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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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August 11th was our Founder's Day.

We celebrate not just the birth of an idea, but the many hearts and hands that have brought it to life. To our current team thank you for your dedication, creativity, and tireless spirit. To those who have been part of this journey but are no longer with us, your footprints remain in Prabhat's story. To our Trustees, friends, partners, donors, and community, your trust and support keep our mission alive. To the parents, thank you for your courage and faith in us.

And to the children: you are, and will always be, our greatest teachers and inspiration. Prabhat is not just an organization, it is a family, a dream in motion, and a promise to keep walking together towards inclusion, hope, and joy. Happy Founder's Day to everyone!

–Keshav Chatterjee, Founder & Director

Shauryam's Song of Inclusion

When Shauryam first joined the resource room at Prabhat's Kankaria School No. 4, he was a child struggling with speech and communication. Diagnosed with Down syndrome and intellectual disability, everyday tasks often felt overwhelming for him.

At Prabhat, every child's journey begins with an inclusive approach which brings together therapists, special educators, and parents. With this collaborative model, a holistic plan was created for Shauryam, focusing on speech therapy, sensory activities, behavior management, academics, and most importantly, empowering his parents to continue this work at home.

Over two years, small steps added up to remarkable progress. Shauryam's speech improved, his ability to follow instructions grew, and he began participating alongside his peers. He now works independently, often lending a helping hand to others. Today, he studies in a mainstream school in the second standard, a proud milestone for him and his family.

His mother's involvement has been central to this journey. She dedicated a full year to working closely with our team, learning the activities and techniques so she could continue them at home. This consistent, loving effort from both the school and the family created the perfect environment for him to thrive. Shauryam's progress stands as a reminder of what's possible when families and educators walk together, placing the child at the very center.

His story is not just one of personal achievement but also a reflection of Prabhat's commitment to building inclusive communities—one child at a time.

- Prepared by Sejalben Anand (Special Educator)



Program Updates

August in Colors of Celebration

There was a festival marathon at Prabhat, and the excitement was contagious! From start to finish, our children and team were filled with joy and renewed energy. The celebrations kicked off with Raksha Bandhan, a day filled with warmth and love. The children meticulously decorated their own plates and tied Rakhis on each other's wrists, creating beautiful moments of connection. The atmosphere was especially heartwarming when the children tied Rakhis on their teachers, showing the deep bond they share.



Next, our team got busy for Ganesh Chaturthi. With the help of teachers, the children learned to make their own clay idols of Ganeshji. As we celebrate Ganeshji as the remover of obstacles, we prayed that Prabhat would continue to grow stronger and more capable in its journey toward building a truly inclusive community.

The joy continued with Janmashtami, where the children came dressed beautifully as *Krishna* and ate delicious traditional sweets and dishes.

On our 79th Independence Day celebration, Children, parents, and the team came together and celebrated the day. It was a perfect reminder of our commitment to equality and our goal of ensuring every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Introducing new Learning Corners!

At our Bhaipura centre, learning has taken a playful turn! Inspired by our recent training at Pragat Shikshan Sansthan, we've brought the 'learn through play' philosophy by creating dedicated learning corners. Each corner is a world of its own, designed to spark curiosity and build skills without formal instruction. There are Math Corner, Construction Corner, Language, Library and IT corners as well.



By observing how children interact with these spaces, we're gathering valuable insights to make this 'learn through play' model even more effective so that we can apply it in Anganwadis as well.

Mainstreaming Success!

8 year old Mansoori Khadija has been admitted to Danilimda Urdu Anupam (Smart) Primary School No. 2 in Standard 3 in the month of August.

Hands-on learning, Hearts-on Growth

At Prabhat's vocational center, efforts are ongoing to equip young adults with skills that will support their journey toward self-reliance. This includes not just learning trades and handling equipment, but also involving parents in understanding their children's progress. Recently, Dr. Killol addressed parents' questions and concerns about the vocational group, while Dr. Malav



helped chart learning goals for the next three months—creating a path ahead for the children’s development.

Support from the wider community is also strengthening this journey. We received a file-making machine for the vocational unit, contributed by Mr. Romen Sood (Director, Norquest Brands). This addition will help expand hands-on learning opportunities for the children.

Beyond this, children also engage in activities that connect them to everyday skills and the natural environment.



During the monsoons, they nurtured fenugreek seeds, from germination to leafy growth, learning how to prepare soil, measure water, and monitor progress. Their excitement reached its peak when the freshly grown fenugreek leaves were cooked and fed, making the experience practical & rewarding.

Helping Hand with the Certificates

Our team assisted community members in completing and uploading their life certificates for accessing benefits. Meeting individuals one-on-one, we ensured the process was smooth and inclusive, reaffirming our commitment to standing *with* the community, not just *for* it.

Advocacy and Networking

Coffee at Riverside

Prabhat was once again invited to participate in '**Coffee at Riverside,**' an initiative hosted by Riverside School. This program allows students to gain a deeper understanding of our work through direct engagement with a Prabhat representative. The process begins with students researching Prabhat’s work and forming their own understanding. During the meet-up, they present their insights, raise questions, and discuss the challenges and realities of the work. This exchange not only deepens their knowledge but also helps them appreciate the practical aspects of inclusion and community-building.



