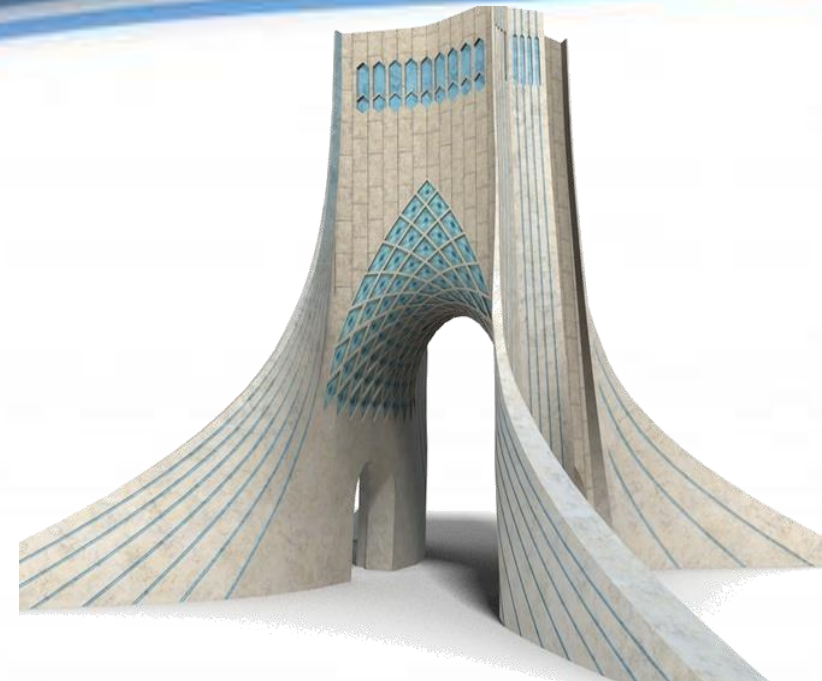




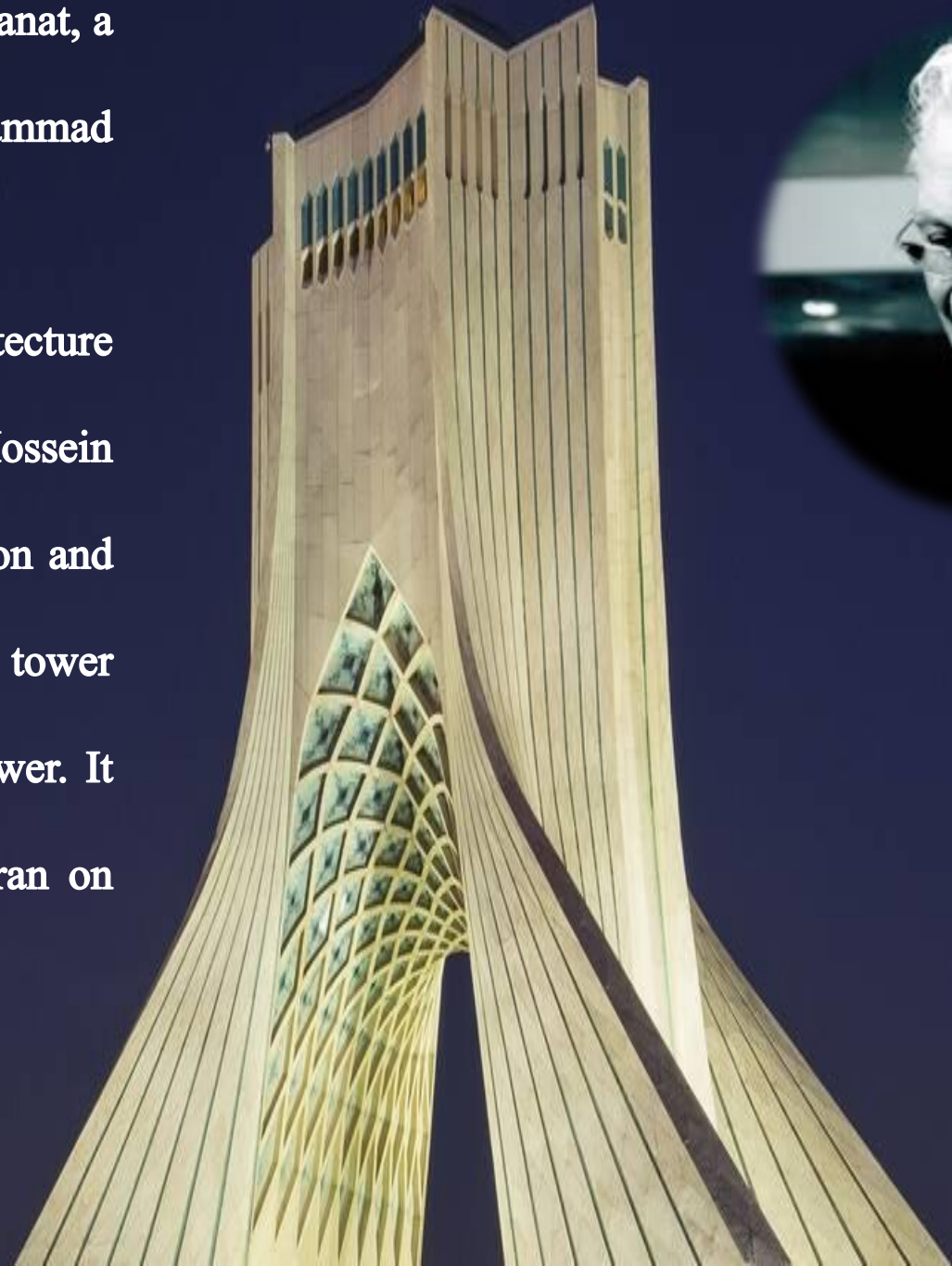


**Azadi Tower is one of the tourist attractions in Tehran, Iran. Due to the proximity of this majestic monument to Mehrabad International Airport, many tourists will be getting acquainted with this place as photography upon their arrival. This tower with its stunning architecture is located in the middle of Azadi Square, the main entrance and exit of the city.**



