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**EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

AN ALTERNATIVE FOR  
THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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# Prabhat Overview

Prabhat's programmatic activities and services are carried out under 3 major areas:



Prabhat Education Foundation, based in Ahmedabad, is dedicated to serving individuals with special needs, helping them to reach their full potential. Working closely with local communities, Prabhat fosters inclusive education and support for individuals with disabilities and their families.

## VISION

We envision an equitable society where the needs and abilities of a child and adult with special needs are accepted and respected.

## MISSION

To build capacities of people with special needs to live with dignity and hope as productive and confident citizens. We aim to provide holistic opportunities for the child to learn and grow by adopting a multidisciplinary approach to disability.

**Prabhat Centres:** The Centres constitute the core Prabhat's Programmes – creating an environment in which the needs, abilities and challenges of children with special needs are respected and opportunities created for them to learn and to grow as citizens. Centres are designed as 'welcoming and cheerful' spaces for therapy, play and learning by doing.

**Community-Based Rehabilitation Program (CBR):** The goal of Prabhat's CBR is to create enabling environments and capacities within the communities and homes to support and encourage those children with special needs and their families who cannot access Prabhat Centres due to barriers of mobility, distance or awareness. CBR is directed toward generating awareness, knowledge and capacity within homes and neighbourhoods that can mobilise them to support and nurture children with special needs.

**Advocacy through networking:** Advocacy strengthens each of these services and creates a more enabling environment for children with special needs in the society. One of the main aims of Prabhat's advocacy is removal of stigma and fear attached with disability, so that children with special needs are included as equals within the Indian society.



# Our Board Members



**Sridhar Rajagopalan**

Co-founder and a Director at **Educational Initiatives (EI)**, a company focused on improving learning outcomes through research and technology-based solutions. EI is known for its assessment tools such as **ASSET**, a diagnostic test for school students, and the **Mindspark** adaptive learning platform, which helps children learn at their own pace.



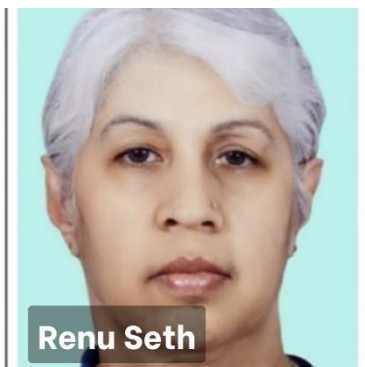
**Geet Sethi**

World-renowned professional billiards player, a recipient of prestigious honors like the Padma Shri, Arjuna Award, and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, he has consistently showcased excellence and dedication. Beyond sports, he co-founded **Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ)** to support Indian athletes in achieving global success.



**Ashoke Chatterjee**

A distinguished development professional and **former Director General of the National Institute of Design (NID)**, Ahmedabad. A champion of sustainable development and social innovation, his extensive experience spans diverse sectors, including water management, craft revitalization, and education.



A dedicated educationist with decades of experience in teaching and administration. Having served in leadership roles at prestigious educational institutions such as **Pratham**, she brings a wealth of knowledge in curriculum development and inclusive learning practices.



**Founder and Director of Prabhat Education Foundation.** With a steadfast commitment to inclusion, he has dedicated over two decades to creating opportunities for children with special needs.



A seasoned consultant specializing in training, capacity-building, and guidance counselling in the fields of disability, health, and education development. Her extensive affiliations include consultancy with **Vaani Deaf Children's Foundation in Kolkata** and membership in the International **Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC)**.

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## From the Founder & Managing Trustee

The year 2023-24 has been one of growth and learning for Prabhat Education Foundation as we continued our work to support individuals with special needs. Through collaborations with institutions like NID, Anant National University, and Riverside School, we expanded our efforts to promote inclusion. Initiatives like Prem Ground, an inclusive play area, reflect how children with and without disabilities can come together, learn from one another, and grow in understanding and respect.



Our vocational training program saw significant progress, with many individuals receiving training and partnerships forming with local businesses to create employment opportunities. This work is ongoing, as we strive to match individuals with roles suited to their abilities while building inclusive workplaces. The opening of a vocational unit has been a key step in this direction.

This year also marked the establishment of a new center in Bhaipura, a much-needed space in an underserved urban slum. The center has already connected with local Anganwadis, schools, and health centers to raise awareness and offer services to the community.

Our work has always been centered around the individual. Over 164 children benefited from therapies, assessments, and rehabilitation this year. While progress is often non-linear, each milestone reached by the children and their families reminds us of the importance of patience, care, and personalized support.

As we reflect on all these small and big achievements, we also look ahead with hope and determination. Inspired by Christopher Reeve's words, "*Once you choose hope, anything's possible,*" Prabhat envisions a future where inclusion transcends rhetoric to become a lived reality. Thank you for standing with us on this journey.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chatterjee". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Keshav Chatterjee



## PRABHAT CENTRES

### Festivals & Celebrations

Prabhat Education Foundation celebrated festivals throughout the year, transforming our centers into vibrant spaces of cultural exploration and shared joy. From the spirit of independence with dance and crafts to the artistic expression on Republic Day, these celebrations fostered a sense of belonging and national pride in our children. International Yoga Day promoted well-being with family yoga events, while Raksha Bandhan strengthened bonds through the creation of Rakhis and expressions of love. We embraced diverse traditions with enthusiasm, adapting activities for Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Eid-E-Milad, and Uttarayan (Makar Sankranti), creating a space for cultural appreciation and inclusivity. Diwali was a time where children, parents, teachers, and staff collaborated to create beautiful Diyas, decorated the centers, and shared in festive activities, solidifying a sense of community and belonging.







