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Serve Humanity  
with New  
Initiatives

## About Prabhat

Founded in 2003, Prabhat identifies and empowers children with disabilities and learning difficulties, providing accessible learning and rehabilitation services to over 3600 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!

### **A Mother's Journey Beyond her Child**

The profound awareness born from personal experience often becomes a powerful motivator for individuals to extend their impact beyond themselves and contribute to the wider community. This edition, we celebrate one such mother, Malek Wahidabanu Haji Mohammad,

whose tireless dedication mirrors her daughter Saleha's positive journey at Prabhat's Barrel Market Center, showcasing how individual commitment can ignite a vibrant community spirit.

Waheedabanu's journey began with a daunting prognosis: her four-year-old daughter, Saleha, might never speak or walk. Yet, fueled by hope, Waheedabanu embarked on this path with a simple, powerful conviction: "She should at least try." Her remarkable patience and persistence paid off, as Saleha began to show significant positive changes with the support she received. This transformation sparked a new question in Waheedabanu's heart: why couldn't she help other children too?

Despite challenging financial circumstances, which saw her juggle various small jobs—from making snacks and applying henna to assisting other home industries—Waheedabanu felt a deeper calling. She yearned to dedicate her time to broader community support. She began to volunteer extensively, becoming a constant presence at Prabhat Center meetings and celebrations, always ready to lend a hand, especially in decorating Diwali Diyas.



But her commitment didn't stop there. Believing in the power of collective effort, she approached her husband and then her own network—relatives and friends—to share Prabhat's work. Her passionate advocacy inspired tangible support, leading to donations of gifts for children, essential items for the center, and the distribution of food kits. Waheedabanu also took charge of advocating for children's admissions into Anganwadis, diligently following up to ensure their regular attendance.

In her own words, she embodies the spirit of giving back: *"Mere se jo ho raha hai wo maine kiya, jahan apne bachche ke liye itna prabhat kar raha hai to hamme bhi karna chahiye. Hamare bachche se hi toh center hai."* **{*"I did what I could; when Prabhat does so much for our children, we should also contribute. After all, the center exists because of our children."*}**



Waheedabanu's belief is clear: timely treatment and support can bring about profound change for any child with a disability. She encourages every parent at Prabhat to contribute in some way, reinforcing the idea that the strength of the organization lies in its community. Her story highlights how one mother's personal experience of hope and transformation can ripple outward, activating the inherent power of a community to ensure the sustained success and reach of Prabhat's mission.

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## New Beginnings: Welcome to a year of Hope

At Prabhat, every new start is a cause for celebration! We welcomed children back to our centers for the new academic year with warmth and enthusiasm, transforming our spaces with festive decorations. Each child received a special welcome with flowers and chocolates, bringing smiles to their faces and joy to their parents. This heartfelt beginning fostered a deeper connection, reinforcing our team's commitment and responsibility to every child's development for the year ahead.

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## A Warm Welcome to the new faces

The new year brought new beginnings at Prabhat, with 11 children joining our centres at Vatva and Barrel Market. They arrived with hope and enthusiasm, becoming part of the Prabhat family. These admissions came through referrals from Anganwadi workers, hospital physiotherapists, and parents themselves – a reflection of Prabhat's growing reach and the community's trust. Each new child strengthens our purpose and reminds us of the responsibility we carry together.

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## Assessments Underway

With the new academic year underway, we have resumed our regular activities and therapies. An important part of this beginning is the annual assessment by experts, which helps set each child's personal goals and determine the specific therapies and support they need. This month, psychological and speech assessments were conducted for 41 children at the Bhaipura Centre.



Similar assessments are planned for children at other centres in the coming weeks to ensure each child's journey starts with clear direction and care.

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## Parents Meetings

Parent meetings were held to strengthen our community's involvement.

At Kankaria Gujarati School No. 8, parents received their children's progress reports. Discussions also covered crucial topics like regular attendance, maintaining cleanliness, facilitating new admissions into Anganwadis and schools, and understanding scholarship documentation.



Parents meeting at Bhaipura focused on empowering parents to take an effective and active role in their children's development throughout the new year.

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## Reaching Children at their Doorstep

Under the Home-Based Program, services are provided to children with severe disabilities who are unable to visit the centres. This month, a physiotherapist visited 22 children – including

those already associated with Prabhat and those under observation – in the Vatva and Bhaipura areas to plan their interventions. Additionally, physiotherapy sessions were conducted for 2 children, and psychological and speech assessments were carried out for 4 children. Through these visits, we ensure that every child continues to receive support, no matter where they are.

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### Strengthening Vocational Pathways



Prabhat continues to explore creative ways to strengthen its vocational unit, ensuring children receive work opportunities suited to their abilities. As part of this effort, Mr. Dineshbhai and Mr. Eric Patel from Allied Refractory Products India Pvt. Ltd. visited the Bhaipura Centre this month. They spent time understanding Prabhat's activities, with special focus on the vocational unit, paving the way for future possibilities.

