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About Prabhat

Founded in 2003, Prabhat identifies and empowers children with learning difficulties, providing accessible learning and rehabilitation services to over 3000 individuals in Ahmedabad. Working closely with local communities, Prabhat fosters inclusive education and support for individuals with disabilities and their families.



AN ALTERNATIVE FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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Hello readers! Explore community highlights, glean valuable insights, and get inspired to take action. Enjoy the read!

A Meeting with an Optimistic Father..

In the bustling streets of Danilimda, there's a bond that shines brighter than the rest—a father and son, Sanketbhai and Samarth, united not just by blood but by an unspoken understanding. From the moment Samarth entered the world, he was special. But with his uniqueness came challenges that Sanketbhai wasn't fully prepared for. Samarth was diagnosed with autism and intellectual disability.

Sanketbhai initially struggled to accept this. But as time passed, acceptance seeped in, and his love for his son pushed him to find answers. The journey was fraught with trials—doctors' visits that led nowhere, treatments that did more harm than good, and a constant search for a place where Samarth could thrive.



This search led him to Prabhat's Danilimda Centre. Here, Samarth wasn't just another child; he was a young boy with lot of potential. It took time, but with love and patience, Samarth learned and grew. He made friends, respected elders, and discovered his interests.

Sanketbhai watched with pride as his son greeted the world with newfound confidence. And as Samarth grew, so did Sanketbhai's dreams for him—dreams of education, of sports, of a life filled with achievements. Prabhat is honored to be a part of their journey, supporting them every step of the way.

Program Updates

Wrap of the Session: Beginning of New Horizons

Our annual tradition – process meetings with parents – celebrate each child's unique progress towards their development goals. Unlike fixed assessments, we honor individual achievements and the challenges overcome. Recognizing development's nonlinear nature, Prabhat applauds every step forward, big or small. We reflect with parents, acknowledging the resilience needed to navigate growth's complexities.



Advocacy & Networking

Embarking on a Collaborative Partnership with Anant National University

We're excited to share the commencement of a strategic partnership with Anant National University. A joint session with department heads has set the stage for a unified journey ahead. Discussions at Anant delved into the partnership's potential and were complemented by talks with department coordinators. This marks the start of crafting department–specific strategies that will steer our collaborative efforts.





Anant Samvaad

Department of Center for Public Policy at Anant hosted 'Anant Samvaad', a monthly dialogue series that enlightens students on contemporary topics with the guidance of subject-matter experts. Prabhat led a session this month focusing on the impactful theme of Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR). We shared insights on CBR's role in fostering inclusivity and engaged with students on integrating this approach into their future work.



Anganwadi Visits

Prabhat's Early Intervention program is taking a vital step forward! Our team recently visited 25 Anganwadis in the Vatva area, establishing initial connections with these crucial stakeholders. This outreach included a fun sock distribution activity for the children. The visit not only introduced Prabhat's work to new Anganwadi workers but also strengthened relationships with existing partners.

Community Highlights

Exchange of Greetings on Eid-UI-Fitr

Prabhat's celebration of festivals like Meethi Eid extends beyond mere tradition, nurturing a sense of community and shared culture. The team's visits to families during Eid and the delightful Doodh Sevaiya served by a parent are more than just acts of kindness; they are the threads that weave the fabric of Prabhat's community, highlighting the importance of cultural understanding and mutual generosity.



Assistive Services



Hearing Assessment

Under the therapies and treatments conducted at the centers, services are continuously provided to children for continuous evaluation and assessments thereby. This month, we partnered with Dr. Ravindra Pandya for check-up of children with hearing impairment (HI). After the initial meeting at the Vatva Center followed by the discussion with the parent on the history of the child, he will work on plans to bring about some improvements in the child's hearing impairment. This evaluation will be conducted at each center monthly.



Medical Camp

Networking is at the forefront of Prabhat's working style. Due to this, a health camp was organized by Chirag School in Beral Market this month. The camp focused on the well-being of children coming to the center, especially the girls. The general physician provided preliminary examinations, dispensed medication as needed, and conducted vision checks.

Government Assistive Services:

Kidz Corner - Where Fun and Learning Collide!







Summer Camps: More Than Just Fun and Games

Our summer camps have blossomed from a one-time activity into a cherished tradition!

Children with special needs explore art, dance, and painting, while our team rediscovers the joy of creative engagement. First-time campers are thrilled, and even home-based children experience a unique opportunity to connect and build future friendships.

These playful, enriching experiences foster inclusivity by breaking down barriers and promoting acceptance. Over 500 children from our center, anganwadis, and associated schools participated, creating a summer filled with joy and connection.

Resources Corner

Prabhat Education Foundation has organized a **free medical checkup/screening and guidance camp** for individuals and **children with disabilities** residing in and around **Bhaipura, Amraivadi, Hatkeshwar, CTM, Jashodanagar, and Maninagar.**

What kind of Disabilities will this camp cover?

- Children with Cognitive Disability
- Cerebral Palsy
- · Children who have slow development and needs high level of support
- Children with Down Syndrome
- Person with Autism
- Person with ADHD
- · Person who faces challenges while walking
- Person who faces challenges while speaking
- Person with a learning disability
- Person with vision impairment

What kind of screening and guidance will be provided?

- 1. Physical Assesment
- 2. Psychological Assessment
- 3. Eye- Checkup
- 4. Information and guidance regarding all the government schemes

The last date for registration in this camp is 14th May, 2024 till 6 PM.

Contact Information for Registration:

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The camp will be organized on 16th May, 2024 from 07:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Address: Prabhat Education Foundation, Survey No. – 238/1/PAKI/1, Lal Bahadur Shastri Hindi School, Nutan High School, Opposite Ishwarkrupa Society, Near Sharon Society, Hatkeswar Khokhra, Maninagar (East), Ahmedabad – 380 008.

Special note

* Registration is mandatory. Those who register will be called-up and informed about the time for the appointment of the child.

* As per the assessments, Prabhat Education Foundation will provide training by experts, necessary government facilities and regular nutritious food for children with special needs. All these facilities will be provided free of cost.





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