

# THE SAFFI FOUNDATION

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO

Oliver Alcock of Bowland IT who kindly gave his time to create a website for The Saffi Foundation:

[www.saffifoundation.org](http://www.saffifoundation.org)

We will be populating the content of the site over the next few weeks.

Thank you Ollie !



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## JULY 2018 VISIT TO INDIA

The purpose of my recent trip to India was to follow up the projects identified on our November 2017 trip, and to assess any potential new projects.

### FIRST STOP: JAIPUR.....

## JAIPUR ROUND TABLE FREEDOM FOR EDUCATION

**Akerja School :** The new classrooms had been built, new computers installed and a basketball court created. A fantastic improvement. All that is awaited now is some new furniture.

**Satya Bharti School :** The four new classrooms were almost completed with superb internal decoration (educational murals). There are further plans to add four more classrooms on the first floor which we have agreed to part fund (total outlay is approx. \$38,000 – Round Table will fund half and Saffi will fund half).

**Sardar School :** Four new classrooms mid-construction, due for completion in September.

**Radkiya Uccha Prathmika School, Badharana :** This is a new project identified by the Round Table. The school has 200 pupils but only 2 classrooms and very poor WC facilities. The remaining classes were held outside. Of the total outlay to provide new classrooms and WC facilities of approx. \$18,000, Round Table will fund approx. \$4,500 and Saffi the balance \$13,500.

## i-INDIA

A return visit to i-India included the Girls Home GANGA housing 32 girls and schooling for 170 children, which was basic but bright and cheerful. I also went to see the Jhag Children's Village, a campus some 40km outside Jaipur comprising a home for 100 orphaned children, a school for 600 children from poor rural areas, a health centre, a vocational centre for young adults and a community centre.

## SECOND STOP: UDAIPUR.....

### UDAIPUR ROUND TABLE FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION

**Pahada School :** Three new classrooms undergoing construction and with potential to build on first floor at a future date. Hand operated water pump now replaced with new water tank and tap. WC improvements not done yet. (half funded by Saffi, half by Round Table).

**Iswal School :** A potential new project, yet to be decided by Round Table members. In rural location with 168 pupils of farming or labourer families within a 10km radius. Round Table added 2 classrooms last year and a further two classrooms are still required, one to be a regular classroom and the other to be a computer room. In addition it is proposed to cover the inner courtyard to create an assembly area.

**Varada School:** The second option, and in my opinion the most needy. Currently the primary school and senior school are on two nearby sites, both very overcrowded (example of one class size being 93) and appalling conditions eg open toilets. Proposal is to move the primary school into the senior school and create a new senior school. The Government have already given a plot of land and are building 3 classrooms. The Round Table proposal would be to build a further 3 classrooms and toilets.

The Round Table are to decide which project to assist within a few weeks, and we intend to assist with whichever they select.

## THIRD STOP: JODHPUR.....

### JODHPUR ROUND TABLE FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION

**Jhalamand School :** Five new classrooms completed and equipped with desks. (Saffi funding was 20% of total). Before the addition of these new classrooms, pupil numbers were so overcrowded that lessons were carried out in two sittings. Now they're in just one sitting.

**Vishust Puru School, Shastri Nagar :** This is a new project identified by the Round Table. A very poor standard school with 500 pupils in need of 3 new classrooms. The total outlay required is approx. \$24,500 of which \$8,000 is available from Round Table Funds. Saffi have agreed to fund the balance \$16,500.

### JODHPUR – Other projects:

**Bal Basera & Bachpan Home for HIV children :** They have recently rented a building opposite the Girls Home to use as a Health Centre so that children suffering from infections can be moved away until they have recovered. All extremely clean and smart. They have also now acquired the land upon which they can build a new larger Home with a capacity for 200 children. We will discuss the funding requirements for this project on our next visit.

**Miranda School :** Two teachers from England whose pupils are pen pals with Miranda pupils, came out to Jodhpur and spent five days there teaching phonics to a class of children , and also gave instruction to the teaching staff there. This work has been followed up since.

## GALLERY



Satya Bharti School, Jaipur – work almost completed



Sardar School, Jaipur – work almost completed



Pahada School, Udaipur – work almost completed



**Rajkiya Uccha Prathmika School, Jaipur – existing classroom !**