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THIS TUESDAY

A fireside Chat on the India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor: Reshaping Trade & Connectivity

COMING UP

March 26th, 2025
Panel Discussion followed by Wine & Cheese Evening. Details inside

March 29th, 2025
Rotary HDFC Dharamshala turns 2 - Project tour. Details inside

April 1st, 2025
Anaita Shroff Adajania in conversation with Divyak D'Souza

April 8th, 2025
Tuesday meeting at Freemasons Hall - Discovering its symbolic ceremonies, teachings and influence. Details inside

April 10th to 14th, 2025
Bahrain Fellowship

April 15th, 2025
Tanvir Gill, CNBC will address the Club

April 22nd, 2025
Ameet Hariani to be felicitated with Rotary Club of Bombay Indira Suresh Kotak Award - for Conflict Resolutions Through Mediation and Conciliation.

June 24th 2025
Shukriya Nite. Details inside

July 1st, 2025
Installation Ceremony of Incoming President Bimal Mehta and his board of Directors. Details inside

The human soul has still greater need of the ideal than of the real. It is by the real that we exist; it is by the ideal that we live.

— Victor Hugo

ENTREPRENEUR ANANYA BIRLA FELICITATED WITH ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY UMA JAIN AWARD FOR YOUNG WOMAN ACHIEVER



A big, big thank you for all the kind words. A big thank you to Rotary and all of you here. Thank you so much, Sir. Thank you to the Jain family for bestowing me with such an honour. I am feeling very overwhelmed at the moment. I don't know if I've done enough to deserve this yet, but it truly means so, so much to me. Today is also extremely special for me because all of my favourite people are in one room, which is very rare because everyone is so busy and has such crazy travel schedules. So, my parents are here. My grandmom is here.

The Rotary family and my family, we go back so many generations and my grand mom has done some work with polio. My dad, my mom, my grandmom, and then I have my best friends here: Akshita, Anshrita, Anushka, Kausar as well, and without whom none of this would have been possible.

The little that I have done so far at the age of 38, I would have been nowhere without any of your support. So this one is for my family, for all of you, and for my best friends and my team. Thank you so very much. It truly means a lot to me, especially coming from people who have done such inspiring work. Saving lives is the highest form of giving back, which is then the highest form of getting.

And I am very, very inspired and I feel very humbled

that all of you thought that I was deserving of this. So, thank you so very much again and a big thank you to my family and my best friends who are also family to me. None of this would have been possible without any of you. Love you all so much.

I just wanted to add that sitting here on the stage with my family, my parents, and my grandmom down, was very, very awkward. So if I was fidgety, looking a bit red in the face, it's just because I'm not used to it and I don't want to ever get used to it. It's a horrible feeling. I much, much rather have it the other way around, always and forever, so yeah.

ROTARIANS ASK

You come from a very illustrious industrial lineage of this country, and I guess you're taking the baton forward. I just wanted to ask. I believe you also ventured into the restaurant space with Hakkasan and Yauatcha; what are your plans in that area?

So, actually I think I would like say something from my heart and you know it's that I think it's myself, my brother and my sister, hopefully, all three of us would be taking this, taking the legacy forward in our own ways. And all the hard work that's gone behind Jolie's, Hakkasan, all the restaurants, is all my brother. I have nothing to do with it, and I think my father also doesn't have much to do with it. It's all my



brother who is studying very, very hard at Harvard and is going to be graduating soon. I don't know much about the restaurant business. I'm a very homebody, so I can't imagine setting up a restaurant like the way he has. The only restaurant I go to is his restaurant. And then, of course, special events like this, if we come out. So, it's all my brother, it's all my brother.

You have successfully blended businesses, music and social impact. How do you decide where to focus your energy and what drives you to keep pushing boundaries in such diverse fields? And also, as a young entrepreneur leading the Birla legacy, how do you balance innovation with tradition while scaling your ventures in today's fast changing market?

Thank you so much. 2 two different questions and hard ones. The first one was, I think, more about priorities and time management, something that I am not very good at, but I am learning. I think I have a fantastic team; across the board, I have fantastic teams and that really, really helps.

When it comes to starting up, there are different stages. So, of course, during putting the team together and having the vision in place and all of that, you know I have to be completely focussed on that particular venture or two or three that are happening at that time. However, after that, once the business is up and running, I try to solve a problem a week per company. So that's how I sort of... So if you think about it, 52 weeks in a year, right? So I try to solve 52 problems a year for each company and that's how I go about prioritising depending upon which company needs what from me.

