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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!

May our hearts always flow with compassion, kindness, and understanding, ensuring that everyone finds their place and opportunity in our society. Merry Christmas to all, from everyone at Prabhat.

Bridging the Gap: Community-Based Care for Hussain

Reshmaben Rangrez, a devoted mother, sees dedication and hope as the cornerstones of her son Hussain's growth. At just one-and-a-half years old, Hussain, who faces physical and mental developmental delays, struggled to sit up. Two years later, thanks to Prabhat's intervention through its Community-Based Rehabilitation program, his journey has been nothing short of transformative.

Hussain now walks with support, identifies objects, and has blossomed into a sociable child. For Reshmaben, these milestones are a source of immense joy, underscoring the power of early intervention and consistent support.

Before joining Prabhat, Hussain's family encountered barriers to accessing physiotherapy due to the high costs and long distances involved. Our community-focused approach has brought these services closer to their home, removing financial and logistical challenges. This accessibility has not only fostered Hussain's development but has also offered his family the chance to provide consistent care without undue stress.

Reshmaben credits Prabhat for creating an environment where children like Hussain can thrive, offering vital support to families who often face significant barriers.



Program Updates

Disability Day: A Celebration of Rights



“Disability inclusion is not an act of charity but a fundamental human right.” – International Disability Alliance.

Prabhat marked the International Day of Disability with a celebration that brought together children, parents, and students from Chirag School, Barrel Market, and Kankaria School No. 8. The event featured interactive sessions aimed at fostering inclusivity, building confidence, and creating opportunities for all. Sports activities and delightful meals added joy to the day across Prabhat’s centers.

Through such initiatives, Prabhat continues to champion inclusiveness and empowerment, striving for a more equitable society.

Assessments

Dr. Killol conducted speech assessments for 71 children across Kankaria School No. 8, Vatva, and Barrel Market. Follow-up plans were discussed with parents and the team.



Real World Learning – Exposure visit to the market

To enhance their learning experience, students from Barrel Market Dehlu's pre-vocational program embarked on a field trip to the local market. This hands-on experience provided valuable insights into practical money management, while also allowing them to identify various vegetables and understand their nutritional benefits.

These exposure visits play a crucial role in the overall development of our students, fostering social connections and broadening their understanding of the world around them.

Festive Harmony at Prabhat

We celebrated Christmas with a spirit of inclusivity and joy. Students, parents, and well-wishers joined together for a festive celebration filled with delicious food, music, and laughter. The celebration was further enhanced by the enthusiastic participation of representatives from Tong Garden Food Products India Pvt. Ltd. at the Bhaipura centre.



Kidz Corner

Sunshine, Soup and Smiles!

Winter has arrived at Prabhat, bringing with it a flurry of fun activities! Our children are enjoying the crisp morning air with light exercises, followed by warm and nourishing soups to keep them cozy. This season is all about embracing the winter sunshine and staying healthy and happy!



Advocacy and Networking

Collaborative Research Study with Anant National University

Prabhat, in collaboration with Anant National University's Center for Public Policy, is conducting research to identify and address the challenges faced by children with disabilities in accessing inclusive education.

As part of this initiative, a recent visit to Surat included interactions with Sri Nandan School, Mahadev Education, and Shradha Welfare Trust. Discussions with Ghazala Ben and Krishna from Samarth Institute focused on study design and data collection methodologies. We will continue to provide updates on the progress of this important research endeavor.



Young Changemakers in Action

The journey toward an inclusive community becomes more impactful when young students join as changemakers. Riverside students, long-time supporters of Prabhat's cause, conducted an awareness program at Udgam School, Bhaipura. Through engaging drama and a rally, they sensitized peers and parents about the importance of inclusion. Joining forces with the students amplified the message, showcasing how youth-led initiatives can create a ripple effect in fostering understanding and acceptance.



Insightful Learning at Wipro Education Partner's Forum '24

A three-day partner meet, organized by Wipro Foundation, brought together leaders, practitioners, and changemakers for insightful discussions. The forum emphasized the significance of capacity building, individual and organizational learning, and featured engaging sessions and dialogues. A key highlight was the launch of the Collective Initiatives website, alongside a session on strengthening civil society organizations. It concluded with a renewed focus on fostering a collaborative ecosystem of learning and growth. Through discussions and shared experiences, the summit reinforced a collective commitment to impactful capacity building.



Paving Paths for Disability Inclusion

Prabhat continues to share its expertise on disability inclusion by collaborating with organizations at both state and national levels. Currently, we are contributing to a study conducted by PRIA (Participatory Research in Asia) and the Martha Farrell Foundation, aimed at understanding the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities in commuting to workplaces and using public transportation. With mobility as the study's focal point, the findings aim to address critical gaps in accessibility. We look forward to contributing meaningfully to this collaborative effort, striving for more inclusive mobility solutions.

Documentary Screenings at Anant



Anant University organized a special screening of two documentaries created by their fellowship program, showcasing the lives and challenges of children with special needs. The event brought together parents, children, Prabhat staff, Anant's students and faculty for an engaging afternoon. The first film, *Up on the Shoulder*, highlighted the importance of co-parenting in a child's development, while *Chasm-E-Mazhar* depicted the journey of Mazhar, a child overcoming vision and hearing challenges. The screenings were followed by heartfelt discussions that deepened mutual understanding and emphasized collective efforts toward inclusion. This collaboration will continue to foster awareness and support for children with special needs.



Capacity Building

Child Development Associate Training

Wipro Foundation organized a CDA Training workshop at Ummeed Institute, focusing on child-friendly techniques and parent-inclusive activities. These practical sessions equip the team with effective strategies for working with children with special needs, enhancing their capacity to deliver impactful support.

Towards Inclusive Education

An internal workshop on 'Inclusive Approach' was conducted with our team, exploring personal experiences and societal implications of inclusion. Discussions also focused on establishing a model of inclusive education in Anganwadis, supported by Wipro Foundation. This initiative aims to pave the way for inclusive education practices.

Community Highlights - Spotlight on Visitors

This month, Prabhat welcomed a distinguished guest: Amulbhai Bhatt, MLA of Maninagar. He spent time with our children and engaged in discussions with our team. We also extend our gratitude to Shri Dipali Ben, Hinaben, Chintan Modi, and Himanshubhai for their kind visit and continued support.



Assistive Services

Following documents were processed this month:

Medical Certificate: 3

Railway Pass: 5

Pension Forms : 4

State Transport Forms: 6

Distribution of Educational Kits



Prabhat is now affiliated with the Composite Regional Center (CRC), Odhav. Through this collaboration, ongoing assistance and guidance for children and individuals with disabilities are being provided. As part of this initiative, 26 children received educational kits from the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India. These kits will play a crucial role in enhancing their education and practical skills.



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