World Disability Week: A Spotlight on Inclusion



World Disability Week at Prabhat transcended a single day. We dedicated an entire week showcasing the talents and aspirations of our children, promoting awareness and inclusivity within the community. A symbolic human chain united children with disabilities, parents, school children, and the Prabhat team, sending a powerful message of togetherness and challenging societal attitudes.

Collaborative activities like drawing sessions with mainstream schools allowed children to build connections based on equality and acceptance. Art activities and an awareness rally further engaged the community, fostering understanding and promoting equal opportunities for all. By aligning our celebrations with the theme of the Sustainable





Development Goals, Prabhat highlighted the importance of inclusion in building a more equitable society.

## Buddy Interaction



Prabhat's collaboration with The Riverside School continues to be a cornerstone of our inclusivity efforts. The long-standing "Buddy Interaction" program paired Grade 6 students with Prabhat children, fostering empathy and understanding between them. This year, the initiative focused on community sensitization, beginning with an introductory dialogue in August.

A significant outcome of this collaboration is **'Prem Ground,'** an inclusive play area inaugurated on February 14th. This project involved active participation from children, parents, and teachers from both institutions, providing a space for children with special needs to play alongside their peers. The development process taught concepts like measurements and planning, enriching the learning experience.

Additionally, Prabhat's children participated in **'Daan Utsav'** at Riverside School in October, where they decorated diyas with their buddies, fostering joy and camaraderie.



## Expanding Reach: New Resource Center Opens



The organisation is committed to reaching more children with disabilities. Recognizing the limitations faced by some in accessing our centers, we partnered with A.B. Vidyalaya, Vatva, to establish a new resource center in November 2023. This center provides need-based

therapy and special education, catering to children in the Vatva community. The program also offers a pathway to mainstream education for children who achieve specific developmental milestones. This successful collaboration expands Prabhat's reach and ensures greater access to vital services for children with disabilities.

## Summer Camps



Summer camps, a beloved tradition since 2004, resumed this year after a pandemic hiatus. These camps provide a haven for children with special needs, offering a chance for siblings to bond, learn new skills, and forge friendships. This year, 60 children participated in camps held at AB Hindi School and, for the first time, Kankaria Shala No. 8, a government school.

The Kankaria Shala camp was a resounding success, with encouraging responses from both school authorities and parents. Discussions are underway to expand the program next year, potentially including students from Kankaria Shala. Prabhat's gratitude extends to all who make these camps possible, including school principals, volunteers, and the wider community.



## Khel Mahakumbh

This year, 37 children proudly participated at the annual Khel Mahakumbh sporting event organized by the Gujarat Government, with 5 emerging victorious. Their success reflects the growing confidence fostered by Prabhat's holistic approach to development and integration into mainstream society. The event's online registration process, coupled with the requirement for bank accounts and medical certificates, has streamlined participation and boosted accessibility.

## Exposure Visits



Outdoor visits provide Prabhat's children with valuable learning opportunities beyond the classroom, enhancing social interaction and awareness. This year, our children explored history through interactive exhibits at the "Museum on Wheels," a unique learning opportunity facilitated through a collaboration with the Lalbhai Dalpathbhai Museum. Further fostering social interaction and connection with nature, we organized an overnight camp at Mini Pavagadh (Ambod) and Mini Amarnath (Amarapur). 41 children, educators, and parents participated in this inclusive experience, enjoying outdoor games and strengthening community bonds. The team's dedication ensured a safe and enriching experience for all, from securing parental consent to managing medications.

## Ek Din Prabhat ke Naam



Another annual tradition "Ek Din Prabhat Ke Naam" continued to bring joy to Prabhat's children in 2023. This heartwarming initiative fosters connections between the Prabhat community and individuals from diverse backgrounds.

## Assessments



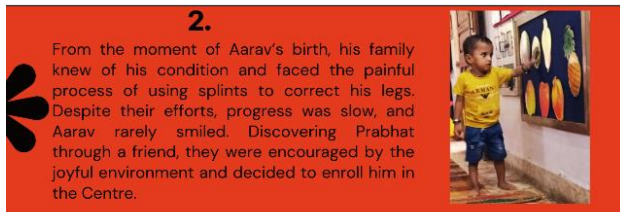
A comprehensive assessment process is employed to monitor children's development and identify any areas requiring additional support. These assessments, conducted at Prabhat centers and partner schools, identify individual needs and inform personalized interventions. This year, a total of **164 children** underwent speech and psychological assessments by qualified professionals. They helped ensure timely adjustments to a child's rehabilitation program, maximizing their potential for holistic growth.

## Therapies



1.

When Aarav joined Prabhat a year ago, he was just two years old, struggling with moderate cerebral palsy. He had difficulty keeping his neck steady, needed support to sit, and couldn't respond to stimuli. Aarav's grandmother, his steadfast caregiver, was determined to see him thrive despite these challenges.



2.

From the moment of Aarav's birth, his family knew of his condition and faced the painful process of using splints to correct his legs. Despite their efforts, progress was slow, and Aarav rarely smiled. Discovering Prabhat through a friend, they were encouraged by the joyful environment and decided to enroll him in the Centre.



3.



