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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.

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See the possibilities, not the limits ...

When we struggle to aspire something and we get it, we are happy beyond measure! Thus has been Prabhat's journey in seeking employment for those with disabilities, especially our young adults with intellectual disabilities (ID). The learnings from this journey have given direction to Prabhat.

Today we share with you about Fuzail and his family. Fuzail was sent back from a private school just after a couple of months of joining. His family brought him to Prabhat with a lot of hope for the 7 year old. Fuzail was identified with ID, which brought in some limitations, but Prabhat focussed on the possibilities and started his journey of hope. Today Fuzail is 22 and has progressed tremendously.

Fuzail's training began with Activity for Daily Living (ADL) through various means, training was designed in such a way that his perceiving skills and reactions to the world improved.

Fuzail's mother says '*Prabhat ne mere bache ko maa ki tarah dekh baal kiya hai*' (Prabhat has taken care of my child like a mother)

In the beginning Fuzail's psychological test was conducted on the basis of which his annual 'target' was decided, which were then divided into quarterly goals. His focus areas were speech training, building communication skills and academic learning. His goals had to be re-looked almost every two months as he kept surpassing them before the quarter was over. His parents were very proud of his achievements. His mother is very proactive and invested in Fuzail's progress, which reiterates the point of family's active participation for the holistic growth of a child with special needs.

In due course of time Fuzail started pre-vocational training and eventually vocational training at Prabhat. Vocational training opens up a window of opportunities for those with special needs who otherwise find it very difficult to find employment in mainstream work spaces. Fuzail's mother says '*Mey Prabhat ko dekhti hoon aur sochti hoon, wo log kitna karte hain humare bachon ke liye, toh humme aur kitna karna chahiye!*' (I see Prabhat doing so much for our children, how much more should we be doing?)

Fuzail's father works as a trainer in a purse factory. His wife said 'when you teach others, why don't you teach our boy!' His father initially had doubts and several questions on how would this work, how will he learn? But his wife's positive thinking pushed him to take Fuzail to work.

Fuzail first started with packaging work, but he couldn't do it well. He then tried arranging the bags/purses. This was a 2 person's job, who had to sit across each other. Fuzail's father sat on the other side and started teaching him and in a day he learnt the arrangement. His father exclaims he not only learnt how to arrange the bags, he learnt how to use the big scissors and trim of the sides. work which earlier use to take him an hour to finish, today takes him only 15-20 mins. His father says not only does he help me cut, but helps other craftsmen too. Fuzail has been doing this job for 9 to 10 months. He is happy and his family is content that he can now earn and does not have to be dependent on any one.

When the organization takes a step forward, if the family also moves with it, it is a win-win for all. In Fuzail's case, his mother's role has been a catalyst for this remarkable change and progress in the child.

We hope Fuzail's story inspires and encourages other parents of children with disability to support, push and hope with them!



Mainstreaming: Happy to announce 4 children (in the age group of 0-5 years) have begun their learning/academic journey in anganwadis (close to their homes). 17 children are in line (The team has submitted their filled in forms with all the requisite documents) for admission in mainstream schools across the city. The Files are now with the DEO (District Education Officer) for further assessments.

Collaborations & Networking: Networking helps Prabhat broaden its horizon and facilitates bringing in fresh perspective in doing day to day activities and helps with building the organization overall.

- From this month on Prabhat has collaborated with Nayi Disha (with the guidance of Wipro Foundation). Nayi Disha is a repository of resources for those with disabilities. It records agencies/organizations/institutions, experts etc. that serve people with varied disabilities across the country. (<https://nayi-disha.org/>)
- Students of Miami University and Anant National University continue their assignment in documenting the work of Prabhat. They visited homes of the children and spent time understanding Prabhat's ideology, mission, vision, etc. The video they make will be used as a fund raising and sensitization tool.
- 'participant' in the journey towards self-reliance: It is not often you meet people who with open arms hire people with disabilities. JB fragrance and flavors is setting an example for many others. They have currently hired 3 people with intellectual disabilities who have been trained at Prabhat to work in their factory. The company has not just hired them but also made simple accommodations in making the space accessible. The youngsters are having a nice time learning new skills and finally having the financial independence they have been longing for.

Understanding the gradual impact: 3 children each from CRC (Composite regional Centre) Odhav, Vatva anganwadi and a private school in Danilimda have been referred to Prabhat's resource room, which is running at Kankaria shala no. 8 (government school). This reiterates the importance of stakeholder collaboration in the working of a community based organization. All the three children are in the observation phase at the resource room.

Parents meeting: Counselling was one need which was highlighted during the pandemic. As soon as the Centres opened, counselling was the first process started by the team and since then the frequency of it has only increased. The team aims to conduct 2-3 sessions per month for the parents. This month the discussions were on social security schemes of the government and how it benefits the child and the family, documents necessary to access them and steps on maintaining hygiene for the child especially during humid weather. In Berral market dehlu, session on the importance of parent/family participation in the rehabilitation process of the child was discussed through personal experiences of parents and siblings.

Celebrating international Yoga Day: Yoga has proven to increase focus and concentration, reduce stress and anxiety, increases balance and co-ordination, promotes self-confidence, improves sleep and enhances imagination and creativity. With these benefits yoga has been an integral part of the morning routine at all Prabhat Centres and dehlus. To mark the international yoga day, children, parents and siblings all were invited for a yoga event at the Centre.

Volunteering/Internships: This month one student from NMIMS (Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies) is interning with Prabhat for a period of one month. After his orientation he will assist the teachers in the classroom during the academic sessions.

Assistive services:

Civil certificate	12
Railway pass (form filled)	14
State Transport pass (online forms filled)	5
Pension scheme (online forms filled)	7
Aids & appliances form filled	60
Vocational tools distributed (curd making machine)	2

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Photo gallery



Parents meeting at Vate



New joiners at JB fragrance & flavour



Parents meeting at Beral Market Dehlu



Students from Anant University working on the documentary

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