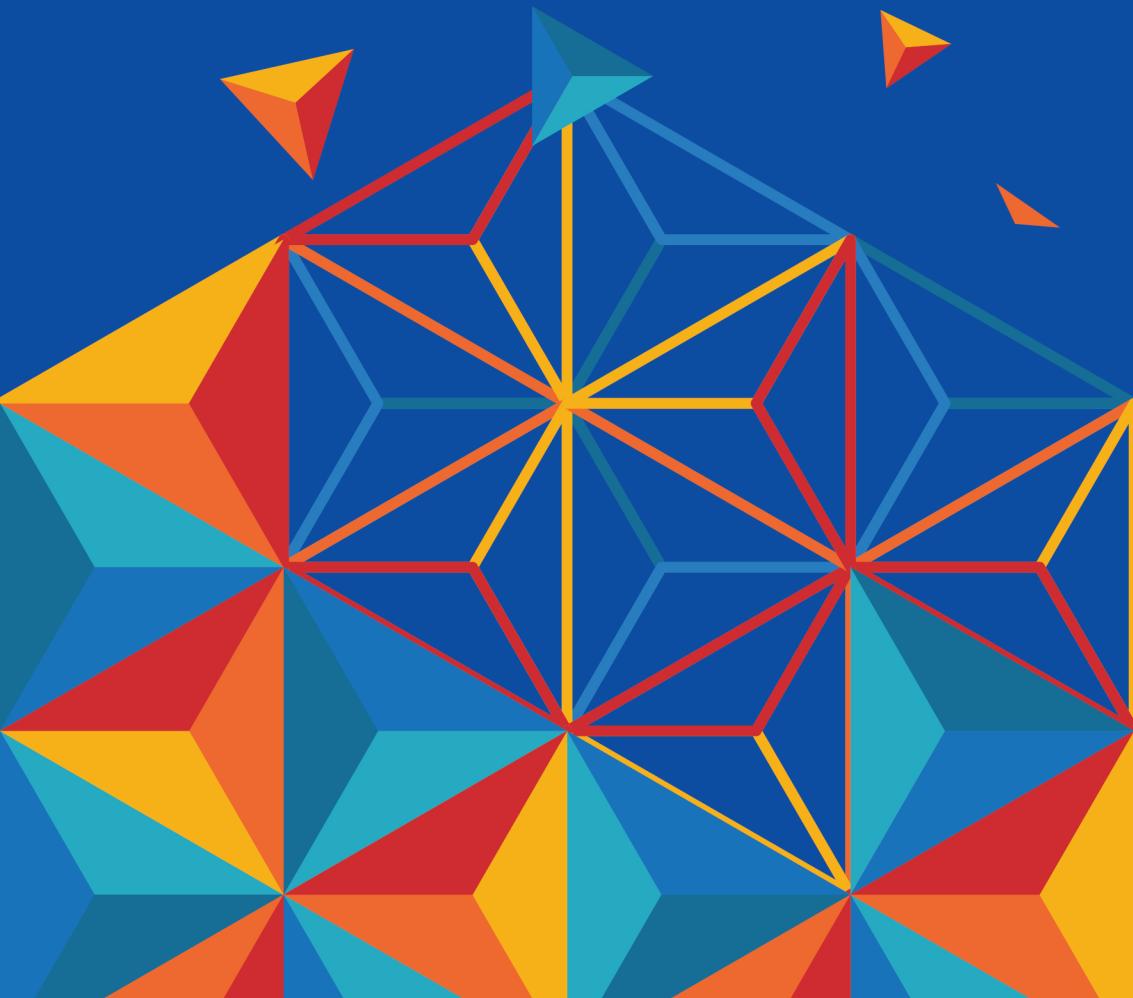




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President's Message

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Guided by our vision to become a world-class design university for India and a leader in ethical design practice, we continue to nurture solutionaries. Our students and faculty are addressing some of the most pressing challenges of our time with creativity, technology and determination.

At a time when AI is reshaping the world, Anant stands apart with our DesignX pedagogy. Inspired by the idea of 'X' as enhancement, it reimagines design through interdisciplinarity, sustainability, inclusivity and innovation, empowering design as a tool for change. The projects and research carried out by the Anant community are living testaments to this transformation.

Community engagement remains central to our approach. Across 11 programmes, students work with both global and local communities, supported by

our 13 centres of excellence on campus. These efforts have led to impactful solutions that address real-world problems, reinforcing our belief in the power of design to create positive social change. Today, the Anant community represents more than 270 Indian cities and over 40 countries.