Committed to Aarav's improvement, his grandmother brought him to Prabhat daily, following the exercises and advice of the therapists with dedication. Within three months of rigorous physiotherapy, Aarav showed significant progress—sitting up, walking, and responding to instructions. His therapist, Manish Bhai, attributes this success to the combination of early intervention, consistent therapy, and a supportive home environment.

Recognizing the diverse therapeutic needs of children, Prabhat Centre offers a comprehensive range of therapies, including speech, occupational, cooking, physiotherapy, and sensory therapies. These services are available at our resource centers and in two local schools, Chirag School and AB Vidyalaya, ensuring easy access for the community.

**Speech Therapy** helps children improve communication and social skills, working closely with parents and caregivers for maximum benefit. **Occupational Therapy** aids in daily life activities, enhancing motor skills, social interaction, and overall functional ability. **Cooking Therapy** teaches nutrition, food safety, and cognitive skills, empowering children and promoting healthy eating habits. **Physiotherapy** focuses on improving motor skills, balance, and coordination, boosting confidence and self-worth. **Sensory Therapy**

engages children's senses through various activities, aiding in sensory processing and enhancing social engagement and communication.

These therapies collectively empower children for holistic growth, ensuring they receive the support they need for their overall development.



## Academic Year Ending Progress

The end of the academic year at Prabhat is a time of celebration and reflection. Parent-teacher meetings review each child's progress towards their yearly goals, discussing achievements and areas needing improvement. Plans for the next academic year are also made to ensure continuous support. These celebrations highlight the progress and hope for our children's future, making the journey meaningful for them and their families.

## Vocational Victories

This year, Prabhat's vocational training program achieved significant milestones in empowering children towards self-reliance. Collaboration with the National Career Service Center (VRC) offered career guidance to 65 individuals, while outreach to local industries secured interest from 15 businesses in integrating individuals with disabilities.



Prabhat's training programs equip young adults with relevant skills. Not only that, J B Fragrances & Flavors also hired three individuals with intellectual disabilities, setting an example for other companies by creating an accessible work environment. Here, regular follow-up visits ensured a positive work environment and skill development for the placed individuals.

Recognizing the value of home-based work, Prabhat engaged children in activities like toy scooter molding, fostering income generation and skill development. Additionally, Prabhat strategically identified 20 individuals in Danilimda and Millatnagar for potential vocational integration.

Through close coordination with various industries, a total of **40 individuals** have received training for various vocational opportunities during the reporting period. These successes solidify Prabhat's commitment to empowering children with special needs for a future of self-reliance.

# COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION

## Aids & Appliances Distribution



Pushpaben, a 40-year-old woman with a locomotor disability, found herself increasingly dependent on her loving husband for mobility, which silently troubled her. Despite their strong bond, this reliance limited her independence, leading them to avoid going out frequently. A turning point came when they connected with Prabhat Education Foundation. Through Prabhat's Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program, Pushpaben received a battery-operated wheelchair and tricycle. These aids transformed her life, allowing her to move independently beyond her home. Now, she can shop, attend social events, and participate in everyday activities with dignity and without the burden of dependence, bringing a newfound sparkle to her eyes.

Prabhat's distribution of aids and appliances is a cornerstone of its community based rehabilitation program, providing essential mobility and independence to children and adults with special needs.

This year, Prabhat distributed:

Appliances		Assistive Services	
Battery Tricycles	23	Medical Certificate	58
Wheelchairs	32	Railway Passes	45
Tricycles	220	ST Pass	59
Calipers	24	Pension Assistance	43
Hearing Aids	5	Aids-Appliance Online Form	134
Earthen lamps distribution	20000	Bank Accounts	23
Sweets distribution	180 boxes	Information Guidance Camps	47 people
Socks distribution	3700 pairs	Vishwakarma Yojana Distribution	10 forms
Lorry distribution	13	RTE	17
Papad Making Machines	3		
Sewing Machine	1		
Milk & Curd making Machine	1		



## Mainstreaming Children

Prabhat's journey in mainstreaming children with special needs into Anganwadis and schools has been a remarkable learning experience. By preparing detailed files on each child's disability, we facilitate informed class placements and smooth admissions.

The integration of a resource room in Kankaria Shala No. 8 has been particularly successful, boosting the school's confidence in admitting children with disabilities. Post-admission, children receive personalized training and continuous support to adapt to their new environments, with regular dialogues involving parents and school management. Very soon, Exam preparations began, with some children taking exams independently and others with guardian support. This journey highlights Prabhat's commitment to integrating children into mainstream education through its Community-Based Rehabilitation program. In this year, we mainstreamed 17 children into Anganwadis and 22 into mainstream schools.

## Mehrun's Journey to Mainstream Education

Mehrun was born premature and faced challenges from the start. At just a year old, her parents discovered she was hearing impaired, which would impact her speech development. Despite their efforts in special schools and speech therapy, progress was slow, and the pandemic further set back her academic growth.



Determined to help their daughter, her parents found Prabhat, where Mehrun received tailored education and therapy. She expressed a strong desire to attend a mainstream school, and with the support of her parents and Prabhat's team, they worked diligently to prepare her academically and emotionally.

Using dance, drawing, and other activities as learning tools, Mehrun bridged the gap created by the pandemic. Her confidence soared as she took on teaching roles at the center, and her family saw remarkable progress.



This year, Mehrun achieved her dream of joining the sixth grade at Chirag School, proudly wearing her uniform each day. Prabhat continues to provide academic support, ensuring that Mehrun's journey to mainstream education is both successful and inspiring.

