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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.



Age is never a barrier to have fun and also learn!

Prabhat's logo used in this edition of Roshni, has been made beautifully by Prabhat's mother using rangoli colours!

The welcome mascot!



Rehan is a free spirited, jovial, friendly 13 year old, having Mild Mental Retardation. He has been with Prabhat for 5 years now. He is such a driven child that given his level of disability his progress is spectacular! Rehan is the welcome mascot at the Danilimda Centre. He excitedly takes all the visitors around the Centre and also explains the different rooms and their uses. He is an avid painter, enjoys being involved in hands on activities and anything which requires team work.

During the initial phase of the lockdown he was very upset, as he missed his friends and most of all the wonderful visitors! It took a while for the teachers and his family to explain to him the intensity of the pandemic. Having fully understood it slowly, he then reprimanded anyone who would walk around without a mask, or was playing in the streets. Although the online classes with him were a challenge due to his active and sometimes restless behaviour, so the teachers kept his sessions smaller and more frequent. Rehan's mother has also been a great support to Prabhat, very proactive and forthcoming to provide counsel and guidance to new parents who come to the Centre, during the lockdown she made learning materials for Rehan. Prabhat asked her to train other mothers on making those, she has been an active participant at all the skill based training provided for caregivers regularly at Prabhat.

Rehan is now back at the Centre, without missing a single day, he is 17 now and is being trained in the pre-vocational unit. He got back to participating in his favourite sports competition – Khel Maha Kumbh, participating in racing, shot-put and long jump. But the most he is joyous about is having his buddies from the buddy interaction initiative back! Rehan is utterly a joy to have around, your visit to the Centre will not be complete without meeting him.

 https://www.instagram.com/prabhat_education_foundation/

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

 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe1oxuBWMDvyCRk2EPzzjIA>



Monthly update

Festival celebrations: Celebrations at Prabhat are all about the coming together - like a family. This year has been no different, there was the last minute diya preparation rush, rangoli making, cleaning and decorating the centres and dehlu in between chomping on some wonderful sweets. This year with the love of Prabhat's friends and well-wishers on the occasion of Diwali and Eid, children and their families received - sweets, clothes, snacks and stationary. The celebrations enjoyable and participatory. We had 6 local schools joining in. It is the coming together of everyone in the community that makes festivals special at Prabhat. As Muskan from grade 10 shared "yeh pheli baar maine diya painting kiya hai, bada peaceful activity hai, aur saare colours dekh kar bahut acha laga, hum chahte hain ki har saal yeh hume karne ko mile" (this is the first time am painting diyas, it is a very peaceful activity, I was overjoyed seeing all the colours, I wish we can do this every year).

Gandhi Jayanti celebrations: Being guided by the principals of Gandhiji, celebrating his birthday is equally important to each one at the organization. On this day Prabhat's children were a part of the Street smart event organized by Aproach. Children enjoyed being out on the streets, dancing, singing, playing games, making new friends. Street smart is also a platform to network with other children centric organization across the city. The street smart event is a brilliant platform to increase the visibility of children with disabilities as it is filled with children and adults from all walks of life. The transportation was provided by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation with support from Riverside School.

Learning Activities: The learning in October has focussed on hands-on activities, starting from diyas - painting them, preparing the packaging, packing them, etc. followed by sports. At Berral market Dehlu this month the team engaged the students and their family members in cricket matches. It was a joy to see mothers, grandparents, siblings and few fathers participate!

Ek din Prabhat ke naam: The ek din Prabhat ke naam has become one of the most popular initiatives! In October 4 people celebrated their birthday with gusto. There was cake, lunch and gifts. An environment of fun and frolic was in the air.

New networks: This month Prabhat forged new relationships with - CN Vidhayala - seeking to further the buddy interaction model, Development Communication department of Gujarat University - seeking volunteers and interns, Charkha a Development communication network - seeking capacity building opportunity specifically for communication for the Prabhat team and Indus University - seeking volunteers and interns, with

'Dil se Kaafi Café': any initiative where individuals take ownership of the project have always resulted in great results! Like in the case of the grade 6 students of Riverside, who took up the project of revamping the cafeteria (which is used as a vocational training unit) as mentioned in the last newsletter, they have worked and reworked and presented a beautiful model of the space. It is inspiring to see the team work and the holistic approach adopted by them! Their final design has been approved and now would be the implementation, with them also taking up the task of fundraising a part of the cost. You can have a look at their work here:

<https://prabhateducationfoundation.org/wp->

New volunteers: 8 students from Ahmedabad University are interning with Prabhat, a round of orientation has been completed. They are in charge of developing materials on First aid for children with disabilities and guidelines for workplace etiquettes, that a young adult with disability needs to follow.

Assistive services (which include assistance in procurement of entitlements, basic documents and aids & appliances):

Medical Certificate - 3	Crutches - 2
Railway pass - 3	Walker - 1
State transport pass - 2	Wheel chair - 3
Pension scheme - 8	Hearing aid - 11

Prabhat with its extended family (of community members, siblings, parents school students, teachers, anganwadi workers, etc.) was able to make and distribute over 20,000 diyas this Diwali.

Photo gallery



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