

JHAG CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

prem pathshala - school house

On the 30th June, Celia and Renate Barnett visited the Jhag Children's Village to view the completed school.

On this auspicious day, they were warmly welcomed by Abha and Prabhakar Goswami, founding directors of I-India, their staff and approximately 100 of I-India's children. With the recitation of Hindu mantras, the puja ceremony and a delicious feast prepared from scratch on-site in the shelter home kitchen, the newly constructed building was warmed and readied for utilisation by many generations of rescued and underprivileged children to come.

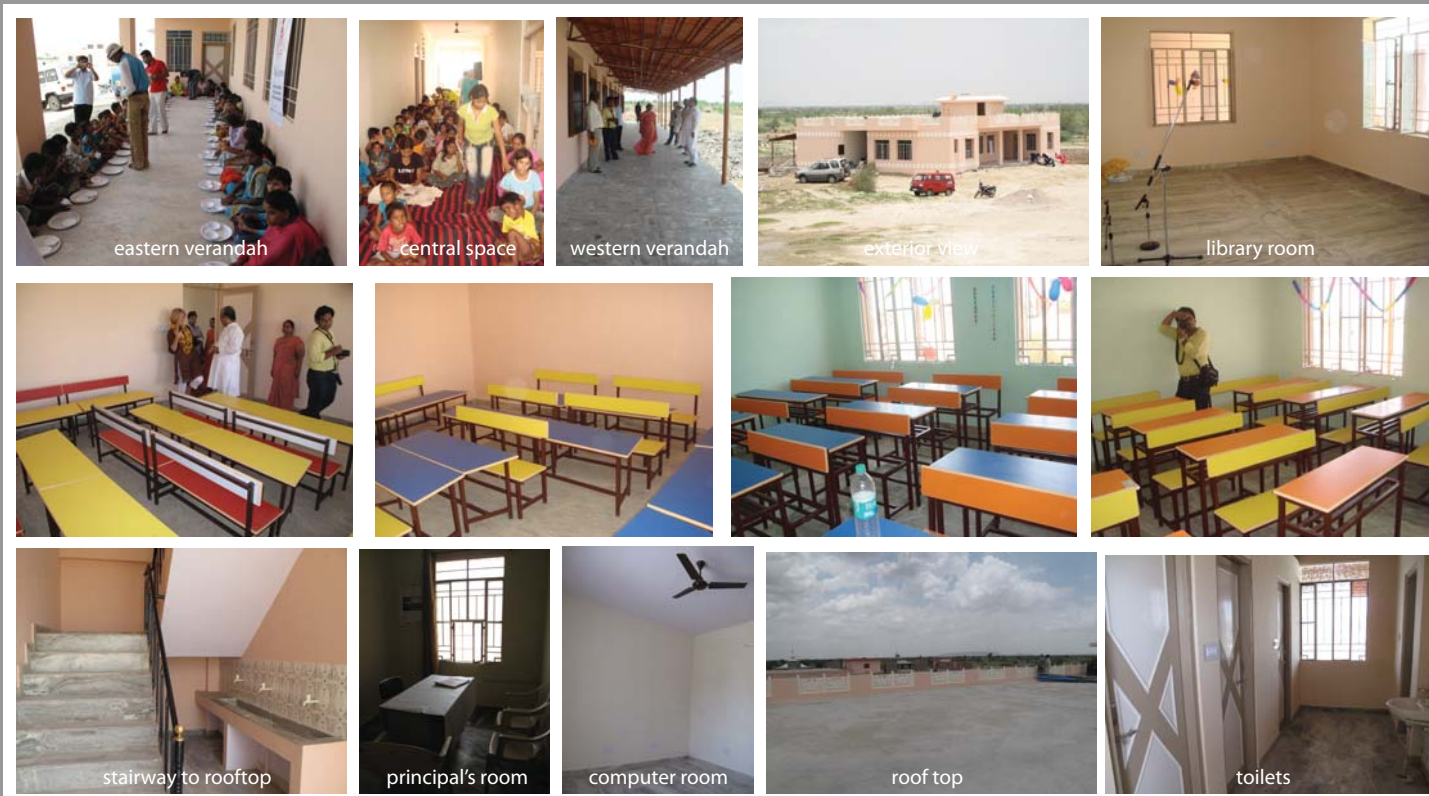


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The overall design and the facilities within the Prem Pathshala school were inspected with great satisfaction and appreciation for all who dedicated countless hours of careful thought and labour over many months, as well as those who contributed so generously to the financing of this important project.

Within the grand spacious building with its lofty ceilings is a wide airy central corridor space, five beautiful classrooms furnished with new bright student desks, a computer room (still to be furnished and resourced), library room (still to be furnished and resourced), a principal's room, office, staffroom, toilets and a large open rooftop space. On the rooftop is the solar power and solar hot water systems for the building.



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girls' shelter home

The shelter home is currently home to twenty small boys, previously accommodated in I-India's rented premises within Jhag Village. They will be joined by girls in due course as needs arise. The boys' shelter home will be constructed when sufficient funds are raised.

It was delightful to meet the young boys who now call the Jhag Children's Village "home". Their young beautiful faces belie their short but very sad pasts. Now they are cared for by gentle caring and dedicated professionals, and they have opportunities to learn, play and develop their creativity in a safe and nurturing environment. The activities room is a hive of happy activity where the boys enjoy the range of toys, books and art materials supplied by thoughtful and generous supporters from Singapore.