My goal also and this is still part of your first question, is that everything should run very, very smoothly without me being there as well. So it's about empowering my team, it's about delegating because I don't what's

going to happen tomorrow and what I'm building, I hope will last hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of years, much beyond any of our – my life, for sure.

So, the goal is to build things that last and have a lasting impact without me, so empowering my teams. And yeah, just it's about problem solving and trying to see with putting in less and getting more. How do we just increase our ROI by putting in as less possible in terms of time, in terms of resources, being as efficient as possible, that's the first part; I hope I was able to answer that.

The second part of the question, I can only hope and pray that all the work that I'm doing and that I hope that I will continue to do, has a positive impact on the legacy.

I'm extremely grateful that I have very, very supportive parents, grandmom and best friends and a team. I think, the balance is very important, like you mentioned, of knowing when to take a step back, because I do realise that I have a lot more to learn and there are people in the room who are way, way, way more experienced than I am. So, when to so to hear everyone out. But to make sure that I speak my truth and give my opinion, regardless of whether I think that may be right or wrong. So, I try to keep judgment out of it because I think it's my duty to say to give my piece, and then regardless of the answer that I get back in a boardroom, it's again to take it without judgment, it's not personal.

And just to keep learning, I think that's really important is just to keep learning. And I have such amazing role models in front of me. So, it's a daily process. And I think one more thing I do is I try to approach everyday with a beginner's mindset so, I don't know anything and that's where I start. I like to ask questions, I like to learn and I always, always, always get people on board who think are much smarter than me, because that's the point of having a good team according to me. Thank you.

It would be wonderful to know a little bit about the ventures that you're involved with and some of the work that you're doing. So, if you could share that with us.

Yeah, Svatantira is was a pure play microfinance company when I started it at 17, I'm now 30. We are the second largest now in the country, just behind Grameen Koota. Our total disbursements since inception has touched about 50,000 crores, 45 million lives touched. The idea behind Svatantira, I think it's very important to have a why, for me personally, behind each... Behind what I do. I realise that as soon as you make a woman financially independent, she can have a happier life, a free-flowing life, and she's not dependent on anyone around her. And men as well. It's just that in microfinance the model is tried and tested with women, so I thought I shouldn't really... I tried to lend to men as well, but it didn't work out, so I was like I should not try to reinvent everything.

So that was the idea behind Svatantira and kudos to my team. For us, it was a huge acquisition. And the team size and the AUM size doubled overnight. The team was very mature. They handled it really well and I think it came at the right time, funnily, because the microfinance industry hit a really bad slump.



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BY GK MARG ENHANCES VOCAB IN LITERATURE CAMP BY RCHC



The two-day camp began with Rotractors of Hinduja College distributing diaries and a short session on public speaking where we discussed key elements of effective communication, such as body language, eye contact, hand gestures, and voice clarity. Students then introduced themselves and shared their hobbies, practising public speaking immediately.

They explained the process of writing a story by providing examples, then gave the students a starting line for their stories. Each student crafted their own narrative, complete with a title and moral. Some students confidently presented their stories to the class. To conclude, the students were provided with a list of useful English words to enhance their daily communication skills. The session was both interactive and educational, helping students develop their public speaking, creativity, and language abilities.



The second day's session began with a review of previous lessons, followed by an icebreaker activity where participants took turns saying words, with the next word starting from the last letter of the previous word. Afterwards, the Rotractors introduced the concept of a debate and divided the students into four teams, allowing them time to prepare. Each student participated in the debate, speaking in English. A vocabulary test was conducted on the spot, where students were asked to spell a word and speak on a topic for 30 seconds. This helped improve their spoken English, vocabulary and quick thinking. The session concluded with a comprehension and crossword worksheet, which was explained earlier to ensure understanding. The session was wrapped up by Rtr. Aman Jain, Rtr. Akshita Sonar, Rtr. Fareeha Noor, and Rtr. Ovita D'Souza appreciating everyone's effort and distributing chocolates as a reward.

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President Satyan wishes Rtn. Puneet Wadhwa for his birthday



Rtn. Rekha Tanna and Honorary Rtn. Kumarmangalam Birla



Rotarians IPP Manoj Patodia, Anand Dalal, speaker and awardee Ananya Birla, Rotarians President Satyan Israni, Honorary Secretary Rhea Bhungara and Mohit Jain



Rtn. Ptn. Naveena Israni, Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Neerja Birla, President Satyan Israni, awardee Ananya Birla, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and PP Nirav Shah



PP Framroze Mehta, Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala, Rtn. Ptn. Rakhee Reshamwala, Rtn. Miral Shah, Rtn. Ritu Prakash Desai, with Rotarian Partners Rangita Bhatnagar, Avaan Vakharia, Nandita Patodia and Malti Jain