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### Stronger Together: Celebrating School Praveshotsav

Prabhat's partnership with Kankaria Gujarati School No. 8 continues to flourish, exemplified by our active role in their recent Kanyakelavani Mahotsav and School Entrance Festival–2025. This event saw books, notebooks, and educational kits distributed to young learners entering Balvatika and Standard 1. A testament to our collaborative efforts, we received a letter of appreciation, acknowledging our dedicated work within the school's resource room.



Sejalben Anand proudly represented Prabhat at the event. Her consistent efforts, wisdom, and patience have been instrumental in fostering a truly supportive environment within the school. Our growing participation in school programs is not just effective, but genuinely appreciated, paving the way for even greater impact.

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## Advocacy and Networking

### Spotlight on Visitors

This month, Amraiwadi MLA Shri Dr. Hasmukhbhai Patel visited the Bhaipura Centre, making his birthday special by spending time with Prabhat's children. He engaged with the team to learn about Prabhat's work and shared warm moments with the children during his visit.



## Internships



Two teams from Anant National University are producing documentary films capturing the vocational journeys of Prabhat's children. These films will highlight their skills, opportunities, and challenges, while also exploring the experiences of employers and the integration of inclusion into workplace culture.

This month, the student teams interviewed Adil and Ritvik, who are part of Prabhat's vocational unit, along with a representative from Norquest Brands, their workplace. We look forward to watching these inspiring documentaries that celebrate the resilience and capabilities of these young individuals.

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Our partnership with the Composite Regional Centre (CRC) continues to grow stronger. Recently, students from the Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) course chose Prabhat for their internship, adding a meaningful new dimension to this collaboration.

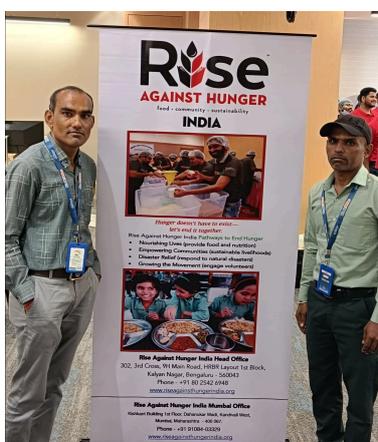
During their time with us, Prabhat's Director Mr. Keshav Chatterjee conducted a workshop on inclusive systems and the role of special educators in child development, combined with practical learning at the centre. The students also gained exposure to Prabhat's home-based program, our work with Anganwadis to make them inclusive, Braille literacy, government schemes, and community-based rehabilitation practices.

This internship offered CBID students invaluable hands-on experience, bridging theory with real-world practice. For Prabhat, it was an opportunity to share its inclusive approach and inspire future professionals to carry this vision forward.

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## Making Cities Play Friendly

On International Sports Day, June 11, aProch and the International Play Association organised a meeting to explore ways to make cities more play-friendly, enriching childhoods with health and joy. Organisations and experts working with children shared their perspectives, and Prabhat contributed its ideas on creating inclusive environments that ensure children with special needs also have equal opportunities to play and thrive.



## Nourishing Futures with Rise Against Hunger

Prabhat remains committed to the holistic development of children, including their nutritional needs. This month, Kraft Heinz India GCC (Rise Against Hunger) supported us with nutritious khichdi premix packets, containing rice, lentils, dried vegetables, and essential micronutrients. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for this generous contribution, which will support the health and well-being of our children.

## Capacity Building

### Learning to tell our Stories better

To ensure Prabhat's activities, experiences, and learnings reach the wider community and stakeholders meaningfully, a training on effective videography was organised for the team. Facilitated by Creative Continuum – Striving for Good Art, the session combined technical knowledge with practical exercises, equipping team members to capture and communicate Prabhat's stories more powerfully through video.

### Reflecting on Inclusion through 'Sitaare Zameen Par'

As part of team learning and reflection, Prabhat staff watched the film *Sitaare Zameen Par*. The movie's portrayal of children with special needs deeply resonated with the team, highlighting themes of acceptance and inclusion. Its tagline, "Sabka Apna Apna Normal Hai," beautifully conveyed that each person has their own unique way of being.

However, the team felt that while the film sensitively explored individual experiences, it could have delved deeper into societal acceptance and changing mindsets towards disability – aspects crucial for true inclusion. Many disability sector experts have echoed similar views, appreciating the film's intent yet urging for more nuanced representations that challenge stereotypes and inspire systemic change.

Such reflections strengthen the team's commitment to build an inclusive society where every child is valued for who they are.

## Kidz Corner

Tiny feet in puddles play,  
Raindrops chase their cares away.  
Barefoot dreams and muddy ground,  
In rain's embrace, pure joy is found.



## Community Based Rehabilitation

### Assistive Services

Following documents were processed this month:

Medical Certificate: 2      Railway Pass: 4

State Transport Forms: 4



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