

CARING FOR YOUNG LIVES

# Mission Girls' Hostel in North India

*Providing rural children with education*

*'It is amazing to see children in this hostel growing with social and spiritual values. Promoting Christian faith is the keen vision of each and every member of staff in the hostel.'*

The Revd Jessie Anand, Regional Desk Officer for South Asia



**India** factfile

- Capital:** New Delhi
- Languages:** Hindi, English and at least 16 other official languages
- Religion:** Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism, Jainism
- Export:** Agricultural products, textile goods, gems and jewellery, software services and technology, engineering goods, chemicals, leather products
- Further reading:** <http://cnisynod.org/>

**USPG in North India**

In 2009, USPG sent £43,200 to supports the wide range of Church of North India programmes, including theological training, education, and development

## About this Project...

▶ **Target: £6,840 / €7,860 | Project 470**

Mission Girls' Hostel, in Khariar, is providing 40 girls from single parent families with an education, accommodation and food. Most of the girls' parents are illiterate, earning less than £1 per day. Hostel student Smruthi Rani wants to be a nurse when she grows up. Her father died of cancer, but might have lived longer if better healthcare had been available. This fact has inspired Smruthi to want to become a medical practitioner to serve her community. Smruthi comes from the small village of Nuapada, in the District of Orrisa. Her family could not afford to pay for her

schooling, and Smruthi had to work to help support her family. Now she is gaining an education at the Mission Girls' Hostel, which is supported by USPG. She can dare to hope that her dream of supporting her community might become a reality. The hostel was set up by the Church of North India (CNI). It can accommodate 40 students at a time, and aims to not only transform the children's lives, but also the communities where they are from. Being first generation literate, it is hoped the children will build awareness in their communities of possibilities to help break the poverty cycle.

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