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Wishing all our readers a very Happy New year!

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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.



Ali ki Udaan!



With time, strength, will power and hard work results are achievable. This is a summary of Ali's story. Ali attends the Beral market dehlu and has just turned 3 years. Last year his mother brought him to Prabhat and said "all I want is my child to walk"! On assessment, Ali had no speech or vision issues, he only had trouble walking and has mild intellectual disability. His individual education plan/goals were defined based on that.

In the beginning Ali would not sit still even for 5 minutes, he was very stubborn and would throw all the materials given to him. His mother had to sit with him throughout the session and he would not sit without her at all. She was finding it difficult to manage all household chores, take care of the younger daughter and then bring Ali to the dehlu on time, but she still did!

It was difficult to see a young girl herself carrying two small children under the age of 5, but she persevered and was dedicated to bring some semblance of progress in her elder son. Seeing her is an inspiration, we all put in that extra effort to make sure Ali does not miss a day of physiotherapy.

Gradually, Ali started sitting patiently and doing activities assigned to him. Today he holds his mother's hand and walks to the dehlu! It is a wonderful sight to see him walking in daily with a smile on his face. His mother now drops him and leaves. He continues to stay till afternoon.

He has learnt to eat on his own and relishes birthday cakes! His mother is extremely happy and uses her little spare time to learn the art of mehendi, which can eventually help her earn a living. It hasn't been long since I became a part of Prabhat, these experiences and witnessing these changes first hand is what keeps me going!

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Monthly update

New beginnings: Prabhat is now extending its journey at a new location-Kankaria shala no. 8 (Government school). Prabhat has ample space to set-up therapy equipment and learning materials. Currently there are 18 children availing these services. The aim of setting up a resource room facility in a mainstream school lends for a smoother assimilation and transition of the child from Prabhat into the school. These platforms provide visibility to the children as well. Children in the age group of 0-5 years will be admitted into the anganwadi and those who are 5+ will be admitted into the same school or equivalent mainstream school.

Speech assessment: in continuation of the assessment process, this month a total of 39 children underwent speech therapy by Prabhat's experts, Killol Parmar and Anjali Joshi. The assessment was conducted at Kankaria shala no. 8 and Beral market dehlu.

Visit by Wipro Foundation: Prabhat has been fortunate to not only receive support but build partnerships with its funders. One such funder is Wipro Foundation. They have been a constant guiding force to the organization (since 2022) in taking forward the mainstreaming efforts at Prabhat. The team was overjoyed to welcome them. The Wipro team caught a glimpse of Prabhat's 4 workspaces and had a detailed discussion with parents and the team. It was a very interactive knowledge and experience sharing session.

Anganwadi admissions: Prabhat is working towards assimilation of children with disabilities in getting into the mainstream society seamlessly and thus putting in efforts to begin right at the entry level. This month a total of 7 children have been admitted to the anganwadi closest to their homes (for children in the age group of 0-3 years only their names are registered, admissions begin only 3 years onwards in the anganwadi. The registration of the name along with the contact details of the child helps the anganwadi workers to keep a check and follow-up).

Acknowledging the support: is a very integral part of Prabhat's working, acknowledging the support it gets from various places in various forms. This month a special thank you meet was done for Chirag School and to the parents who bring their children to that dehlu. Keshav (Director, Prabhat) met the entire school staff, especially gave special thanks to the Principal for not just providing the space, but also a conducive environment for the dehlu to thrive in.

Assistive services: a process to assist those with disabilities to access government entitlements. This month, the CBR team assisted 7 with procuring civil certificates (disability certificates); 6 with railway pass & State Transport bus pass and 7 forms for pension scheme.

Preparing the parents: if anything that the covid phase has taught us, is to be mightily prepared for any eventualities. We at Prabhat have been taking this very seriously! Regular parent meetings focussing on building a healthy and conducive environment for a child to thrive is being emphasised. This month the training consisted of parents providing support and a continuation of activities conducted at the Centre at home as well. Eight types of simple therapy and learning activities were taught to the parents. The session was conducted in an interactive manner using role play. It was overall a very fun exercise, both for the parents as well as the facilitator.

Advocacy through networking: Prabhat has been striving towards bringing large scale awareness in the city of Ahmedabad and what better platform than a university. Keshav and Kashmira from Prabhat delivered a lecture to over 80+ students, on making time and commitment towards social causes and how it is a two way learning journey, impacting the choices they would make later in life. They also shared about Prabhat's cause and how the society is a key stakeholder helping towards building up the organization in its endeavours.

Celebrations: Uttarayan which signifies the movement of the sun and inspires people to fill the sky with colourful kites! Prabhat's children love celebrating Uttarayan, children were made to release colourful balloons which looked like rainbows in the sky! Our little Rosmeena couldn't make it to the dehlu as she wasn't feeling well, but that didn't stop the team from visiting her residence and making her enjoy the festivity. Rosmeena was absolutely joyous, these are the moments which keep Prabhat going and striving towards making this world a place for all! Republic day was also celebrated at all Prabhat spaces and was a grand celebration especially in the government school Prabhat has started associating with. The school authorities spoke about how we need to be one and especially include Prabhat's children in the activities.

Towards building a deeper understanding: of the mental and emotional wellbeing of a care taker of a child with disability, Prabhat is supporting 2 students from Gujarat Vidyapeeth in this endeavour. They are conducting an intensive study to understand this aspect. It will be a very important learning for the Prabhat team.

Dil se kaffi café: The café which is a part of the vocational training unit of Prabhat is finally over with all the re-designing! We await to welcome you all!

Photo gallery



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