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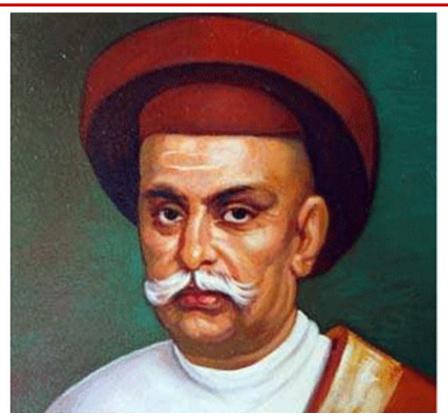
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The **Maharashtra Government** has recently decided to propose renaming **Mumbai Central station** after **Nana Jagannath Shankarseth,** a revered social reformer, educationist, and philanthropist.



[ref-Maharashtra times]

About the Nana Jagannath Shankarseth:

- Born on **February 10, 1803**, Nana Jagannath Shankarseth was a renowned **social reformer**, **educationist**, and **philanthropist**.
- He hailed from a wealthy family in Murbad, Thane district, and took over the family business at a young age after his father's demise in **1822**.
- Inspired by the legendary merchant and philanthropist **Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy**, Shankarseth made significant contributions to various sectors in Bombay (now Mumbai).

Significant Contributions:

- Education: Shankarseth played a pivotal role in promoting education in Bombay as he donated land for educational institutions and founded the Native School of Bombay, which later evolved into the prestigious Elphinstone College.
- **Medical Education:** He advocated for the establishment of a medical college in Bombay, leading to the foundation of **Grant Medical College**, one of the oldest medical institutions in South Asia.
- Museum and Temples: Shankarseth contributed to the promotion of culture and religion by supporting the Dr Bhau Daji Lad Museum and building temples like Bhawani Shankar Temple and a Ram temple.
- Contribution to Railways: Shankarseth was instrumental in the inception of the Indian railway system.
 - He collaborated with Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy in the committee that facilitated the establishment of the first train route between Boribunder and Thane in 1853.