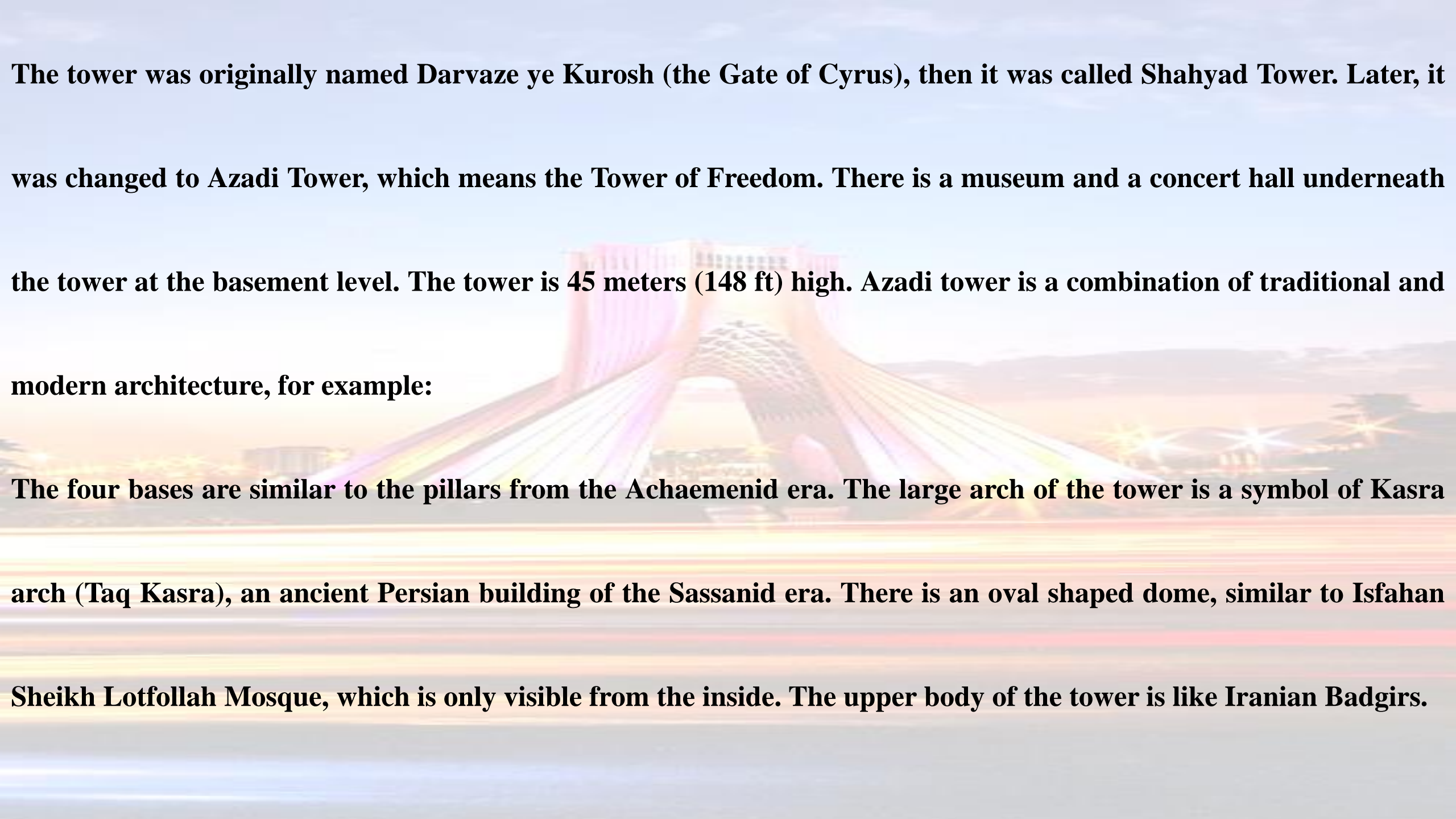
Azadi Tower was designed around 1971 by Hossein Amanat, a young Iranian architect, and was built by Mohammad Pourfathi.

In 1967, a competition was held among the Iranian architecture to design a symbol for the country. The engineer (Hossein Amanat) who graduated from the Tehran University won and was selected for the construction. In 1972, the Azadi tower was put into operation under the name of Shahyad Tower. It was registered in the list of national monuments of Iran on March 16, 1972.



**In 1966, 24-year-old architecture student Hossein Amanat won a competition to design a building to celebrate to the 2,500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Persian Empire. It is now one of the most important symbols of Tehran. If you take the stairs or elevator to the top, you can see several hexagonal windows set around the upper level which give an amazing view of Tehran.**





**The tower was originally named Darvaze ye Kurosh (the Gate of Cyrus), then it was called Shahyad Tower. Later, it was changed to Azadi Tower, which means the Tower of Freedom. There is a museum and a concert hall underneath the tower at the basement level. The tower is 45 meters (148 ft) high. Azadi tower is a combination of traditional and modern architecture, for example:**

**The four bases are similar to the pillars from the Achaemenid era. The large arch of the tower is a symbol of Kasra arch (Taq Kasra), an ancient Persian building of the Sassanid era. There is an oval shaped dome, similar to Isfahan Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, which is only visible from the inside. The upper body of the tower is like Iranian Badgirs.**

proximity

be close

put into  
operation

start to use

**magnificent**

majestic

**yearly celebration**

anniversary

acquainted  
with

**familiar with**

hexagonal

having six angles  
and six sides

**surprising**

stunning

**downstairs**

underneath