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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!

### What Makes a Father: Kinship over Bloodlines

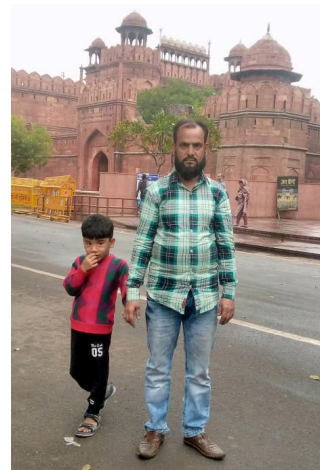
In the landscape of disability care, we often focus on the tireless strength of mothers. This month, however, we look at a story of "chosen" fatherhood that redefines the meaning of devotion. Sohailbhai, a tailor living in a rented home, waited seventeen years for a child. When the opportunity arose

to adopt Hifzaan, a child born prematurely who spent his first month in an incubator—Sohailbhai stepped in as the heartbeat of the boy's world.



The family embraced him wholeheartedly from the very beginning despite knowing the challenges ahead. When asked if he ever thought of adopting a "neurotypical" child instead, his answer was simple: *"Hifzaan is everything to us. If we bring in another child, Hifzaan will lose the attention he deserves."* This bond is visible every night at 11:00 PM, when Sohailbhai takes Hifzaan for his favorite bicycle ride through the streets, a nightly ritual that brings the boy a sense of peace and joy he finds nowhere else.

When Hifzaan was brought to Prabhat after concerns around speech and behaviour emerged, the team began working closely with both the child and the family. Through therapy, play-based learning, and structured activities, Hifzaan has gradually started identifying pictures, expressing emotions, and making vocal sounds. His journey remains slow and ongoing, but meaningful progress continues to unfold step by step.



At Prabhat, our role extends beyond the child to the parents. We walk a delicate line, honoring a father's dream that his son might one day speak perfectly, while providing the gentle counselling needed to embrace Hifzaan exactly as he is today. True inclusion in this story begins with this patience and understanding that every child develops differently, and that progress cannot always be measured against conventional expectations. Patience, consistency, and emotional acceptance become just as important as therapy and intervention. Along with that, Prabhat salutes more such fathers who are the very foundation upon which a child's dignity is built.

## Program Updates

### Semester Examinations at Resource Centre

For the children of our Resource Room, enrolled in standards 3 through 8, April brought in the second semester examinations, a significant moment in their academic journey. A total of 11 students appeared for their exams. To see our children sit amongst their neurotypical peers, engaging with their studies and demonstrating their progress, is the ultimate goal of

our mainstreaming interventions. It marks a transition from "integration" to true "academic inclusion," where every child is given the platform to prove their potential.

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### **Inclusive Anganwadis Engagement**

With a vision for inclusive Anganwadis, Prabhat is moving strategically toward systemic change. Following the screening of every child across 10 Anganwadis, we have now transitioned into a comprehensive assessment phase focusing on the two primary pillars of a child's development: parents and educators.

The parent assessments focused on understanding children within the context of their emotional, physical, and home environments through direct conversations with families. Simultaneously, assessments with Anganwadi workers helped the team better understand existing practices, identify strengths and gaps, and plan future engagement and capacity-building in a more structured manner.

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### **Assessments & Quarterly Goals**

Quarterly goal plans for EI and pre-primary children at Bhaipura centre were updated this month. Additionally, 9 children underwent speech & psychological assessments by Dr Killol and Dr Malav.

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## **Advocacy and Networking**

### **Continued Engagement and Shared Learning with our Corporate Partner**

The ongoing collaboration with S&P Global at our Bhaipura Center reached a new milestone this month, focusing on the essential tools our children need to navigate a modern world. Through a significant contribution of 50 laptops, we will be able to integrate and expand our digital literacy into our curriculum providing a window to new forms of communication and learning that were previously out of reach.



In tandem with this technological leap, the center also celebrated World Earth Day by grounding our students in the tactile beauty of the natural world. From the careful planting of saplings to creating useful items from waste materials, the activities served as vital sensory experiences. By transforming discarded materials into art and nurturing new life in soil, our children explored the principles of sustainability through hands-on discovery.

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## eCooking Study: Voices from the Field



We sat down with participants from our eCooking study to hear how things had been going now that it's been few months. The timing turned out to be essential as the LPG shortages and rising cylinder prices have been affecting households across the region. So, we wanted to check if the cooking appliances our participants had received were proving to be valuable or not!

We gathered that cylinder consumption had dropped sharply for some families. One cylinder now lasts three to four months instead of one month for some of them. Several participants have nearly stopped using their gas stoves altogether. Participants spoke about tiffin services, food stalls, and selling homemade sweets using their appliances not just to cook for their families, but also to earn. One family had already made their induction cooktop central to running their daily food business. The meeting also sparked a peer-learning idea: current participants were keen to train the next batch of participants themselves if provided a chance.

We also screened our documentary on the initiative during the meeting, sparking conversation and reflection among participants. It is deeply gratifying to see what began as a distribution initiative grow into something that is giving people confidence, security, and a path toward greater independence.

If you haven't seen the documentary yet, it is now available to watch and share on YouTube.



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## Strengthening the Child Rights Collective



Prabhat participated in the three-day strategic workshop organised by the Child Rights Collective Group (CRCG), bringing together organisations working with children across Gujarat. The workshop created space for dialogue around strengthening the network, planning future directions, and building greater visibility for child rights initiatives.

Such collaborations remain important in building stronger collective advocacy and shared learning across organisations working at the grassroots.

## Team in Focus

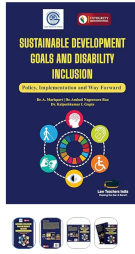
### A Saturday of Smoke, Stories & Solidarity!

This month marked the beginning of a new monthly tradition at Prabhat i.e, a dedicated day for the team to come together beyond routine work, to connect, reflect, and learn as a collective.

The day began with high-energy team-building activities, from blindfolded games to partner challenges that had everyone laughing, competing, and collaborating in equal measure. Following that, teams came together to prepare a full meal using traditional methods, from chopping and prepping to cooking on a *chulha*. The experience was messy, joyful, and deeply collaborative.



As the afternoon shadows lengthened, the energy shifted from the festive to the reflective. Krishna ben and Shiroma led a session on the "why" behind our work, discussing the role of meticulous documentation and reporting in ensuring our programs remain efficient and impactful. By bridging the gap between the joy of a shared meal and the discipline of professional reporting, we left Bhaipura as a unified team recharged for the month ahead.



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We are happy to share that our Centre Coordinator, Pranav Shah, has contributed a chapter to the recently published book Sustainable Development Goals and Disability Inclusion, now available on [Amazon India](#).

The book brings together interdisciplinary perspectives on disability inclusion within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), covering themes such as inclusive education, accessibility, mobility, housing, social justice, and policy implementation. Through research, case studies, and grounded experiences, it reflects on the gap between policy commitments and lived realities. Pranav bhai's contribution represents an important step in bringing grassroots perspectives and field-based learnings into wider academic and policy discussions on inclusion.

## Community Based Rehabilitation

### Assistive Services

Following documents were processed this month:

ST Pass (online): 5      Medical Certificate: 4      Pension Form: 3

Moreover, 22 children received educational kits through the support initiative previously organized at *Andh Apang Kalyan Kendra* in Ghatlodia. The kits were collected from the center and distributed among the children, ensuring they have the resources needed to continue their learning journey.



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