was on the ad hoc Flag Committee that selected the Flag of India in August 1947, and on the committee which drafted the Constitution of India under the chairmanship of B. R. Ambedkar.



Besides being a politician and educator, Munshi was also an environmentalist.

He initiated the <u>Van Mahotsav</u> in 1950, when he was Union Minister of Food and Agriculture, to increase area under forest cover.

Since then Van Mahotsav a week-long festival of tree plantation is organised every year in the month of July all across the country and lakhs of trees are planted.



Munshi served as the Governor of Uttar

Pradesh from 1952 to 1957. In 1959, Munshi separated from the Nehru-dominated (socialist) Congress Party and started the Akhand Hindustan movement.

He believed in a strong opposition, so along with Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, he founded the Swatantra Party, which was right-wing in its politics, pro-business, pro-free market economy and private property rights.



~ Author: Kanhaiyalal Maniklal Munshi



The party enjoyed considerable success and eventually died out.

In August 1964, he chaired the meeting for the founding of the Hindu nationalist organisation Vishva Hindu Parishad at Sandipini ashram.



Posts held

Member of constituent assembly of India and its drafting committee (1947-52)

- •Union minister of food and agriculture (1950-52)
- •Agent general to the Government of India, Hyderabad (1948)



Munshi was thinking of giving an institutional foundations to his ideas and ideals since 1923.

On 7 November 1938, he established **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan** with Harshidbhai Divatia and his wife Lilavati Munshi at Andheri, Bombay.

Later, he established Mumbadevi Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya to teach Sanskrit and ancient Hindu texts according to traditional methods.





Apart from founding <u>Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan</u>, Munshi was instrumental in the establishment of <u>Bhavan's College</u>, <u>Hansraj Morarji Public School</u>, <u>Rajhans Vidyalaya</u>, <u>Rajhans Balvatika</u> and <u>Panchgani Hindu School</u> (1922).

He was elected Fellow of the <u>University of Bombay</u>, where he was responsible for giving adequate representation to regional languages.

He was also instrumental in starting the department of Chemical Technology.



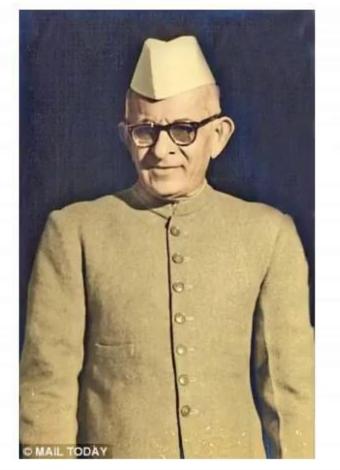
He served as Chairman of Institute of Agriculture, Anand (1951-71), trustee of the

Birla Education Trust (1948-71), executive chairman of

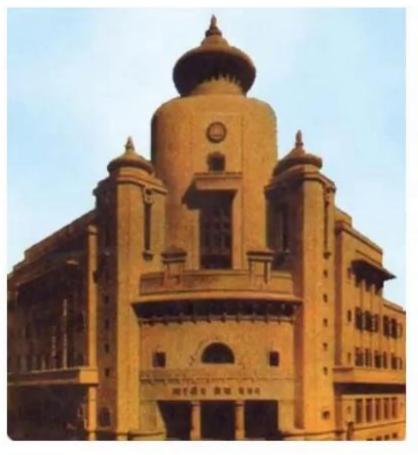
Indian Law Institute (1957-60) and chairman of

Sanskrit Vishwa Parishad (1951-1961).

~ He founded Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan.







~ He was the President of the Sanskrit Vishwa Parishad and the Gujarati Sahitya Parishad.



Munshi, with pen name *Ghanshyam Vyas*, was a prolific writer in Gujarati and English, earning a reputation as one of Gujarat's greatest literary figures.

Being a writer and a conscientious journalist, Munshi started a Gujarati monthly called Bhargava.

He was joint-editor of Young India and in 1954, started the Bhavan's Journal which is published by the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan to this day.



