

## Project

- I. Here is a list of a few states in India. Collect the information about the heads mentioned below in the table. After collecting this information present it before the class and display it in “Our Reading Corner” (ORC).

State	Famous Personalities	Tourist places	Dance forms	Food items
Telangana				
Andhra Pradesh				
Tamil Nadu				
Kerala				
Karnataka				
Orissa				
Punjab				

## C. Reading

### The Magic of Silk

This is a story from China. A long, long time ago, there lived an old woman in a hut in the forest. Her husband had been killed by a tiger some years ago. She was old and weak. Life was difficult for her and her daughter, Siew Mei.

Siew Mei did all the cooking and cleaning herself. She also looked after the silkworms in their garden. The worms gave them fine thread to make beautiful silk. Siew Mei sold the silk to travellers in the village market. In this way, she got enough money to buy food and other things.

One day as Siew Mei was returning home, it started to rain heavily. It was getting dark, too. Siew Mei ran into the first hut she saw. The door was open and there was no one inside.

“Is anybody in?” she called loudly, again and again. But there was no reply.

Siew Mei looked around the hut. The floor was very dirty. Bowls and pots were left unwashed. Siew Mei swept the floor and washed all the bowls and pots.



By the time she had finished, the hut was as clean as a new one. By then the rain had stopped too. "I had better go home," she said to herself. "Mother will be worried."



As she walked out of the hut, she saw a strange old man. His long beard reached down to his waist. He looked about a hundred years old. The old man looked at Siew Mei and smiled.

"Uncle," she said, "I went into the hut because it was raining. I hope you don't mind."

"Not at all, young girl," replied the old man. His eyes fell on the clean floor and on the bowls and pots. "Did you clean the hut for me?"

"Yes," answered Siew Mei. "Let me help you into the hut." The old man was very happy. "You're a very kind girl," he said. "I must give you a present."

He took out a pair of scissors and cut off a little of his long white beard. He put it in a piece of old cloth, tied it up, and gave the bundle to her.

"Do not give it to anyone," said the old man. "Open it when you get home."

Siew Mei thanked him and went home. Her mother was very glad to see Siew Mei safe. Siew Mei told her mother about the old man.

Siew Mei opened the bundle to show her mother the old man's white beard. To their surprise, they saw the finest silk thread in the whole of China. They began to weave with the



silk thread. When they had finished weaving, they had made the finest silk they had ever seen. They noticed that the bundle of silk thread still remained exactly the same size as before.

News of their wonderful silk spread far and wide. The old woman and her daughter became famous and lived happily ever after.



**I. Answer the following questions:**

1. Who do you think the old man is? Justify your reasons.
2. Do you believe in miracles? Are magic and miracles same? Give your reasons.
3. If you were Siew Mei, how would you feel?
4. Whatever good we give out comes back to us. Do you believe in this? Give reasons?



**Self Assessment**

**How well have I understood this unit?**

Read and tick (✓) in the appropriate box.

Indicators	Yes	Somewhat	No
I was able to talk about what is happening in the picture ? My opinion on it. (Face sheet)			
I read and understood the text:			
A. Puru, the Brave			
B. Home They Brought Her Warrior Dead (poem)			
C. The Magic of Silk			
I was able to do the exercises given under 'Vocabulary'.			
I was able to understand the usage of 'should', 'must', 'Degrees of comparison' and able to do the given exercises given under 'Grammar'.			
I was able to write a story given under 'Writing'.			
I was able to do the activity given under Study Skills.			
I listened and understood the passage "Nepal and the Himalayas" and answered the questions and taken part in speaking activity given under 'Listening and Speaking'.			
I was able to complete the 'Project Work' and present it to the class.			

