

We Dream, We Explore, We Discover!



PRAYAS ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26



Three Decades and Going Strong!

In 2026, Prayas proudly celebrates 30 years of teamwork, innovation, and growth. This milestone is a testament to the resilience, dedication, and shared vision that has carried us forward. It is my privilege to present the cornerstones of a journey defined by hope, courage, and transformation.

A message for Parents

Chasing dreams requires persistence, courage, and dedication. Let us embrace how each child is blossoming in a unique way, even if it is not in the garden you imagined.

Our Dedicated Team

We acknowledge the stellar team members of Prayas, who are so passionate about the difference they wish to bring into the lives of the children and their families. As architects of change, their unyielding efforts, whether working behind the scenes or on the ground – go towards ensuring that the Prayas children get what they rightfully deserve.

The Community

Our communities stand as living examples of resilience, sacrifice, and social vibrancy. In the face of adversity, they have shown remarkable resourcefulness and strength. We witness a profound societal shift as they emerge as informed, active citizens - taking ownership of local challenges and driving positive change. The women in particular, have embraced new identities as empowered leaders with confidence and courage. This is a powerful testament to the collective spirit of action and the boundless potential of self-belief.

Our Donors, Partners, and Stakeholders

Traversing these decades has been possible with the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and stakeholders. Many of them began as funding partners, and then became trusted friends, whose support became the foundation of our journey. Our deepest gratitude to them.

What Lies Ahead

As we reflect on three decades of progress, we are filled with a deep sense of humility and fulfilment. We remain steadfast in our resolve to reach out to the last child, ensuring that no dream goes unrealized and no potential remains untapped. We will continue to invest our time, expertise, and energy to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable. The pandemic compelled us to leapfrog into digital platforms, accelerating a transformation that continues today. With the growing presence of AI and technology in our lives, we are committed to equipping our students and teachers with the skills they need to thrive in a future shaped by innovation.

A Personal Reflection

For me, this journey has been profoundly transformative. Being part of the deep societal and systemic changes has given me personal growth and fulfilment. This evolution reminds me that change is not only possible—it is inevitable when we walk together with purpose.

Manoj Bhatt,
(Rtd. IPS. ex - DGP, Rajasthan)
Chairperson, Executive Board, PRAYAS



हौसले बुलंद हों तो राह बनती है,
जुनून से ही मंज़िल अपनी मिलती है!

Prayas Founder
Late Miss Jatinder Arora

Late Miss Jatinder Arora, Founder Prayas - 11 years without you, and not a day goes by that we don't feel the weight of your absence. Your love, laughter and your belief that life should be lived fully inspite of all challenges is etched in our hearts forever.

Prayas completes 30 years in 2026. It was your conviction that everyone deserves a future, that propelled Prayas. Your vision was to fight for the just cause of Equal opportunities for everyone. You always did something different from what others did and, never gave up in the face of difficulties or lost hope. You instilled courage when we faltered. You are an amazing example of human tenacity and the power of change, because of your will to confront situations and your unrelenting dedication to empowerment and education.

Prayas has evolved into a leading non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to serving 55 urban underserved communities of Jaipur. Through a wide range of initiatives - such as Special and Integrated schools, Vocational training, Community outreach, Inclusion in Government primary schools, Home-based therapy, Counselling, Awareness programs, and platforms for parental engagement, the Prayas team works tirelessly to uplift underprivileged and differently-abled children.

Providing opportunities for value-based education and learning is among the most effective ways to empower individuals. At Prayas, we nurture inclusive spaces where every person is respected and treated with dignity. By offering Diploma and Degree courses in Intellectual Disability under the aegis of the Rehabilitation Council of India, Prayas fosters holistic growth, empowerment, and equal opportunities for those who need it most.

The Prayas children carry your strength, wisdom, and love, honouring your legacy in ways to make you proud of them. Your spirit lives on in them and in all of us, guiding us through even the darkest times.



Vision

Equal opportunities for all

Mission

Our mission is the integration of children, with and without special needs, into mainstream schooling and society by providing education to enable their growth and development towards becoming self-sufficient individuals who can live with dignity.



Objectives

- Provide Inclusive Education (Education for all).
- Enhance skills of CWSN and develop a positive attitude towards self-reliance.
- Provide income-generating projects to enable differently-abled to become economically self-sufficient.
- To develop strategies for marketing the products made by the physically and mentally challenged so that their income can be ensured.
- To advocate and network with governmental and non-governmental institutes for child rights.
- Women empowerment.
- Community participation in child education.
- To develop a resource centre in accordance with special needs in changing environment.
- To run professional courses under the accreditation of RCI.
- To facilitate inclusion in government-run schools in slums of Jaipur.
- To pursue and help children to continue education for secondary and higher secondary certification.
- To provide computer science knowledge for better placement.

About Prayas

Prayas' commitment to 'Education for All' exemplifies the transformative power of learning. Education serves as a vital engine for social and economic progress, and a cornerstone of true empowerment. Prayas strives to make quality education accessible to every child, regardless of their ability and background.

Launched in 1996 as a pioneering initiative, Prayas has grown into a beacon of progressive education - demonstrating the organization's undeterred and unwavering dedication to its core mission. Its strategic focus on education goes beyond the transmission of knowledge; it is about nurturing a future where every child is empowered to dream, aspire, and realize their fullest potential.

Today it is a symbol of dignity, inclusion, and opportunity. From service to strength, resilience through crisis, and rebirth into innovation - Prayas' successive decades reflect transformation, sustainability, and unwavering commitment to inclusive education. Here is a brief overview of the three decades journey.



1996–1997: Humble Beginnings

- Started with 5 children with special needs in Raja Park, Jaipur.
- Focused on trust-building, ADL, hygiene, and vocational training for children and women.

1998–2000: Expanding Inclusion

- Second school opened at Fateh Tiba with CRY support.
- Door step therapy to profound category of CWSN in the Home Base program.
- Integrated model where specially abled and mainstream children learned together.

2001–2003: Setting Roots

- Land allotted at Jhalana; foundation stone laid by Rajasthan CM Shri Ashok Gehlot.
- Fund raising activities, individual donors and Japanese Embassy financial support helps complete the building construction.

