



World Disability Week Celebrations

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Reaching Out to Serve Humanity with
New Initiatives



About Us

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.



An opportunity to experience the historical heritage.

Human Chain: A unique program

Prabhat hosted a program called 'Human Chain' wherein children and persons with special needs, who are often unseen in public spaces, were standing tall and proud with posters, accompanied by their parents, school children, and the Prabhat team. Celebrated on World Day of Persons with Disabilities, 'Human Chain' served as a symbol of togetherness, a statement that we are not separate, but one. The team took this opportunity to appeal for a change in societal attitudes towards persons with disabilities. The message was clear - treat them as individuals, not with pity, and ensure they have the same rights as everyone else.

As the program unfolded, many bystanders paused to watch the vibrant display of unity and the powerful messages on the posters. We engaged in personal conversations with the onlookers, seizing the chance to talk about Prabhat and its mission. The children and parents held up posters with catchy slogans, ensuring that the message conveyed was clear and impactful. The children's enthusiasm was infectious as they danced to the music, and a total of 100 children participated wholeheartedly in the program. The event also saw the informal participation of ordinary people, further strengthening the sense of community.



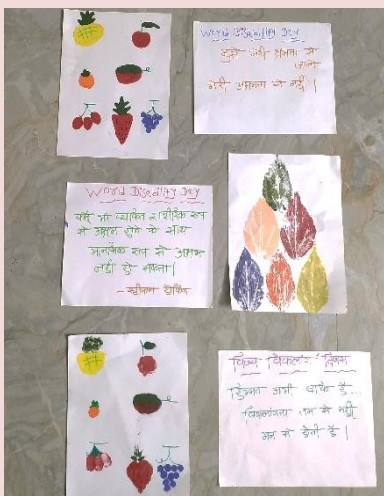
A collaborative drawing session was also held between the children of Ashish Vidyalaya, Vatva, and Prabhat. This mixed-group activity allowed the children to express their creativity while spending quality time together, reinforcing the values of equality and acceptance.



Embracing Nature through Thumb Painting

Kankaria Gujarati School No-8 marked World Disabled Day with a vibrant thumb painting activity. The children, who delight in the sensory joy of thumb painting and watercolours, were guided to create impressions of their environment. They gleefully used shells, leaves, and stones to make their artwork, with leaf impressions being a particular favourite. After a single demonstration, the children were able to independently create these impressions. Those who needed assistance participated alongside their mothers, maintaining excellent eye contact and focus throughout the activity. This engaging event not only celebrated World Disabled Day but also fostered a deeper connection with nature among our students.

Sejal Anand (Special Educator)



Marching for Equality: The Awareness Rally

On December 7, the streets from Vatwa Center to Mahalakshmi Lake, Navapura Maidan, Khutbealam Dargah, and back was alive with the vibrant Disability Week Awareness Rally. Decorated camel carts and children, their faces lit up with smiles and curiosity, formed a captivating procession. The rally aimed to spread the message of equality and equal opportunities for all, using various posters to communicate this powerful message. Interactions with the public provided further information and context. The rally was a family affair, with parents and students from other schools joining in, embodying the spirit of unity and inclusion.



मैं अकेला ही चला था जानिब-ए-मंज़िल मगर ,लोग साथ आते गए और कारवाँ बनता गया.

(I was walking alone towards my destination, but people kept joining and a caravan was formed.)

Prabhat, like a lone traveller who gradually forms a caravan, is on a mission to achieve its goals by bringing together individuals and organizations.

The World Disability Week celebrations kicked off with Prabhat's children participating in 'Smart Street', an event organized by Approach. With logistical support from the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and Decathlon, the children made their presence felt in public spaces, embodying the message of equality and happiness.



The celebrations continued with a joint initiative by The Museum Memories Project (MUME), where children with special needs were given a chance to experience historical heritage through a tactile heritage walk.

Representatives from Etech Global Service visited Prabhat Center, engaging the children in storytelling, dancing, and cooking activities, fostering a mutual exchange of joy and learning.



Fostering Equality: A Joint Celebration of Disability Week by Bharat School and Prabhat

Aligned with this year's Global Day with Disabilities theme of addressing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) like ending poverty and inequality, Prabhat hosted a week-long series of programs. A highlight was the joint celebration of Disability Week by the children of Danilimda Center and Bharat Secondary School on December 5.

The event featured activities like drawing, fingerpainting, Mehndi, and Zumba dance, conducted in diverse groups. These activities served as a testament to a healthy society that embraces equality and individuality. Initially, the school children were hesitant to interact with Prabhat's children. However, witnessing Prabhat's children engaging in activities encouraged them to join in, fostering a spirit of teamwork.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from 80 children from the school and 30 children from Prabhat. This celebration truly embodied the essence of Disability Day, marking a step towards building a more inclusive society.



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