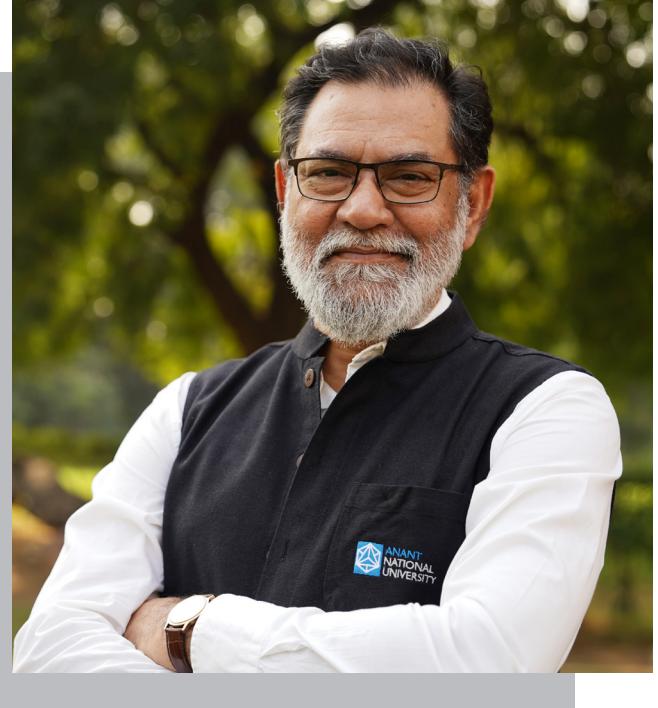
I extend my deepest gratitude to Dr Anunaya Chaubey for his visionary leadership, innovative spirit and resilience over the past six years. His ability to inspire and guide with clarity has been instrumental in shaping Anant's journey.

At the same time, I am delighted to welcome Dr Sanjeev Vidyarthi as Anant's new Provost. With his wealth of expertise and a proven legacy of leadership from founding Rajasthan's first standalone school of architecture to serving as a senior academic leader at the University of Illinois, Chicago, I am confident that under his guidance, Anant will continue to scale new heights.

I remain deeply grateful to our students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff and partners for their dedication and belief in Anant. Together, we are shaping the future of design and building a more sustainable, equitable world.

Ajay Piramal

PRESIDENT, ANANT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



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As I reflect on my tenure as Provost, I feel it has been an honour to lead Anant. Together, we have built a **Centre of Excellence** that continues to push the boundaries of design education. It marks an important milestone in our journey of academic excellence as we endeavour to offer meaningful design education to today's youth.

Provost's Message

As I reflect on the last six years of my tenure as Provost, I feel it has been an honour to lead Anant National University. I have had the privilege of working alongside exceptionally talented and dedicated members of the Anant community. Together, we have built a Centre of Excellence that continues to push the boundaries of design education. This recognition marks an important milestone in our journey of academic excellence as we endeavour to offer a unique and meaningful design education to the youth of today.

Another example of our uniqueness is our pedagogy. Anant has been pioneering a new approach to design education. DesignX – where X is the symbol drawn from mathematics, representing enhancement. DesignX multiplies traditional pedagogy with liberal arts disciplines, emerging technologies and knowledge drawn from hands-on community experiences to help our students use their learning to solve problems. To enhance our commitment to inter and multidisciplinary design education, we continue to adhere to our vision of nurturing solutionaries by including minors and electives from diverse fields, ranging from artificial intelligence, aesthetics, transformative artistry, climate heritage and entrepreneurship, thereby

framing design education as a means to effect change.

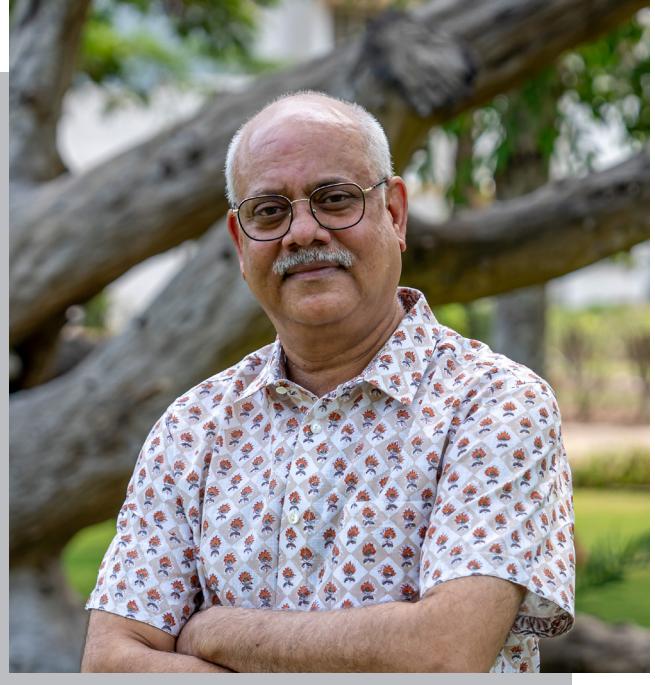
I am particularly proud of initiatives that have advanced inclusive education and interdisciplinary learning. Our multilingual entrance test, ADEPT, now conducted in 10 languages, has enabled the creativity of India's non-English speaking youth to shine. In a fast-changing world faced with numerous challenges, it is crucial that we leverage the advantage that our young non-English speaking demography offers us. This year, the launch of the Centre for Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices, led by Dr Rajendra Singh, has been another milestone.

