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## FIRST MOATED ENCLOSURE IN AHMEDABAD ZOO

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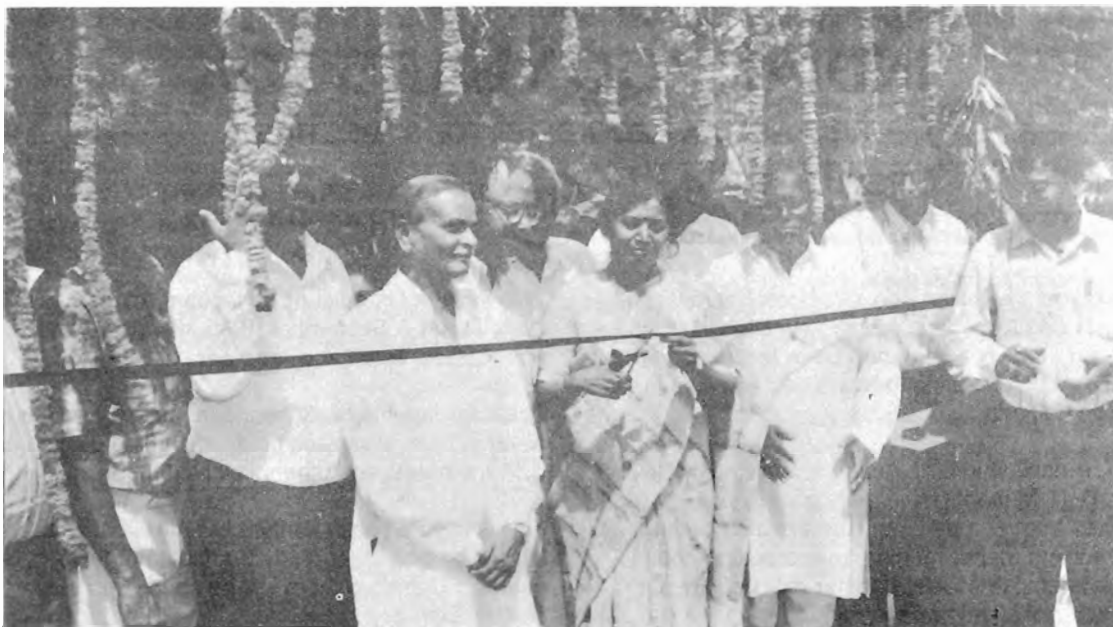
Ahmedabad zoo was started in 1951 and became a very popular zoo of Gujarat despite its having a very small area, 31 acres of land. However, as a result of the recommendations of the Central Zoo Authority, on 24th June 1996 a moated enclosure was inaugurated and was the first such enclosure in the Hill Garden Zoo.

Hon'ble Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Standing Committee Chairman, Cultural Committee Chairman, other elected members of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation as well as Municipal Commissioner, and Dy. Municipal Commissioner graced the occasion. The Press and many visitors were also present. The design of the enclosure was approved by CZA. The total cost of the enclosure was Rs. 15 lakhs of which CZA has granted Rs. 4 lakhs.

Now our Tigers enjoy a large area in a natural environment. Visitors are also very happy to see the tigers without any obstructions and everybody appreciates this type of development in our zoo.



*The first open, moated enclosure in the well known Hill Garden Zoo, Kankaria, occupied by white tiger "Mohesh". Reuben David would be very proud of this new development.*



*Dignitaries attend opening of new moated enclosure at Ahmedabad Zoo. Left to right : Shri Dharmendra Shah, BJP Leader; Shri J. S. Rajput, Deputy Mayor; Shri J. R. Patel, Standing Comm. Chairman; Shri Keshav Verma, Municipal Commissioner; Shri Ravjibhai Patel, Water Committee Chairman; Smt. Bhavnaban Dave, Mayor; Shri Himmatsingh Patel, Congress Leader; Shri A. S. Kota, Rec. and Cultural Comm. Chairman; Shri Ashvin Patel, Livestock Inspector; Shri R. K. Sahu, Zoo Superintendent.*

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