

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA



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PICTORIAL REPRESENTATION

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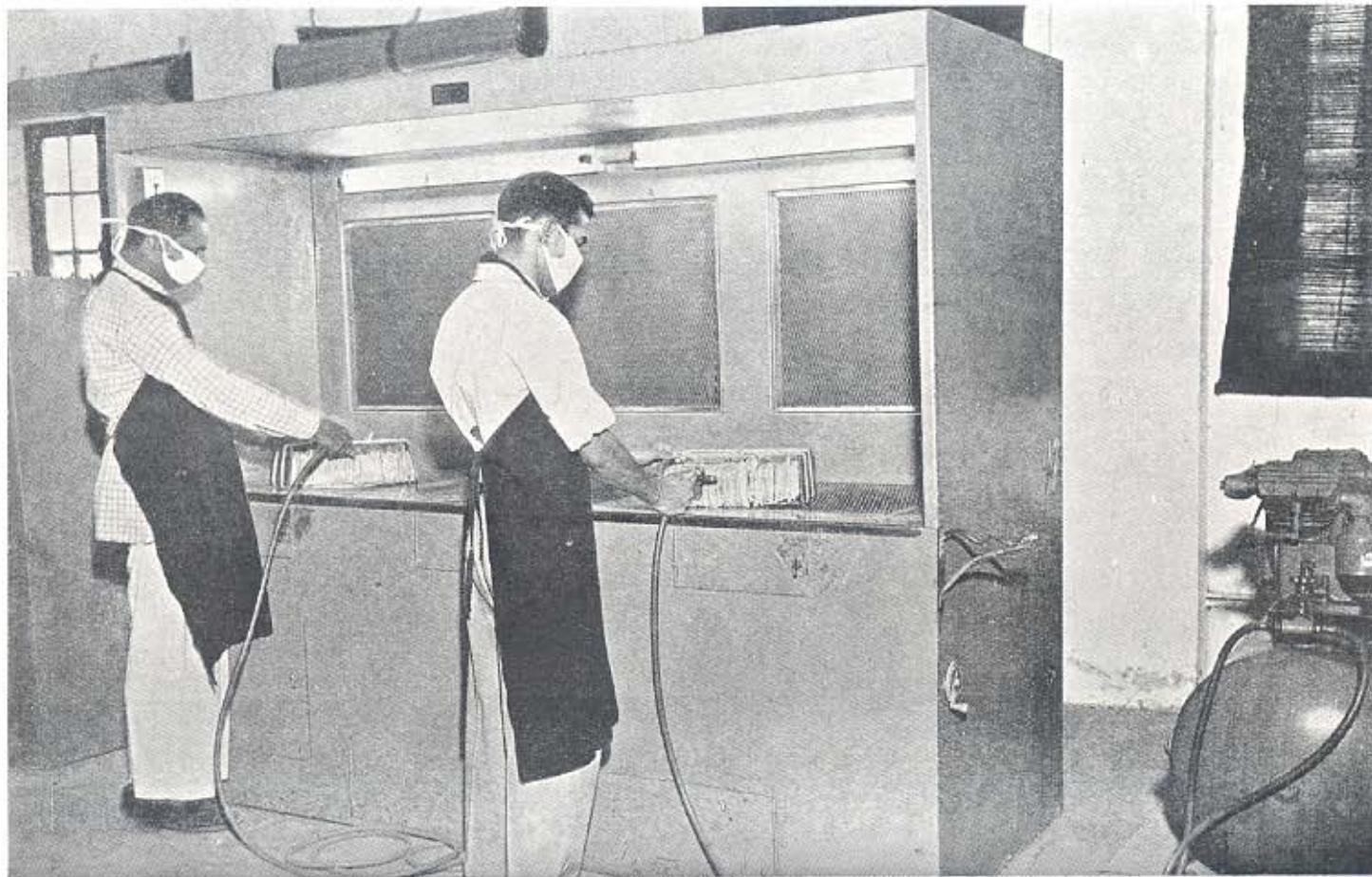
The archives of the Government of India are preserved in this solid red stone building. It is one of the biggest records repositories in Asia.



