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The merchant of Venice
(Shakespeare)

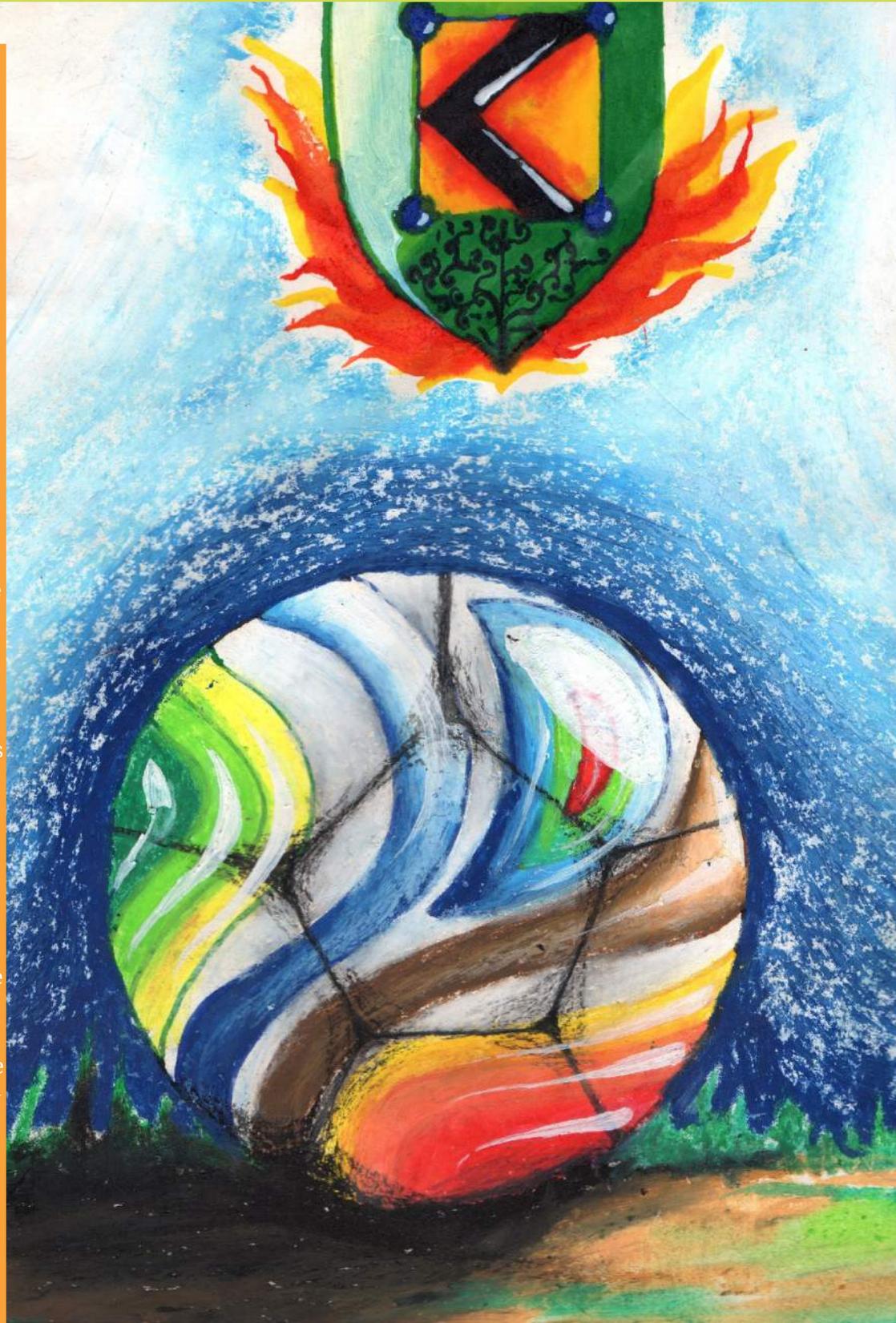
I did a play related to this story. I wanted to know more about this story. The merchant of Venice, that's why I choose this book The merchant of Venice.

In this story there was a prince Portia her father was expired. There were some conditions for Portia's suitors. There are some caskets gold, silver and lead. The man who marries with Portia must select one of these caskets. If he picks the right one, she has to be his wife. That was one of the conditions of her father.

Many people came but they chose the wrong one. Bassanio is a man, who was in love with Portia, but he was a very poor man and Portia is a richest woman in Italy. But he gets help from his friend and he went to Portia's house and choose right one of that caskets. They were married and lived happily.

My opinion about this book- in this story we learn that there are stages in life some are good and some are bad but we don't have to worry about this because if we have a problem so we can have a solution also. Like Bassanio. And one more thing some times in our life we have to choose something not really good because good or great things don't help us every time.

- Akansha





music class at Qissagadh Active Library .

The Mirror Theatre Group performs at Soch Mein Locha for the gender sensitization programme at Grand Omaxe, Noida.