I am grateful to everyone who has been part of this growing endeavour. Your dedication, belief and hard work have been central to advancing Anant's vision of a university where innovation, sustainability and inclusion are not just aspirations, but everyday practice.

I welcome Dr Sanjeev Vidyarthi as Anant's new Provost. His career makes him well-positioned to take the university's academic mission forward. I am confident that under his guidance, the university will continue to advance research, expand innovation and strengthen its role as a world-class centre of design education.

Anunaya Choubey

PROVOST, ANANT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



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As a university of the 21st century, moving forward, we remain committed to driving innovation, championing sustainability and fostering interdisciplinary learning – all aimed at empowering the next generation of problem-solvers who would help fulfil the national aspirations of “विकसित भारत” for everyone.

Welcome New Provost

I feel deeply honoured to be part of Anant National University, India's premier design university. In my first weeks here, I have been struck by the creativity of our students, the dedication of our colleagues and the strong sense of purpose that runs across the campus. As a university of the 21st century, moving forward, we remain committed to driving innovation, championing sustainability and fostering interdisciplinary learning – all aimed at empowering the next generation of problem-solvers who would help fulfil the national aspirations of 'विकसित भारत' for everyone.

In a short span of time, Anant has carved out its place as an emergent leader in innovative design education. Our commitment to innovation, sustainability and interdisciplinary learning is clear in everything we do. Moving ahead, my foremost priority will be to strengthen the university's research environment not only to enhance the student experience, but also to fuel innovation across disciplines and ensure Anant's presence in global conversations on design, sustainability and emerging technologies.

I also believe that we must root our teaching in our own contexts. For too long, design education in India has relied heavily on foreign textbooks. At Anant, we will work to create well-researched,

contextualised resources that reflect our local realities, regional diversities and national aspirations.

The future of work in India is already being reshaped by green jobs. Success in this space will require not just technical know-how but also an ability to think across disciplines, connect the dots and see the larger picture. This is where design thinking comes in as a mindset of understanding people, identifying causes and conceiving thoughtful solutions.

As India's growth story gathers momentum, we will need thousands of creative, thoughtful designers who can shape our cities, systems and everyday experiences in ways that improve lives and contribute to national development. Anant has been established to meet this need. We will continue to encourage entrepreneurship and strengthen incubation across campus so that our students are equipped not only to join existing industries but also to create new ventures that serve both communities and the country at large.

As I take on this new role, I look forward to contributing, learning and leading with the Anant community. Together, as we grow from 2,200 to 5,000 students and occupy the new buildings, we will broaden our horizons and reach new heights in the years ahead.

Sanjeev Vidhyarthi

PROVOST, ANANT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



India's Premier Design University

Vision

To contribute meaningfully to the national ideal of Viksit Bharat by assuming leadership in the field of design as a top university recognised globally.

Mission

Nurturing diligent design thinkers who conceive and create equitable and sustainable solutions for India and the world.

What is DesignX

The 'X' after Design in our nomenclature is the icon drawn from mathematics-representing enhancement.

This new learning approach multiplies traditional design pedagogy with liberal arts disciplines, emerging technologies and knowledge drawn from hands-on community experiences to help understand our world better and to devise impactful solutions.



Anant Best Practices

Curriculum Flexibility: Design Your Own Learning Journey

At Anant, your education adapts to your curiosity, not the other way around. You have the freedom to mix and match from seven majors, eleven minors and more than a hundred electives, shaping a path that feels truly your own.

Whether your interest lies in sustainability or storytelling, technology or textiles, you decide where your ideas lead you. You learn from global faculty and collaborators who encourage you to approach every challenge with creativity, ethics and purpose.

Anant is a place where Indian roots meet global ideas. Every classroom becomes a space where students design solutions that bring us closer to the vision of a Viksit Bharat. Here, you don't just earn a degree; you build your future, one project at a time.

Career-Oriented Education: Where Learning Meets Real Work

Learning at Anant is not confined to classrooms. It continues in studios, in industry collaborations and in real-world projects. You get the chance to turn your ideas into action by working with leading recruiters such as Accenture, Piramal, Reliance and TCS, or by building your own venture with the support of the Aarambh Incubation Centre.

