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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.



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

### Squinting towards Success: Sagar's story

Kankaria Shala No. 8 is proud to have **Sagar Padhiyar** as a student in the resource room for the past year. Sagar, an 8-year-old with intellectual disability and speech impairment could

communicate only with signals. Initial diagnosis at the time of his birth led to a surgery, which improved his vision (though squinted).

Several sessions with his parents were conducted to counsel about the government's schemes or assistive services he was eligible for and the education he was entitled to acquire. Initially, speech struggles made him skip group study. Gradually, continuous meetings with the mother, regular therapy sessions, and with a tailored education plan, he improved his communication skills, eye-coordination, basic academic knowledge, social communication and motor skills. He has been provided with the eligible government facilities. Overcoming the struggles and co-operating with the teachers, he is now a bright student of grade 3, who seldom needs prompting in answering at school which was a challenge earlier.

The team and his mother feel so proud seeing his steady progress and the well-rounded on-going development.

– Reported by Sejal Anand



## Program Updates

### Multifaceted Assessments

At the beginning of each year, Prabhat creates an annual development plan for every child. As part of this comprehensive approach, children are evaluated by various experts across multiple centers. This month, assessments included: Psychology: 50 children, Speech Therapy: 37 children, Physiotherapy: 29 children. These evaluations form the foundation for

each child's individualized plan, ensuring targeted support and continuous progress throughout the year.



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### Early Intervention Success!

Congratulations to Alisha and Vanshika from our Vatva Center! Through our Early Intervention program, they've shown fantastic progress and are now transitioning to mainstream education at an Anganwadi center.

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### Advocacy & Networking



### CEPT University Steadfast in Its Commitment to Inclusive Education

Continuing the championing mission of Prabhat's inclusive education, students from CEPT University visited Hatkeshwar Center and initiated fostering the mission with an innovative perspective by designing sets of blocks as miniature replicas of the walls of Ahmedabad's heritage sites, introducing the children at Prabhat to the city's rich classical art. They also used them for teaching block printing and painting, fostering creativity and fine motor skills.

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## Internship

L J University's first-year law students and Anya from **FLAME University** (Pune) gained practical experience through a one-month internship at Prabhat, assisting with educational materials, camp activities, and daily operations. Tanuj from **Nirma University** researched and prepared material on how Buddy Interaction can be proposed to other organizations.



## New Documentaries – Anant

Students of **Anant Fellowship** have begun shooting for two documentaries aimed at exploring distinct aspects of childhood development for children with special needs. One will probe into Prabhat's research on the role fathers play, while the other examines the broader impact of the surrounding ecosystem.

## Meeting with Link workers

To achieve an inclusive approach, we work hand-in-hand with various stakeholders, including link workers. This month, we held a meeting at the Public Health Centre (PHC) of Khodiyar Nagar with 20 link workers. These sessions equip them with the knowledge and skills to integrate an inclusive approach into their everyday work, ultimately creating a more supportive environment for all.

## Kidz Corner



## Khel Mahakumbh

Sofiya has emerged as the highlight of the month by bagging second position in basketball at Khel Mahakumbh 2024 held at Saber Stadium, Himmatnagar. Her dedication and talent has truly shone through, bringing pride to herself and the community. Such achievements of the children bring immense hope for the parents and act as a powerful reminder that disability does not define one's potential - the world is full of possibilities!

## Community Highlights

### KD Foundation Hosts Children's Health Checkup Camp

KD's "Pankh" program held a successful health camp, providing free assessments for 51 children by Dr. Ankit Modi (Pediatrics). This initiative helped families save on private hospital costs and long waits at government facilities. Dr. Modi offered valuable guidance on childhood development and potential disabilities. Our Director Keshav Chatterjee and Senior Manager of the KD Foundation Dinesh Rabari were also present.



### Parents meeting

A parents' meeting was organized at Vatva center for an interactive session on maintaining good personal hygiene for children with special needs, benefits of regular attendance and process for Disability certificate renewals.

### Assistive Services

Civil Certificates: 2

S.T. Passes: 3

Railway Pass: 2

Pension Forms : 2

In addition, we also distributed Hearing Aids, Knee Braces and Waistbands to 7 elderly people in collaboration with CRC.

## Events and Celebrations



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