



NEWSLETTER NO. 6 : JANUARY 2020

The second half of 2019 saw a continued involvement with Freedom through Education bringing the total number of classrooms assisted by Saffi in 2019 to 58 (a significant increase from 23 in 2018). A visit was made in November to the various Round Table projects, plus our other projects which we continue to support.

BAL BASERA & BACHPAN HOME FOR HIV CHILDREN, JODHPUR

Work has just commenced on the new site, which is in a great “green” location and it is hoped to be completed by March 2021. The funding donation is to be spread over the building period. We also visited the existing Girls Wing which we are continuing to support on a monthly basis (\$2,500 per month).



New Site. November 2019

i-INDIA, JAIPUR

More jewellery samples were taken in November, and we saw their excellent production of our previous samples. We had a long chat with Charu who runs the charity and heard how their fantastic work with street children continues tirelessly. Saffi donated \$25,000 in December which is to be used to contribute towards the construction of 8 classrooms.



MIRANDA SCHOOL, JODHPUR

Saffi are funding the scholarship fees for 17 students in the 2019-2020 academic year (£7,776). In November we visited their new premises located quite close to the old school.



SAMBHALI TRUST, JODHPUR

The new Headquarters were completed in October 2019.



RAJASTHAN ROUND TABLE : FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION

BHILWARA: At the November visit both *Deoli* and *Nai Erans* Schools were days away from completion.

BIKANER: Unfortunately, due to the Delhi smog our flight to Bikaner was cancelled so we were unable to see the completed *Rajkeeya Madhyamik Vidhyalya* school (see photo below)



nor the recently started *Sujandesar* school project to build two new classrooms. It is planned to visit both in March 2020. The latter was introduced to us in August 2019 at a total cost of £12,000, Saffi funding £5,500.

JAIPUR: All of the following school projects were visited in November :

- ***Beria*** – the new classrooms looked great and the pupil intake had increased from 140 to 200. Saffi agreed to fund £4,470 towards the cost of refurbishing the old classrooms (total cost approx. £5,500) which should be completed in the next month or two.



- **Boythawala** – almost finished in November and finally completed in December.



- **Gokul Pura** – introduced to us during our visit in November. A school in disrepair and due to be demolished by Government in the next few months. The Government have provided a new large plot but there are insufficient funds to build classrooms. The Round Table proposal

was to build four classrooms, two toilet blocks and aim to increase student numbers from 250 to 400. Saffi requested the girls' toilet facilities be increased to four and agreed to fund £9,000 (sent beg Dec) towards the cost of all plans plus a play area.

Existing classrooms at Gokul Pura



Existing girls' toilet



- *Hira Ka Baas* – a new project introduced to us in September to build 4 new classrooms, playground swings and refurbishment of old classrooms. Saffi contributed £9,734 and attended the first stone laying ceremony in November.



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- *Mahatma Gandhi* – another new project visited in November. This is the first English medium school in the area and has a terrific team of staff. The proposal was to build 8 new classrooms (in two stages) and make the existing classroom roof water-tight. Saffi funded £12,400 towards the new classrooms and £4,500 for the roof repairs. Work started at the end of November.

Existing classroom.



JODPHUR. All of the following school projects were visited in November:

- Pali – a new project : another English medium school in very poor disrepair, so bad that the pupils and teachers have been moved into temporary rented accommodation. Proposal to build 7 new classrooms with rain harvest tanks and solar lighting. Total cost £70,000. Saffi funding £15,000 sent at beg of December and work commenced straight away.



- Jhalamand

As previous reported, this project was completed in June and since then the student intake has increased from 736 to 843.



In the November visit Saffi agreed to fund half the cost of 20 computers which were installed in December.



- **Sardarpura :**

Another new project – a school situated opposite the Education Authority office and in the most appalling condition. Classes were held semi-outside because the rooms were not safe to use, albeit the areas had to be caged to safe-guard the children from reptiles. Proposal to build 5 new classrooms, toilets and playground swings. Target to increase student numbers from 85 to 150. Saffi contribution of \$20,860 sent in December and construction work started immediately.



- *Shastri Nagar :*

The refurbishment work was completed to an excellent standard.



- *Kaliberi :*

This project was identified in August and Saffi agreed to fund half the cost of building 3 new classrooms which commenced in September. The school is in a very poor Pakistan Refugee area. Upon visiting this project, Saffi pledged to fund the repair and decoration of the old classrooms at

a cost of £6,650. Both the new classrooms and repair of the old were completed by 23 Dec 2019. Please see the second attachment which is a full presentation of the “Before & After”.



- *Basni* :

The completed two new classrooms and toilets looked fine.



UDAIPUR : All of the following school projects were visited in November :

- **Bedla** :

This project was mid-construction.



Bedla old classrooms



- *Shobagpura :*

A new project visited in city centre with 400 students and proposal agreed is to build 4 new classrooms with Saffi contribution of £9,000.



- *Varda :*

Heavy rains in Sept- Oct destroyed the steep access road and thus delayed construction but finally completed at the beginning of December. Some surplus funds will be used to add a new toilet block.





- Iswal – a rural school short of classrooms which was originally visited in July 2018 but not actioned in favour of the needier Varda school project. Now that the Varda project is complete, this one is to be considered needing toilets, a computer room, a classroom and a covered assembly area.





FUNDING

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