For students seeking international exposure, many of our alumni have continued their studies at prestigious universities such as Arizona State University and Nottingham Trent University.

The Career Services Office serves as your launchpad. Through workshops, mentorship and live projects, you gain the skills and confidence to take the next step in your professional journey. With Aarambh, every aspiring entrepreneur receives personal guidance, from developing an idea to launching a product or a company.

Anant is rooted in India yet open to the world. It helps you turn what you love into the career you have always dreamt of.



World-Class Infrastructure: A Campus That Sparks Possibility

Anant's 78-acre campus gives ideas the space to grow. Our studios, labs and workshops are built to encourage experimentation and innovation. They are equipped with 3D printers, laser cutters and robotic design tools, as well as everything you need to turn concepts into prototypes.

The campus is expanding, too. The upcoming 1.5 lakh sq m addition is being designed by some of the most respected architects of our time, including BV Doshi, Rajeev Kathpalia, Bimal Patel, Rahul Mehrotra, Sasaki, Hafeez Contractor, Aniket Bhagwat and Vijay Arya. This development will create a truly world-class environment for hands-on learning and collaboration.

Surging Ahead

We believe that the purpose of Design Education is to solve problems that our world faces.

We are leading a design revolution by offering a world-class and affordable education that blends modern technology with traditional practices to equip students with creativity and critical thinking to solve the problems of the world.

Executive Summary

13
Centres

1693
Students

1413
Alumni

298
Faculty

78
Acre campus

Capacity after Phase I
5000 - Academic teaching and learning capacity
3000 - Student residence
172 - Employee residence
17 - Guest rooms

4
Schools

School Of Architecture
School Of Design
School Of Creative Practices and Entrepreneurship
Anant School for Climate Action

11
Programmes

Undergraduate
Postgraduate
Doctoral
Fellowship



Financial aid

28.76 Cr till date

03.76 Cr in AY
2024-25



Accolades

37th all-India position

Anant secured 37th all-India position in the Architecture and Planning Category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework 2024 (NIRF), further reinforcing our efforts to creating a global institution.



GSIRF

Anant was also awarded the prestigious '5-Star Rating' in the category of Architecture and a '4-Star Rating' in the University category.



Schools @ Anant

The four schools of Anant, the School of Architecture (SoA), the School of Design (SoD), Anant School for Climate Action (ASCA) and the School of Creative Practices and Entrepreneurship (SCoPE), together embody Anant's pedagogical vision of nurturing diligent design thinkers who conceive and create equitable and sustainable solutions for India and the world. They represent the coming together of critical inquiry, creative exploration, technological innovation and interdisciplinary learning, preparing future-ready professionals ready to make a real impact.



SOA

School of Architecture

The SoA nurtures a reflective and critical attitude, nurturing aware and responsible architects who shape meaningful relationships between people and their environment.



SOD

School of Design

The School of Design transforms students into future-ready professionals, equipped to design practical solutions for the world's most pressing challenges.



ASCA

Anant School for Climate Action

The Anant School for Climate Action is committed to advancing climate education through a comprehensive, sustainability-driven, first-in-India undergraduate programme in climate action.



SCoPE

School of Creative Practice and Entrepreneurship

A hub of academicians and scholars from diverse liberal arts disciplines and practices, SCoPE offers an exciting range of courses and a research ecosystem that brings together researchers from the university and beyond.

Sciences



Programmes @ Anant

Anant National University offers flexible, interdisciplinary undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral and fellowship programmes designed to prepare students for global careers, entrepreneurship and higher education.

Undergraduate Programmes

Bachelor of Architecture (BArch)

The programme nurtures collaborative and inclusive thinkers and doers to design for a sustainable future.

Bachelor of Design (BDes)

An interdisciplinary programme with 7 majors and 11 minors empowering students to chart their own academic path.

- Majors:** Communication Design, Interaction Design, Moving Image, Space Design, Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design, Transdisciplinary Design and Product Design.
- Minors:** Graphic Design, Furniture Design, Product Design, Health and Wellbeing, Sustainable Fashion Design, Moving Image, Experimental Immersive Design, Entrepreneurship and Start-ups and Visual Arts.

Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA)

The programme explores the transformative potential of visual arts in the immediate world.

Bachelor of Technology in Climate Change (BTech)

India's first engineering degree in climate change, which prepares students to design technology-driven solutions to climate change problems.

Postgraduate Programmes

Master of Design (MDes)

Integrated Product Design: The programme brings many aspects of design thinking together and lets students create products that are future-ready.

