



D. N. Wadia

(1883 – 1969)

The well known geologist



He was born on October 23, 1883 in Surat. While studying at the Baroda College he was inspired to study geology. This was due to his teacher A. M. Masani, a keen naturalist.

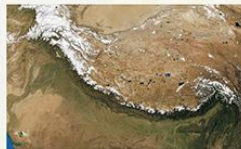


D N Wadia completed M Sc in biology and geology in 1906 & joined the Prince of Wales College in Jammu as a Professor.



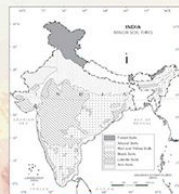
Collected minerals, rocks and made important fossil discoveries during his trekking expeditions in the Himalayas

Discovered fossil tusk of an elephantine mammal *Stegedonganesa*, skull of *Actinodon* and vast reservoirs of sulphide ores of copper, nickel, lead and zinc in Jammu & Kashmir. At the British Museum, he worked on vertebrate fossils collected from Kashmir.



Explained the abnormal sequence of rock formations in North-Western Himalayas and the unique knee-bend of mountain chains around the Nanga Parbat.

Responsible for establishing many scientific institutions including the Institute of Himalayan Geology in Dehradun (now known as the Wadia institute), Indian Bureau of Mines, Atomic Minerals Division and so on.



Published the first Soil Map of India along with M. S. Krishnan and P. N. Mukherjee.

Also wrote authoritative textbooks on Indian geology & was an outstanding popular science writer.