



Lokmanya Tilak's statue, Chowpatty

Bombay

illuminated on week-ends. The nearby Babulnath temple also commands a fine view of the city. On the western shore is the Mahalakshmi temple dedicated to Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth and Plenty. To the left, off another fine stretch of road known as Hornby Vellard, is a Muslim shrine, built on rocky prominence washed by the waves; the pathway leading to it is submerged during high tide. On the other side of this road are Bombay's famous Mahalakshmi Race Course, the Willingdon Sports Club, the National Sports Club of India and the Vallabhai Stadium.

In the heart of the city are the Victoria Gardens laid out in 1861 containing a zoo where children can enjoy camel rides. The Victoria and Albert Museum, mainly of industrial and botanical interest, is also located in these gardens. To the east of the museum stands a giant stone elephant originally brought from the Elephanta Caves.

The Crawford Market, the focal point of the city's shopping activities, attracts the greatest concentration of shoppers at its hundreds of stalls selling flowers, vegetables, fruits, fish and provisions. Here too lies a whole network of lanes where one can pick up anything from a cabin trunk to a hairpin. One of the streets leading off the market is the famed Zaveri Bazar, the jewellers' market. And nearby are the wholesale and retail textile markets.

Not far from the "Gateway of India" is the Prince of Wales Museum with the majestic sweep in blue and yellow basalt. It houses the collection of the Natural History Society of Bombay and the Tata collection of unique and rare paintings of the Moghul School and exquisite samples of Chinese jade and porcelain. In the grounds of the Museum stands the Jehangir Art Gallery completed in 1952 where art and photographic exhibitions are frequently held. The nearby Bombay University buildings with the Rajabai Tower, the Elphinstone College and the Institute of Science opposite the Museum mark the academic area. The Cowasjee Jehangir Hall which is a part of the Institute of Science building serves the needs of the various conferences and concerts.

Back in the Fort area, the Town Hall is worth a visit. It houses the Asiatic Society's collection of Indian and Eastern manuscripts and records. Not far from the Town Hall is the Ballard Pier where ocean liners big and small as well as humbler crafts of coastal traffic are berthed by the dozen.

ARRIVING by sea or by air you will be struck by Bombay's lovely natural setting—the far-away blue outlines of the majestic Western Ghats, the calm sea dotted with fishing boats gliding smoothly under white sails, the palm-fringed beaches and on the outskirts, smoke rising from a thousand chimneys in the mill area—a reminder that Bombay is one of the largest industrial cities of the East.

Served by a network of internal airlines, railroads and highways, Bombay, the gateway of India, with its background of the East and its daily contact with the West, offers a variety of attractions and is a fitting introduction to the country.

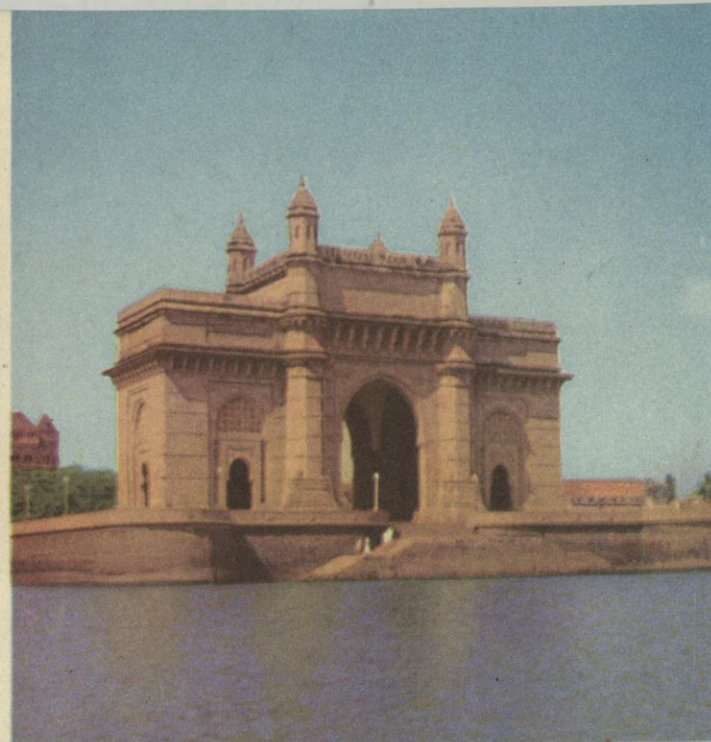
A cosmopolitan city—it owes its prosperity to the industry and enterprise of its population of over three million. Throughout the day a constant stream of people keeps flowing in and out of its streamlined transport, smart business premises, modern hotels and busy textile factories. In the evening the centre of attraction is the city's splendid promenade by the sea, the Marine Drive.

