

Bio-Data

Mahadev Desai (1892-1942)

Mahadev Desai, Mahatma Gandhi's personal secretary, an eminent journalist, Indian Independence activist and a writer; born on 1 January 1892, at Saras in Surat District of Gujarat; educated, Surat High School, Elphinston College, Bombay, 1913; served as Secretary to Mahatma Gandhi, 1917-42; participated in the Champaran Satyagraha, 1917, Bardoli Satyagraha, 1928, Salt Satyagraha, 1930, and Individual Satyagraha, 1942; aided Motilal Nehru in running *The Independent*, 1920; accompanied M.K. Gandhi to the Second Round Table Conference, 1931; participated in the Civil Disobedience Movement, 1932; played a role in organizing people's movements in the princely states of Rajkot and Mysore, 1939; participated in the Quit India Movement, 1942; founding member, All India Newspaper Editor's Conference.

His published works include: *Vir Vallabh* (1928), *Sant Francis* (1934) and *Be Khudsi Khidmatgar*, a biography of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan and his brother. He was also involved in translation of numerous English, Hindi and Gujarati works.

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1.	18 January 1924 – 02 February 1924	61	Original English and Gujarati
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3.	17 January 1925 – 02 April 1925	284	Xerox English and Gujarati
4.	28 April 1925 – 11 June 1926	333	Xerox English, Gujarati, Sanskrit and Bengali
5.	24 February 1926 – 23 November 1926	280	Original & Xerox English, Sanskrit and Gujarati
6.	20 December 1926 – 29 May 1927	302	Xerox English and Gujarati
7.	23 May 1927 – 07 January 1928	158	Original & Xerox English, Sanskrit and Gujarati
8.	[08 March 1929 – 19 March 1929]	87	Xerox English and Gujarati
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10.	06 December 1930 – 21 December 1931	284	Xerox English, Gujarati and Bengali
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13.	28 February 1932 – 02 March 1932	26	Original & Xerox English, Sanskrit, Marathi and Gujarati
14.	10 March 1932 – 18 July 1932	367	Xerox English, Sanskrit, Hindi and Gujarati
15.	10 March 1932 – 4 September 1932	399	Xerox English, Sanskrit, Hindi and Gujarati
16.	5 September 1932 – 20 November 1932	243	Xerox English and Gujarati Also includes copy of letters dated 26.03.1949, 04.05.1949, 03.05.1949
17.	27 August 1933 – 28 September 1933	140	Original & Xerox English, Marathi and Gujarati
18.	October 1933	195	Original & Xerox English and Sanskrit
19.	9 October 1933 – November 1933	327	Original & Xerox English, Sanskrit and Marathi

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20.	May 1934	225	Original & Xerox English, Sanskrit and Gujarati
21.	10 July 1934 – 17 March 1936	347	Xerox English and Gujarati
22.	11 April 1936 – 17 January 1937	314	Xerox English, Sanskrit and Gujarati
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24.	18 January 1937 – 22 November 1937	361	Xerox English, Sanskrit and Gujarati
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26.	03 August 1938 – 23 September 1939	368	Xerox English, Sanskrit and Gujarati
27.	07 October 1939 – 08 June 1940	204	Xerox English and Gujarati
28.	17 June 1940 – 30 January 1941	201	Xerox English and Gujarati
29.	02 July 1941 – 26 November 1941	89	Xerox English and Gujarati
30.	28 November 1941 – 09 June 1942	401	Xerox English, Hindi and Gujarati

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31.	09 June 1942 – 08 August 1942	100	Xerox English and Gujarati
32.	Undated	63	Original & Xerox English and Gujarati
33.	Undated	87	Original & Xerox English, Hindi, Gujarati and Persian
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II. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE FILE

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1.	Xerox copies of letters from M.K. Gandhi, Amrit Kaur, Kashinath and others	1929-40	53	Xerox copies English, Hindi and Gujarati