National Archives of India (Front View)

Air-Cleaning

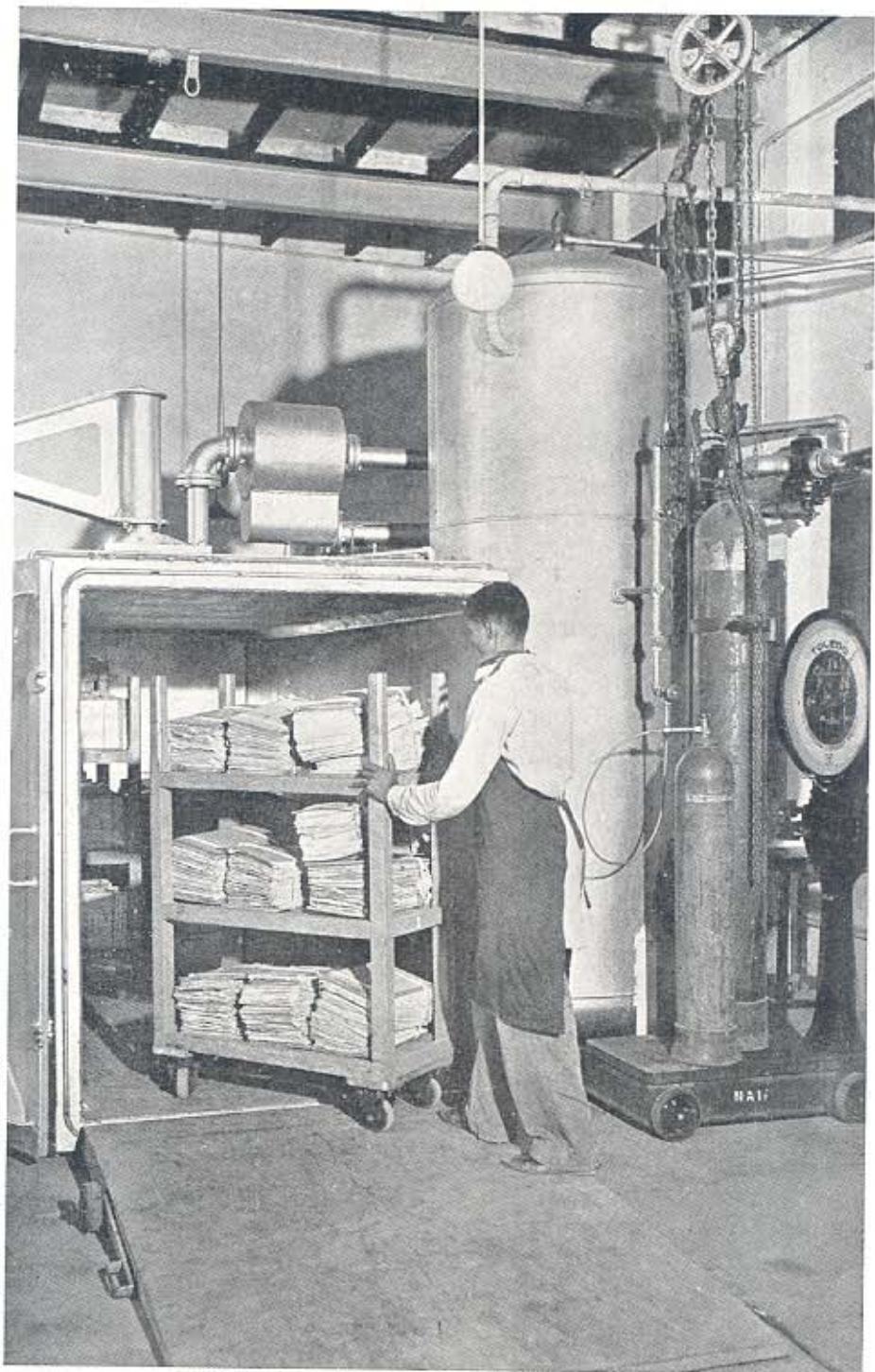
As soon as records are received in the Department for preservation, they are first air-cleaned with the help of the electric air-cleaning machine.



Air-cleaning Equipment

Vacuum Fumigation

After air-cleaning, the records are fumigated in this Vacuum Fumigation Chamber which has a capacity of 300 cubic feet.



Vacuum Fumigation Chamber

Stack Areas

After air-cleaning and fumigation, the records are ready for preservation in the muniment rooms. In the stacks the records are being regularly looked after by a qualified staff. The stack areas, which comprise three floors, are equipped with modern fire-fighting equipment.



