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Gather

Sheet 22.A

Where is India?



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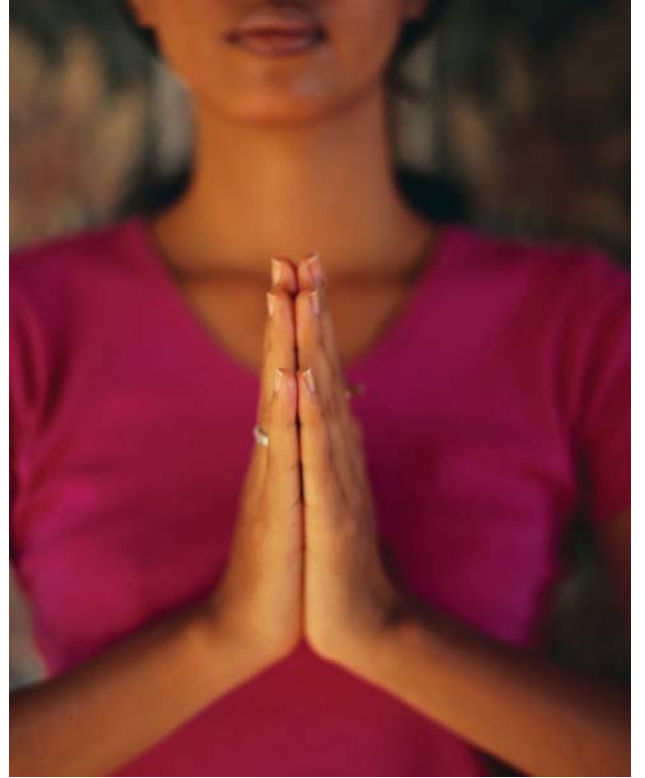


Gather Sheet 22.B

Om and Namaste



The word – **Om** – in Sanskrit writing



This is a picture of how to give the **Namaste** greeting



The word – **Namaste** – in Sanskrit writing

Lay out copies of these images during the gather depending on which activity you are using.

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Engage Sheet 22.C

A simple story of Rajagopal and Janadesh

There is a man who lives in India called Rajagopal. Rajagopal and his friends help people in India who are so poor that, sometimes, they don't have any land where they can grow food. Sometimes their land has been taken by someone else.

There were people who wanted to hurt Rajagopal - to stop him from helping poor people - but he wouldn't stop. Rajagopal and his friends talked to lots of people - they walked and walked to lots of little villages. Hundreds and hundreds of miles.

One day, maybe when you were very little, a great big crowd of people from the little villages, all met together. Children, women and men. They were happy to be together.



They were going to tell the story about their land to the people in charge in their country - the president and the prime minister. They wanted land to grow food. Their big walk had a name. It was called Janadesh. This means - people's verdict - like, people have decided what is true and right.

They walked and walked - 200 miles. They slept by the road. They cooked by the road. Children were carried. They all kept peaceful and calm - even when they were sad and sometimes very cross. Being all together made them happy.

The people in charge did not want to listen - but they had to. The Janadesh people waited and waited. The people in charge did listen. The Janadesh people were told that land to grow food would be given more fairly. The people who had walked and walked were happy. The Quakers who had helped them were happy.

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Engage and Respond Sheet 22.D

Ekta Parishad and Janadesh

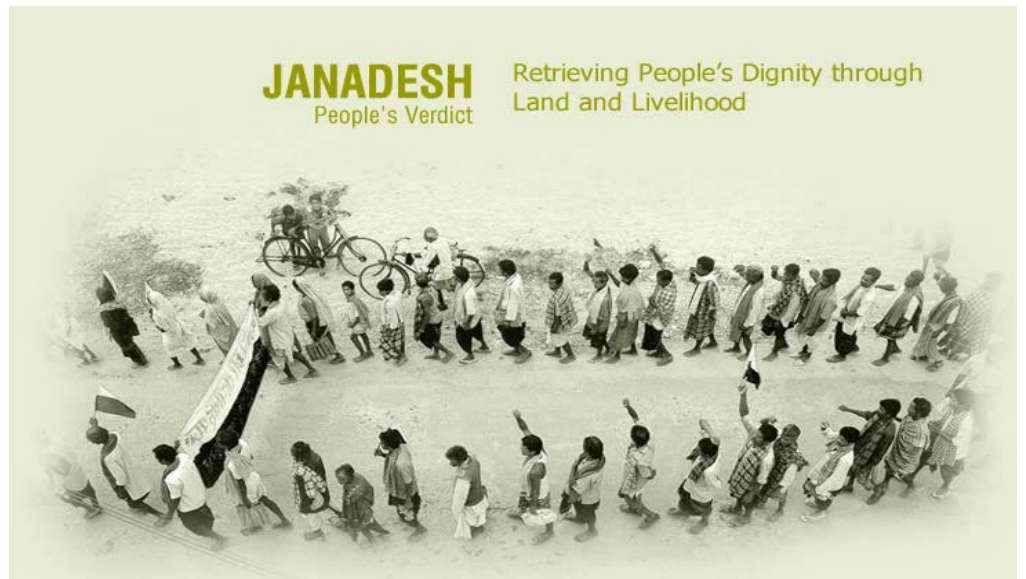
Make an Ekta Parishad banner using the Hindi Script on *Sheet 22.C*. Use the space under the words on the sheet to practice. Add English words “Ekta Parishad – zindebad!” Long Live Ekta Parishad!

ऐकता परीशदं

Ekta Parishad



Ekta Parishad symbol



A Janadesh card

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Engage Sheet 22.E

A picture of Janadesh – People’s Verdict



I wonder what you like most about this picture of Janadesh?

I wonder what you think is most important about this picture of Janadesh?

I wonder what it would be like to be part of a big walk or march like Janadesh?

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Respond Sheet 22.F Make a Janadesh figure

A clay figure.

Look at the pictures of the women on the Janadesh march. Flatten a ball of clay and roll it out to make an oval – maybe 8 inches by 4 inches. Using a pencil or a clay tool mark the shape of a marcher in the clay. Carefully cut out the shape using a knife or sharp clay tool. If you want to give the figure a face use the pencil or tool to carefully cut into the surface of the clay. Mark patterns on the body for patterns of fabric. Once the clay has dried, use acrylic paints and sequins to decorate the figure. A Janadesh or Ekta Parishad poster or banner can be added using a cocktail or lolly stick and card. The symbols and words on *Sheet 22.D* can be used or copied to make the banner or poster.

