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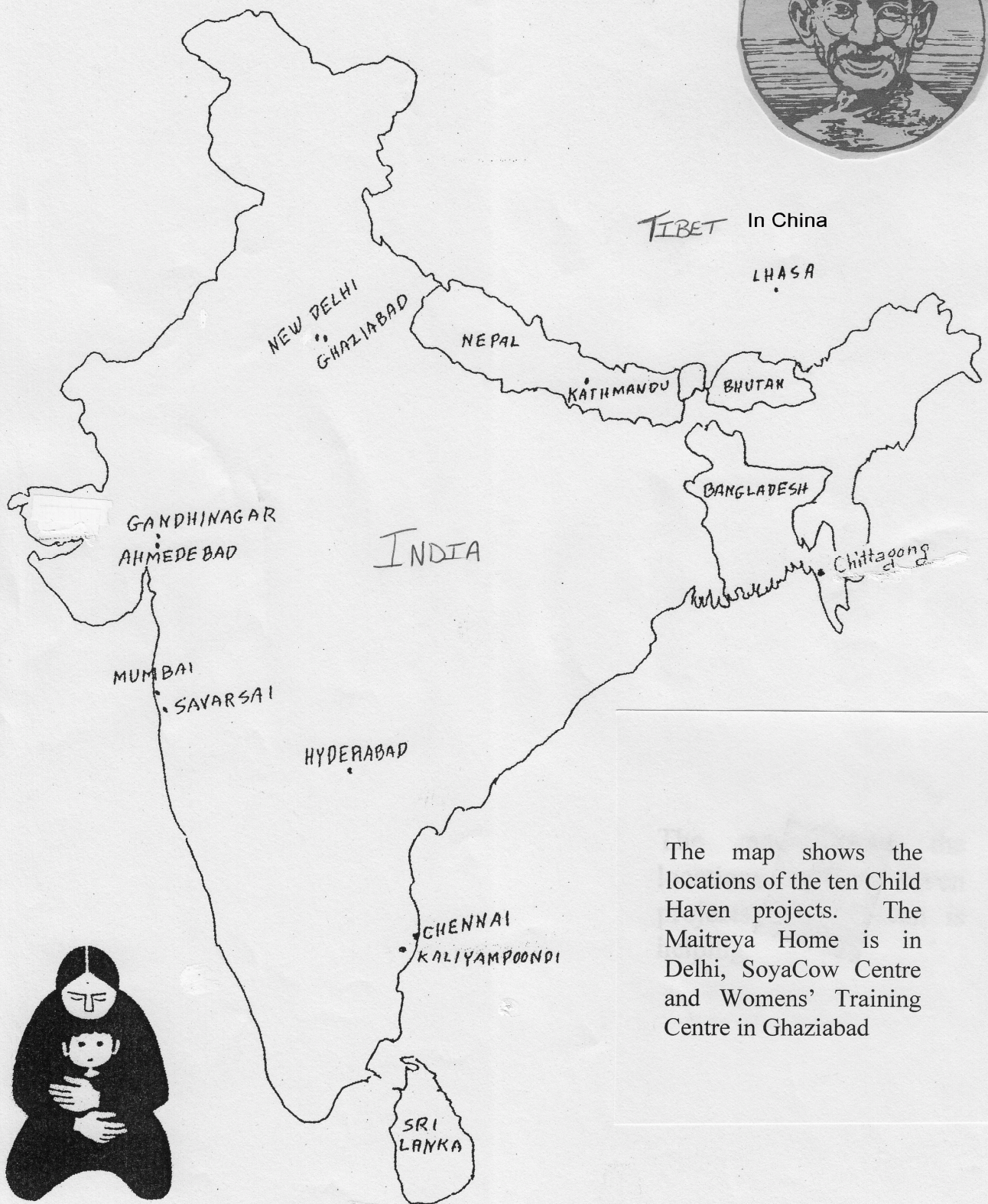
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GHAZIABAD. Our MVP Womens Centre is training women in tailoring. One mother is holding the most beautiful toddler in the world.