Rotarians PP Paul George, Bhavya and Mohit Jain and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



PP Nandan Damani, awardee Ananya Birla, PP Paul George and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



Celebrating 96 glorious years of the Club with the esteemed Hon. Rtn. Rajshree Birla leading the cake-cutting ceremony



Engaged Audience at the Rendezvous, Taj Mahal Palace



Rotarians Farhat Jamal, Dr. Aashish Contractor and Mahesh Khubchandani ask a question



Hon. Rtn. Kumarmangalam Birla with Rotarians Dushyant Dave and Pulin Shroff



Rotarians President Satyan Israni and Anand Dalal thank awardee and speaker Ananya Birla for her time spent with the Club



Joint Honorary Secretary Rtn. Akhil Sanghi



Rtn. Rustom Vakharia



Rtn. Anand Dalal



IPP Manoj Patodia



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BITTU SEHGAL

Environmental Activist | Writer |
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DR. VIBHU PRAKASH

Wildlife Biologist | Extensively associated
with internationally acclaimed Vulture
Conservation Programme



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focus on cruelty to animals and
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RTN. ARISH DASTUR

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Former World Bank Urban
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HON. RTN. RATAN TATA - A GOOD & GRACIOUS MAN



July 27, 2012

Ratan N Tata
Chairman

Dear Nowroze,

Thank you so much for your letter of July 18th, which arrived when I was overseas.

I am deeply touched by your consideration to confer on me the Citizen of Bombay award. Being a somewhat shy person, I feel reluctant to accept such a public recognition with the visibility that it carries. I would therefore, while being most appreciative, prefer that you consider conferring this on somebody who would like to be publicly honoured by such a recognition. I hope you will understand.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ratan N. Tata', written over a printed name.

Ratan N. Tata

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Nowroze Vazifdar - President 2012 -13

August 01, 2012

Dear Mr Tata,

Your letter of July 27, 2012 has come as a big disappointment to my fellow Rotarians and me – although none of us could be surprised at your reasons for declining to accept the Club's Citizen of Bombay Award.

You suggest that we confer the Award on somebody who would like to be publicly honoured by such recognition.

May I submit that your name was unanimously approved not because you would like to be publicly honoured (we know that you would, in fact, be embarrassed) but because you are most deserving of such an honour.

I request you, therefore, to reconsider your decision as, in allowing us to felicitate you, you will be honouring the Club.

I may also mention that there will be no media presence and that, other than a brief response, we would not impose upon you to make a speech.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Nowroze Vazifdar
President

Hon. Rtn. Ratan Tata
Chairman
Tata Sons
Mumbai

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24 MID-DAY POWERFUL WOMEN

Ms. Ummehaani Khorakiwala Iconic Woman Entrepreneur of the year

Ms. Ummehaani Khorakiwala is the Executive Director of Nandi Seeds Pvt. Ltd., a Bio-stadt Group company where she is also a Director. NSPL specialises in the business of Hybrid seeds.

Nandi Seeds Pvt. Ltd. was acquired in 2013. To provides farmers with high quality hybrid seeds through superior genetics and innovation to overcome climatic change for sustainable agriculture. Nandi Seeds Pvt. Ltd produces and sells a wide range of quality hybrid seeds for crops such as bajra, paddy, castor, mustard, cumin and corn. It has an expansive distribution system pan india and R&D and processing plants based out of Ahmedabad and Hyderabad. Its strategic focus on growth enables it to be one of the fastest growing companies in the business today.

At the beginning of her career, Ummehaani specialized in sales at Neo-Concept, a design firm in New York where she worked with brands like Victoria's Secret, May Co. GAP Inc., etc. Her retail experience strengthened when she returned to India in 2004 and opened her very own fashion boutique under the name Haani Inc. In 2007, she also



Ms. Ummehaani Juzar Khorakiwala being felicitated as Iconic Woman Entrepreneur of the year

started consulting for mass retail businesses, mainly in apparels with Globus Stores. In 2009, she took up the responsibilities and started managing Akbarally's, the 150 year old family owned departmental store. She has been instrumental in transforming and redesigning the store which is located in South Mumbai. In 2012, Ummehaani joined the main family business of agricultural inputs, where her management and leadership skills are being utilized to es-

tablish and drive the business towards its strategic growth path.

Ummehaani holds an Bachelor of Science in Managerial Economics from The Carnegie Mellon University and a Masters in Textile Marketing & Engineering from The Fashion Institute of Technology, New York. She is also a mother of two boys, an enthusiastic tennis and padel player, diver and mountaineer. And although she lives in Mumbai, her heart is in Tuscany!





