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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**.