The map shows the locations of the ten Child Haven projects. The Maitreya Home is in Delhi, SoyaCow Centre and Womens' Training Centre in Ghaziabad

This elegant and erudite newsletter can be seen in colour at www.childhaven.ca. Child Haven is setting up a system whereby friends can receive it by e-mail, saving expenses as well as trees. One problem with this is that the newsletter also contains a return envelope for donation. We are suggesting that people who receive the emailed newsletter – immediately (!) make a sizeable donation through CanadaHelps.org. on www.childhaven.ca/donate.htm

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MAITREYA FOUNDATION in New Delhi. Nyima Dorjee, left, and friends, with the most beautiful toddler in the world. The 24 children in this Home are all Tibetan refugee children.

At the Waterloo Child Haven Dinner, a seven-year-old boy was signing a yellow sheet at the auction table for kids. A man, noticing him, said, “I see you’re hoping to get an elephant.” The boy said, “I have a collection of elephants.”
“How long ago did you start your collection of elephants?”
“I’m starting today.”



BONNIE LORE - an occasional column by her long-suffering husband.

Miracle Marriage

192 children live at Hyderabad Child Haven. They come to the Home at age six or below because those children are most at risk. They think of each other as cousin-brothers and cousin-sisters, like a family. The idea of “girl-friends” and “boy-friends” is foreign to the culture, and it’s against Child Haven rules.

The Hyderabad Home opened in 1987. Children grow up, finish their education, and find jobs. Some marry and bring their new spouse to meet “Bonniema,” and later show off the most beautiful baby in the world. Bonnie sometimes helps arrange a marriage if there are no available family members to take that responsibility. Suitable partners are found in the wider community.

Some time ago Lal Kumar and Sunitha confided to Bonnie that after finishing grade 12, they would like to marry each other. Bonnie said “Hmm, we’ll see,” reluctant to flout the rule. However, over time as Bonnie discerned their deep commitment to each other, she acquiesced. Lal Kumar then asked his grandfather for permission to marry Sunitha.

The grandfather frowned and said, “No! No! I am really sorry, but you cannot marry this girl - you were betrothed at age five to a girl named Lavanya. I am sorry, but Lavanya is the girl you must marry.”

Lal Kumar was devastated. His world collapsed around him. He was being required to forsake his beloved Sunitha and marry a girl he didn’t even know! He returned deeply depressed, and broke the news to Sunitha. She was crushed. Through her tears she asked, “Can you not plead with him? Who is this other girl?”

Lal Kumar blubbered, “Her name is Lavanya.”

Sunitha’s eyes suddenly lit up! She screamed! “That’s ME! THAT’S ME!!!! That’s MY name when I was a baby! - My parents called me Sunitha later on!”

Child Haven arranged for a wedding at Hyderabad Child Haven with a Hindu priest. The bride and groom are both Hindu. Lal Kumar’s grandparents attended, as well as Sunitha’s mother. All the cousin brothers and cousin sisters, plus staff and guests had a special meal. Lal Kumar finished his vocational training and Sunitha finished a university degree. Now they are both working and self-supporting.

Sometimes the gods smile on us.

Because of higher costs, our General Sponsorship is increased to \$30/month (\$360/year) and half sponsorship to \$15/month (\$180/year).



Left, one of the several machines of the sanitary napkin-making system. (Rene photo).
Right, inventor Muruganathan with Bonnie (Shahin photo).

Bonnie made a special trip to Coimbatore, on the other side of Tamil Nadu State, to meet Muruganathan. Below is a condensation of an article about this incredible man in the March 16, 2012 issue of the GUARDIAN WEEKLY by Lakshmi Sanhana of the OBSERVER.

Muruganathan, who lived below the poverty line, began research into sanitary towels when he saw his wife, Shanti, trying to slip away with some filthy rags. When questioned, she said the choice was buying towels for herself or buying milk for the family.

88% of women in India resort to using ashes, newspapers, dried leaves, etc. during their periods. Many women suffer severe reproductive tract infections. Muruganathan determined to create a low-cost towel for his wife.

He started out by purchasing cotton and made a few samples. Unaware of menstrual cycles, he presented them to his wife and demanded immediate test results. But his wife and sisters refused to discuss his creations with him.