Master of Science (MSc)

Sustainability and Built Environment: Dual-degree programme with specialisations in Affordable Housing, Sustainable Urbanism and Culture and Heritage.

Doctoral Programme

Advanced research in Built Environment, Design Excellence and Creative Practices with personalised mentorship.

Fellowships

- Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment**
Global one-year residential programme nurturing Fellows to design, build and preserve an equitable built environment.
- Anant Fellowship for Climate Action**
Selective 8-month programme for climate leaders, integrating mentorship and global networking.

Student diversity at Anant represents

40 Countries **254** Cities

26 Indian states **07** Union territories

Programme Gender Diversity 2024-25

 **29%**

 **71%**

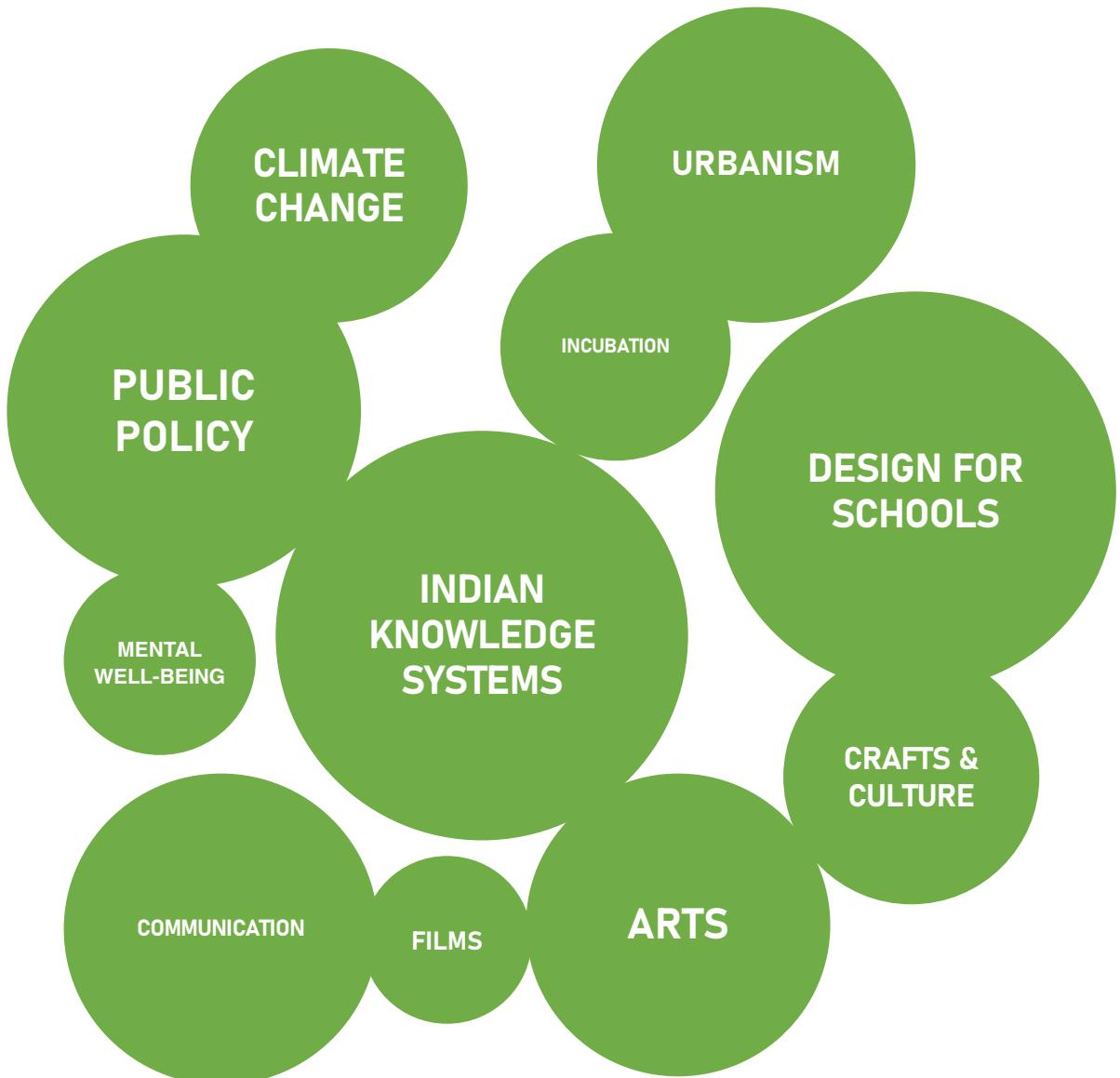
Active students 2024-25

96%
UG programme

04%
PG and other programmes

Centres @ Anant

13 centres at Anant help students with focused research and studies in niche areas.



