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Gayatri Devi also known as Rajmata of Jaipur was born as Princess Gayatri Devi of Cooch Behar. She was the third Maharani of Jaipur through her marriage to HH Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II. She joined Indian politics post-independence and became an extremely successful politician. She is well-known for her classical beauty and was considered a fashion icon. She was also counted in The Ten Most Beautiful Women of the World by Vogue Magazine. She died on July 29, 2009 in Jaipur, at the age of 90.

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