General View of the Stack Area (First Floor)

Rehabilitation (Manual)

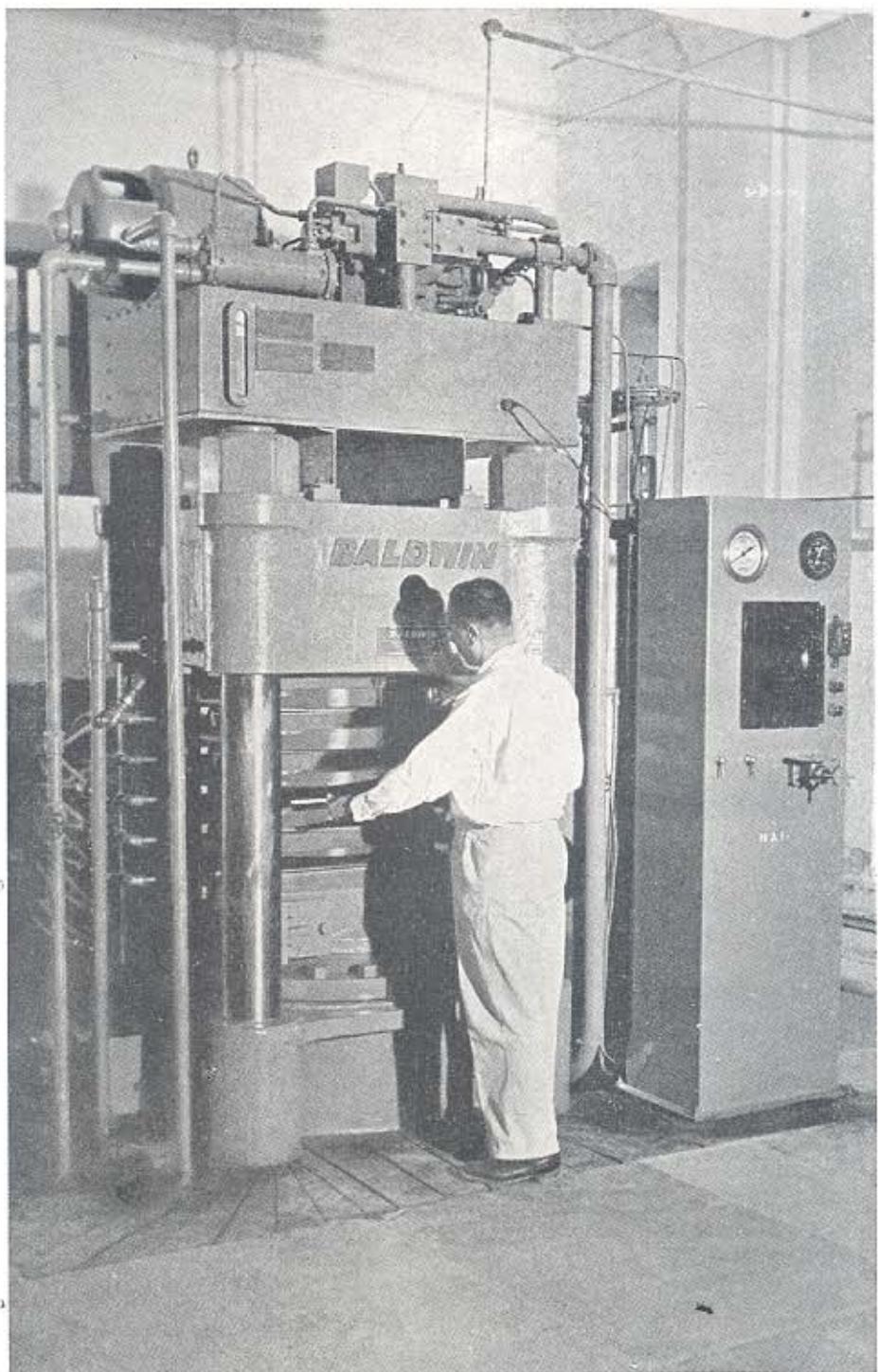
Hundreds and thousands of records require immediate repair as soon as they are received in the Department. A fully trained staff performs this difficult task with diligence and skill.