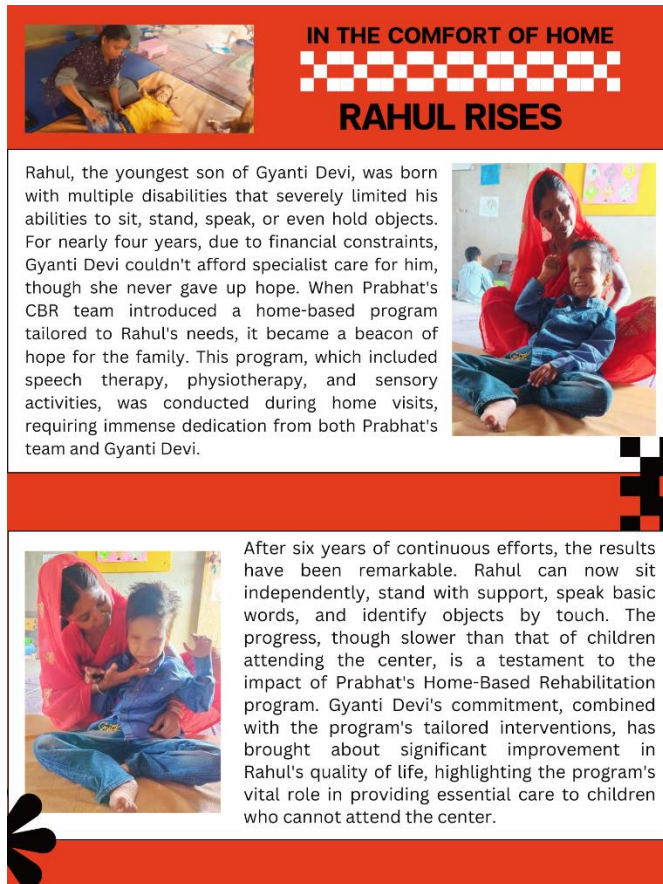
## Home Based Rehabilitation

Prabhat runs a home-based program for children with severe disabilities who cannot access our centers. Partnering with Jacobs, we provide necessary therapy and education to help these children perform basic daily tasks. In August, Jacobs' team members, Sunil Gajjar, Trupti Patel, and Pankaj Khokhani, visited Prabhat, boosting morale and sharing valuable insights.

The need was identified through surveys in Vatva, connecting a number of children with multiple disabilities to home-based services. At the moment, 12 children are receiving Home Based services through us. These children receive the same level of care and therapy as those at our centers, ensuring consistent support and rehabilitation.

### Distribution Camp:

In partnership with Shri Bhagwan Mahavir Vikalang Sahayta Samiti, a disability support camp was organised in Vatva, with 180 tricycles given to individuals.



**IN THE COMFORT OF HOME**  
**RAHUL RISES**

Rahul, the youngest son of Gyanti Devi, was born with multiple disabilities that severely limited his abilities to sit, stand, speak, or even hold objects. For nearly four years, due to financial constraints, Gyanti Devi couldn't afford specialist care for him, though she never gave up hope. When Prabhat's CBR team introduced a home-based program tailored to Rahul's needs, it became a beacon of hope for the family. This program, which included speech therapy, physiotherapy, and sensory activities, was conducted during home visits, requiring immense dedication from both Prabhat's team and Gyanti Devi.

After six years of continuous efforts, the results have been remarkable. Rahul can now sit independently, stand with support, speak basic words, and identify objects by touch. The progress, though slower than that of children attending the center, is a testament to the impact of Prabhat's Home-Based Rehabilitation program. Gyanti Devi's commitment, combined with the program's tailored interventions, has brought about significant improvement in Rahul's quality of life, highlighting the program's vital role in providing essential care to children who cannot attend the center.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

### Internal Team Capacity Building:

We recognize the importance of a skilled and knowledgeable staff. This year, we focused on internal capacity building through a variety of initiatives:



- **Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Training:** Six team members participated in a six-month hybrid course offered by the Rehabilitation Council of India, enhancing their understanding of community engagement and inclusive practices.



- **Writing Workshops:** Two workshops focused on strengthening documentation skills. Participants learned from experts about effective writing techniques and the importance of capturing program impact for wider dissemination.
- **Knowledge Exchange:** A reciprocal training session with Ummeed Foundation facilitated by Wipro fostered collaboration and exchange of best practices in early intervention and program delivery.

These initiatives ensure a well-equipped and knowledgeable team, allowing Prabhat to continue delivering high-quality services to children with disabilities.

### External Capacity Building:



**Teachers Training:** Prabhat has focused on empowering external stakeholders through regular training sessions for teachers. A total of 33 teachers have been trained through various sessions which aimed to sensitize them to the needs of children with disabilities and introduce diverse teaching and learning methods. Our staff provided crucial information on government benefits available for individuals with disabilities. These sessions not only empowered teachers but also fostered strong rapport and collaboration with the Prabhat team. Teachers have shown active interest in understanding and disseminating information about government entitlements for People with Disabilities, enhancing their ability to support the community effectively.



**Parents Training:** We also foster strong relationships with parents through regular meetings. These sessions address a variety of needs, from child development updates and teacher communication to navigating government social security schemes and managing behavioral concerns. Counselling sessions, offered several times a month, provide additional support. One engaging activity involved blindfolded parents

identifying their children, highlighting the warmth of the parent-child bond and fostering appreciation for the educators' creative teaching methods. These ongoing interactions empower parents to actively participate in their child's development. We have managed to reach out to a total of **82 parents** through these sessions.