Volunteer Fair at Ahmedabad University

Prabhat participated in the fair and set up a stall to share its work and vision. Nearly 100 students showed interest in interning with Prabhat. Engaging youth in such spaces not only supports current initiatives but also shapes future leaders who carry a deeper awareness of disability and inclusion into their lives and careers.

Double Joy: Honoring Ashoke Chatterjee and Prabhat's Mission

August brought a very special celebration for Prabhat—the birthday of our board member, Shri Ashoke Chatterjee. What made the occasion even more meaningful was the coming together of eminent personalities from diverse fields, making it both a joyous birthday and a memorable evening for Prabhat. Representatives from NID, the Centre for Environment Education, Utthan, Ahmedabad University, along with visionaries of the social sector such as Shri Gagan Sethi and Shri Binoy Acharya, joined Prabhat's trustees, including Shri Geet Sethi and Smt. Hasyalata Ben. Their presence lent depth and encouragement to the celebration. For the Prabhat team, this gathering was not just about festivity. It was also an opportunity to share our work and aspirations with a circle of leaders whose insights and goodwill continue to energize our journey.



Spotlight on Visitors



Harsh and Gauri, students from NID visited Bhaipura centre for class observations.



At the Bhaipura, Designer Hetviben shared information on different ways to paint lamps with various designs and color combinations.



Our children participated in the Independence Day program organized by aProch. Such occasions are an opportunity for the children & the community to come closer to each other.

A Playground of Joy with S&P Global

Thanks to our ongoing partnership with S&P Global, our center was transformed into a vibrant playground! We received new, equipment and popular rides to create a fun theme park for our children. The rides filled the space with laughter and play, providing our students with new opportunities for physical activity.



Community Based Rehabilitation

Parents Leading the Way

At Bhaipura Center, parents came together to donate vibrating brushes for speech therapy which benefits not only their own children but every child at the center. It's thoughtful how deeply families are becoming partners in Prabhat's journey toward an inclusive community.

Early Intervention Counselling Sessions with Parents

Early diagnosis and intervention are crucial for a child's development. This month, Dr. Killol met with parents to address a range of topics, including developmental milestones and expectations that may exceed a child's current abilities. We observed that many parents sought these consultations not for a new diagnosis, but for a second opinion and reassurance. While they may have already consulted their primary doctor, they turn to Prabhat's medical experts and staff for additional confidence and validation.



Mobility Empowered

With the support of local leaders and dignitaries including Dr. Hasmukhbhai Patel, Prabhat facilitated the distribution of 51 wheelchairs to persons with special needs, empowering them to lead more self-reliant and dignified lives.

Assistive Services

Following documents were processed this month:

Medical Certificate: 2

Railway Pass (online): 3

ST Pass (online): 4

Moreover, 53 forms were filled online for Government Aid Schemes. 75 wheelchairs were also distributed to individual with disability in collaboration with Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayata Samiti.

Huge congratulations to our esteemed board member, Professor Ashoke Chatterjee, on being conferred the prestigious 'Balkrishna Doshi: Guru Ratna Award 2025'! We are incredibly honored to have his guidance and visionary leadership on our board. His commitment to holistic development serves as a constant inspiration.

'Balkrishna Doshi: Guru Ratna Award 2025'

Prof Ashoke Chatterjee gets BV Doshi award

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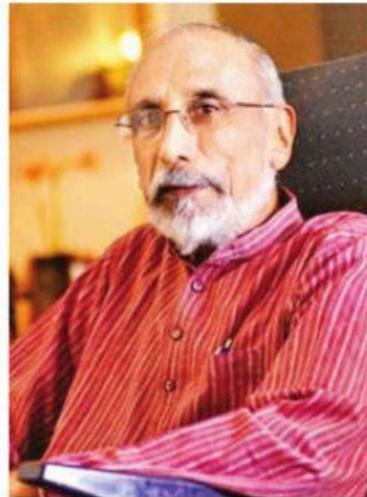
Prof Ashoke Chatterjee has been conferred with the 'Balkrishna Doshi: Guru Ratna Award 2025' in recognition of his extraordinary, lifelong contributions to design, craft, and education in India.

For over five decades, his work has bridged the corporate, governmental, educational, and development sectors, redefining how design engages with society at large.

His early career included prestigious roles at The Metal Box Company of India, the International Monetary Fund, and the India Tourism Development Corporation.

In 1975, he joined the National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad—an institution where he served for decades in capacities ranging from Executive Director to Distinguished Fellow.

His influence extended to institutions such as Shristi School of Design (Bangalore), the Royal College of Art (UK), and Kala Raksha Vidyalaya (Bhuj). He was also a founding force behind the Artisans' Alliance of Jawaja, a landmark initiative that integrated craft traditions into sustainable, community-centered livelihoods.



Prof Ashoke Chatterjee

Other works

Prof Chatterjee's extensive contributions span major organisations including UNICEF, WaterAid, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and INTACH, and he was a key contributor to the global 'Vision 21: Water for People' initiative.

His published works — Dances of the Golden Hall, Rising, and Learning Together at Jawaja — reflect his deep commitment to inclusive development, participatory design, and community well-being.

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