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सुविचार सफुराते रहला संतुलित मन की निशाही है।

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ बम्बई द्वारा डॉ. स. दा. वर्तक विद्यालय में प्रयोगशाला की स्थापना

संस्थापक बोर्डर्स व शिक्षक विद्यार्थी मिलकर प्रयोगशाला का उद्घाटन किया गया। डॉ. स. दा. वर्तक विद्यालय में प्रयोगशाला की स्थापना का शुभ कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। डॉ. स. दा. वर्तक विद्यालय में प्रयोगशाला की स्थापना का शुभ कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। डॉ. स. दा. वर्तक विद्यालय में प्रयोगशाला की स्थापना का शुभ कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया।

कार्यक्रम में रो. परिषद के प्रा. जापोदिया, रो. विनीत भटनागर, रो. रो. संघर्ष, रो. उपस्थित रहे। यह 9 डायलिसिस अधिकारी लाइफलाइन हॉस्पिटल, नागझरी को दी गयी। जिस से इस क्षेत्र के मरीजों को फायदा में डायलिसिस किया जाएगा यह सुविधा सभी वर्ग के लोगों के लिए प्रदान की गई है। इस अवसर पर अधिकारी लाइफलाइन हॉस्पिटल नागझरी से प्रशासक डॉ. मीरा मनोज अधिकारी, चिकित्सा अधिकारी, प्रशासनिक अधिकारी तथा अन्य कर्मचारी भारी संख्या में उपस्थित रहे। अधिकारी लाइफलाइन हॉस्पिटल की प्रशासक डॉ. मीरा

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पालघर (उत्तरांचल)। जिले के बोईसर शहर पश्चिम में स्थित डॉ. स. दा. वर्तक विद्यालय में रोटरी इन्वेटिव लैब व कैरियर लर्निंग फाउंडेशन सेंटर (जिसमें नए विचारों और नई तकनीकों का विकास और परीक्षण किया जाता है) रोटरी क्लब ऑफ बम्बई द्वारा प्रेसिडेंट रोटेरियन सत्यन इमरानी के सौजन्य से मुख्य अतिथि और दानदाता रोटेरियन योगेश महनसरीया द्वारा वंशिश्रु अतिथि पूर्व डिस्ट्रिक्ट गवर्नर रोटेरियन संदीप अग्रवाला की उपस्थिति में उपरोक्त प्रयोगशाला का उद्घाटन किया गया। रोटरी क्लब ऑफ बोईसर तारापुर तथा क्लब के पास्ट प्रेसिडेंट रोटेरियन राकेश मिश्रा के अथक प्रयास से इस प्रयोगशाला की स्थापना संभव हो सकी। विद्यालय के अध्यक्ष डॉ. नंदकुमार वर्तक ने सभी अतिथियों का अभूतपूर्व रंगारंग ढोल व तासे के साथ स्वागत किया। साथ ही विद्यालय से प्रसार प्रचार मोहते अन्य



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रोटरी क्लब का अनूठा पहल अधिकारी लाइफलाइन हॉस्पिटल में होगी मुफ्त डायलिसिस

लाहौर-अमरकान्त डिस्ट्रीट। पालघर। सबसे अगड़े सेक्टर को लेकर विद्वित रोटरी क्लब की अनूठी पहल ने औद्योगिक शहर बोईसर पूर्व नागझरी में स्थित 'अधिकारी लाइफलाइन हॉस्पिटल' द्वारा शहर और आसपास के लुप्त प्रयोगशाला के सभी वर्ग के किडनी रोगियों की निःशुल्क डायलिसिस का सुझाव हो सका है। 'अधिकारी लाइफलाइन-रोटरी डायलिसिस सेंटर' में स्थापित की गयी अत्याधुनिक 9 डायलिसिस मशीनें का उद्घाटन विगत 13 मार्च, गुवगार को अवसरित एक समारोह के दौरान मूला अतिथि व दानगुरु रोटेरियन योगेश महनसरीया रोटेरियन कनिष्ठा वंश्रु तथा अतिथि वंश्रु अतिथि पास्ट डिस्ट्रिक्ट गवर्नर रोटेरियन संदीप अग्रवाला को शामिल कर रोटरी क्लब अग्र बम्बई के प्रेसिडेंट रोटेरियन सत्यन इमरानी के नेतृत्व में संपन्न हुआ। रोटरी क्लब के पहले से शुरू हुई 'अधिकारी लाइफलाइन-रोटरी डायलिसिस सेंटर' के जल्द ही इस क्षेत्र के निवासियों को फायदा देने की दिशा में अब डायलिसिस के लिए रजिस्टर-इयर दूर रो.स्यती कावर्दिया रो.अभिषेक रो.विनीत भटनागर रो.