2003–2004: Prayas Amagarh Integrated School

- Third Prayas school branch opened in Amagarh slum.
- Community embraced inclusion; vocational training generated savings for children.

2004–2005: Disability-Friendly Campus

- A new disability friendly building at Jhalana Institutional Area with vocational units and physiotherapy. Prayas Special School (CWSN with Intellectual Disability, Multiple Disability, Cerebral Palsy, Hearing Impairment) moved here and Integrated School moved from Fateh Tiba to Raja Park Campus.
- Children excelled in Special Olympics; CWSN income generation through vocational crafts.

2005–2006: Horizons of Inclusion

- Foundation course and Diploma course in Special Education, recognized by RCI started in Prayas Jhalana Campus to combat the challenge of shortage of special educators.
- Rajasthan's first Disability Fair organized, reaching out to thousands of people.



2006–2007: A Decade of Growth -Prayas Sanganer Integrated School

- Fourth school opened in Sanganer.
- President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam visited Jhalana campus, affirming Prayas' mission. Prayas children visit Rashtrapati Bhawan, Delhi on his invitation.

2007–2008: Recognition

- Prayas nominated State Nodal Agency (SNAC) for National Trust, enabling advocacy.
- Vocational training expanded; children won medals at Special Olympics.

2008–2009: Grassroots Initiatives

- Disability camps in Barmer and Jaipur reached out to over 1,800 people.
- Children showed remarkable academic and social progress.

2009–2010: Govt. School Intervention

- Permission from Rajasthan State Education department to intervene in 12 government schools to facilitate Inclusion.
- Strengthened inclusion, improved teacher-student ratios, and mainstreamed children.

2010–2011: Community Engagement

- Parents shifted children to government schools after witnessing Prayas' impact.
- CO=curricular activities, mock elections, and vocational training enriched learning.

2011–2012: Expanding Reach

- Served 3,390 children; community contributed to school infrastructure in slums.
- Efforts to eradicate child labour in slums; tailoring classes for women began.

2012–2013: Transformative Journeys

- Recognition from state education dept. for Amagarh and Sanganer primary schools.

- Inclusive Education workshop empowered government teachers to embrace CWSN.

2013–2014: From Service to Strength

- 597 children directly benefited; 2,811 benefitted through programs.
- Teacher training, creative activities, and community empowerment deepened inclusion.

2014–2015: Inclusive Growth

- Served nearly 4,000 families across schools and government interventions.
- Princess Diya Kumari's visit and Deutsche Bank support strengthened resources.

2015–2016: Legacy of an Angel

- Founder Jatinder Arora passed away; Her vision carried forward.
- Jatinder Arora Academic Awards launched to honour outstanding students.

2016–2017: Milestones in Progress

- Computer training initiated for 275 students.
- Workshops enhanced disability awareness and pre-academic skills.

2017–2018: Ripple Effect of Education

- Reached 700 children directly, and 3,000 through government schools.
- Reach extended to five new govt. schools; empowered women like Chand Khan.

2018–2019: The Sky is Yours

- 7,336 families surveyed; more children connected to education
- Focus on Vocational skills to prepare CWSN for independent living.
- Policy advocacy with SSA and Ministry of Social Justice continued.

2019–2020: Breaking Barriers

- Education remained a tool for empowerment despite dropout risks.
- Covid disrupted schooling, deeply impacting children's progress.

2020–2021: Resilience in Crisis

- Adopted digital teaching despite limited resources.
- Teachers trained, lesson videos created, sustaining learning at home.

2021–2022: Hope Beyond Barriers

- Parents guided through routines, safety, and therapy videos.
- Amagarh branch merged with Raja Park to optimize resources.

2022–2023: Phoenix Reborn

- Schools consolidated into Jhalana building, operating in two shifts.
- Shri R.K.Mohla, secretary passes away. Executive Board brings in new members; R. K. Mohla Sports Trophy instituted.

2023–2024: Wings of Growth

- Construction of an additional floor in Prayas and reclaiming more area for expansion.
- RCI-recognized B.Ed. program launched for Special Education.
- Community advocacy expanded; holistic development through sports and arts.

2024–2025: Pathways of Commitment

- Experienced senior faculty appointed for B.Ed. and D.Ed. courses.
- Students excelled in sports, participated in vocational fairs, and continued higher studies.

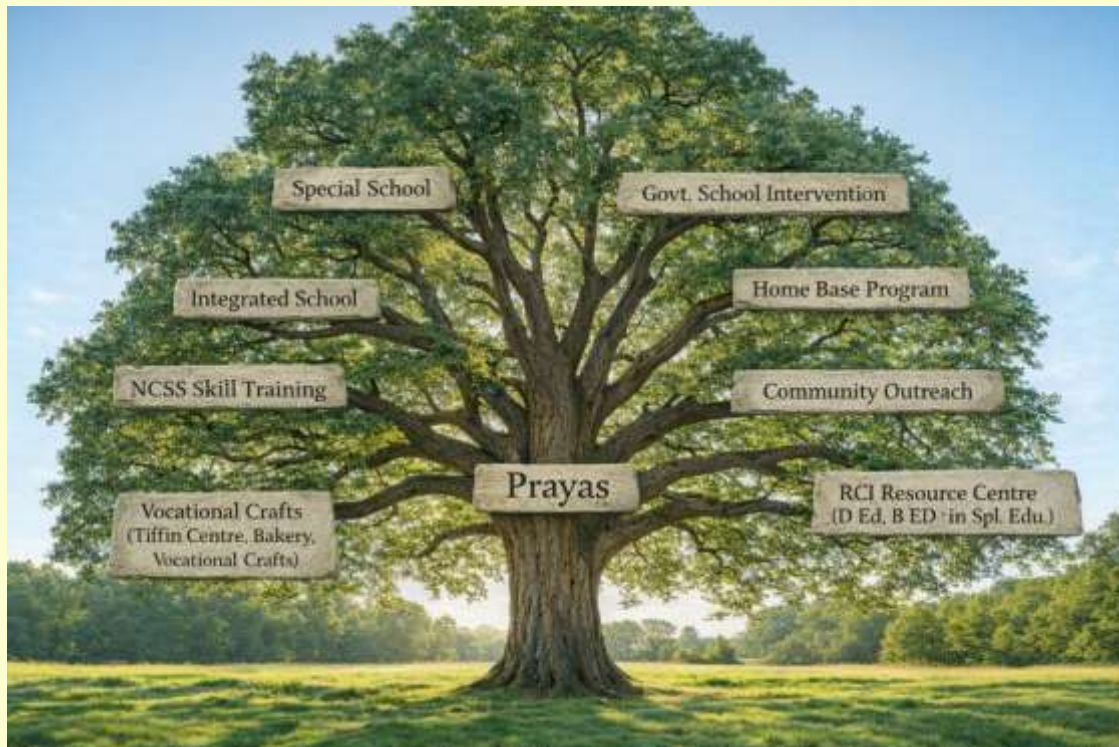
2025–2026: Empowering Every Child — A Year of Inclusion, Learning, and Joy