The "Gateway of India", as the entrance to the harbour is known, is the most familiar landmark in the city. The massive edifice situated on the Apollo Bunder serves as a place of reception on important ceremonial occasions.

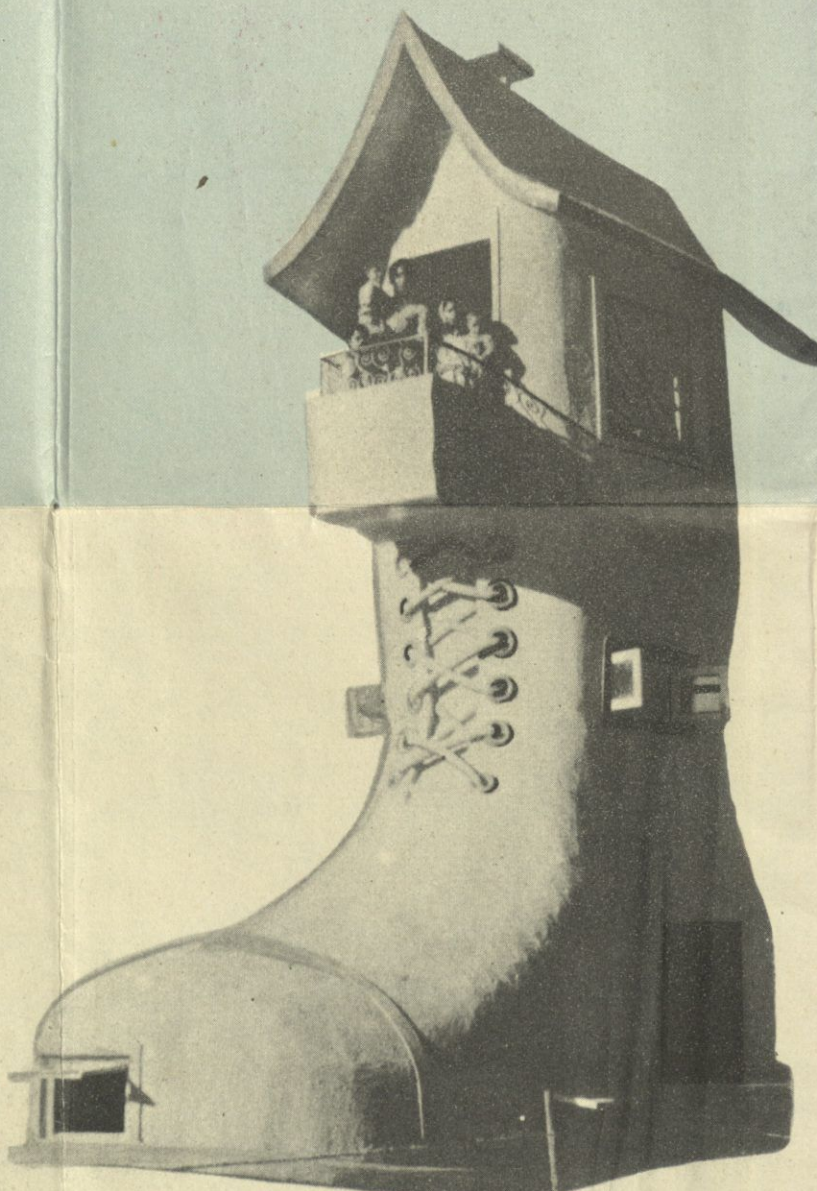
The Fort area is the chief commercial centre. Along the ridges and on the slopes of Cumballa and Malabar Hills are the charming homes of Bombay's well-to-do residents and the famous Hanging Gardens. The summit of these hills offer a superb view of the city, one that is almost magical at night.

Going up the Marine Drive (it is difficult to believe that this part of Bombay was reclaimed from the sea only 25 years ago) the jostling crowds, especially in the cool of the evening, offer a kaleidoscopic view of the mass of humanity which make up this land. The road winds up Walkeshwar Road and Ridge Road, where the sea recedes lower and lower, until at the top from Pherozeshah Mehta Gardens (popularly known as the "Hanging Gardens") the whole sweep of Bombay from the colourful Chowpatty beach to the faint hills in the distance—can be viewed. The myriad lights of the Marine Drive at night have been aptly called "The Queen's Necklace".

