



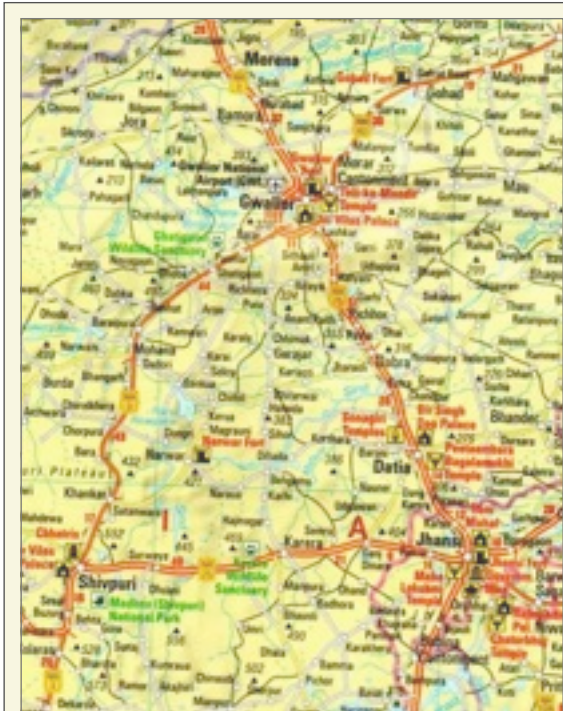
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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

ManASVI's aim is to help the rural poor living in villages and illegal settlements in and around the Gwalior - Jhansi - Shivpuri triangle of the North Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. We aim to help with access to education and health care and to achieve this through local charities and institutions such as schools and hospitals. We will give direct aid to families where the need is very great.

The Charity's registration with the Isle of Man General Registry was completed on 18 July 2008. Our association with Connect2Charity who provide internet services and advice for many Manx charities, commenced in April 2009. They have designed and maintain our website and our PayPal donation facility which may be found at: [www.connect2charity .im](http://www.connect2charity.im)

ManASVI is pleased to keep you informed of our progress in the past year in this newsletter.



### WHERE MANASVI WORKS

Gwalior is the ancient winter capital of Madhya Pradesh and is roughly 200 miles south of Delhi and 70 miles south of Agra (city of the Taj Mahal). Gwalior to Jhansi is about 60 miles. Roads off the main routes are little more than dust tracks.

Despite a beautiful countryside of forests, lakes and rivers, ancient hill forts and many temples, it is not an area of India much visited by Western tourists.

The majority of the population live in villages where life can be very traditional - farms of no more than a few acres - and where farming techniques and crafts that have remained unchanged for centuries.

The people are proud and independent. It was the Queen of Jhansi who led the rebellion that drove the British out during the Indian Mutiny in 1858. She is still a heroine! Nevertheless today the hospitality shown to visitors is second to none. This is what makes helping the poorest so worthwhile.

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### SUPPORT FOR VILLAGE CLINICS

The village clinic and health education program, a free service run by Gwalior Health and Education Charitable Trust, visits 19 strategically chosen villages and allows the poorest to consult with a qualified doctor (top left). Health education is also provided and this is important preventative medicine in areas where people are not always aware of how infections are transferred or parasitic infections are caught. The village clinic service is based at the Rural Hospital on the Snehalaya site 8 miles from Gwalior on the Jhansi Road. ManASVI has raised £500 towards the cost of operating this service which is a health safety net for the poor.

### SNEHALAYA CHARITABLE TRUST

Snehalaya is a residential home for the disabled, many of whom are abandoned children. The home is situated in 15 acres of gardens and farmland. Residents are housed with their carers in 5 purpose built bungalows. The Community Building includes classrooms and facilities for Special Needs such as physiotherapy equipment and a multi-sensory room. There is a staff of qualified teachers and carers under the management of a qualified physiotherapy doctor. Additional medical staff are on hand at the Rural Hospital. A small farm and orchard provides training for the more able residents and food for all residents.



ManASVI has donated £200 towards the care of Rupa and her daughter Puja, aged 7 (mid left). Rupa, who has either run away or been abandoned by her family, is mentally ill and was found with her daughter in pitiful conditions. Puja has no problems and is a bright child. Snehalaya is uniquely placed to give Rupa the care she needs while giving Puja an education and a chance in life. ManASVI is seeking a corporate sponsor on the Island for them both and will continue to support them until one is found.

### SCHOOL BUSES

The start and finish of the school day are peak times for rickshaw drivers. They stay in town for the best business at the least cost for petrol. This



makes school transport difficult and expensive for village parents, who usually have far less income.

ManASVI provides school buses (bottom left) for 60 children at a cost this year of £812. Absence rate of village pupils has fallen dramatically and now village children enjoy exam success equal to their city friends.



### SCIENCE LAB. FOR HALLMARK SCHOOL

The school, attended by many children from villages and a nearby illegal settlement, found difficulty fulfilling the requirements of the State curriculum due to the lack of facilities for practical science teaching. Sharing a laboratory with a nearby school was a difficult arrangement that was inconvenient for both schools and resulted in a loss of valuable teaching time.

When Cronk y Berry School in Douglas heard of Hallmark's situation through ManASVI they donated £358 towards the cost of building and equipping of a small laboratory. The money stretched to new books and also a printer and scanner for the use of staff in their lesson preparation. In the picture above the science teacher inspects the new school microscope.