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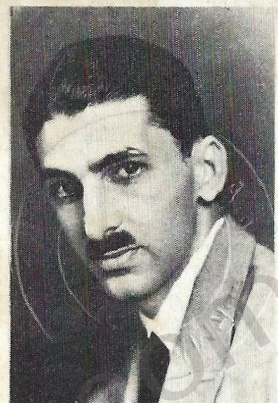
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Date Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1929 No. 1



*Jehangir R. D. Tata*  
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15-10-82



4.00 p.m., 15 October 1982

Fifty years later to the minute, a tiny single-engined aircraft touched down at Bombay. J. R. D. Tata, the man who brought commercial aviation to India, celebrated a golden jubilee by reenacting his first mail flight.

A special commemorative stamp and first day cover were issued by the Government of India to mark this achievement, the second time in Indian history that this honour has been bestowed on a man during his lifetime, the first being in honour of Jawaharlal Nehru.



## Tata's feat to rekindle pioneering spirit

By The Daily Staff

BOMBAY, Oct. 29 "In every job there is still an opportunity to do something never attempted before or for doing something better than the others. Despite the difficult times India is yet capable of showing the world something new. The purpose of my flight was to rekindle the pioneering spirit in the youth," said J. R. D. Tata.

Speaking at the final function of the golden jubilee celebrations of the Air-India Toastmasters Club here

today, the "grandfather of Indian civil aviation" expressed surprise at the roaring publicity accorded to his Leopard Moth flight on October 15.

"That was a little flight... a few hours of perfect flying over smooth land without any danger," he described. The interest might have been because both the plane and the pilot were old, he added.

Expressing his pleasure over the growth of Indian aviation in 50 years, he said that the flight was to show his gratitude to all those who



J.R.D. TATA

## Flight Into History

IT WAS the stuff that history is made of. When J.R.D. Tata took off from Karachi airport at eight in the morning on October 15, he was breaking no world records, but the event was neverthe-

less heart due to angina pectoris, a condition caused at least in part by the sudden strain and excitement of the impending flight and its feverish preparations.

Notwithstanding JRD's modest dis-

"The times for pioneering in aviation are gone. But there are many other things that can be done and many things that the young of this country will do and must steel themselves to doing, however difficult, however disheartening, however discouraging at times the environment is or the conditions or the lack of support that one may get."

—J. R. D. Tata

## Tata Re-enacts Historic Flight

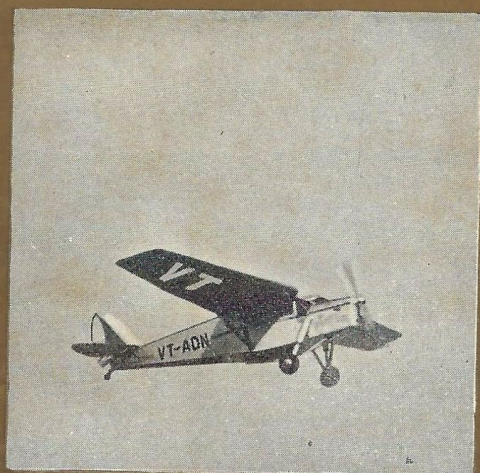
BOMBAY, Oct. 15.—Mr J. R. D. Tata, today landed at the Juhu airstrip of the Bombay Flying Club, re-enacting the inaugural flight he piloted 50 years ago from Karachi to Bombay via Ahmedabad, reports PTL.

And this was how Mr Tata commemorated the golden jubilee of civil air transport in India, which he has nurtured to its present stature.

Mr Tata told reporters that the Pakistan President, General Zia-ul-Huq, had given him a goodwill message for the Indian President, Mr Zail Singh, in reciprocation of the







8.01 a.m., 15 October 1932.

A tiny single-engined aircraft took off from Karachi, on the first solo flight to Ahmedabad and Bombay.

At the controls, inaugurating India's first air mail service, was J. R. D. Tata, the twenty-eight-year old director of Tata Sons Limited.

The mail service he set up went on to become one of the best-known airlines in the world: Air India.

And the Tata-promoted companies, of which he has been the Group Chairman for over 40 years, now constitute the largest as well as most diversified combination of enterprises in India, pioneering in many fields of high technology and of service to the people of the country.



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