A to Z problem solver

Author of the book: Reena Daruwala

1. I chose this book because when I saw this book a word printed on the first page that was 'problem solver'. I was surprised that what will there in this book and I just started to read. It was like a dictionary for me that time. But later I felt that it was good book for all age group.

2. This book is about all the things which happen in daily life of any person. We also can say that it is for the people who think that all the problems and tragedies happening with them. Let me tell you the problems which is discussed in this book like stress, heartbreak etc. but there is not only about serious problem but some funny problems also exists in this book like jokes, parties etc. it just like a dictionary where we can find any problem like related to physical, psychological and also by atmosphere or surroundings.

3. I think this book is really helpful to any person who thinks there is only person who faces the problem in his/her life. He/she should move on because this book showed everyone has this kind of problem. It is really normal for teen age. This is all based on daily life problem or we can say like some funny problems also.

- Ashish Kumar



Goal of Life junior batch, Ghevra



ENGLISH AND HINDI CLASSES AT GHEWRA

"The families Of Romeo and Julliet were in a fight for centuries. The town authority decided that who ever start the fight will be executed to death. A grand celebration is being planned by the Capulets to introduce their young daughters to the young lord of Paris. Everybody is invited except the Montagues. Romeo and his cousion Benovolio and their friend decided to go secretly. The first time Romeo saw Julliet and fall for her. Julliet then get to know that Romeo is from the family of Montagues. Then Romeo tells his father about their love and begs him to let them marry. At first he is not sure but then he thinks this will end the fight between the two families. After a while he gets into a fight with Julliet's cousin Tybalt. And the Prince Escalus banished Romeo from verona. Julliet's families still tries to merry her to the prince of Paris. She almost commit to suicide. She goes to father Lawerence for help. He comes with a plan. He gives her a portion which when she drink it she will appear dead for 42 hours and assure that Romeo will get this all information. She drinks the portion and seems to be dead but the Romeo does not get the information and gets the message that she is dead from another source. And he also drinks the poison and dies drinking it. And sometimes later Julliet comes to her sense and kills herself seeing that Romeo is dead. Finally the two families finish their Dispute and Accept their True Love."

- Rohit Mehra

My book was about a tree which is a mirror of tree . In this tree bird's can't make their nests .

This type of tree can't give fruits and flowers.

Real trees are totally different from artificial trees . Real tree take energy from sun and makes food . They give flowers, fruits, medicines, wood etc.

but the important thing is oxygen witch artificial trees never give.

- Keshav Goswami



"ENGLISH AND HINDI CLASSES AT NIZAMUDDIN AND KHAN MARKET"

New Indradhanush batches have begun in Khan Market, Nizamuddin and Savda-Ghevra. We are conducting English, Hindi and Maths sessions with over one hundred young people, with sessions conducted by trained peer teachers



WORK SHOPS



Kutumb participated in Hum Sashkt: Mahila Hinsa ke Virudh Workshop with WISCOMP, focusing on gender and violence, held at India Habitat Centre, 8-9 July.