Manual Repair of Records

Rehabilitation (Mechanical)

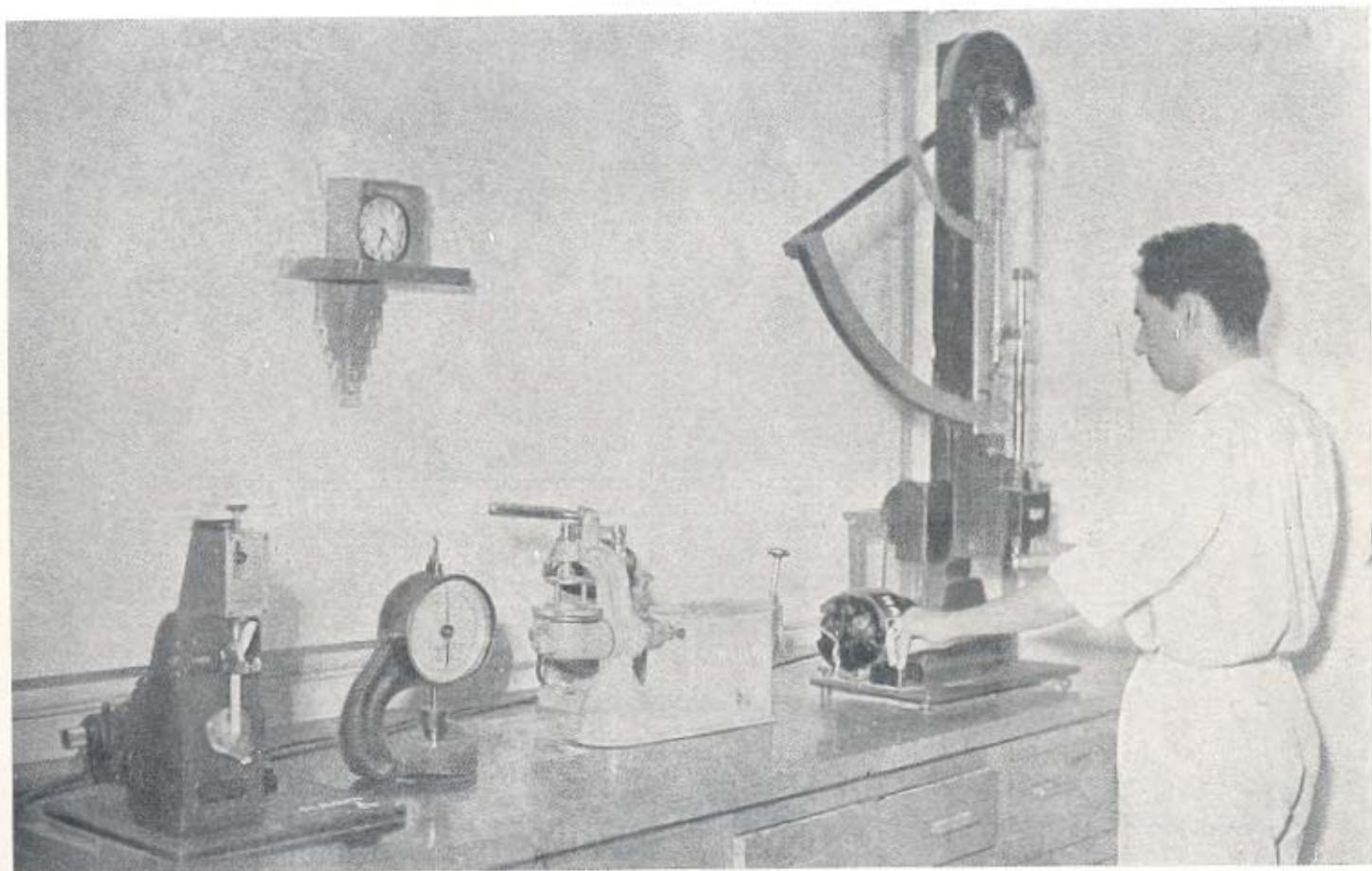
Due to the very large bulk of records requiring rehabilitation, the Department has also adopted the latest process of lamination of records. A hydraulic laminating machine was put into operation in February 1956. It is capable of laminating 1,500 foolscap sheets per day.



Hydraulic Laminating Machine

Research Laboratory

An up-to-date Research Laboratory has been set up in the Department in order to conduct experiments on the various problems of archives preservation. This is the only Archives Research Laboratory in the country.



Research Laboratory (Paper Testing Section)

Microfilming

Microfilming solves to some extent problems concerning space and security of records. The Department has an up-to-date Microfilming and Photographic Division.