New Centre

1. Centre for Indigenous Knowledge Systems

Existing Centres

2. Centre of Design Education
3. Aarambh Incubation Centre
4. Anant Centre for Documentation and Development of Crafts
5. Centre for Public Policy Research and Design
6. Centre for Visual Arts
7. Centre for Urbanism and Cultural Economics
8. International Centre for Inclusive Cultural Leadership
9. Centre for Moving Image
10. Centre for Behavioural Science and Design
11. Writing and Communication Studio
12. Bloom Centre for Wellbeing
13. Anant Centre for Sustainability

New Centre

1. Centre for Indigenous Knowledge Systems

The Centre for Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices was launched with the aim of systematically documenting and preserving India's rich and diverse indigenous knowledge systems, covering a wide range of areas such as Bhavan Nirman (traditional architecture), agriculture, water conservation and other cultural practices. The centre takes a scientific and organised approach to mapping both existing knowledge systems and those at risk of extinction, ensuring that these invaluable traditions are preserved and integrated into modern discourse and practice. Through this effort, the centre will contribute significantly to safeguarding India's heritage while exploring innovative solutions for contemporary challenges.



Rajendra Singh

Professor of Practice in Community Leadership in Environmental Design

The centre hosted the **International Conference on Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices**: Designing a Sustainable Future, fostering dialogue on integrating Indigenous wisdom with modern technology for sustainable futures.

30+
paper presentations

60+
research scholars, teachers and students

30+
experts and practitioners

30+
of them got selected

350+
members and

20
ancient KIVA community leaders from around the world

18
countries of the world



Existing Centres

2. Centre of Design Education (CODE)

Anant's Centre of Design Education (CODE) for Schools is an initiative to reach out to schools to help all stakeholders realise the potential of Design as a discipline at schools. It leverages the creative potential of our young demography for solving global problems.



Design Thinking masterclasses by expert designers and academicians



Anant Design IsCool

Anant Design IsCool is a 10-day programme for class 8–12 students and educators, hosted by the Centre of Design Education (CODE). After its launch in May 2024, the Anant Winter IsCool 2024 saw enthusiastic participation from 22 bright minds and 7 educators from 3 schools in Kashmir. The next edition of Summer IsCool 2025 saw 89 participants, who came to Anant from 25 cities and 42 schools!

Anant Winter IsCool





3. Aarambh Incubation Centre

Aarambh promotes entrepreneurial spirit using design thinking to devise innovative solutions for problems across domains. It plays a vital role in helping students transform their ideas into viable enterprises. From prototyping and market validation to funding access and IPR filing, Aarambh offers end-to-end incubation support and infrastructure to students in their entrepreneurial career pursuits.

Aarambh also provides personalised mentorship, industry interaction and expert engagement apart from helping with network-building with investors, government bodies and other similar organisations. Institutionalised incubation support and personalised mentorship ensure that budding entrepreneurs receive appropriate support to develop new ventures, helping the country's industries and communities alike.

Impact Snapshot

Rs **45**
lakh grant
disbursed

83
PoC/prototype
supported

17450
students
outreached and
sensitised

5 students
created their
startups before
they graduated
this year

126
IPR application
number received

2
IPR and
technology
commercialisation
partners

2
accelerator
partners

120+
students offered
entrepreneurship
as minors

150+
workshops
and seminars
conducted

Pre-incubation



Incubation



Accelerator



Major Events and Activities

Swaastha Healthcare Accelerator Programme

Key highlights:

Rs **53**

lakh investment in the start-up Janitri, a major commitment made by India Accelerator.

20

investors gathered to support the future of healthcare innovation.

8

start-ups presented their groundbreaking solutions.

India Accelerator also signed MoUs for business development and scaling with the following start-ups.

Janitri®

HELYXON

GENEXIS BIOTECH

ONMOOD9

COSMO ECOSYSTEM CARE

IVF Precisions

RESOLVE 360°

Design Entrepreneurs Meet



In collaboration with eChai Ventures, the Design Entrepreneurs Meet examined the transformative role of design in entrepreneurship, emphasising that design not only crafts user experiences but also drives innovation and strategic growth across sectors.

Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Vice-Chairman of Bharti Enterprises at Anant



Aarambh Incubation Centre organised Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship for innovators of Anant. The event was graced by Chief Guest Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Vice-Chairman of Bharti Enterprises. 12 student innovators/start-ups presented their cutting-edge ideas, addressing different pressing issues such as climate change, sexual harassment in the workplace and health, wellness and safety.

Design your Dreams

Student Entrepreneurs

- **Sidharth Bhardwaj**, a Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Product Design as major and Health and Wellbeing as minor, was awarded a grant of Rs 10 lakh for his start-up from the Startup Srujan Grant by the Department of Education, Government of Gujarat. Aarmabh provided him with Rs 1.5 lakh in financial support.