Kanaiyalal Maneklal Munshi

Munshi was President of the <u>Gujarati Sahitya</u> <u>Parishad</u> and the <u>Hindi Sahitya Sammelan</u>

Munshi was also a <u>litterateur</u> with a wide range of interests.

He is well known for his historical novels in Gujarati, especially his trilogy Patan-ni-Prabhuta (The Glory of Patan), Gujarat-no-Nath (The Lord and Master of Gujarat) and Rajadhiraj (The King of Kings). His other works include Jay



Kanaiyalal Maneklal Munshi

Somnath (on Somnath temple),

Krishnavatara (on Lord Krishna),

Bhagavan Parasurama (on Parshurama),
and Tapasvini (The Lure of Power) a novel with
a fictional parallel drawn from the Freedom

Movement of India under Mahatma Gandhi.

Munshi also wrote several notable works in English.



Kanaiyalal Maneklal Munshi

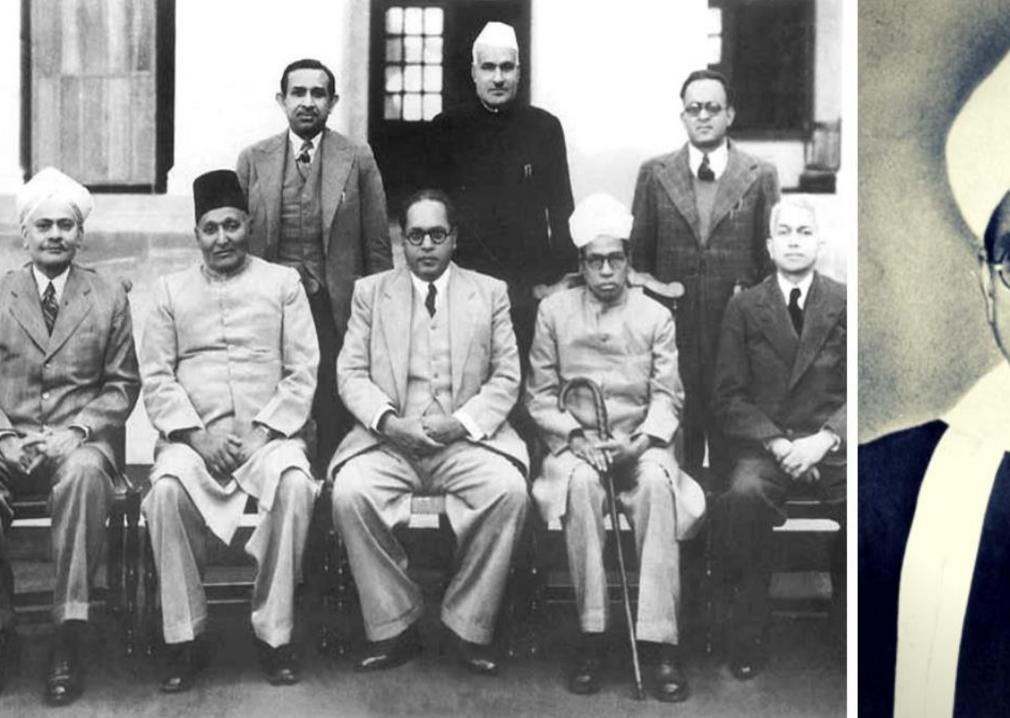
Munshi has written mostly based on fictional historical themes namely

- 1.Earlier Aryan settlements in India (What he calls Gaurang's white skinned)
- 2.Krishna's endeavors in Mahabharata times
- 3. More recently in 10th century India around Gujarat, Malwa and Southern India.

K.M. Munshi's novel <u>Prithivivallabh</u> was made into a movie of the same name twice. The adaptation directed by Manilal Joshi in 1924 was very controversial in its day: <u>Mahatma Gandhi</u> criticised it for excessive sex and violence. <u>The second version</u> was by <u>Sohrab Modi</u> in 1943.