- The year was filled with exams, creative festivals, outreach to 1,000+ homes, and triumphs at the Special Olympics, alongside cultural celebrations.
- Educational visits, awareness drives, and international partnerships enriched horizons, sustainability, and AI learning while deepening inclusion.



PRAYAS SPECIAL SCHOOL, INTEGRATED SCHOOL, RCI RESOURCE CENTRE
(Diploma & Degree Courses in Special Education ID),
JHALANA INSTITUTIONAL AREA, JAIPUR. (2023)

After three decades, Prayas has blossomed into a vibrant institution of inclusion and empowerment. Today, Prayas is successfully running the following schools and programs.



PRAYAS Special School and Vocational Training Centre

The Prayas Special School, supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under the DDRS program, nurtures nearly 100+ children with diverse special needs. Each child receives individualized therapy and interventions, with pathways ranging from open schooling through NIOS to life skills, vocational crafts and livelihood oriented professional skill training.





Creative vocations such as tie and dye, candle making, embroidery, baking, and crafts empower learners toward independence and employment. Many students have successfully transitioned into mainstream work, becoming inspiring examples of inclusion. Continuous training for special educators ensures innovative practices, and offers dignity, empowerment, and opportunity.

PRAYAS Integrated School

Established in 1998, the Prayas Integrated School shines as a center of inclusive learning and opportunity. Supported by Asha for Education USA (Illinois and Houston chapters), it offers education up to Class VIII and is affiliated to the Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan.



The school nurtures over 175 students, including 20 children with special needs, and provides focused support for slow learners. Its outreach spans 55 communities, ensuring every child, regardless of ability has access to education, exposure and growth. In this year's door step survey, 47 out-of-school children were identified, and successfully enrolled in Prayas and other schools.



PRAYAS Government Primary School Intervention

Since 2009, Prayas has partnered with government primary schools to expand inclusive education for children with special needs across Jaipur's communities. Initially supported by Tata Trust, Wipro Cares and now by Asha for Education, the initiative equips government school teachers with disability management skills and strengthens parental and community involvement. Through training and outreach, Prayas supports creating classroom spaces that welcome every child and foster equal learning opportunities. The following schools engaged in this effort reflect Prayas' enduring commitment to inclusion at the grassroots level.

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| ○ Bhishtion ka Mohalla | ○ Naveen Ghat Gate | ○ Jawahar Nagar |
| ○ Eidgaah | ○ Sethi Colony | ○ Sindhi Colony |
| ○ Rishi Galav Nagar | ○ Ganga Pole | ○ Laxman Doongri |
| ○ Naharwada | ○ Dhanka Basti | ○ Raigaron ki Kohi |
| ○ Bandri Ka Nasik | ○ Harijan Basti | ○ Jawahar Nagar |
| | | Tila No. 4 |



Community Outreach

Families and communities form the foundation of every child's growth, and Prayas extends education beyond classrooms through outreach in awareness, documentation support, health care, overall guidance, and skill development. Initiatives like bal clubs, sports, libraries, and women's vocational programs in sewing and soap making have built confidence and inclusion.



One cherished effort, Milaap, brings parents of children with special needs together for connection and joy, while staff and volunteers care for their children. This simple yet powerful platform nurtures resilience, strengthens families, and fosters a more vibrant society.



Home-Base Program

Launched in 1999, the Prayas Home-Based Program supports children with profound disabilities who cannot attend school due to severe mobility challenges. Through home visits, therapy, and family counselling, a dedicated team provides consistent care and guidance.



The program helps children gradually overcome barriers, offering assistive devices when needed to aid learning and daily life. Today, 30 children are enrolled, each receiving personalized support that nurtures their abilities and strengthens family resilience.

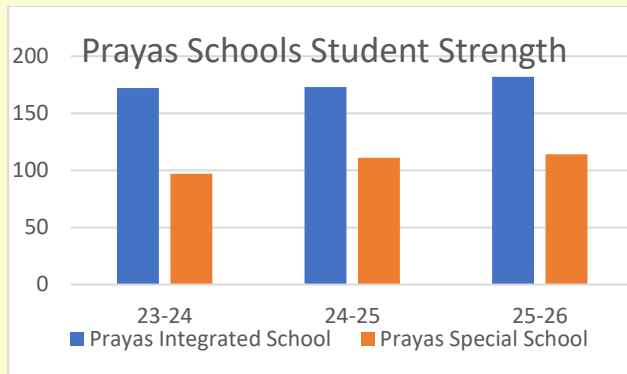
Resource Centre

The Prayas Resource Centre strengthens special education by offering RCI-recognized diploma and degree programs that prepare educators to support children with special needs. Since 2006, it has conducted a two-year Diploma in Special Education (Intellectual & Developmental Disability) under RCI and NIEPMD.

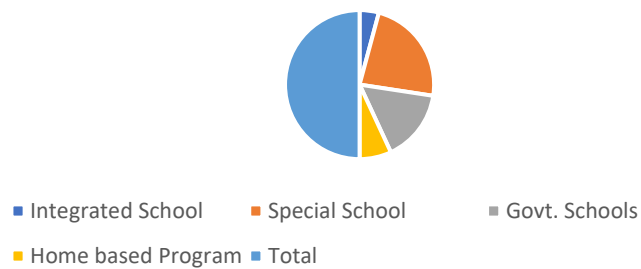
In 2023, it introduced a Bachelor's program in Special Education (Intellectual Disability) with Rajasthan University, enrolling 30 students annually. To date, 444 educators have completed diploma courses or graduated, many now serving in schools, government, and areas of higher education. Their work creates a ripple of inclusion and empowerment nationwide.



