



CLASS IX
ENGLISH COURSE BOOK
UNIT IV - PEOPLE
LESSON A
PULLING CHILDREN OUT OF NEPAL'S PRISON - I

NOTES

- Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world.
- According to UNICEF, 55% of the population of Nepal lives below the international poverty line.
- Nepal lacks the social safety net that exists in most western nations.
- Children of the prisoners here live in prisons with their children.
- Pushpa Basnet of Nepal wants to get innocent children out of prisons.
- She was just 21 when she discovered her true calling.
- She runs a day care centre programme for such children under 6 and a residential home for older children to give them the chance of living a more normal life.
- For the children of prisoners, she opens the **Early Childhood Development Centre**.
- Two years later, she established the **Butterfly Home** and lived there with the children.
- She smothers the children of her Home with love and they reciprocated by calling her 'Mamu' which means 'Mother'.
- Basnet is happy in the company of the children and does not even get a day off.
- Children at the **Butterfly Home** live there with their parents' consent.
