

# **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.



Learn more

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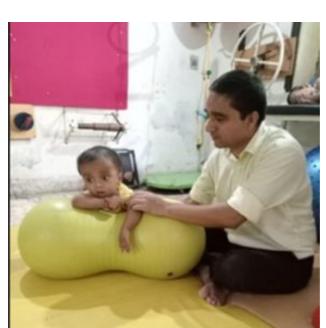
Hello readers! Explore community highlights, glean valuable insights, and get inspired to take action. Enjoy the read!

# From 'Darkness' to 'Dawn': Ashraf's journey

"I had lost all hope, and my courage had shattered into pieces. Then I came to Prabhat and witnessed the transformation in the children here. My hope has reemerged since then," says Anjumaaji, mother of Ashraf, a child at Prabhat Centre.

Mohammed Ashraf, born with hydrocephalus cerebral palsy, faced numerous challenges due to delayed diagnoses and treatments. Initially, his parents received insufficient guidance, and at 18 months, Ashraf could neither sit nor support his neck, with delayed speech and cognitive development. Connecting with Prabhat through another parent brought a turning point. Ashraf was assessed, and therapy commenced under the care of physiotherapist Manishbhai at the Vatva Center. In just three months, Ashraf showed good progress—stability in his neck, sitting without support, and even attempting to stand.

This story underscores the profound impact of timely guidance and appropriate therapy. Accurate information and early intervention are crucial in transforming despair into hope, enabling children like Ashraf to achieve a dignified and fulfilling life.



- Reported by Manishbhai Mistry, Physiotherapist, Vatva Centre

## **Program Updates**

### Wipro's Support for an Inclusive Community

Wipro's financial support has been instrumental in helping Prabhat provide inclusive environments for children in Anganwadis and schools. Recently, Saranyaben and Krunal Bhai from Wipro visited Chaar Maaliya Anganwadi, A.B. Vidyalaya Resource Center, and Hatkeshwar-Bhaipura Center to observe our fieldwork and therapies.

Prabhat's team, along with government representatives, joined the visit to share insights and experiences. A concluding discussion with trustees Mr. Ashok Chatterjee and Ms. Renu Sheth focused on future planning, highlighting the ongoing collaboration for an inclusive society.







## Field Visit by the Trustees of Prabhat

Prabhat recently welcomed our trustees for an exciting and insightful field visit. They explored Barrel Market – Dehlu, Kankaria School No. 8, Char Malia Anganwadi, and interacted with children in home-based rehabilitation. Engaging with various stakeholders and the team, this visit was both energizing and orienting which inspired us to continue striving for excellence.

## **New Students join Mainstream Schools**

Integrating children into mainstream schools is a significant milestone at Prabhat Centres. After extensive collaboration with both families and schools, we are happy to inform that **three new children** have been admitted. This achievement brings immense pride to Prabhat. Our team will continue to support these children and their schools, ensuring a smooth transition and fostering an inclusive educational environment.

# **Advocacy & Networking**



# Partnering with Government for Inclusive Growth

We are excited to announce a new partnership with the Composite Regional Center through a recently signed MoU. Together, we will launch joint programs focused on vocational training, community-based rehabilitation, distribution of assistive aids, and professional development through workshops and exchange programs. Our combined efforts will also extend early

intervention services to more children in need, strengthening our mission to empower individuals with disabilities.

## **Engaging with Anganwadi Workers**

At our new Hatkeshwar center, Prabhat is actively building relationships with local Anganwadi workers through continuous contact, surveys, and meetings. Recently, a meeting in the Bhaipura ward provided Anganwadi workers with information about Prabhat's mission and how to identify children with special needs. This collaboration aims to ensure these children can gain admission to Anganwadis and receive the support they need.



### **Kidz Corner**



## **Buddy Interaction**

Prabhat nurtures the value of equality by fostering a child's innocence and instinct through our 'Buddy Interaction' initiative. Here, every participant is seen simply as a 'child,' free from labels. This inclusive approach involves various activities where everyone learns and gains something meaningful.



Recently, 6th-grade students from Riverside visited Prabhat's new center at Hatkeshwar. Together, they engaged in games and craft activities, creating an atmosphere of joy and excitement. Every child thrived, making new friends and cherishing the experience.

# **Community Highlights**

**KD Foundation Hosts Epilepsy Camp** 

Following the first phase of general medical camp, Prabhat, in collaboration with KD Foundation, organized a specialized camp focusing on epilepsy diagnosis and treatment. Expert doctor conducted in-depth consultations with parents, taking the child's overall condition into account.

Parents got to hear harrowing stories of how a single epileptic seizure had dramatically impacted child's life, with some expressing their constant fear of nighttime seizures. Children will receive necessary medication kits, and their conditions will be monitored through videography for ongoing evaluation and treatment.



#### **Assistive Services**

S.T. Passes: 3(online) Railway Pass: 2 (Online) Pension Forms: 1

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

### **Resources Corner**

Continuous learning and skill advancement at an individual level strengthens Prabhat as an organization. We are proud to acknowledge the efforts of Pranav Bhai and Pramila Silakari in the same direction:

- Pranav Bhai Shah has been selected for PhD admission in Sociology at the Institute of Infrastructure, Technology, Research and Management, Ahmedabad, focusing on the social determinants of intellectual disability and health.
- Pramila Silakari recently completed a 6-week learning disability course by Nirmala Institute of Education, Goa, and Adira Centre for Disability Management, Mumbai.
  The program covered learning disabilities such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, autism, and ADHD, with an emphasis on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) as per

NEP 2020. This comprehensive training has equipped her with essential tools for supporting students with learning disabilities.

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