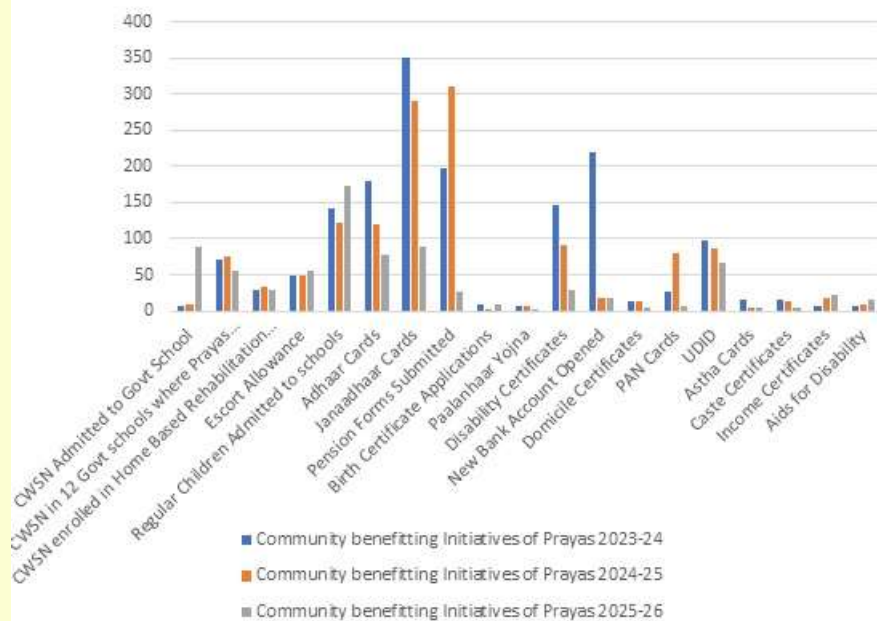
Highlights for the year 2025-26



CWSN (Intellectually Disabled, Multiple Disabled, Cerebral Palsy, Learning Disability, SLD)



COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



Sports Activities

Sports and physical activities have proven to be a powerful catalyst for the overall growth of Prayas students. They contribute not only to physical fitness, but also to social interaction and emotional well-being. For children with special needs (CWSN), sports bring immense joy, offering them the thrill of movement, the satisfaction of improved fitness, and the invaluable experience of being part of a team.

Through these activities, children learn cooperation, build confidence, and discover the happiness of shared achievement, making sports an integral part of their journey toward inclusion and empowerment.

In November 2025, eight children participated in the Special Olympics Bharat – Rajasthan and won medals and accolades at the Army Public School Camp.

Name	Event	Position / Medal
Chhavi Meena	50m Race	1st (Gold)
	100m Race	1st (Gold)
Aliya	100m Race	3rd (Bronze)
	200m Race	3rd (Bronze)
Dimple	Shotput	3rd (Bronze)
Manisha Meena	Shotput	6th Position
Moh. Alfez	400m Race	2nd (Silver)
	Shotput	6th Position
Faizal Khan	100m Race	2nd (Silver)
	50m Race	1st (Gold)
	Shotput	4th Position
Neeraj Verma	200m Race	2nd (Silver)
Kunal	200m Race	6th Position
	100m Race	4th Position



Jatinder Arora Awards

On 12th February 2026, the 11th Jatinder Arora Academics Awards event to commemorate the memory of our Founder Late Miss Jatinder Arora was celebrated as 'Sankalpa Diwas'. The best-performing students from all Prayas schools and projects were given Awards, trophies, and cash prizes. The R. K. Mohla Sports trophies were also awarded.



S.No.	JAA Awardee	Class	Category
1	Ronak Vaishnav	Prep A	Class Topper (Academic)
2	Simran Jeet Singh	Prep B	Class Topper (Academic)
3	Mitali Bunkar	I	Class Topper (Academic)
4	Ayan	II	Class Topper (Academic)
5	Kulbeer Kaur	III	Class Topper (Academic)
6	Niharika	IV	Class Topper (Academic)
7	Ritika Kanwar	V	Class Topper (Academic)
8	Nasrin	VI	Class Topper (Academic)
9	Vivek	VII	Class Topper (Academic)
10	Mohd. Ali	VIII	School Topper (Academic)
11	Bharti Saini	Sunflower	Academic
12	Kirtika Singh Lodha	Lotus	Academic
13	Sachin	Community	Academic
14	Khushi Sharma	PISER	Academic, D. Ed 2nd Year
15	Lucky Jangid	PISER	Academic, B. Ed 2nd Year
S.No.	RKM Sports Awardee	Class	Category
1	Chouth Mal	IV	School Topper (Sports)
2	Chhavi Meena	VI	School Topper (Sports)
3	Krishnakant Sharma	PISER	Sports, D. Ed 2nd Year
4	Ekta Devatwal	PISER	Sports, D. Ed 2nd Year
5	Suraj Singh	PISER	Sports, B. Ed 2nd Year
6	Ishu Gurjar	PISER	Sports, B. Ed 2nd Year



Workshops

Workshop participation and workshop organization are a very important part of our activities as it is beneficial for everyone associated with the Disability sector.

Dates	Topic	Resource Person	Participants	Relevance & learning
02.04.2025	World Autism Day	Dr. Abhilasha Bapna	Parents of 10 Prayas Autistic children, Prayas Psychotherapist Sathya Sengathir, Psychologist Omprakash Bishnoi, Senior Faculty RCI and special educators.	It was a very insightful interaction, with a candid discussion on day today issues, the sense of helplessness of caregivers, all of which has set the ball rolling for the next level - "Let us work together" - where individual parents will be understanding how to follow the student's individual plan at home also.
13.05.2025 to 14.05.2025	Assessment and Report writing for CWSN	CRE RESOURCE PERSON	Special Educator & Social Workers in Disability Field	Very educative for Special Educators
04.08.2025 to 07.08.2025	Guide for Monitoring Child Development (GMCD)	Dr. Ilgi Ertem and colleagues	Prayas All Staff, Senior Faculties & Special Educators	The training aimed to build the capacity of educators in monitoring the development of children aged 0 - 3.5 years. Teachers enhanced their understanding and skills in early childhood development monitoring using the GMCD tool.
18.08.2025	Session on Road Safety Awareness	Kunal Gupta	Prayas Integrated School Class I to VIII Students & teachers	The session, themed "Chota Cop," taught children road safety rules through a cartoon movie. They learned about traffic rules, received charts of regulatory and informational signs, and were given a Road Safety Family Report Card to complete at home. All students participated enthusiastically and gained a good understanding of road safety.
20.08.2025	Women Safety Awareness session	Kalika Patrolling Unit	All Girls Students of Prayas & female Staff	Women Safety Awareness session titled "Empowered Women, Our Responsibility" was conducted in the school. Girls from classes V to VIII, along with D. Ed and B. Ed Special Education students, participated. Around 20 police constables, along with Additional SP Sunita Ma'am and SI Indira Ma'am, guided students on personal safety.