### Trainings with Anganwadi & ASHA Workers:

Prabhat strengthens inclusive education through capacity building for Anganwadi workers and ASHA workers. Trainings on child development, early intervention techniques, and identification methods equip them to support children with special needs. Sessions for 34 workers in Lambha focused on using Teaching and Learning Materials (TLMs) effectively, while 51 workers in Danilimda learned about crucial developmental stages for early intervention. Additionally, 82 workers from Dakor Nath received training on identifying



children who might benefit from Prabhat's services. An awareness meeting with ASHA workers focused on empowering adults with disabilities by providing information on government programs, skill-building resources, and referral processes for connecting them with appropriate support. In total, **14 ASHA workers** and **167 Anganwadi workers** have been trained during the year. These ongoing trainings have ensured they are equipped to play a vital role in promoting inclusive education and early intervention for children with disabilities.

## ADVOCACY THROUGH NETWORKING

### Internships and Volunteering

Prabhat thrives with the support of young volunteers and interns who bring fresh perspectives to operational tasks. During the reporting period, students from Ahmedabad University, Anant University, NID, Gujarat Vidyapith, and LJ Law School contributed through various activities such as design inputs, product development, resource mapping, data organization, and classroom assistance. These mutual learning experiences benefit both the organization and the students.

Ahmedabad University facilitated connections between NGOs and students, enabling informed internship decisions. In April 2023, Pranavbhai shared the organization's work with the students, highlighting the crucial role of volunteers and interns.

Notably, NID students have been consistent contributors, creating replicable teaching-learning materials (TLMs) for children with autism and cerebral palsy. They developed innovative tools



like a magic robot for speech therapy, an app for music therapy, and a motor development terminal. Additionally, they conducted home visits for hyperactive children to understand their conditions better. In September, they engaged in a fruitful exchange of ideas to enhance Prabhat's visibility and understanding. They also designed a face cube for daily sensory activities, ensuring fun and safety for children while learning tasks like brushing hair and tying shoelaces. A workshop on thumb and finger painting was also organized by their graphic design students, fostering creativity among children. They also conducted a design practice using ceramics, aiming to improve fine motor skills and grip strength.

Gujarat Vidyapith MBA interns concluded their three-month internship with an event called 'Sangat,' in the premises of their college fostering compassion and sensitivity. These internships did not only enhance students' learning but also significantly contributed to Prabhat's mission, exemplifying the importance of mainstreaming and inclusive education.



## Institutional Collaborations

This year, Prabhat's advocacy and networking efforts have significantly broadened our horizons and enhanced our growth.



## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Our advocacy efforts extended to national media coverage. NDTV National News Channel featured Prabhat's work, raising awareness about our mission and the impact we have on children with disabilities. This recognition serves as a testament to the collective efforts of our team, supporters, and donors. It fuels our passion and strengthens our resolve to continue making a difference in the lives of these children.

### **Collaboration with Anant National University & University of Miami**

During the financial year, Prabhat collaborated with Anant university and Miami university, highlighting our commitment to advocacy and inclusive education. Anant university students documented the inspiring journey of one of our students in the video "Chaahat ki Udaan," showcasing the impact of early intervention and Prabhat's support. The documentary was screened at Anant university in October, leading to the inclusion of disability awareness in their curriculum.

The film was also screened at the community level, receiving positive feedback and boosting community confidence. This initiative provided Anant university students with valuable ground-level experience on inclusive approaches.

Our collaboration with Anant university culminated in the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote inclusivity among future design professionals. Following the MoU signing, Anant's students have been visiting Prabhat's center at regular intervals, gaining insights into the challenges faced by children with disabilities.

These efforts underscore Prabhat's advocacy and networking goals, demonstrating how partnerships can drive change and foster an inclusive society.

In April 2023, we joined a cluster of institutes from Ahmedabad and Surat affiliated with SVP, facilitating valuable experience-sharing and potential collaborations. Prabhat also partnered with Nayi Disha, guided by Wipro Foundation, to access a repository of resources for those with disabilities.



July saw our participation in a Public Arts Exhibition on 'Happiness in Education' organized by Miracle of Ideas, TIDE, Bharat Youth Convention, and AMA, where students showcased their craft and art materials. In August, we hosted visits from M.G.M. (Mahatma Gandhi Mission) and the Anand Niketan group, sharing our inclusive education strategies and highlighting the importance of sector-level planning.

As part of the Safe City Ahmedabad project, Team Safe City presented their findings on urban safety, leading to focused discussions on disability issues with local stakeholders, including school principals, teachers, Anganwadi workers, and parents.

A heartwarming example of successful advocacy is the story of Akshay's mother, who became a voice for Prabhat. During a visit to the Isanpur branch of Bank of Baroda, she shared Akshay's progress and Prabhat's role in it with the branch manager. Moved by her story, the manager and his team visited the Vatva centre, distributing fans and gas stoves, and extended their support for opening bank accounts for Prabhat's children and families.

### Community Events

Prabhat, in collaboration with aProCh, a community-based initiative, organized two successful events this year:

- **Parents of the Park (September):** Held at Mahalakshmi Lake, this event brought together over 270 children, including 60 from Prabhat, for a fun-filled day of activities aimed at promoting inclusivity and acceptance.
- **Street-Smart (October):** Held at Kankaria Shala No. 8, this vibrant event saw 250 students, including children with special needs from Prabhat's on-site resource center, participate in games, dance, and other activities designed to foster a more inclusive and understanding community.