Dewan Bahadur Sir Alladi Krishnaswamy

Iyer (14 May 1883 – 3 October 1953) was an

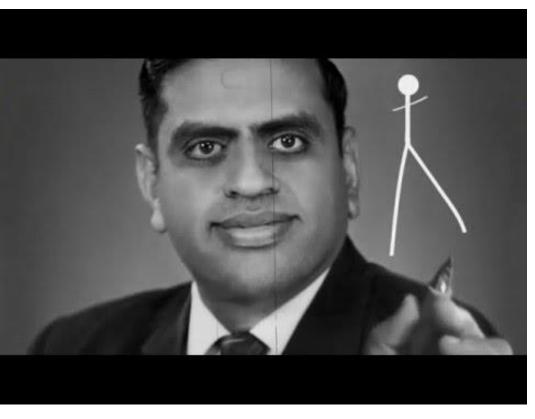
Indian lawyer and member of
the Constituent Assembly of India, which
was responsible for framing the Constitution
of India.

He also served as the <u>Advocate</u> <u>General</u> of <u>Madras State</u> from 1929 to 1944.





Early life



Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer was born in 1883 to a Tamil Brahmin Family in the small <u>village</u> of Pudur in <u>Madras</u>

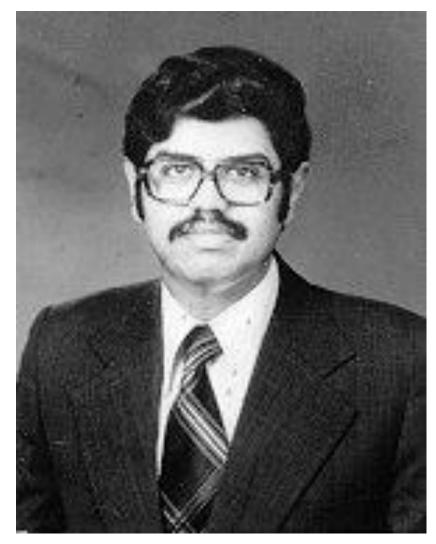
<u>State</u> (present day <u>Nellore</u>

<u>district</u> of <u>Andhra Pradesh</u>).

His father, Ekamra Sastry, was a priest.



Early life



Krishnaswamy passed his matriculation examination in 1899 and joined the <u>Madras</u> Christian College to study history.

Alladi used his spare time to attend classes in law and passed the B.L. exam and became one of the leading members of the bar.



Early life

He was made a Dewan Bahadur in 1930 and was knighted in the 1932 New Year Honours List.

He was married to Venkalakshmamma.

He was the Advocate General of the Madras Presidency from 1929 to 1944.

He played a major role in drafting the Constitution of India.





Role in Constituent Assembly

The main architect of Indian Constitution, B.R. Ambedkar, who also chaired the constitution's drafting committee, credited Alladi's contribution: "There were in the drafting committee men bigger, better and more competent than myself such as my friend Sir Alladi Krishnaswamy lyer."





Role in Constituent Assembly

When the Constituent Assembly adopted the principle of universal adult franchise, Shri A.K. lyer, a member, remarked that this was done, "with an abundant faith in the common man and the ultimate success of democratic rule, and in the full belief that the introduction of democratic government on the basis of adult suffrage will bring enlightenment and promote the well-being, the standard of life, the comfort, and the decent living of the common man".





Role in Constituent Assembly

He was a part of nine committees including: Drafting Committee and Advisory Committee.

In the Constituent Assembly he defended suspension of certain political rights in circumstances of national crisis





Died 3 October 1953, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Alladi Memorial Trust was founded in 1983 by Alladi Kuppuswami to commemorate the birth centenary of his father Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer.

It is aimed to help poor litigants, lawyers and students of law and for helping in the administration of justice. Alladi Memorial Lectures are delivered every year on issues relating to the Indian Constitution.



Noted neuroscientist <u>Vilayanur S.</u> <u>Ramachandran</u> is his grandson.

Alladi Ramakrishnan, an Indian physicist and the founder of the Institute of Mathematical Sciences (Matscience) was his son



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