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

As the festival of lights brightens our homes and hearts, Prabhat extends heartfelt wishes for a joyous Diwali and a prosperous Gujarati New Year. May this year bring renewed hope, compassion, and collective strength to continue building an inclusive world for all.

From Silence to Strength: Sadab's Journey

At 23, Syed Sadab Badruj Mankhan's story is one of quiet perseverance. Born with Intellectual Disability, Sadab's early years were filled with confusion and rejection. When regular schools refused admission, his mother found her way to Prabhat's Vatva Centre, where patient teachers helped him settle into a routine. Slowly, Sadab began to open up, taking part in activities, making friends, and taking pride in small tasks like gardening and classroom chores.

This progress, however, faced a severe crisis during the COVID-19 lockdown. Cut off from his routine, Sadab's intense isolation led to devastating regression, including severe self-harming habits like inserting fragments into his ears. We know how fragile stability can be for children with intellectual disabilities and how sudden change can undo months, even years, of effort. It took immense patience and sensitivity to rebuild that trust when the centre reopened.

Today, Sadab is once again moving forward. At our vocational training unit, he learns paper bag making, gaining confidence and independence. With support through an MR kit and a handcart, he's reclaiming the rhythm of daily life — one steady step at a time.

Prepared by Jigishaben Bariya



Program Updates

Anganwadi Screening Campaign Update

Our comprehensive Anganwadi screening campaign is well underway, ensuring early intervention services are accessible to more families. Children from 20 Anganwadis in the Bhaipura ward underwent eye and speech checkups this month. The initiative identified children with varied developmental and health needs, including speech delays, vision issues, malnutrition, and more.



Steady Steps Forward at Kankaria Resource Centre

Right before Diwali, children from Grades 3 to 8 attending the Resource Room at Kankaria School No. 8 successfully completed their first semester examinations. We are incredibly proud of the progress and commitment shown by the students!

Assessments

18 Children were assessed this month for Psychological Development by Dr Malav and 31 Children were assessed for Speech by Dr Killol this month.

Advocacy and Networking

Our Director, Keshav Chatterjee, was recently featured on the podcast, *Variety with Vishwam*. He shared Prabhat's journey from a need-based initiative to a rights-based movement for inclusion. This conversation is an invitation to reimagine inclusion and see possibilities.



Beyond Technology: A Partnership that Connects

This month marked a major acceleration in our strong partnership with S&P Global, bringing both vital technology and deeply meaningful volunteer engagement to Prabhat. Just before Diwali, teams from S&P Global joined our children for two joyful days of creative engagement — from storytelling and art to fire-free cooking.

What made these sessions special was the connection built between team members and the children. Props, laughter, and imagination filled the air as stories came alive, even helping one child overcome her fear of monkeys through playful role-play. The bond formed during these sessions was heartwarming. From donning sarees to recreating street-style *Chana Jor Garam* flair, S&P team members fully immersed themselves in the world of our children.

The collaboration didn't end there. We hosted a global delegation from S&P Global, including Kimberlee Rorison (Senior Director,

Global People Partner), Thompson Eberline (Head of Data Excellence & Partnership), and Melisa Laleggio (Head of Operations & Program Management), for the inauguration of our new Computer Lab at the Bhaipura Center.

The company generously donated 45 powerful laptops, a project championed by the REACH People Resource Group in Ahmedabad. While our children may face challenges in using standard technology, access to these high-quality systems is critical for exploring new learning modalities and building a foundation for future digital engagement.



The event marked a major investment in our children's future access and opportunity.

Youth Advocacy

Prabhat welcomed 55 Grade 11 students from Jamnabai Narsee School, GIFT City, to its Bhaipura campus this month. The students led creative sessions in art, craft, storytelling, and Rangoli-making, freely engaging with Prabhat's children in their own unique ways. The exchange brought out remarkable creativity, patience, and empathy which surprised the visiting teachers.



The experience reflected how openness and trust can nurture genuine peer connection and shared joy.

A Seat at the table: Prabhat joins NACG-EVAC as Thematic Partner

Prabhat participated in a state-level consultation organized by Child Rights Collective Gujarat (CRCG) in collaboration with NACG-EVAC (National Action & Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children)—an SAARC-recognized platform working to ensure children's protection across South Asia.

The workshop focused on key child protection themes such as child labour, child marriage, online safety, child trafficking, and child



Prabhat has been selected as a thematic partner for "Children with Disability." The partnership will ensure that the rights of children with disabilities are centrally integrated into the broader national and state agenda for child protection and welfare.

participation, with special emphasis on cross-cutting issues like disability and environment.

Research Spotlight: MECS Inclusive eCooking Project

Prabhat, in partnership with Dr. Amita Bhakta PhD and the UK Aid-funded MECS program, has launched Phase II of its research on Inclusive eCooking for People with Disabilities (PwD). This phase works with 20 diverse households to co-design and test electric cooking appliances, focusing on usability, safety, and affordability. The research has begun with an intensive orientation and participatory consultations across all disability categories (including caregivers). We found that participants were positive about switching to electric cooking. Induction cooktops, rice cookers, electric pressure cookers and food processors were widely preferred for reasons of safety, speed and ease of use compared with LPG-based stoves. Importantly, the study showed that most accessibility challenges are solvable with modest, low-cost changes rather than major structural renovations. Building on many enriching insights and findings, we will proceed to implement pilot modifications and trial appliances in participant homes.

Community Based Rehabilitation

Eye Checkup Camps

Continuing our successful collaboration with the Tera Panth Professional Forum, we held another eye checkup camp this month near AB Vidyalaya at Bachubhai's well. We conducted eye tests for 65 people, and 39 individuals were immediately provided with reading glasses, ensuring continued access to essential vision care in the community.



Community Diya Painting

Our cherished *Diya* painting and designing activity continued! This month, we partnered with Aalishaan School, where 50 enthusiastic girl students near Chandola Lake participated. They painted and designed the *diyas* that will be sent out as symbolic gifts of gratitude to our well-wishers and supporters for the festive season.



Festive Home Visits

In the true spirit of Diwali, our Director and team paid special home visits to families, bringing festive cheer and a sense of belonging to their doorsteps. By

sharing a moment of light and festivity with them, we reiterated our commitment to walking alongside them. Laughter, light, and shared sweets turned each home into a small celebration of togetherness.



Assistive Services

Following documents were processed this month:

Railway Pass (online): 2

ST Pass (online): 4

Additionally, 44 forms of applying for Motorized Tricycles were filled online to assist the individuals with disabilities.



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