## Parents of the Park



We also engaged in the 'Roundtable Ahmedabad' workshop organized by FICCI, focusing on gender budgeting from a disability perspective. This event stressed the importance of considering special needs girls and women in budget allocations, drawing participation from various voluntary organizations and experts.

In our advocacy efforts, we launched the 'ClickforaCause' campaign, encouraging donations through professional family portraits captured by Bindi Sheth. Additionally, our team participated in a Dasra workshop, emphasizing organizational resilience and community engagement. Despite robust discussions, the need for greater inclusion of disability issues was highlighted.

Throughout the year, Prabhat's bilingual *ROSHNI* newsletter—published in Gujarati and English—remained a vital bridge, sharing stories of transformation, resilience, and progress while keeping stakeholders and well-wishers closely connected to our journey.

## Challenges

### Navigating Non – Linear Progress

One of the most significant challenges we face in our work with children with special needs is the non-linear nature of their progress. Unlike a typical developmental trajectory, where growth is often steady and predictable, the progress of a child with special needs can be inconsistent. While some children may show substantial growth and move in the right direction, various factors can trigger setbacks, causing them to regress to a previous stage.

These setbacks can be caused by several factors, including financial difficulties, a challenging home environment, experiences of bullying, physical health issues, or even something as simple as missing a dose of medication. When such setbacks occur, it requires the entire support system—parents, educators, therapists, and the organization—to reassess the situation and often restart the groundwork to regain lost progress.

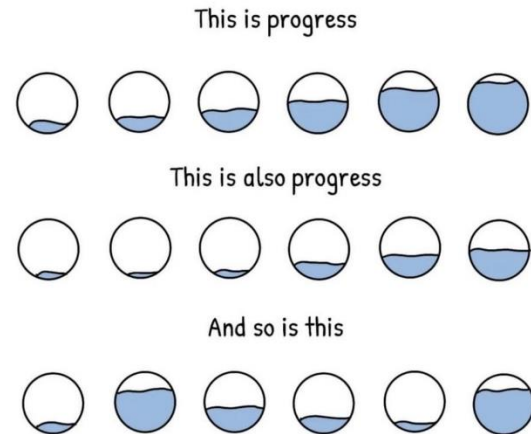
The conventional understanding of progress as a linear, upward trajectory does not account for these complexities. This linear perspective can be limiting and fails to recognize the unique challenges faced by children with special needs. At Prabhat, we strive to promote a more inclusive understanding of progress, one that accommodates the non-linear journeys of the children we support. However, this remains a challenge as we work to shift this mindset within the broader community and among stakeholders.

### Complexities of Workforce Integration

Integrating individuals into the workforce has been a relatively new territory for us as an organization, and as with any new venture, it has brought to light several practical challenges that we are still learning to address.

One of the considerations is ensuring that individuals with special needs receive the appropriate support to perform in a work environment. This includes not only securing the right job match but also providing necessary transportation, and fostering an inclusive workplace culture. Negative attitudes, stigmatization, and logistical barriers like transportation and accessibility have all posed significant hurdles.

We've learned that sensitizing the entire workplace, from peers to management, is crucial. This requires dedicated resources, time, and continuous effort. To address these challenges, we did initiate disability sensitization and awareness training. Additionally, we also provided ongoing



support through job coaching and workplace adaptations. These steps have shown promise, but the sustainability of these efforts is still a work in progress.

As we continue to refine our approach, we remain committed to finding effective ways to support individuals with special needs in achieving self-reliance and a dignified life through meaningful employment.

## Moving Forward.

Prabhat undertook a major effort at planning for coming years. The review process involved key members of the Prabhat team as well as inputs from Prabhat trustees and external experts. The new Bhaipura location reflects this process. In the coming year, we aim to deepen our impact by continuing to grow all our programs. Strengthening our network of partners, from academic institutions to industries, will remain a priority as we work to bridge gaps in accessibility, advocacy, and opportunity.

With every new initiative, we reaffirm our commitment to creating a world where every individual, regardless of ability, can thrive with dignity and joy. The road ahead may be challenging, but at Prabhat, we are driven by the belief that true progress lies in building a community that includes, uplifts, and celebrates everyone.

Inspired by Helen Keller's words, "*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much,*" the organization calls on communities, stakeholders, and supporters to join hands in creating an inclusive and equitable world. Together, we will keep moving forward.



## Tribute

We regret mentioning the sad demise of these Prabhat's children in this year. Prabhat misses them all and conveys condolences to the bereaved families.



