

## **NEWSLETTER NO. 9: JULY 2021**

Sadly Covid 19 has continued to prevent us from visiting project areas, but thankfully our associated charities in India have continued to implement many schemes with great success resulting in a total of 47 new classrooms supported so far in 2021, continued Covid relief to families in dire poverty, and the continuation of construction work on the new Care Home for Bal Basera.

### BAL BASERA AND BACHPAN HIV CARE HOME, JODHPUR

The New Home construction is progressing well and is now up to roof level. Saffi have recently sent £10,000 towards the construction cost, and continues to support the running of the existing Girls Wing.



### **I-INDIA**

In June as the second wave of Covid struck India so badly, Saffi donated \$10,000 to assist with the supply and distribution of dry ration kits, medical supplies at the Covid Care Centre, face mask production and distribution, in the urban and rural areas of Jaipur in Rajasthan.







The new classrooms construction is now nearing completion as shown below and in the current pandemic is being used as a base from where to receive dry ration supplies.



# ROUND TABLE INDIA – FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION

Still in top gear, the Rajasthan Round Table groups have given Saffi the opportunity to support the new build of 47 classrooms in 11 very deserving schools in several villages, towns and cities throughout Rajasthan since the beginning of this year, with donations totalling approx. £75,000. Please look at the attached presentation for a project at Ajmer which demonstrates the typical incredible poor standards of schools in need of upgrading.

One project which commenced at the end of last year and completed in June is an English Medium school in Jaipur (Mahatma Gandhi English Medium School, VidhyaDhar Nagar) which now has 12 new classrooms and 8 renovated old classrooms. Such is the success of this project, there is now a waiting list of 2,000 students to join the school. Another donor is funding new computers for the school

whilst Saffi are funding the furniture for the computers and desks for extra pupils.



Mahatma Gandhi English Medium School, VidhyaDhar Nagar

The second attachment to this newsletter provides a summary produced by the Round Table (as we are unable to visit India) of all the projects supported by Saffi over their financial year July 202-June 2021. I'm sure you will agree the Round Table attainments are absolutely amazing and commendable to the highest rank.

### **FUNDING**

The following donations have been received this year:

£50,000 from JIG UK Ltd in January

£19 from Amazon Smile

 $\pounds$ 25,000 from Townhead Investments Ltd in April

£50,000 from Hurlingham Estates Ltd in June

£60 from a local Mum and daughter in support of the Covid support projects by I India. The 13-year-old daughter gave some of her hard-earned wages from her Saturday job – a very commendable act.

#### **THANKS**

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