When his sisters saw him coming they'd shout loudly to his wife next door saying that if he was going to ask them about towels, he'd better go back home. Undaunted, he approached female medical students, and when they refused to enter into discussion, gave them feedback forms. Convinced that he was using sanitary towels to get close to other women, his wife left him.

He decided to test them himself, using goat's blood. He wore a bladder and tube contraption for a week. Unsatisfactory results prompted him to try another approach. He distributed towels free and asked women to return the used ones. "It wasn't easy," he says. "They thought I would use them for black magic." For his mother, stumbling on a storeroom of used sanitary towels was the final straw. She left too.

His breakthrough came after two years of testing various materials. He finally hit upon cellulose made from pine bark. Reclaiming the fibers into usable cellulose required a machine costing \$470,000. He decided to make a simpler version. Some years later his machine won a prestigious award and commendation from the President of India. He was able to persuade his family to come back.

At this writing he has made 600 machines, installed across India. In spite of numerous offers, he refuses to sell his innovation to the corporate world." I didn't take the money route because I saw my parents struggle for survival. I knew this machine could provide a sustainable livelihood for many rural women.

The machine now sells for \$5000. Child Haven will install the first one at our womens project in Ghaziabad (see page one). It will provide employment for five women, and sell sanitary napkins that are affordable. We will set up machines at other Child Haven sites as funds become available.



KALIYAMPOONDI, Senior orphan Pattammal, who lives with several other seniors at the Home. They are orphans because they have no offspring to care for them in old age. "cousin-grandmothers" are a treasured resource for the children. (Rene photo)



KALIYAMPOONDI. Our college and post-grad boys and girls held the First Annual **Kaliyampoondi Home Day**, an entire day of holiday festivities - with their own money! There were contests and prizes, lots of food, and evening entertainment for their younger cousin-brothers and cousin-sisters. Two of the post-grad boys are wearing badges. Every child won a prize.



KALIYAMPOONDI. Assembly/Dining Hall, left, and kitchen, right. The gravel pile will be used for a much-needed third building to house a girls dormitory. The gravel was made from the huge rocks that were brought out when the well was deepened by blasting. (Rene photo)

FLASH!! Roslyn Bern of the Leacross Foundation informed us that they are giving \$50,000 towards the \$150,000 for the much-needed third building at Kaliyampoondi! We also received \$30,000 from an anonymous donor in Alberta. Are there other groups or individuals who will help? The building is needed because boys and girls are now housed in the same building (on different floors) but the government is requiring them to be housed in separate buildings, so there is some urgency.



KALIYAMPOONDI, two children meditating – or are they asleep? For this auspicious occasion, Kaliyampoondi Home Day mentioned above, they're wearing pretty hand-me-downs from Bonnie's Canadian hockey bag. No, they're really sleeping. Or are they meditating? (Maybe they're thinking of Bonnie, who is rumoured to be able to sleep standing up in line at the airport). Either way, are they not infinitely perfect human beings? They are safe at Child Haven.



TIBET IN CHINA, Manager Norbula & his wife, Dolma, visitor Shahin Bhura, Interpreter Pema Dorji, and his son Karma Kelsang, the most beautiful toddler in the world. There are not many flowers in Tibet, so guests are honoured with a white silk khata. (Shahin photo)

OVERSEAS INTERNS NEEDED: We have space for more volunteers who will pay their own travel and commit three to six months interning in India, Nepal, or Bangladesh. Please contact our office in Maxville: fred@childhaven.ca or 613-527-2829. A \$50 fee covers processing costs and your attendance at a two-day Orientation in Maxville. An additional \$200 donation to partially cover overseas room and board is also asked of first-time Interns unless they or their families are regular contributors.

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Burlington, Vermont, (embryonic stage)
Hardwick, Vermont, Robin Cappuccino & Sharon Fialco, 802-533-2296, Dinner Oct 20, 2012



GUJARAT, Work is moving forward on the two buildings (one for girls, one for boys) in the city of Meu on our two acres of land. The Home with 30 boys and 19 girls will move from its present location in two rented houses in Gandhinagar.