Ansari Aamir



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## Financial Data

<b>Prabhat Education Foundation , Ahmedabad ( Audited Financial Data)</b>			
<b>Income-Expense Statement for F.Y. 2023-24</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Income Heads</b>	<b>Amount(Rs.)</b>	<b>Expense Heads</b>	<b>Amount(Rs.)</b>
Donation from Individual Donors	2781899	Programme cost: Centres/CBR-Home Base/Advocac	10515104
Donation from Institutional Donors	2777552	Administrative & Overheads Expense	2110030
Bank-Interest & Misc. Income	896389	Excess of Income transferred to I/E account	2392139
Grants	8561434		
<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>15017274</b>	<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>15017274</b>

### Income

Category	Percentage
Grants	57%
Donation from Individual Donors	19%
Donation from Institutional Donors	18%
Bank-Interest & Misc. Income	6%

### Expense

Category	Percentage
Programme cost: Centres/CBR-Home Base/Advocacy	70%
Administrative & Overheads Expense	14%
Excess of Income transferred to I/E account	16%

<b>Prabhat Education Foundation , Ahmedabad (Audited Financial Data)</b>			
<b>Balance Sheet as on 31-03-2024</b>			
<b>Funds &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>Amount(Rs.)</b>	<b>Properties &amp; Assets</b>	<b>Amount(Rs.)</b>
Trust Fund & Corpus	2768463	Fixed Assets	9013112
Asset/Capital Fund :	16013112	Investments : FDs with bank	14795176
Earmarked Funds	2361505	Current Assets (other than Cash & Bank)	364943
Current Liabilities-Grants	1660826	Current Assets (Cash & Bank)	2431885
Income and Expenditure A/c	3801210		
<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>26605116</b>	<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>26605116</b>

### Funds & Liabilities

Category	Percentage
Asset/Capital Fund	60%
Trust Fund & Corpus	14%
Income and Expenditure A/c	11%
Earmarked Funds	9%
Current Liabilities-Grants	6%

### Properties & Assets

Category	Percentage
Investments : FDs with bank	56%
Current Assets (Cash & Bank)	34%
Fixed Assets	9%
Current Assets (other than Cash & Bank)	1%

# Audit Reports

THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT, 1950  
SCHEDULE VIII (VIDE RULE 17 (1))

Registered No. : E/17688, Ahmedabad.

Name of the Public Trust : PRABHAT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

B-1002, Rushin Towers, Satellite Road, Opp. Star Bazar, Satellite, Ahmedabad-380015

FCRA ACCOUNT : SBI : CA : 40108964240

006701016702 ICICI BANK

BALANCE SHEET (FCRA) AS AT 31-03-2024

Funds & Liabilities	Amt ( Rs.)	Amt ( Rs.)	Property & Assets	Amt (Rs.)	Amt (Rs.)
<b>TRUST FUND &amp; CORPUS :</b> Balance as per last balance sheet corpus		-	<b>IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES :</b>		-
			<b>MOVABLE PROPERTIES</b>		
<b>OTHER EARMARKED FUNDS :</b> Earmarked Funds :		-	<b>Fixed Assets :Annexure J :</b>	766111.00	766111.00
			<b>CASH &amp; BANK BALANCES :</b>		
<b>OTHER FUND :</b> <b>Asset/Capital Fund :</b>	766111.00	766111.00	<b>INVESTMENTS:</b> <b>Fixed Deposits : Annexure K :</b>		
			ICICI Flexi D a/c 006713049486	2182125.71	
			ICICI Flexi D.a/c 006713050865	579367.53	
			ICICI-006701016702	46922.09	
				2808415.33	
<b>Current Liabilities :</b> <b>Projects FCRA : Annexure L :</b>			SBI-FCRA-a/c.no.40108964240	594978.93	3403394.26
Duties & Taxes	109565.00		<b>ADVANCES:</b>		
Sundry Creditors-consultant	5760.00				
Staff (Creditor)	180264.00		<b>Cash</b>		
Timberline Foundation	1358864.34	1654453.34			
<b>Sundry Creditors</b> <b>Staff (Credit )</b>					
<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE A/C:</b> <b>: Annexure M :</b>					
FCRA : Opening bal : 01-04-2023	1229696.20				
Add : income over Exp 23-24	519244.72	1748940.92			
<b>Total :</b>		<b>4169505.26</b>	<b>Total :</b>		<b>4169505.26</b>

0.00

As per our report of even date  
For YOGESH K. DAVE & CO.  
Chartered Accountants ( Firm Registration No. 111756W )

PRABHAT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*Pratishtha*  
TRUSTEE

Trustees  
Place : Ahmedabad  
Date : 09-09-2024

*Shraddha Dipakbhai Jani*

CA Shraddha Dipakbhai Jani  
(Partner)  
Membership No.168990  
UDIN: 24168990BKHLON9688





**THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT, 1950**  
**SCHEDULE IX (VIDE RULE 17 (1))**

Registered No. : E/17688, Ahmedabad.

Name of the Public Trust : PRABHAT EDUCATION FOUNDATION-FCRA

B-1002, Rushin Towers, Satellite Road, Opp. Star Bazar, Satellite, Ahmedabad-380015

FCRA ACCOUNT: 006701016702 ICICI BANK FCRA ACCOU SBI : CA : 40108964240

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (FCRA) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED ON 31-03-2024**