				A self-defence demo was also given, and students were encouraged to download the Raj Cop Citizen App. Helpline numbers 7382003636 and 1090 were shared and memorized. All students participated with great enthusiasm and interest.
10.09.2025	Become Earth's Little Hero (Environment Awareness)	Young India	Class I to V Students of Integrated School	A workshop titled "Become Earth's Little Hero" was organized, where participants were guided on how they can contribute to protecting the environment and adopting eco-friendly practices in their daily lives.
25.09.2025 to 26.09.2025	Art and Craft Workshop		Integrated School Students	An Art and Craft Workshop was organized for students to enhance their creativity and practical skills. During the workshop, children learned how to create a variety of artistic items using the paper mâché technique, which encouraged imagination and hands-on learning. The activity also helped them understand how simple materials can be transformed into useful and creative products. Moreover, the articles prepared by the students proved to be valuable as Teaching-Learning Materials (TLM), making classroom learning more engaging and effective. Overall, the workshop was a meaningful experience that promoted creativity, skill development, and active participation among students.
29.09.2025	Organ Donation Awareness Workshop	Mohan Foundation Jaipur Citizen Forum	Prayas Integrated School Students, PISER Students & Staff	An awareness workshop on organ donation was conducted, where the importance of organ donation was explained to the students. The session highlighted how organ donation can save lives and contribute to the well-being of society. Students were informed about the process, benefits, and the need to spread awareness regarding this noble cause. Overall, the workshop was informative and inspiring, encouraging students to develop a sense of social responsibility and compassion.
16.10.2025	Exhibition on New Criminal laws	Police Department of Rajasthan	Class 7th Students, 8 CWSN And D.Ed.& B.Ed. Trainees & Staff	An exhibition on new criminal laws was held at JECC, Sita-pura, Jaipur. It showcased galleries of old and modern weapons, along with firing and driving simulators. A demo also explained the new process of speedy justice. Students of classes VII and

				VIII, CWSN and special school students, D. Ed and B. Ed students, and all staff from the integrated school participated in the visit.
Nov 2025	Child Development Aide (CDA)	Umeed Child Development Centre	20 Faculty Staff of Prayas	A group of 20 faculty members completed a nine-month, part-time Child Development Aide (CDA) course by Umeed Child Development Centre, where they learned to support holistic child development, identify early signs of developmental delays and disabilities, and provide simple community-based interventions for children and families. The program emphasized early childhood development, inclusion, and awareness, while also training participants in developmental milestones and the use of the GMCD tool to monitor child progress, contributing to more inclusive and supportive learning environments.
10.01.2026 to 13.01.2026	Visit of New York University Students		All Prayas Staff & Students	A session was conducted where the visitors shared valuable insights on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for teaching and educational practices. The session focused on how AI can enhance learning experiences and support innovative teaching methods. On 13/01/2026, the visiting team also interacted with our students in the bakery unit, where they shared their experiences and encouraged hands-on learning. Both sessions were highly engaging and provided meaningful exposure to students and staff.
27.01.2026	Traffic Rules Awareness Session	Young India Foundation	Prayas Integrated School & D.Ed. Students & Staff	The Traffic Rules Awareness Session proved to be highly informative and impactful for students and staff. It enhanced their understanding of essential traffic rules, road signs, and safety measures to be followed while walking, cycling, or driving. The session emphasized the importance of responsible behaviour on roads, adherence to traffic regulations, and the role of individuals in preventing accidents.
16.02.2026	Safer Internet Day Session	National Informatics Centre (Shri Vinod Sharma)	Prayas Integrated School & PISER	All children were advised to be cautious while using the internet and were informed about how to protect themselves from the harms that can occur through internet use.

19 th to 20 th February 2026	Educational and family management of children with disabilities.	CRE RESOURCE PERSON	Special Educator & Social Workers in Disability Field	Very educative for Special Educators
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Community Surveys

In June 2025, teachers from all Prayas schools collaborated with the community team to conduct door-to-door surveys. They covered 1097 families and identified 47 children who were not attending school. Among the regular children, Prayas efforts led to the admission of 18 students in Prayas and 12 students in other schools.



Foundation Day

The 29th Foundation Day of Prayas (17th July) was celebrated with joy and enthusiasm at the Rangayan auditorium in Jawahar Kala Kendra. The children put up different performances and enthralled the audience with their prowess. The display of Vocational Crafts made by the Children was well appreciated.



Other Activities

At Prayas, we believe that meaningful activities, both within and beyond the school walls foster parental involvement and student engagement, reaffirming our commitment to transforming every child's future.

- Regular PTMs were conducted, with encouraging parental participation.
- Community surveys were carried out during the summer break to identify non-school-going children.
- 2nd April 2025 – Jawahar Kala Kendra: Jaipur Children Development Centre organized Autism Day, with 15 children from Prayas participating.
- 2nd April 2025 – Autism Day: Celebrated with various activities by children with disabilities.
- 22nd April 2025: Inner Wheel Club Jaipur East organized interactive programs with children.