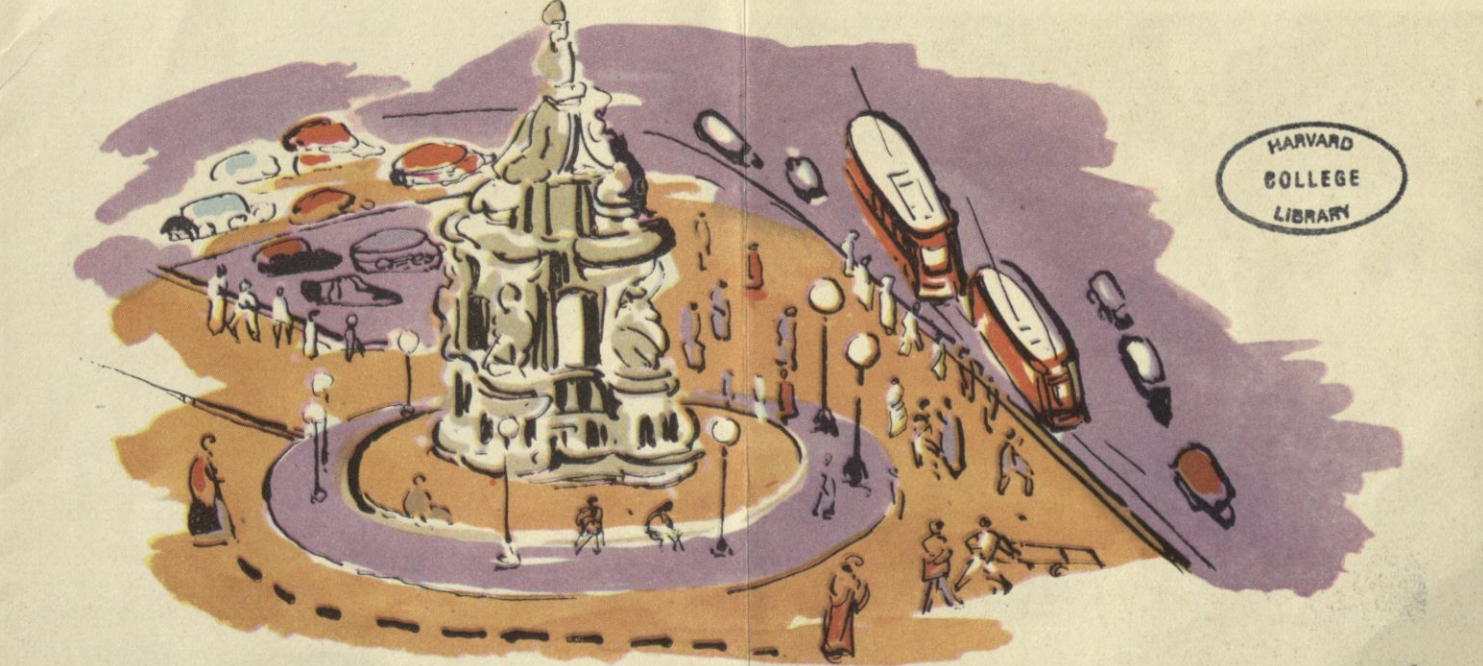
Near the Hanging Gardens is the Kamala Nehru Park which is a veritable fairyland when



Gateway of India



"Mother Hubbard's Shoe", Kamala Nehru Park



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Sail boats, Apollo Bunder



Mahalakshmi Race Course



Juhu Beach

EXCURSIONS AROUND BOMBAY

About 15 miles to the north of the city is **Juhu**, the palm-fringed natural beach ideal for bathing. Juhu has good hotels, while shacks and villas along the beach can also be rented. For a quiet swim **Versova** and **Marve** further up the coast are recommended. Bombay's picturesque **lake district** is only an hour's drive from the city.

Some six miles south-east of Bombay, on a small island decked with tropical vegetation, are the famous cave temples of **Elephanta** dating back to the 8th century. Five in all, they contain huge sculptures and panels in relief. The most striking of the images is the **Trimurti**, a nineteen feet high three-headed bust hewn from a single rock representing the triple aspect of the Hindu Divinity.

There are a number of other rock-cut monuments around Bombay. The more well known among them are the **Kanheri** group of Buddhist Caves and the series of shrines and monasteries known as **Karla**. **Bassein**, the sixteenth century stronghold of the Portuguese, was a flourishing city as may be gauged from the ruins of churches, convents, manors and fortifications.

The State operated **Aarey Milk Colony**, situated in a park 20 miles from Bombay on the main **Ghodhbunder Road**, is one of the most modern milk colonies in the world.

Trips round Bombay harbour by motor launch or sail boat are available daily from the "Gateway of India".

Marine Drive

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Dancing Rudra, Elephanta Caves



Flowers for sale



Crawford market



Brabourne Stadium



Betel-seller

