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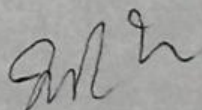
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17th April, 1970

My dear Chimanbhai,

- As promised in my letter of 10th April, I send herewith a few lines about Baikaka for publishing in your fortnightly journal Vallabh Vidyanagar.

Yours sincerely,



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Message for "Vallabh Vidyanagar"

The National Executive at its meeting in New Delhi on April 11 expressed its grief over the death of Bhalkaka. The resolution it adopted described him as the architect of the Party in Gujarat who had contributed to the establishment of a strong two party system in the State.

I have had the good fortune of knowing Bhalkaka for a long *time* period. A man of strong conviction, Bhalkaka had that singleness of purpose which is so rare today. Not many have turned away from the temptation of lucre to the service of their fellowmen, but Bhalkaka was one of those unselfish mortals. This engineer turned politician built one of the finest institutions in the country, the Vallabh Vidyanagar University. As Mr. Gokhale observed as far back as 12th November, 1963, "Vallabh Vidyanagar and all its institutions stand as an abiding monument to him, his patriotism, his recognition of the real needs of the people and his love for the countryside".

Undoubtedly his death while a blow to the Swatantra Party, is *a* much more grievous one to the *freedom* ~~Kisans~~ of Gujarat whose champion he was.