- 9th May 2025: Six children participated in a badminton competition organized by SOB Rajasthan at Disha Special School.
- 15th–19th May 2025: At the National Badminton Competition held at IIT Gandhinagar, Vansh Khandelwal won a Gold medal and Chhavi Meena secured 4th position.
- 14th July 2025: 63 RPS members visited Prayas. Vocational, bakery, and handmade products were appreciated, and 25 visiting officers contributed ₹ 63,962 for them.
- 17th July 2025 – 29th Prayas Foundation Day: Celebrated at Rangayan, Jawahar Kala Kendra. Children presented a mesmerizing cultural show, and the Vocational Crafts stall received wide appreciation.
- 18th July 2025: Founder Miss Jatinder Arora’s birthday was celebrated with cake cutting.
- 25th July 2025: SOB Rajasthan organized basketball matches at Bright Public School, with six CWSN from Prayas participating.
- 14th–15th August 2025: Independence Day and Janmashtami were celebrated with patriotism and fervor.
- 19th August 2025 – Unified Leadership Program: Organized at Maharshi Arvind Institute. Four CWSN children, four regular children, and two teachers from Prayas participated. All ten members received certificates.
- 29th August 2025 – IIS University: National Sports Day was celebrated. 15 children from Prayas participated in various games, with eight students winning medals.
- 23rd September 2025: DDRS Local Level Committee meeting was held at Prayas, discussing the necessity of Niramaya and UDID cards and challenges in the process.
- 1st October 2025: Dandiya festival was celebrated with joy.
- 3rd–6th October 2025: Five children and two teachers participated in the International Sambhav Dance Program for Disabled participants, organized by Alpana Society in New Delhi.
- 6th October 2025: Inclusive Garba festival was organized by Rotary Club for NGOs, with ten children from Prayas participating.
- 17th October 2025: Diwali and Lakshmi Puja were celebrated.
- 27th Oct–2nd Nov 2025: Vigilance Awareness Week – A Drawing competitions and other activities were organized with 20 children.
- 30th October 2025: An online workshop on language development for children with hearing impairment was attended by D.Ed. and B.Ed. students, focusing on the use of TLMs in education.
- 31st October 2025: National Unity Day was celebrated.



- 14th November 2025 – Children’s Fair: Organized by Prayas children with food stalls, games, and selfie points. Students showcased selling and marketing skills.
- 16th November 2025 – World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims: Held at Jawahar Kala Kendra. 15 students and 4 teachers participated. Student Bilal won a helmet as a prize in the quiz.
- 25th–26th November 2025 – Army Public School Camp: Special Olympics Bharat Rajasthan was organized, and Prayas children gave outstanding performances.
- 12th December 2025: A Visit to the 23rd Prasoon Exhibition at Rajasthan University was organized for the Prayas children.
- 24th December 2025: Christmas was celebrated at Prayas in a joyous atmosphere. Santa Claus distributed goodies and the children enjoyed played many games.
- 1st January 2026: A group of 20 CWSN from Prayas were assessed earlier for skill training in the government run National Career Service Scheme. The following 11 children have been selected and are undergoing training in different crafts. Prayas is taking care of their transportation and they will receive a stipend of Rs 2500 per month for regular attendance.

Name	Craft
Kunal Nirwan	General Mechanics
Neeraj Verma	General Mechanics
Rahul Bagdi	General Mechanics
Alfez Shaheed	General Mechanics
Muzammil Khan	General Mechanics
Nafeez Farookhi	General Mechanics
Adhira Kurup	Dress Making
Dimple Soni	Dress Making
Durgesh Mahawar	Dress Making
Sabiya	Dress Making
Arham	Dress Making

- 23rd January 2026: Rotary Club Jaipur organized an Inclusive Basant Panchmi Festival at Jawahar Nagar, with 20 students from Prayas participating. Basant Festival and Saraswati Puja to mark the advent of spring were also celebrated at Prayas.



- Lalit Kala Academy organized the 150th Vande Matram Day, and was attended by 50 Prayas students.
- 26th January 2026: The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with fervor.
- 2nd & 4th February 2026 – Annual Sports Day: Held at Prayas as an enjoyable event. The Special School, Integrated School, Community Schools, D.Ed., and B.Ed. students participated enthusiastically. Winners were awarded medals and certificates.
- 16th February 2026: A Safer Internet Day session was conducted by NIC. Technical Director Vinod Sharma guided students on safe internet use.
- 27th–28th February 2026 – Purple Fair: Held at Mahatma Gandhi University (CRC) with participation from institutions in Jaipur, Ajmer, and Jaisalmer. Children presented poetry, solo and group dances, while vocational products and bakery cupcakes were exhibited.
- 28th February 2026: Holi was celebrated with herbal dry color (gulal) and flowers.
- 7th March 2026: An educational tour to the City Planetarium and City Palace was organized for classes VI to VIII. The children learned about astronomy, the solar system, architecture, and heritage.
- 10th March 2026: An educational tour to Nehru Bal Udyan, Tonk Road, was organized for 60 children, providing fun and invaluable exposure.
- 13th March 2026: Prayas children visited the Book Fair at Commerce College, Rajasthan University, where they learned about the advantages of inculcating reading habits.
- 19th March 2026: An Eye Camp was organized by Sight First Foundation, screening 68 CWSN children. Down Syndrome Day was celebrated with activities and an awareness session.
- 24th March 2026: An educational tour to Pushkar Brahma Temple, Nareli Jain Temple, and Ana Sagar Lake was organized for classes VI and VII. The children also visited the marble industry at Makrana, Kishangarh, making it both a fun and learning experience.
- RCI Diploma students visited Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal, Ajmer, to learn about their good practices in Disability management.
- 29th March 2026: An Autism Awareness Marathon was organized by Nanu Ram Naanchi Devi Health & Education Society under the theme *Run for Expectation*.



Vocational Crafts

Participation in fairs and exhibitions showcase the Vocational skills of Prayas students. Contributions for the products created in and as part of this skill training program are ploughed back for furthering vocational education.



नन्हे कलम से.....



