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# **About Prabhat**

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



Learn more

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

**Footprints of Progress: Fenil's Journey** 

The journey of a child with special needs is shaped by the collective efforts of caregivers, therapists, and educators. Fenil, born with a genetic disorder affecting his mobility, speech, and vision, faced many hurdles despite early medical interventions, including heart surgery. His parents, searching for the right support, found hope at Prabhat.

At Bhaipura Center, Fenil's condition was carefully assessed, and a tailored therapy plan was created. His mother, Nikhilaben, played a crucial role, ensuring therapy extended beyond the center into their home. Under the Prabhat's guidance of Dr. Kavita, physiotherapist, Fenil engaged daily activities like weight-bearing exercises, functional tasks, and speech therapy.

The results were remarkable. Fenil, once unable to stand without support, can now walk independently. His progress has brought immense joy to his family and inspired those around him. His mother believes that when parents are empowered with the right knowledge and support, they can become advocates for strong their child's development. Fenil's story reaffirms that with the right guidance and collective effort, every child can take confident steps toward a brighter future.

Prepared by Manishaben Solanki, Special Educator





# **Program Updates**

### A Nation for Everyone: Republic Day celebrations!

Prabhat celebrated Republic Day with patriotic fervor and a deep commitment to inclusion. Children enjoyed dancing to patriotic songs and engaging in creative activities like crafting flags from grains and textured papers. This day serves as a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to ensure that every citizen, regardless of ability, has the opportunity to live a life of dignity and pride in our nation.

### Soaring Dreams in Uttarayan

Uttarayan at Prabhat was filled with joy as excitedly flew colorful children sometimes soaring hiah. sometimes struggling against the wind—just like life's journey. Well-wishers and greeters made the day even more special by gifting chikki, ladoos, berries, kites, and festive accessories. Children also enjoyed a hands-on kitemaking activity with craft paper. Like every year, the festival brought not just fun but also a reminder—to dream big and rise above challenges, just like a kite catching the wind.



### **Inclusive Learning at Anganwadis**

We are continuing our efforts with local Anganwadi centers and schools to promote inclusive education. To better understand existing practices and curricula, team recently visited 10 Anganwadi centers in Vatva, Bhaipura, and Barrel Market. The goal is to ensure that every child, regardless of ability, receives an education tailored to their needs and potential.

### **Eye Checkups**

Dr. Brinda Shah conducted eye screenings for our children, and prescribed glasses were subsequently distributed.





# Prabhat welcomes PSS Experts for Wipro Phase II planning

As we enter Phase II of the Wipro project, we welcomed Dr. Neelima Gokhale and Dr. Manjiri Nimbkar from Pragati Shikshan Sansthan(PSS), pioneers in Early Childhood Education. After visiting our centers and Anganwadis, they shared insights on small-group learning, goal-oriented interventions, and vital role of Anganwadi workers in inclusive education. PSS will support Prabhat in designing training programs for staff, Anganwadi workers, and teachers—focusing on classroom organization, child-centric teaching, and structured documentation. We will aim to empower **Anganwadis** lead inclusive education independently, ensuring long-term sustainability and scalability.

### **Advocacy and Networking**

### Collaborative Research updates!

As mentioned in our previous edition, we have initiated the process of consolidating insights for a white paper on the challenges and solutions in inclusive education. This study now extends beyond Gujarat, engaging with institutions across India, including Samarth Gujarat (Ahmedabad), Nari-O-Shishu Kalyan Kendra (Kolkata), Sama Foundation (Karnataka), and Navbharat Women Development Committee (Uttar Pradesh). Orientation sessions have begun, fostering cross-regional collaboration to strengthen inclusive education efforts.

While the second research involves our collaboration with freelance consultant Dr. Amita Bhakta and the UK's Loughborough University wherein we are exploring energy access for persons with disabilities in Ahmedabad. Field testing of our research tools is currently underway, and we will soon begin the data collection process. Prabhat is eager to utilize the study's findings to inform and enhance our work in this crucial area.





### Gift of Joy: Happy Healing Space

Laughter, creativity, and a sense of belonging—this is what the Grade 6 students of Riverside School envisioned when they created the *Happy Healing Room* for our children. Inspired by their interactions and home visits, they recognized the need for a space where children could feel safe, express themselves freely, and simply have fun.



With dedication and creativity, they designed this vibrant space, pouring their hearts into every detail. From fundraising to adding personal artistic touches, they made sure it was a place of comfort and joy. This month, the *Happy Healing Room* was joyfully unveiled, with participation from Riverside parents. Their kindness, along with support of Mr. Chetan Bahl from DCB Bank, turned a heartfelt idea into a beautiful reality.



Students from the Toy and Game Department of the National Institute of Design conducted home visits to five children as part of their internship, gaining deeper insights into inclusive play.



Fifteen children, along with teachers and guardians, actively participated in the *Children's Fair* organized by the KD Foundation, engaging in creative activities.



The ONGC Officers Women's Committee visited Prabhat and generously contributed five sewing machines to support the vocational unit's sewing program.

## **Community Highlights - Spotlight on Visitors**

Shilpaben and team from Sankatmochan Trust visited the Vatva Center, providing delicious meal for children and learning more about our work. Our discussions focused on vocational training and self-reliance initiatives for women in the community.



### **Assistive Services**

Following documents were processed this month:

Medical Certificate: 2 Railway Pass: 3

Pension Forms: 2 State Transport Forms: 3

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Prajapati Rahul Guddubhai. May he rest in peace.



















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