Microfilming Unit

Research Room

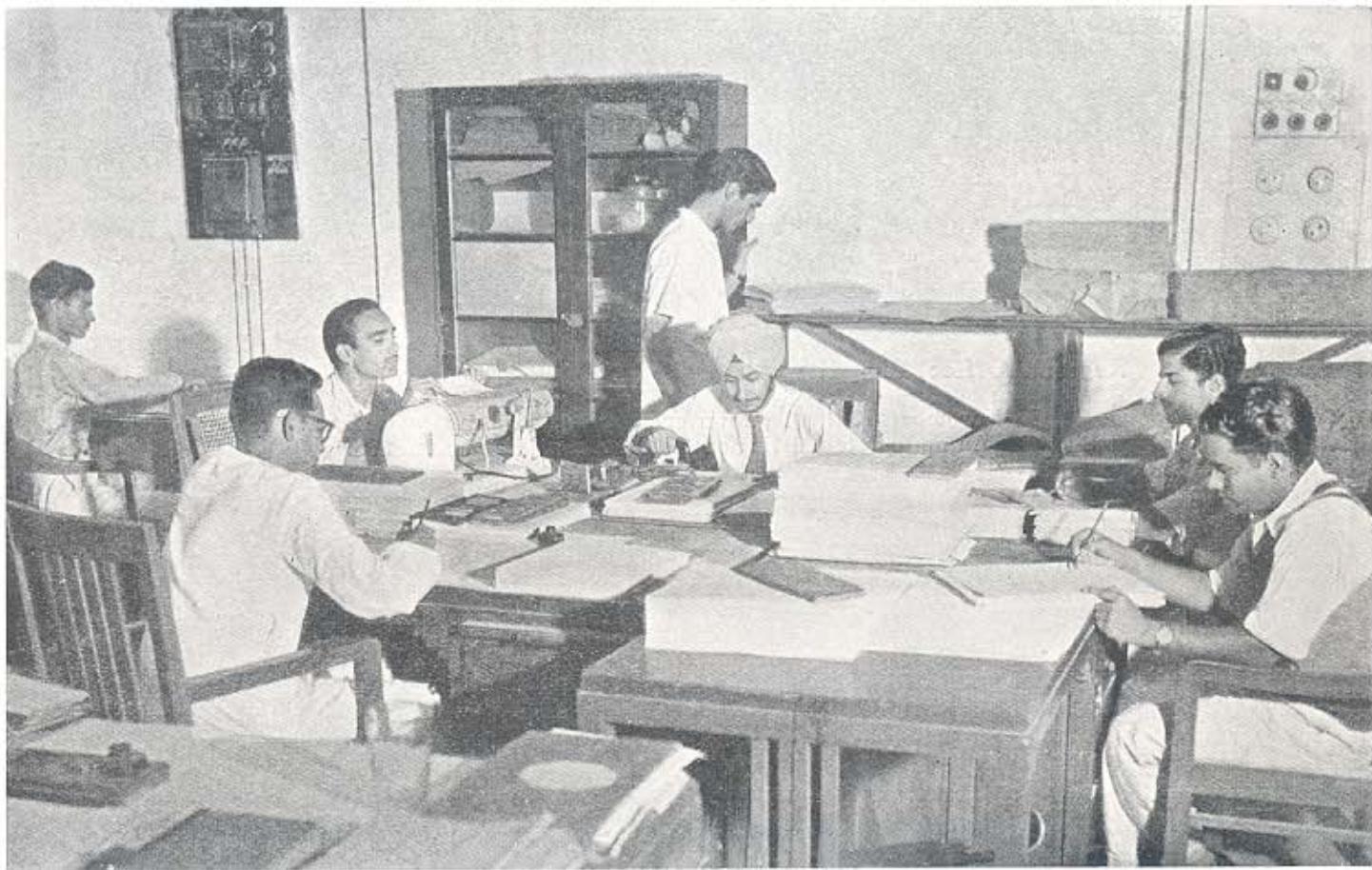
Besides being indispensable aids to administration, records are also the most valuable source-materials of history. This Department provides necessary facilities for research among its records.



A View of the Research Room

Training in Archives Preservation

National Archives is one of the few centres in the world where regular training in archives-preservation is imparted to the employees of Central and State Governments in a three months course held twice a year and to those having a post-graduate degree in modern Indian history in a year's diploma course.



Practical Training in Archives Preservation

Regional Office, Bhopal

In November 1954, the Government of India opened a Regional Archives Office at Bhopal. An up-to-date building of this Office is under construction.



Regional Archives Office, Bhopal (proposed building)

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