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Reaching Out to Serve Humanity with
New Initiatives



About Prabhat

The Prabhat Education Foundation reflects a journey that began in 2003 through the identification and nurturing of children with learning difficulties struggling in mainstream schools. In time, realizing the need for education and learning of this group and particularly of children, Prabhat conceptualized an institutional facility to provide systematic learning and rehabilitation services that could be accessible for those challenged by poverty and mobility. Working with and through local communities is Prabhat's hallmark.

What started as a modest beginning, with one child in 2007, has now reached to more than 3000 persons with disabilities in Ahmedabad as well as to their families, neighbours and communities.



Standing and walking, some of the joys we take for granted!

Big changes start with small steps!



'*Didi...didi*' ran Indrajeet, all of 5 years old, carrying a heavy school bag, running on an uneven pathway laden with stones and finally reaching his desired audience, he promptly handed the heavy school bag to the student from Riverside School, who had just visited his place!

Indrajeet joined the Early Intervention initiative at Prabhat, 5 months back. He has mild intellectual disability, Down syndrome and some behavioural issues. He was only on a liquid diet up until then. Starting his rehabilitation with physiotherapy, academic learning, sports and games combined speech therapy, Indrajeet today sits with all the children big and small at the Centre and enjoys a meal of roti, dal, subzi, making an effort to eat by himself! His mother is going through counselling and is also observing the different services Indrajeet is having at Prabhat and is elated with all the development.

So, a couple of weeks back, under the Buddy interaction initiative of Prabhat, grade 6 students from The Riverside School, Ahmedabad visited the homes of Prabhat's children, to build a deeper understanding of the community. 2 students visited Indrajeet's house, he was waiting since morning, all dressed and out with his toys to show his buddies. The moment they walked in, he proudly gave them a tour of his home, showed all his toys, books and also his favourite swing! The Riverside students had a wonderful time, talking to his mother and Indrajeet who mostly uses signs to communicate. They bid farewell and started walking back to the Centre. Indrajeet suddenly glanced over at the sofa and saw that one of them had left their school bag there. He quickly picked it up, told his mother that he will go return it, she saw him struggling while carrying the heavy bag, but was overjoyed with her son's mindfulness and eagerness to do the task that she did not offer her help. Little Indrajeet strutted down the *galli* and called out to them '*didi...didi*' and successfully handed over the school bag to the rightful owner. As he walked back home, there was a sense of accomplishment and happiness on his face, we teachers couldn't stop ourselves from giving him a hug on his achievement!


It may not seem like a very extra ordinary task that he accomplished, but for a child with delayed development and just 5 months of rehabilitation, this one was off the charts. It not only showcases his physical agility and growth but his mental and emotional development as well.

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Monthly update

Demystifying the Disability Act: 12 students from LJ School of law, Ahmedabad, successfully completed their internship and presented their work with the team. Their work comprised of simplifying the New Disability Act 2016. They conducted field visits and built an understanding of Prabhat's community and picked the relevant laws which would be applicable to them and prepared IEC materials for the same.

(<https://prabhateducationfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Rights-simplified.pdf>, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lbv_nHPJygo).

A felicitation ceremony: Prabhat has always been in praise and awe of its team! It is double joy when it happens from outside. This month one of Prabhat's senior field coordinator Kiran Parmar, was felicitated for his dedication and work in the field of disability. Kiran is a strong support for Prabhat's field level work. The organization is very proud of his achievements.

Independence Day celebration: What better way to celebrate one's independence if not through laughter, song and dance! This is exactly how it was done for Prabhat's students. Thanks to 'aProch', for marking the occasion through a fantastic Street Smart event, loaded with games, dance, music and togetherness – An apt representation of the word 'independence'.

Capacity building workshops: The team had a capacity building workshop with Ms. Mala Arora an inclusive education expert. The session had discussions on comparative view of how inclusive education is looked at globally versus in India. Another fun capacity building exercise was conducted by Vaidya Akhilesh Varrier, on healthy eating and how ingredients in our kitchen can actually resolve simple health ailments. In this season of rampant viral flu spreading from one to another, it is essential to build immunity and what better way to do that, than from the comfort of your own kitchen. The session was enjoyable and informative.

Psychologist training for anganwadi workers:

Prabhat is closely working with local anganwadis to build their capacities on working and identifying children with disabilities. Towards this, Prabhat organized a psychology training with Dr. Killol Brahmhatt for identification and tackling behavioural issues among young children, especially coming to fore post covid. The session was conducted for 71 anganwadi workers, split in smaller groups for better understanding.

Festival celebration: Prabhat takes the opportunity of festivals to impart some valuable lesson not just to the children but parents and the community as well. Lessons on tolerance and acceptance of diversity. It was fun joyous events organized by the team and the children also dressed up for the occasion.

Internship: Prabhat is lucky to get a regular flow of interns and volunteers. This month 15 students from Composite Regional Centre (CRC a Government of India department), Ahmedabad, which offers diplomas in Special Education are interning with Prabhat. Field level experience in the initial few months, help students to get an in-depth understanding of working with children with disabilities and parent-community mobilisation. The CRC department has always been very supportive of Prabhat's work and have mentioned how Prabhat is a learning lab for students from various disciplines.

A cultural event: Prabhat strongly believes in using arts as a tool for learning, towards this Prabhat in association with Spicmacay organized a cultural event for the children and parents of Prabhat. A spectacular event with attendance in great number. Prabhat was fortunate to have Smt. Rani Khanman, one of India's foremost exponent of Kathak. Smt. Rani is also known for using the classical dance form to amplify and address social issues. Her commitment towards people with disability has given new dimensions to her world of dance. She was accompanied by Shuheb Hasan – Singer & Sarangi player and Ajeet Kumar on the Tabla. Smt. Khanman was ecstatic to meet and interact with the children and parents.



Photo gallery



Flag drawing in the making!



Rain...sun...shine...nothing deters us from having fun!



Understanding more about inclusive education!



Parent meeting at Danilimda Centre



Understanding the magic hidden in your kitchen!



Joy & fun in celebrations!



Building greater bonds!



Meetings are essential for better implementation of initiatives



Community engagement through 'Arts'

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