

ROSHNI

Reaching Out to 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!

Two Journeys, One Turning Point

For Savitaben Patel (37), balancing caregiving and livelihood had always been difficult. As the mother of six-year-old Abhimanyu, who is on the autism spectrum, she spent most of her time caring for him while also worrying about how to contribute financially to the household. What she hoped for was a safe space where her child could learn and stay



engaged for a few hours, allowing her to pursue sewing work.

Four months ago, Abhimanyu was enrolled at Bhaipura Centre. Since he had never been away from his mother before, Savitaben initially stayed with him during the sessions. Gradually, with the support of the educators and once Abhimanyu became comfortable with the teachers and activities, she began leaving him in the classroom and returning to her work.



Over the past two months, this small step has brought meaningful change. Abhimanyu now happily participates in activities with other children, while Savitaben has been able to focus on her sewing and contribute to the family's income.

By creating a safe space for the child, Prabhat could also, in turn, offer an opportunity for the mother. This is the heart of Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR): strengthening the family unit so that both parent and child can walk toward a more self-reliant tomorrow. We wish Abhimanyu and Savitaben the very best as they continue moving forward together.

Program Updates

Parent Participation in Inclusive Anganwadi

As part of the ongoing effort to make Anganwadis stronger spaces of inclusive education, a focused engagement with parents was carried out this month at Geeta Nagar Anganwadi. Around 25 parents were introduced to the teaching methods and Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs) used by special educators while working with children.



Parents also took part directly in simple learning activities with the children, such as writing numbers in the sand. Their participation created a meaningful learning experience and opened new possibilities for collaboration within these inclusive Anganwadi spaces.

Assessments

Regular assessments continue to play an important role in understanding the developmental needs of children and planning appropriate interventions. This month, Dr. Killol conducted individual assessments for 16 children, following which personalised plans were prepared and shared with their parents to guide the next steps in their development.



In addition, speech and psychological assessments were carried out at Anganwadis in the Vatva. These assessments help Anganwadi workers identify children who may require additional support for their development at an early stage. A total of 96 children were assessed during the month.



26th Divyang Ramatosav

The spirit of sportsmanship was in full bloom as 10 enthusiastic children (ages 6 to 14) from the Kankaria School No. 4 Resource Room participated in 26th Divyang Ramotsav. We are happy to share that our very own Krishna Rameshbhai secured first place in the 5-metre target-throw competition.



Beyond the medals, the true victory was the confidence radiating from every child on the field. This success is a direct result of the support from our parents and the dedicated guidance of the Prabhat team.

Vocational Training: Path to Self-sufficiency

Vocational training at Prabhat continues to focus on building practical skills that support children in becoming more independent. This month, internship students helped develop engaging Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs) tailored to different subjects and needs. The materials were also presented and demonstrated by the interns themselves, making the learning process interactive and meaningful.



To strengthen real-life learning, children were taken out for shopping activities instead of limiting lessons to the classroom. The *Kitchen Garden* initiative continued to provide children with direct exposure to fresh vegetables while gradually introducing them to basic cooking skills, enabling them to participate in different activities in the kitchen with confidence.

Capacity Building

Internal Team Capacity Building

The air in the training room was heavy with the kind of questions that can only come from months of fieldwork: *How do we reach a child who won't sit still? Where does play end and assessment begin?* This month, Dr. Killol guided the team on ways to better understand and assess children through conversation and activity-based observation.

Special educators brought their field confusions to the table, and through a Q&A, the doctor helped peel back the layers of complex behavioural needs. This discussion offered new perspectives that will support the team in working more confidently with children in the field.

Advocacy and Networking



A Greener, brighter, our Bhaipura Centre

A lush, green environment has the power to transform a space into a hub of positive energy. This month, the Bhaipura Center underwent a vibrant transformation thanks to a collaborative "Nature Therapy" session with dedicated volunteers from ConnectFor.

Volunteers worked alongside our children to paint and decorate flower pots, turning functional items into pieces of art that reflect the joy of the center.

Children also participated in the practical side of gardening, learning the correct balance of soil, water, and care required to help a plant thrive. Blending creativity with environmental awareness, the activity filled the centre with renewed energy and helped create a vibrant, nature-friendly space.



Concluding Workshop of Inclusive E-Cooking Research

The concluding workshop of the *Inclusive E-Cooking Research* project was held this month, jointly organised by Prabhat Education Foundation and Loughborough University. The workshop brought together sector experts and stakeholders to reflect on the ground-level experiences and findings that emerged during the research process.

The event was attended by Dr. Ajit Singh, Director of Composite Regional Centre, Co-founder of Finovista – Sheetal Rastogi, experts from CEPT University and National Institute of Design, along with members of Prabhat's board. The discussions explored the often overlooked intersection of energy access and disability, with government representatives emphasising the need to promote e-cooking through schemes such as ADIP and initiatives by ALIMCO

highlighting that accessible cooking should be viewed as a necessity rather than a luxury. The research opens up important conversations around inclusion, modern energy access, and equality in everyday spaces like the kitchen.

The launch of White Paper

In a landmark collaboration, Prabhat and Anant National University officially released our joint White Paper on Inclusive Education. Launched by Director Keshav Chatterjee and Provost Dr. Sanjeev, this report bridges the gap between grassroots reality and academic rigor. More than just a document, it serves as a strategic roadmap designed to influence government policy and academic discourse, ensuring systemic inclusion becomes a national priority.



Prabhat hopes that the findings and recommendations from this study will reach a wider audience to further strengthen the journey towards inclusive education.

AmdavadNXT – Run for Every Child



Our children took to the streets for 'Run for Every Child,' a vital initiative under the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation's AmdavadNXT program. The event provided a platform for advocacy, with Prabhat students actively participating to demand a city that is safer, more inclusive, and truly "playable" for children of all abilities. Their presence was a powerful reminder that an accessible city is a better city for everyone.



Dialogue on Urban Mobility

We participated in a three-day exhibition and dialogue platform focused on urban mobility and city development. During the event, Director Mr. Keshav Chatterjee highlighted the importance of safety and accessibility for children with special needs in public spaces.

The core message of the initiative was that children should not remain mere *residents* of a city but be able to participate as active citizens, with the freedom to move and play confidently in their neighbourhoods.

Community Based Rehabilitation

Mega Camp on distributing Assistive Devices

As mentioned in previous edition of ROSHNI, Prabhat, in collaboration with Shri Bhagwan Mahavir Vikalang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), hosted a three-day camp dedicated to the resolve of "No Child Left Behind." The event was inaugurated by MLA Shri Amulbhai Bhatt, signaling a strong and vital partnership between the government, specialized medical institutions, and the social sector.

Over the course of the camp, 392 children with Cerebral Palsy received free specialized examinations. Beyond assessment, the camp provided immediate, tangible solutions: distributing essential equipment including more than 600 CP Chairs, Calipers, and Walkers. For these children, these devices offer self-reliance, confidence, and the pride of moving through the world with dignity.



Assistive Services

Following documents were processed this month:

ST Pass (online): 4 Medical Certificate: 2 Pension Form: 2



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