GUJARAT. As usual, the hard drudgery is done by women. They're pouring cement on top of the upper level floor.



GUJARAT. One building is taking shape with the second floor poured. The second building is racing to catch up. The complex is being built by Deepak and Christine Kamra in honour of his parents, Santosh and Ramma Kamra.

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Thanks loads!!

*We are also set up to receive **gifts of securities**. (better tax advantages than donating cash.)*

Fred Cappuccino would like to talk to you about your Will: 613-527-2829. Quick, before you croak! (or before HE croaks!)

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SEAN COLLINS IS HALF-WAY ACROSS CANADA BICYCLING FOR CHILD HAVEN!!



At this writing 62-year-old Sean Collins has made it from Vancouver to Thunder Bay! He has to be back in Calgary for the end of August to start the new school year. He is happy to talk to the media on the way to give the fundraising more profile. He has raised \$ 1500. so far.

Remaining Itinerary: Wawa, Sault Ste Marie, Sudbury, North Bay, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City, Montmagny, Riviere-do-Loup, Edmonston, Grand Falls, Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Truro, Halifax.

Friends can support Sean's fundraising efforts through PAY PAL on our Child Haven web page, as well as follow Sean's trip on his blog,

www.childhaven.ca. **Any imaginative ideas to support Sean would be welcome. If he is passing through your city, please try to welcome him and cheer him on!**



VISIT TO GOPAL K GANDHI. From left, Child Haven senior staff person Seenu, Home Coordinator Ganesh, Bonnie, Gopal Krishna Gandhi (grandson of Mahatma Gandhi), K. Ilongovan (Gandhian scholar and Chair of Child Haven Indian Board). They met in Chennai. (Shahin photo)



KALIYAMPOONDI, Playground donated by Baal Dan. A quiet place to do homework. (Rene photo)



HYDERABAD, The Oceanside Child Haven Support Group in Qualicum Beach, B.C. put up the initial money to construct this much-needed passage way (about 20x25 feet) between the new building, left, and the old building. It also serves as a shady study hall.

Child Haven Homes

Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India 49 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati

Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India 192 children 15 women, Language: Telegu

Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India 297 children 35 women, Language: Tamil

Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India 24 children 1 woman, Language: Tibetan & Hindi

Savarsai, Maharashtra, India 48 children 4 women, Language: Mahrathi

Kathmandu, Nepal, 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali

Tibet in China, 41 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan

Chittagong, Bangladesh, 67 children 15 women, Language: Bengali

Ghaziabad, India (informal education) 30 children 50 women, Language: Hindi

(Many other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)



HYDERABAD. What are they laughing at? We'll tell you: "WANTED – Man to work in dynamite factory – must be willing to travel."





SAVARSAI, The new boys dormitory, built with funds from Baal Dan. (Rene photo)



SAVARSAI, Gargi dancing at the Opening Ceremony at the Inauguration of the new building. Dr Mapuskar looks doubtful, but he's really enjoying the show. (Rene photo)



SAVARSAI, Above, play equipment in front of our old building, a girls dormitory.
Below, Mrs Naik, member of Child Haven India board, playing Carroms with some of her talented constituents. (Rene photoS)





NEPAL, Intern Rene Cappuccino, Bonnie's architect granddaughter, with Sangeeta and kids. Sangeeta teaches computer skills to the children.



