

St Vincent De Paul Society India Fund

To be part of Twinning in India, Conferences donate £150 a year to the Fund.

If you would like to donate a further additional amount to the India Fund, please return this form to twinningfinance@svp.org.uk.

I would like to donate £100 ☐ £250 ☐ £500 ☐ Other amount £

National Westminster Bank: Sort Code **60 60 04** – Account number **46084983**.

Please reference **India** in your transaction. Or to set up a standing order of regular donations to our appeal please complete the form overleaf.

Personal details

Title

First name

Surname

Address

Postcode Telephone number

Email

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Gift Aid Declaration I would like to Gift Aid this donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the last four years to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society England and Wales. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my charitable donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

☐ **Please tick this box if you are a UK taxpayer and agree to this declaration.**

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To donate online please visit:

svp.org.uk/twinning-and-overseas-aid/india

If you would like further information or wish to obtain leaflets for your Conference please contact twinning@svp.org.uk



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“Our new way of working together will further strengthen our long-established relationship. After many years of close collaboration, this change both respects our local knowledge and enhances our ability to quickly channel support where it is needed most and will have the greatest impact.

We greatly value our partnership with SVP E&W and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued Vincentian support. Together, we can create lasting change and uplift India’s most vulnerable communities.”

Jude Mangalraj, SSVP India National President

For more information email twinning@svp.org.uk or visit svp.org.uk

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SVP Twinning India Fund

Supporting locally-driven community projects for people in need



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Poverty in India

In India, 270 million people live in poverty, with 80% of them residing in rural areas. Low-income states are home to 45% of the population. Shockingly, 61% of the population does not have access to electricity, 21% lack access to a toilet, and 6% still do not have running water.*

Despite India’s economic success, it remains one of the countries with the highest levels of poverty and income inequality in the world.

SVP England & Wales (SVP E&W) partners with the Society of St Vincent de Paul India (SSVP India) to support the most vulnerable communities. Conferences in SSVP India focus on development, education, social welfare and income-generating projects which empower and uplift those most in need.

Your donations to India and the work of SSVP India

SVP E&W works closely with SSVP India to provide impactful and sustainable funding through locally driven projects and initiatives. As SSVP India knows the needs of local people better than anyone, your donations empower them to identify local needs and provide carefully targeted grants through their Central Councils to those most in need. In turn, we prioritise accountability to our Conferences and Members through regular communications and donor updates.

Conferences in India directly run a range of social welfare projects. Pictured here, a shelter for homeless men providing meals and facilities.



*Source: India’s Poverty Profile (worldbank.org)

Our India programme in 2024-25

Your contributions will support a variety of initiatives led by SSVP India, including:

- Direct Conference support:** SVP Conferences in India are highly active in offering social support and welfare grants to extremely disadvantaged communities. Your donations enable them to receive essential funding for their local outreach efforts.
- Scholarships and educational projects:** For decades, SSVP India has been transforming lives by providing educational grants and assistance to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. This support targets the most underprivileged students, including those in primary, vocational, and undergraduate education. Funding is provided to students from families typically living on less than £80 a month.
- Livelihood support and income generation projects:** SSVP India operates a variety of small to medium-scale projects and initiatives to help families develop new livelihoods through start-up grants or loans. In some areas, this is managed as an interest-free credit fund, creating a sustainable system that will continue to assist new beneficiaries on a rolling basis into the future.
- Small projects:** Projects costing up to £1,000 are funded separately. If your Conference would like to support a small project, please contact John Wild, Small Projects Officer on wildjohn300@gmail.com for more information.

For more details or to make a donation, please visit www.svp.org.uk or contact us at twinning@svp.org.uk.

Nelson was able to study for an engineering degree with the support of SSVP India and E&W. His parents are illiterate, and his training will significantly improve his family’s living conditions.



Important update on fund allocation: In 2024, we began trialling a new method of sending funds to India. During this trial, all donations will go into a central fund, allowing India’s National Council to allocate resources to the areas with the greatest need. This approach leverages the local knowledge and expertise of SSVP India members, who will ensure that the funds reach those who need them most. If you have any questions about this trial, please contact your CC Twinning Officer or email us at twinning@svp.org.uk for more information.

Standing Order Mandate Form

Can you make a regular gift? Regular donations mean we can better plan our support for the people of India, giving them hope for a brighter future.

Your bank’s name

Your bank’s address

Please pay to the **National Westminster Bank** for the credit of **SVP Twinning**, please reference **India** in your transaction – Sort Code **60 60 04** – Account number **46084983**

Amount £

Amount in words

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Please post your completed form to:

- Your CC Twinning Officer
- The Finance Office (address below)

Or scan and email it to twinningfinance@svp.org.uk

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