- **Rudradutt Unadkat**, a Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Transdisciplinary Design as major and Moving Image as minor, was awarded a grant of Rs 8 lakh for his start-up from the Department of Education, Government of Gujarat schemes. Aarmabh provided him with Rs 2.5 lakh in financial support.

- **Riya Mulay**, a Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Product Design as major and Health and Wellbeing as minor, was selected for a grant by IIT Madras for her start-up on low-cost prosthetics. Aarmabh provided her with Rs 2.5 lakh in financial support.

- **Chandraneel Sen**, a Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Product Design as major and Visual Arts as minor, and Krisha Lal, with Interaction Design as major and Product Design as minor, were selected for a grant of Rs 15 lakh from the Ministry of MSME, Government of India. Aarmabh provided them with Rs 1.5 lakh in financial support.

- **Saina Shankar**, a BDes student of the Class of 2027 with Product Design as major and Health and Wellbeing as minor, was awarded the 3rd prize by the Honourable Chief Minister of Delhi, Smt Rekha Gupta, at the 16th Toy Biz International B2B Exhibition, New Delhi, India's largest trade fair for the toy industry. She showcased her innovative projects at the exhibition, graced by dignitaries, including Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

Incubation

- **Abhinaba Paul**, a Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Communication Design as major and Moving Image as minor, and Kavya Patel, a Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Space Design as major and Urban Design as minor, secured 2nd position for the project 'Dekho Bharat - VR', a VR application for lost sites in India. The team competed alongside 2087 teams across Gujarat.
- Anant National University Hackathon participants were invited to interact with Prof Louis Phee, VP, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, at the Singapore India Dialogue held at IIT Gandhinagar.
- Anant National University was the Incubator Partner in the Bharat Pitchathon, a state-level start-up pitching event conducted by Headstart Network Foundation. Other partners included the Government of Gujarat, i-Hub, Gujarat Venture Fund Limited and HDFC SmartUP. Aarambh incubated start-ups exhibited their products.

4. Anant Centre for Documentation and Development of Crafts (ACDC)

Anant Centre for Documentation and Development of Crafts documents, supports, nurtures and disseminates knowledge of crafts and traditional systems. India's vast geography, diverse culture and subcultures present varied vernacular design narratives and traditional knowledge systems, many of which are languishing. ACDC seeks to revive these languishing crafts through design innovation, education, training and documentation of vernacular systems.



5. Centre for Public Policy Research and Design (CPRD)

The Centre for Public Policy Research and Design (CPRD) strives to establish thought leadership in public policy through education to create a generation of professionals from diverse backgrounds. Established in collaboration with Communeeti, a Delhi-based not-for-profit entrepreneurial venture on public policy, the centre takes a first-of-its-kind approach to integrate public policy at all levels, starting from undergraduate programmes.

Reports Published

Anant Niti Gyan July 2024 Edition

Anant
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Connecting realities, building perspectives

Fun can change behaviour for the better
The Fun Theory is Volkswagen's initiative. This is one of a series of experiments for a new brand campaign for Volkswagen.

Designing a New Digital Experience for a World-Renowned Japanese Railway
A new, human-centred wayfinding app for one of Japan's most extensive railways. [Read Here](#)

NITI Aayog's Report on Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India [Read Here](#)

Climate Captains:
IDGCS, a global design and innovation company and The Earthshot Prize, built a nine-month Fellowship programme and a five-day, in-person retreat to give finalists the best shot at reaching the Prize's ultimate goal - to scale the solutions that will repair our planet this decade. [Read Here](#)

Unlocking India's Potential in Industrial Revolution 4.0:
This article examines India's potential to utilise IR4.0 for inclusive development while addressing associated challenges. It contends that leveraging India's strengths in ICT software development, youthful population and skill enhancement can position the government at the centre of IR4.0. India could emerge as a global talent hub while using new technologies to close developmental gaps.



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Anant Samvaad



Neeta Pandya, founder, Maaldhari Rural Action Group (MARAG), conducted an informative session.



CPRD, in collaboration with the Debate and Public Policy Club, organised an extempore debate and meet-up.



Himanshu Patel, Sarpanch, Punsari village, a model village of Gujarat, engaged with the students.

6. Centre for Visual Arts

The centre focuses on the role of visuality within creative education through practice and research. It draws on perspectives from aesthetics, philosophy, feminism and gender theories, post-colonial theories, theories of identity, globalisation and new technologies. The centre emphasises developing a student's vision irrespective of one's chosen field of concentration.



Vida Simon, a Canadian performance artist, was a resident artist at the Centre of Visual Arts.