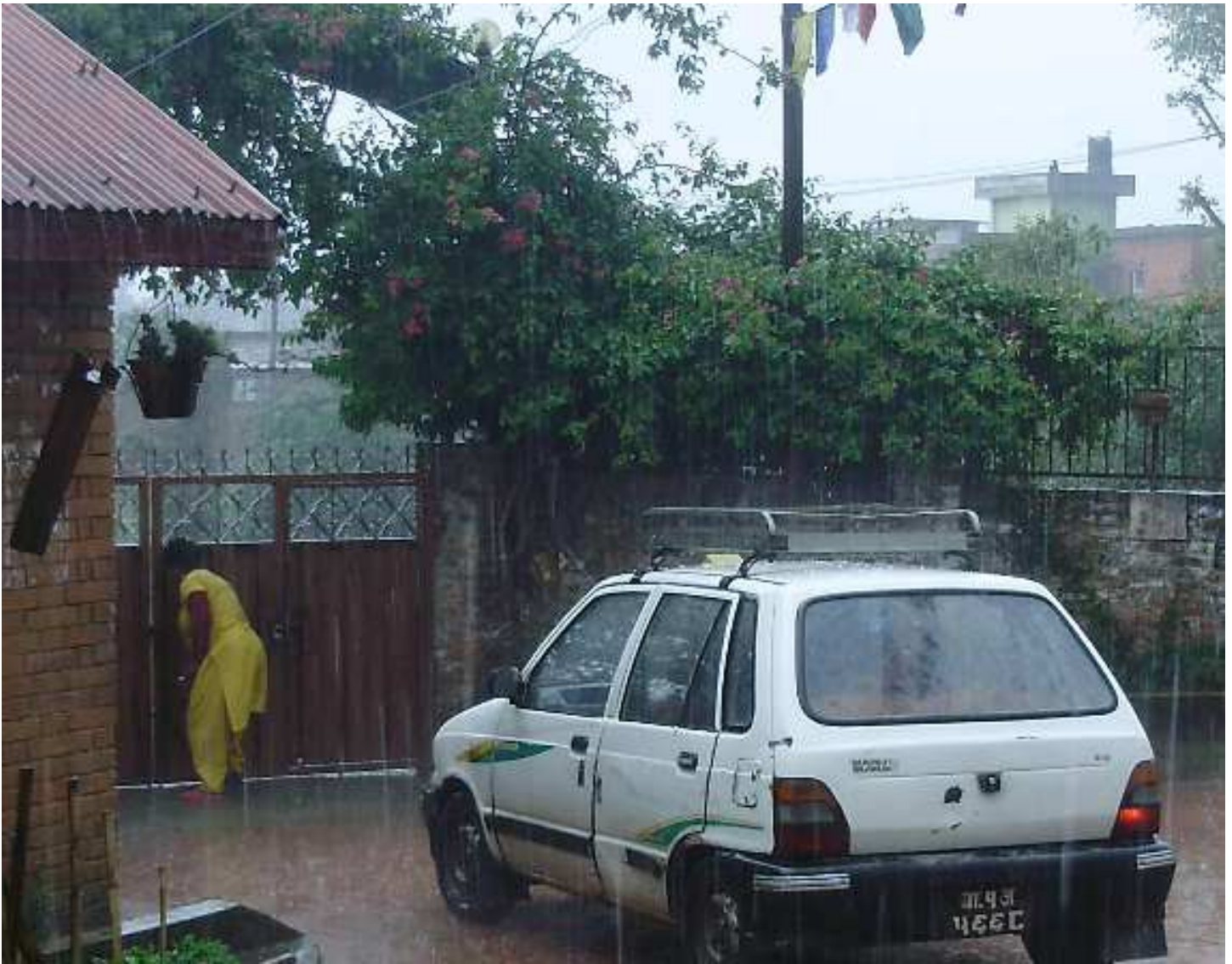
Here is Shahin Bhura, at Child Haven Nepal. She travelled with Bonnie. She is a Child Haven powerhouse in Calgary, where one of our mammoth Annual Dinners is held.



NEPAL, Caregiver, Maya-Didi, feeding the most beautiful, if recalcitrant, toddler in the world. At left is Tulsi wearing his hearing aid. (Rene photo)



NEPAL, kids wearing hats knitted by Oceanside Grandmothers Group, Qualicum Beach B.C. (Maureen Hanright photo)



NEPAL, Our new watchperson is Ganga Dhakal. After many years as our dutiful dhobi-washerwoman, she deserved an easier job, such as going out into the downpour to open the gate for the taxi. She is now the defender of the Home, taking on all comers. Her big advantage is that she knows all the kids, who think of her as a mentor.



CHITTAGONG, Two girls in front of a mural painted by the children. (Rene photo)

LET ME LIGHT MY LAMP, SAYS THE STAR, AND NEVER
DEBATE IF IT WILL DISPEL THE DARK

Tagore



CHITTAGONG, Doing a water jug dance with plates and head candles. Try it some time!

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