मुंबई आस-पास

रोटरी क्लब द्वारा अधिकारी लाइफ लाइन हॉस्पिटल नागझरी में निःशुल्क डायलिसिस सेंटर की शुरुआत

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रोटरी क्लब के दानदाताओं ने 9 डायलिसिस मशीनों का किराया दान

अधिकारी लाइफलाइन हॉस्पिटल नागझरी में निःशुल्क डायलिसिस सेंटर की शुरुआत का शुभ कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। डॉ. स. दा. वर्तक विद्यालय में प्रयोगशाला की स्थापना का शुभ कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। डॉ. स. दा. वर्तक विद्यालय में प्रयोगशाला की स्थापना का शुभ कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया।

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1.30pm to 2.30pm

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BY NMJ STUDENTS DEBATE COMPETITION



In our school, we have been having debates on different topics for some time now, not just to improve the students' spoken English but also to encourage lateral thinking and expressing their views. Here they were given the chance to choose to be for or against the topic.

To make it a proper session, on March 8th, 2025, the students of Class 7 to 9 at Bhavishya Yaan NMJ participated in an engaging debate competition that sparked lively discussions on some pressing current issues.

The topics included:

- Whether mobiles are a curse or a boon
- The implications of assigning homework to children
- The significance of speaking in English in today's global society

The first topic, "Mobile: Curse or Boon," generated a passionate exchange of ideas. Some students argued that mobile phones have transformed communication, enabling instant connectivity and access to vast information resources. They emphasised the educational benefits of mobile apps and online learning platforms. Conversely, others highlighted the potential downsides, such as addiction, distraction in educational settings, and the lack of face-to-face interactions.

This dynamic debate allowed students to critically assess both sides of the argument, promoting an understanding of technology's role in our lives.

The second topic, "Giving Homework to Children," also brought forward diverse opinions. Defenders of homework suggested it reinforces learning, encourages responsibility, and fosters time management skills. Critics, however, pointed out the stress it can impose on students and the potential to hinder their leisure time and creativity. This debate highlighted the need for a balanced approach to homework, considering both educational benefits and the well-being of students.

Finally, the discussion on "Speaking in English: Is it Important?" explored the role of English in today's globalised world. Debaters who supported the view of its importance cited job opportunities, access to global information, and social integration as key reasons for promoting English proficiency. On the other hand, opponents urged for the preservation of native languages and cultures, arguing that communication should not be limited to English.

Overall, the debate competition at Bhavishya Yaan NMJ on Saturday, March 8th, 2025, was not only a platform for students of Class 7 to 9 to express their viewpoints but also a valuable educational experience that encouraged critical thinking and public speaking skills.



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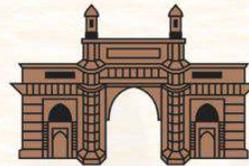
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NEXT WEEK:

ANAITA SHROFF ADAJANIA IN CONVERSATION WITH DIVYAK D'SOUZA

ANAITA SHROFF ADAJANIA is India's leading fashion stylist, creative director, and costume designer, shaping the country's style landscape for over two decades. As the founding Fashion Director of Vogue India, she set benchmarks in editorial styling. Her work in Bollywood includes iconic films like Cocktail, Dhoom, War, Bang Bang, and Murder Mubarak. Anaita has styled covers for global magazines, featuring stars like Kim Kardashian, Deepika Padukone, and Shah Rukh Khan. Beyond cinema, she curates campaigns for brands like L'Oréal, Omega, and Pepsi, making her a powerhouse in the world of fashion.



DIVYAK D'SOUZA is a celebrated celebrity stylist known for his innovative approach to fashion. With an impressive portfolio spanning red carpets, editorial shoots, and television, he is a dynamic force in the industry. As the charismatic host of Say Yes to the Dress, his styling expertise shines, making bridal dreams a reality. His social media presence, filled with witty reels and meme-worthy content, has made him a fan favorite. Despite his bold creative vision, Divyak's personal style remains effortlessly minimalist. His keen eye for detail and deep understanding of fashion continue to redefine styling in India.



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Somaya



MARCH 28
Rtn. Nikhil
Bhatia



MARCH 28
Rtn. Shariq
Contractor



MARCH 28
Rtn. Leela
Deshpande



MARCH 30
Rtn. Devendra
Kothari

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MARCH 28

Hon. Rtn. Ptn. Swati
Piramal

Rtn. Ptn. Mina Somani
MARCH 29

Rtn. Ptn. Gauri Daiya

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