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Reaching Out to Serve Humanity with  
New Initiatives



## About Prabhat

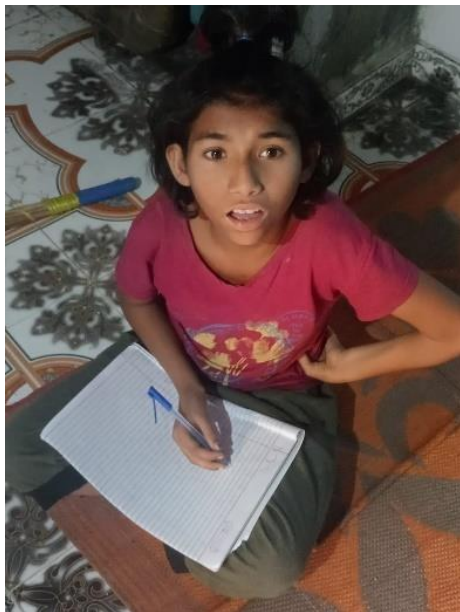
The Prabhat Education Foundation reflects a journey that began in 2003 through the identification and nurturing of children with learning difficulties struggling in mainstream schools. In time, realizing the need for education and learning of this group and particularly of children, Prabhat conceptualized 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.



Checking out the therapy equipment!

# Big changes start with small steps!



From someone who had to always been taken care off, to now being a helping hand at home, has been the journey of Durga. Durga is 18 years old, her family migrated from a small village in search of work and better care for the ailing father/husband, but alas they found neither! Her mother once while working at a tea stall was told about Prabhat, she did not understand the concept where an organization would keep children like Druga. In her scepticism she visited the Centre to find out more and when she did visit the sight and sounds were almost unbelievable for her.

Even though a little wary, as Durga had never been away from home for the past 14 years, her mother made her stay at the Centre for the entire day almost. Her mother was also asked to sit and observe the process. Durga came in, looked around but did not do much for a few weeks. She gradually started showing interest in plucking the coriander leaves, sorting the dal. The teachers immediately realised she was relating to things she would see at her own home, it was a comfort factor for her. She was then given things that she liked to do, while also focussing on activity for daily living to make her more independent, which included keeping herself clean, combing her hair, changing her clothes by herself, etc. Progress was slow but was still visible. Her progress was witnessed and experienced especially during the lockdown, where she helped her mother with her chores – keeping the vessels, picking up the dry clothes, sweeping!



Durga comes from a very impoverished family, who have always struggled to make ends meet, but with Durga's admission at Prabhat the family has been able to access government entitlements meant for the marginalised and due to the severity of Durga's condition she also benefits from various PwD schemes, all this is helping them atleast stay afloat.




Amidst all the struggles, Durga's progress has been a ray of light for the family. As her mother says "*humne sapne mey bhi nahi socha tha Durga aisa bhi kuch kar sakti hai, humare liye toh yeh ek bachi thi, jisse hume hi dekh baal karna padega, lekin aaj Durga ki wajah se humare ghar mey ration hai!*"

Post the lockdown Durga has not been able to consistently attend the Centre, but as per her mother, she continues to use all the practical training she's had from the Centre at home. When she seldom comes to the Centre she likes to play outdoors. Durga and her family are regularly invited for distribution events especially food, clothes and for aids and appliances.

Durga smiles more often now!

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 <https://www.facebook.com/Prabhateducationfoundation/>

 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe1oxuBWMdVycRk2EPzzjIA>



[www.prabhateducationfoundation.org](http://www.prabhateducationfoundation.org)

# Monthly update

**Anganwadi collaborations:** Every month Prabhat reports on the angwandi surveys and trainings, all these months of hardwork and perseverance has led to some amazing development. Prabhat has been given space in 2 angawnwadi in Vatva to set-up a physiotherapy space. This will allow providing rehabilitation to young children with identified disabilities, which will facilitate better progress and can also lead to a smooth transition of the child from the anagwanwadi to a mainstream school direct for those with mild and moderate levels of disability.

**State level consultation:** Prabhat was invited for a State Level Consultation organized by UNICEF, Gandhinagar and Sauhard to understand the challenges and strengthen the network of community based organizations in Gujarat. Prabhat presented its intervention study and the challenges being faced by the organization in the changed environment. An insightful session with peer learning and knowledge exchange.

**Outdoor visits:** children enjoyed an exciting fun fair visit at Vatva. These visits help children understand and handle real life situations, like buying things, money exchange, social interactions and also gives them an opportunity to just enjoy and be themselves. This was also a training opportunity for students from the Composite Regional Centre interning with Prabhat. They get to understand and demonstrate how to handle children with various disabilities in a public space.

**A unique celebration time:** at the face of it, if you would have entered the Urban Community Development Centre (UCD), Vatva on 22<sup>nd</sup> September you would have witnessed a sea of children with parents having an extremely joyous time – dancing, trying one game after another, but what made this entire event unique was how it transpired. A bunch of first year BBA students from Gujarat Law School wanted to volunteer but do something different! They raised funds for close to three months by selling scrap collected from different places and finally had enough to organize an amazing day for the children and their parents. A glimpse of the fun filled day:

<https://www.facebook.com/prabhateducationfoundation/videos/1400296093827488>

## **W**orkshop on strengthening teaching and

**learning practices of the organization:** A workshop by Khelghar in collaboration with Wipro Foundation hosted at Pune, was an insightful 5 days with peer to peer learning and some very interesting teaching and learning methods shared, like building semblance with nature, providing a practical learning environment, etc. This is a three part workshop, with a rigorous follow-up by Khelghar to provide course correction is very admirable and will facilitate the successful implementation of the learning.

**T**eacher's day celebration: this is one celebration all of us look forward to. The favourite part for everyone in the team, is seeing the children all dressed up as their teachers! It is a sight to see! The reigns for that are completely given in the hands of the children and it is amazing to witness how they have imbibed even the little details of their teachers, instructors and even the support staff! It is a delight to watch this in action.

**B**eing the clients: Grade 6 students from The Riverside School, selected Prabhat as their client for the client project from school. They offered their services for Prabhat's cafeteria (which is under Prabhat's vocational training unit). They plan to revamp the entire unit starting from the name, to the interiors, to the menu along with providing some service training to Prabhat's students! Everyone at Prabhat is eagerly awaiting all the wonderful changes they bring!

**E**k din Prabhat ke Naam: This month 2 people celebrated their birthdays with Prabhat, under the 'Ek din Prabhat ke naam' initiative. One was our very own Khushboo, a trained and expert physiotherapist, she works with the children at the Danilimda Centre and enjoys spending time with them. She says "what better way to celebrate my birthday than with our children"! We also thank Ms. Bela for spending her special day with our children and gifting them a memorable time.

## **A**ssistive services:

8 medical certificates    5 pension schemes  
5 railway pass            1 bank account  
4 State transport pass

The Diwali prep: the month before Diwali is the most exciting time, there is festivities in the air, smell of paint and wet mud, with all the diya preparations. A time when schools, community and Prabhat's children gather together to bring to you a small token of appreciation and thanks in the form of handmade diyas. So look out for that parcel at your door!

# Photo gallery



Fun event by GLS



Diya prep! We all get involved



Providing assistance like a pro!



The colourful joy at the fun fair!



Teaching is a way of learning!



The little teacher in action!



Kashmira at the State Level consultation

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