Torture in India 2008: A State of Denial

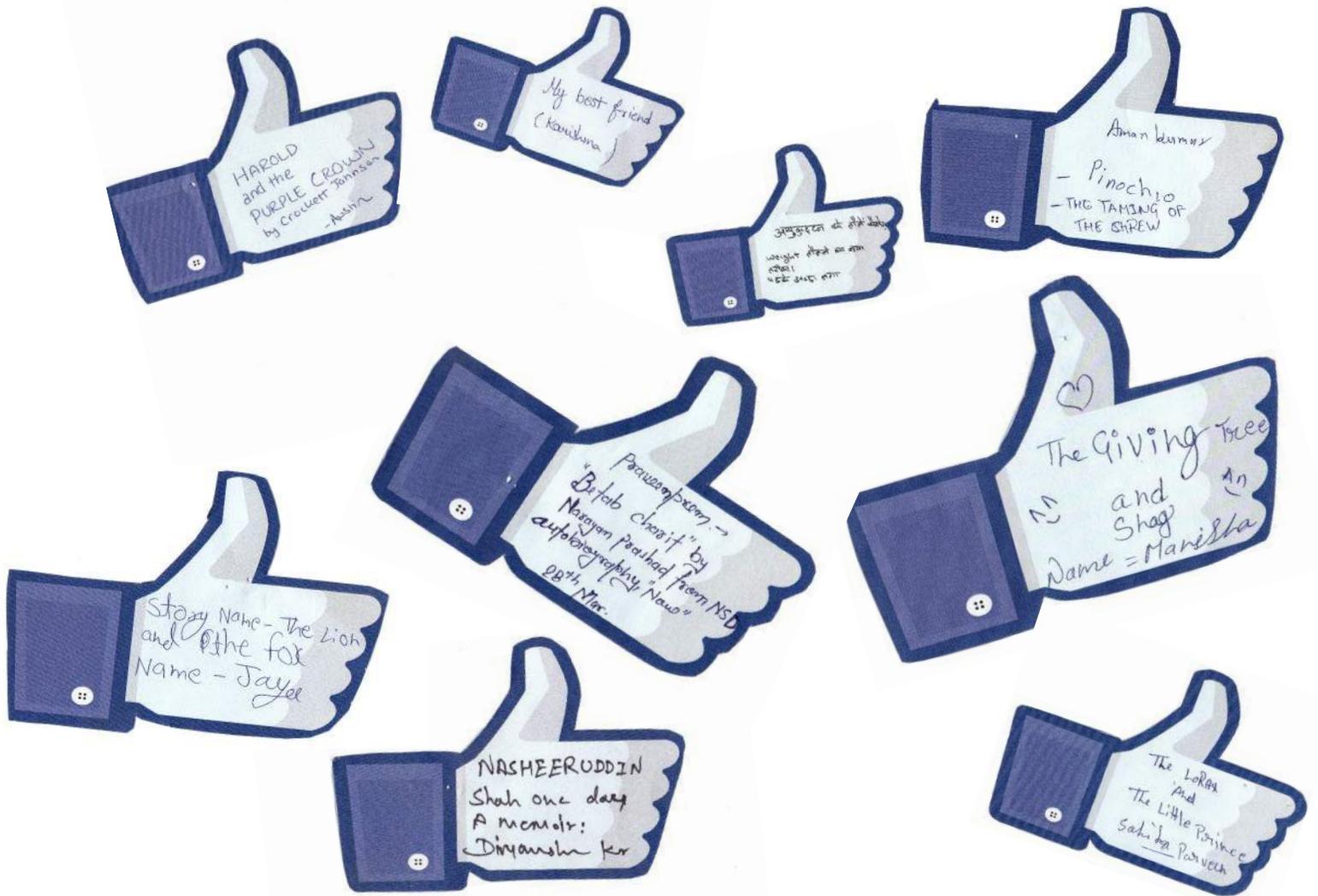
This is a compilation of various reports (Surveys, Interviews, News articles) by the Asian Centre for Human Rights. The book is an exhaustive coverage of the institutionalization of torture in India by the state and non-state actors. It covers torture practices undertaken by the police force, armed forces, armed opposition groups, civilians (who torture lower castes) etc from the conflict and non- conflict areas. It also cites cases where NGOs have taken to torturing the communities they claim to work for.

The book talks of the archaic laws that our Indian Police runs on, the Police Act of 1861 that was formulated in the aftermath of the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857 and the Prisons Act of 1894. These laws are highly dangerous as these were written by people who had no value for Indian lives. Even though some states (Police comes under state governments) have been running their own manuals for policing and jails all of these are largely following the same blueprint.

The book highlights very specific gaps within the Indian police system of arrest, detention and investigation. In cases of custodial deaths when authorities mostly claim a case of suicide, the post mortem reports are unclear whether it is suicide or homicide despite the evidence of physical torture to the body. It cites several cases where the police clearly flouts the constitutional guidelines of producing the arrested before the Magistrate within 24 hours of the arrest. Other manifestations of abusive powers mentioned in the report are use of torture by the police officers when they fail to extract money from the civilians. Apart from the uniformed police officers the government medical staff is party to the physical and mental harassment of the victims or the arrested when they don't exercise their duties. For example the Bilkis Bano Gang rape case during the Gujrat 2002 riots, where CBI found the doctors responsible for medical examination of women didn't take them to the hospital, as is the norm.

- Sara Hasan

GOODBOOK



We are a volunteer driven, not-for-profit, non-governmental enterprise working for the empowerment of disadvantaged young people in Khan Market, Nizamuddin Sunder Nursery Basti and Savda-Ghevra J.J. Resettlement Colony (on the Northwest Delhi border, 7 km. from Mundka). Our primary work is related to the education of youth in a non-formal, imaginative and fun manner. We provide a platform for empowerment, personal expression and dialogue through creative means as diverse as football, theatre, dance and art as well as a safe space. We use peer-to-peer learning and empower members to take control of their own lives!

Our story begins in 2002 when we began by using non-formal education methods with young people from the Khan Market Labour Camp. At that time we met in a park (now a parking lot). We began with the Goal of Life Football Tournament, a creative theatre festival, Hilley-ley, and an alternate education programme, Indradhanush. Since then, we have firmly rooted ourselves in the community and are branching out, while remaining the same fun organisation with a family atmosphere!

We have faced numerous challenges over the years, but have not been deterred. In 2009, the Khan Market Labour Camp was demolished due in part to the upcoming 2010 Commonwealth Games. The residents of the Camp were relocated to Savda-Ghevra J.J. Resettlement Colony. In 2011, due to requests by our participants, we were able to find a field office in Ghevra. We now run a computer and resource centre there, in partnership with the Habitat Learning Centre. Our Goal of Life programme has also expanded from an annual football tournament to twice weekly football cum life skills sessions in three locations. Indradhanush, our alternate education programme, is now 10 years old in Khan Market. In addition, we hold workshops on gender and pluralism as well as creative workshops. We also continue to hold our annual theatre event, Hilley-ley, featuring plays directed by our own young people.