Expenditure	Amt.( Rs.)	Amt.( Rs.)	Income	Amt.( Rs.)	Amt.( Rs.)
<b>To Expenditures in Respect of Properties:</b>			<b>By Rent Accrued / Realised :</b>		
To Establishment Exp.		-	<b>By Int. Accrued / Realised :</b>		
<b>Administrative Exp. :</b>		-	On Fixed Deposit :		
Fcra: Annexure : H		-	Fcra : Icici -006701016702	230429.00	230429.00
Telephone exp	7065.84				
Bank Charges	4755.00				
Programme administrative cost	164708.00				
		176528.84			
To Remu. to Trustees		-	<b>By Donations in cash or kind</b>		
To Audit Fees		-	<b>FCRA :</b>		
		-	Individual	244000.00	
To Miscellaneous Exp.		-	Institutional	56636.56	300636.56
<b>To Amount Transferred to Reserve or Specific Asset Funds :</b>		78800.00	<b>Grants :</b>		
		-	Dasra	1375898.00	
<b>To Exp. on Objects of the Trust :</b>			Give Foundation INC	982136.00	
(a) Religious			Timberline Foundation	1561067.00	3919101.00
(b) Educational :					
Annexure : I		3675593.00	<b>By Income From Other Sources :</b>		
(c) Medical					
(d) Relief of Poverty					
(e) Other Charitable Objects -					
<b>To Excess of Income over Expenditure to Balance Sheet :</b>					
Fcra :	598044.72				
Less : Transfer to Asset Fund	78800.00	519244.72			
<b>Total :</b>		<b>4450166.56</b>	<b>Total :</b>		<b>4450166.56</b>

0.00

PRABHAT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*Chatterji*  
TRUSTEE

Trustees  
Place : Ahmedabad  
Date : 09-09-2024

As per our report of even date  
For YOGESH K. DAVE & CO.  
Chartered Accountants ( Firm Registration No. 111756W )

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**Prabhat Education Foundation (FCRA ) F.Y.-2023-24**

**Projects FCRA**

**Annexure : L**

**Current Liabilities**

Duties & Taxes	109565	
Sundry Creditors	136247	
Staff (Credit)	49777	<b>295589</b>
<b>DASRA-Grants</b>		
Opening as on 01-04-2023	356966.00	
Add :received during 23-24	1018932.00	
	1375898.00	
Less : Exp incurred during 23-24	1375898.00	
Closing balance as on 31-03-2024		0.00
<b>Give Foundation INC</b>		
Opening as on 01-04-2023	982136.00	
Add :received during 23-24	0.00	
Less : Exp incurred during 23-24	982136.00	
Closing balance as on 31-03-2024		0.00
<b>Timberline (Winterline)-Grants</b>		
Opening as on 01-04-2023	2183731.34	
Add :received during 23-24	736200.00	
	2919931.34	
Less : Exp incurred during 23-24	1561067.00	
Closing balance as on 31-03-2024		1358864.34
<b>Total Of FCRA-Project Balance</b>		<b>1654453.34</b>

**Prabhat Education Foundation (FCRA ) F.Y.-2023-24**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C:**

**Annexure : M**

Fcra : Opening bal : 01-04-2023		1229696.20
Add : income over Exp 23-24	598044.72	
Less: Transfer to Asset Fund	78800.00	519244.72
<b>Total of Income &amp; expenditure</b>	<b>519244.72</b>	<b>1748940.92</b>



## Donation in Kind

		Estimate (Rs)
<b>1</b>	<b>Aids and appliances</b> ( <i>Every year Prabhat strives to distribute aids and appliances which improve the quality of life for those with disabilities. This year over 333 people were given various aids, some received through donations, for others Prabhat raised the funds.</i> )	
	(a) Battery Try Cycle (23)	8,05,000
	(b) Folding wheel chair (32)	1,92,000
	(c) Calipers (24)	1,92,000
	(d) Hearing Aid (5)	40,000
	(e) Tri Cycle (220)	26,40,000
	(f) Educational Kits (08 Boxes)	2,80,000
<b>2</b>	<b>Special events, and excursions organized for Prabhat's children and parents</b>	
	(a) Transport for events (sports and other events)	82,000
<b>3</b>	<b>Vocational assistance</b>	
	(a) Papad-making Kits with full set-up (one normal stove, one heavy-duty stove, Big Plastic tubs-3 nos. dough making machine, Papad making machine (3)	60,000
	(b) Fruit/vegetable cart ( <i>lari</i> ) (05)	1,00,000
	(c) Hot/cold beverage unit (8)	1,60,000
	(d) Computer & Printer	56,000
<b>4</b>	<b>Learning material</b>	
	(a) Stationary and art & craft materials (A4 size paper, colours, glue, Pencil, Notebook, Full Scape Book, Water Colour, Carrom etc.)	18,000
	(b) School kits (school bags, Pencil box, Notebooks)	18,500
	(c) Laptops (03)	96,000
	(d) Music Player (01)	3,000
	(e) Mats and Seat belts	8,000
	(f) Cupboard (03)	42,000
	(g) Softboard	13,000



	(h) Green curtains	3,600
<b>5</b>	<b>Food, ration and other material distribution</b>	
	(a) Utensils for Prabhat's kitchen (Bowl, Cooker, Spoon, Pan, Fireplace, Fridge Etc.)	46,000
	(b) Material for Prabhat's kitchen (grains, oils, spices, Vessels, Dry)	1,50,000
	(c) Old Clothes	36,000
	(d) Snacks and beverages (cake, biscuits, chocolate and sweets)	90,000
	(e) Desktop computer (second hand - 03)	15,000
	(f) Ceiling fans (6)	9,600
	(g) Sanitary pads (18 packets)	1,350
	(h) Socks Distribution	36,000
	(i) Camp Bed	1,200
	(j) LED Tube light	1,800
<b>6</b>	<b>Community support</b>	
	(a) Support for making Diyas, packaging material & Cloth for diyas (for over 15 days) (by 30 members)	12,000
	(b) Space for conducting awareness and advocacy camps	13,000
<b>7</b>	<b>HR support</b> (therapy, material development, special educators, legal guidance and counsellors, classroom assistance, nutritionist)	1,80,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>54,01,050</b>



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