पर्यावरण बचाओ

साँस, हवा लगाओ, बढ़ रहा प्रदूषण, पर्यावरण बचाओ ।
 छोड़ो जहरीली खेती, खोदो नदियों की रेत ।
 गैस-गैस में हवा हँसा करती मक्कड़ हगरी,
 धर हवा ही दूषित होगी, फैलेगी बीमारी ।
 बूझ न लेने के जहरीली, लगी होगी जीवन रक्षा,
 हाँडो मिलकर हम सब करें, पर्यावरण की सुरक्षा ।

नाम = मौनिका मेहता

कक्षा = ४th





महिला दिवस



अंतरराष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस हर साल 8 मार्च को मनाया जाता है।

यह दिवस पहली बार 28 फरवरी 1909 को अमेरिका की सोशलिस्ट पार्टी के अधिवेशन पर न्यूयॉर्क में मनाया गया था।

यह दिवस मनुष्यों का उद्देश्य दुनिया भर में महिलाओं के अधिकारों और लिंग समुल्लेख को उजागर करता है।

इस त्योहार को मनाने का एक अच्छा अवसर पर 'वैश्व महिला दिवस' का दिवस मनाते हैं।

सभी स्कूल - कॉलेजों में मनाया जाता है यह महिला दिवस।

हर साल महिला दिवस एक धर्म के साथ मनाया जाता है जो महिलाओं के महत्व के बारे में संदेश देता है।

महिलाओं के समाज की समानता और समर्थन को अधिक जागरूक बनाती है।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस पूरी दुनिया में इसे उत्साह के साथ मनाया जाता है।

Name - Khushboo Hathwani
Class - VIII



Jyoti Class VIII

वसंत

सह में हरियाली की लहर
फूलों से जग सुवास उड़ती
झड़ी लड़ी देर खींचे
जग खल वसंत है काँची

कौशल तारी कूट कूट
काँचरे करते हैं गुणगार
बग विरगी बगों कली
नितनिगों की मौज बहार

बाग में हैं चिड़ियों का शोर
दान गह जंगल में शोर
ताचे नाचें नितना घर
मिल जायें 'Once More'

हँसी पर मुस्कान अजाकर
मस्ती में चमकें मम का पीले
मिम वसंत बोलबाला हमको
हा विली से कड़वा डीले

हिन्दी दिवस



सबसे प्यारी, सबसे न्यारी
हिन्दी है राष्ट्रभाषा हमारी
हमकी लगती सबसे प्यारी
हिन्दी से पहचान हमारी

कभी-कभी कलाकामवी,
हिन्दी है संस्कृति हमारी
हिन्दी है हम सबकी प्यारी,
जहाँ सम्मिलकी है अनेकरी

हमको है सब भाषाएँ प्यारी,
पर हिन्दी है ज्ञान हमारी
सबसे प्यारी, सबसे न्यारी
हिन्दी है राष्ट्रभाषा हमारी

मुससुम
VI

Happy Mother's day

माँ



माँ तुम कितनी अच्छी हो
मेरा सबकुछ 'करती हो'
भूख भुखे जब लगती है
खाना मुझे जब मिलती है
जब मैं गंदी होती हूँ,
रोज मुझे नहाती हो
जब मैं रोने लगती हूँ,
चुप तुम मुझे कराती हो
माँ मैं सिर्फ मैं सबसे
पहले तुम ही आती हो

नमोऽस्तु
सुखप्रिय

Stories of Challenges and Change

Sporting Triumph

Chhavi Meena, now in Class VII at Prayas Integrated School, came to us as a shy, fearful, hesitant to speak child. With patient support from teachers, she gained confidence and discovered her love for badminton. Regular practice led her to compete at the 2025 Special Olympics in Ahmedabad, where she secured 4th place.

She continued training and won two gold medals in 50m and 100m races at the Inter-School Meet in Jaipur, followed by two bronze medals at the National Athletics Championship in Rohtak.

Participation in sports has greatly boosted her confidence, inspiring her parents to enrol her in a badminton academy. Prayas remains committed to nurturing her growth in both academics and athletics.



Light at the end of the Tunnel

Afraz Ali, 14, once lived shut inside a room, was unable to manage his ADL. Schools refused him admission, and his parents lost hope. During a Prayas survey, he was enrolled in the special school, where patient guidance from teachers transformed him.

Afraz now eats independently, serves food to peers, is toilet trained, and speaks simple words. He participates in class, cultural, and sports activities, moving steadily toward self-reliance.

His journey from isolation to confidence shows how care, patience, and guidance can turn darkness into light.



Steps of Courage

Ankit Patidar, a 12-year-old with cerebral palsy, once struggled to walk, speak clearly, or step outside his home. His parents were apprehensive of his future until they found Prayas, which came as a ray of hope. With patient guidance from special educators and therapists, Ankit slowly progressed - standing with support, taking small steps, and connecting with people. Today, he attends school, respects teachers, works with peers, and his smile is his parents' greatest joy.

His journey shows that with guidance, patience, and belief, no challenge is impossible.



A Vision of Confidence

Faizal, 14, lives with intellectual disability and low vision. At his earlier school, lack of support forced him to drop out, and his parents feared sending him outside. Guided by Prayas, he joined the special school, where teachers and peers helped him regain confidence.

He now participates in cultural, academic, and sports activities. With regular practice, Faizal excelled in athletics—winning gold in 50m and shot put, silver in 100m, and later bronze at the National Athletics Championship in Rohtak.

Sports has boosted his self-belief, and Prayas continues to support his journey toward a brighter future.



Rising through Inclusion

Himanshu Verma, a student with intellectual disability, was initially identified with severe behavioural challenges.

He was enrolled in Prayas Special school and gradually engaged in sports, dance, and group activities. Over time, his behaviour improved, and he excelled in school competitions, winning first place in an inter-school race.

Now, he is preparing for the Special Olympics Bharat Rajasthan, showing remarkable progress, both socially and academically.



A Journey of Determination

Halima, a 24-year-old with cerebral palsy, joined Prayas as an 8 year old, attending school for the first time. Initially dependent on others and struggling even to walk, she progressed through therapy and dedicated teaching. With strong support from her mother, she completed schooling, passed Class XII from a government school, completed graduation., and even taught Classes V to VII, free of cost at Meraj School.

Today, Halima is pursuing Special B.Ed (ID) at Prayas, standing as an inspiration of resilience and hope. The journey continues, with her determination pointing toward a bright future.



A Path to Strength

Dimple, a girl with intellectual challenges, struggled in mainstream schooling and was denied admission beyond grade VI. Her parents enrolled her in Prayas Integrated School, where teachers nurtured her talents through cultural and sports activities. Gradually, she gained confidence, excelling in competitions.

In 2026, she won a silver medal in the 500m race at the Special Olympics Bharat and continues to participate in dance and sports events. Deeply attached to her school, she insists on attending despite commuting difficulties. Today, Dimple is also training in tailoring, moving toward self-reliance, with Prayas providing ongoing support for her future.



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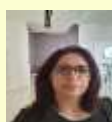
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We are extremely thankful to all those who have supported the children of Prayas in cash, kind, and spirit in the past and present. You can extend support to the children in many ways – Donation, Sponsorship of fees, uniforms, books, mid-day meals, promoting inclusion, celebrating your happy moments with them, spreading cheer by engaging in fun-filled activities, supporting vocational initiatives or just being there for them!

You can visit www.prayasjaipur.com or mail us at support@prayasjaipur.com for more details. Donations to Prayas are covered under 80G Exemption of Income Tax for Indian donors.

We also have a Whatsapp Group called 'Friends of Prayas', where we share regular updates about Prayas activities and ensure that our donors and well-wishers are all aware of events, progress, celebrations and all that is happening at Prayas. We will be happy to include anyone who mails us with a request for inclusion.

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Excerpts from our Visitors' Diary

Visitors Book				
Date	Visitors Name	Contact No.	Email / Address	Your Valuable Comments & Suggestions
12/01/2026	Sudhir Swarnkar	+358 50596 8985	sudhir.swarnkar@gmail.com	It's a first visit to an institute like this for me. It's really amazing to see the work being done here. I will be happy to help in all ways I can. I will be in contact. It has been the most amazing visit here! I will remember the love the energy of the children, teachers & staff. Very heartwarming visit!
12/1/2026	Emily Patton	H 214-385-8280	cpattor514@gmail.com	It was amazing to meet everyone here! I appreciate the scope and nature of your work. I'll send you the weekly photos I took soon.
13/01/2026	Chand Samrall	-	varsha.samar@gmail.com	There is a warm, home-like feeling everywhere I come. Thank you for being a help to these children and the community. - Melanie
15/01/2026	Kaylin Robertson	H (945) 660-2701	kr8272@nyu.edu	Loved coming back. Great hosts. We'll be coming back with a new group next year! :)
15/01/2026	Ben Bederman	H 310 882 9234	bsb3@nyu.edu	
13/01/2026	Sarah Bates	+1 414-977-9108	sab1002@nyu.edu	
13/01/2026	Melanie Wilkerson	+1 347-39-6643	mw5812@nyu.edu	
13/01/2026	Ankash Karmadla	+91916 401 9260	ankash.karmadla@gmail.com	

Visitor Name / Organization	Remarks
Sudhir Swarnkar	It is a first visit to an Institute like this for me. It is really amazing to see the work being done here. I will be happy to help in all ways I can.
Emily Patton	It has been the most amazing experience here. I will remember Prayas forever.
Chandi Samlal	Love the energy of the children, teachers and staff. Very heartwarming visit.
Kaylyn Robertson	It was amazing to meet everyone here. The children were so eager to learn and participate, as also the teachers and faculty. Loved learning from them.
Ben Biederman	It was truly one of the great honours of my life to spend time at Prayas. The staff and students were so nice and welcoming. Thank you for everything.
Sarah Bates	It was so amazing to meet everyone. I appreciate the scope and nature of your work. I will send you the many photos I took soon.
Melanie Wilkerson	There is a warm homelike feeling every time I come to school. Thank you for being a light to these children and the community.
Akash Karandla	Loved coming back. Will be coming back next year with a new group
Jind Dedhia	This was my 2 nd visit to Prayas. It was pleasant coming here. The way you are all working with families is commendable. Thank you for the yummy food.
Mamta Ekka	New Learning, New Things. Thank you, Prayas Team.
Dr. Malavika	Prayas is doing amazing work. It is inspiring to see them work so hard for children.
Vinod Kumar	Prayas word itself says we don't look back. We look forward. We are also looking forward and for the unconditional support and service to the best children.
Ravindra Saini	It was a very nice experience. This organization is doing amazing work for CWSN.
Shanti Khandelwal	We are grateful for this opportunity for connecting with Prayas. Looking forward to a long-term association.
Priyanka Agarwal	It has always been wonderful visiting Prayas. Love the dedication and commitment of teachers and staff towards kids. Would like to stay associated in whatever capacity I can.
Saraswati Barman	This has been my second visit to Prayas as a trainer. It is lovely to see so many passionate people working for the cause of Disability. Prayas feels like second home now. Wishing Prayas team all the best.

Visitors Book

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Date	Visitors Name	Contact No.	Email / Address
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10/11/25	Nimrod Kumar	98842 - 33399	

There is my hand with Prayers & I am so much coming from the way all work with friends and are comfortable. Thank you for the prayers for me.

Hello, This is my first visit to Prayers and it is so pleasant. New learn, and new things, thank you Prayers team.

Prayers is doing amazing work. It is inspiring to see how all work to lead to children. All the best.

Prayers word itself says, we don't look back, we look forward. We are also looking forward and for the unconditional support to the best children.

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Date	Visitors Name	Contact No.	E-mail / Address	Your Valuable Comments & Suggestions
January 1, 2025	Narayan A. A. Sharma Keshav Prameswar SARITA Prameswar	91955714 91274126 9192545174	Visiting Paramahansa guruji in the court of the guruji Krishna, Parameswar Caitanya	We are happy to see you and have a wonderful organization. We are deeply impressed with the way you are running the work and the service of the guruji.
21/01/2025	Mr. Ravinder Saini	91955714	raj.saini2009@gmail.com	We are very happy to see you and the all the people who are working for the guruji.
31/05/2025	Mr. Shanti Khandwal	9920307553	mahadev.devi@gmail.com	We are very happy to see you and the all the people who are working for the guruji.
14/6/2025	Priyanka Agrawal	9572981118	Pamona Agrawal	We are very happy to see you and the all the people who are working for the guruji.
30/08/2025	Jasvinder Berman	95166558	Jasvinder Berman	We are very happy to see you and the all the people who are working for the guruji.

मुश्किलें रुकावट नहीं, इम्तिहान हैं, मेरे सपने ही मेरी पहचान हैं !

Challenges are tests not obstacles - My dreams are my True Identity!



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