Gia Singh Arora, a filmmaker, performance artist, and educator conducted a workshop on body movement.

7. Centre for Urbanism and Cultural Economics

The centre, a constituent unit of the School of Creative Practices and Entrepreneurship (SCoPE), aims to address the interconnected challenges of urban growth and cultural economies in the post-pandemic context of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Guest Lecture

The centre organised a lecture by **Venkat Iyer**, Ulster University, titled Legal Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Prospects and Challenges.

8. International Centre for Inclusive Cultural Leadership

The International Centre for Inclusive Cultural Leadership (ICICL) is a global action-think tank that works towards inclusivity, inspirational leadership and all forms of sustainable heritage development grounded in SDGs, UN 2030 Agenda and HABITAT III. The centre brings together the community, professional and community capital of the International Institute for the Inclusive Museum.

International Conferences organised by the centre include the Seventeenth International Conference on the Inclusive Museum, with UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development, ICOM Austria; Weltmuseum Wein; International Institute for Inclusive Museum (IIIM); Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) as conference partners, and the Tenth International Conference on Tourism and Leisure Studies, with the University of Curaçao; Ministry of Economic Development of Curaçao; Curaçao Tourism Bureau and International Institute for the Inclusive Museum (iiIM) as conference partners.

9. Centre for Moving Image

The Centre for Moving Image is an ideal fusion hub for aspiring young storytellers to evolve by exercising creative collaboration embedded with the Design Thinking process. This area fosters deep and enthusiastic exploration of technology, media enhancement and social initiatives. The centre prepares students for a career in immersive and interactive media domains, such as films, television, radio and internet-based emerging media practices.

10. Centre for Behavioural Science and Design

The centre integrates behavioural science with knowledge and experience in domains such as urban architecture, spatial design, product design, fashion design and many more. The centre aims to provide solutions that prioritise people's needs while being sustainable. Currently, the centre is involved in offering elective courses to Anant students from all streams.

11. Writing and Communication Studio

The centre provides space for writing enthusiasts through workshops, writing retreats, thesis and research. Live-action project reports are a speciality of this studio. It also offers modules to help students communicate effectively in personal and professional contexts. Currently, the centre is involved in offering elective courses to Anant students from all streams.

12. Bloom Centre for Wellbeing

Mental health is an important conversation and crucial to student well-being. Anant aims to create an empathetic environment which is receptive to students' needs. Bloom Centre for Wellbeing focuses on the psychological, physical and emotional well-being of the students and inculcates positive values in the community.

The centre organises Wellbeing Sensitisation

Sessions, weekly open discussions around identity, self-expression, self-care and the power of presence. The centre has also partnered with Blue Circle Medi Services to offer professional on-campus counselling support.

Highlights:

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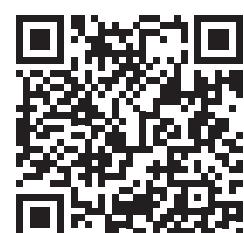
students and faculty members registering on the platform to access support

588

counselling sessions have been conducted

13. Anant Centre for Sustainability

The Anant Centre for Sustainability is dedicated to advancing research and development initiatives, anticipating future sustainability trends and combating climate change. By providing actionable insights and innovative solutions, the centre serves as a vital resource for policymakers, businesses and communities worldwide. Our research efforts span various aspects of climate change mitigation and adaptation, emphasising the interdisciplinary nature of sustainability endeavours aimed at addressing climate change challenges.



Scan for more Information

Admissions and Outreach

Outreach

1049

campus
footfalls

2200

prospective
students

71

school fairs

29

design &
career fairs

75

workshops

12

Indian
cities

Admissions 2024

600+

students
enrolment

283

Indian
cities

30

states/UTs



Anant Design Entrance and Proficiency Test (ADEPT)

Anant National University is committed to addressing issues such as accessibility, affordability and quality standardisation of education through various initiatives. ADEPT (Anant Design Entrance and Proficiency Test) is one such initiative. It is India's first and only multilingual design entrance test, conducted in 5 languages, including English, Hindi, Gujarati, Bengali and Tamil. It is for the first time in India that any design institution checks for aptitude in creativity and innovation in languages other than English, which is the norm. This initiative shows Anant's commitment to inclusivity and equal opportunities for aspiring

designers from diverse linguistic backgrounds. By expanding assessment options, Anant fosters inclusivity and democratises access to design education, opening doors to a broader range of talent.

ADEPT goes beyond the traditional way of evaluation. It assesses a candidate's critical thinking, design aptitude, holistic approach and overall awareness of societal and global dynamics.

In the 2024-25 admission cycle, 43 applicants opted for ADEPT in various Indian languages. 17 of these students have joined the Anant BDes Class of 2028.

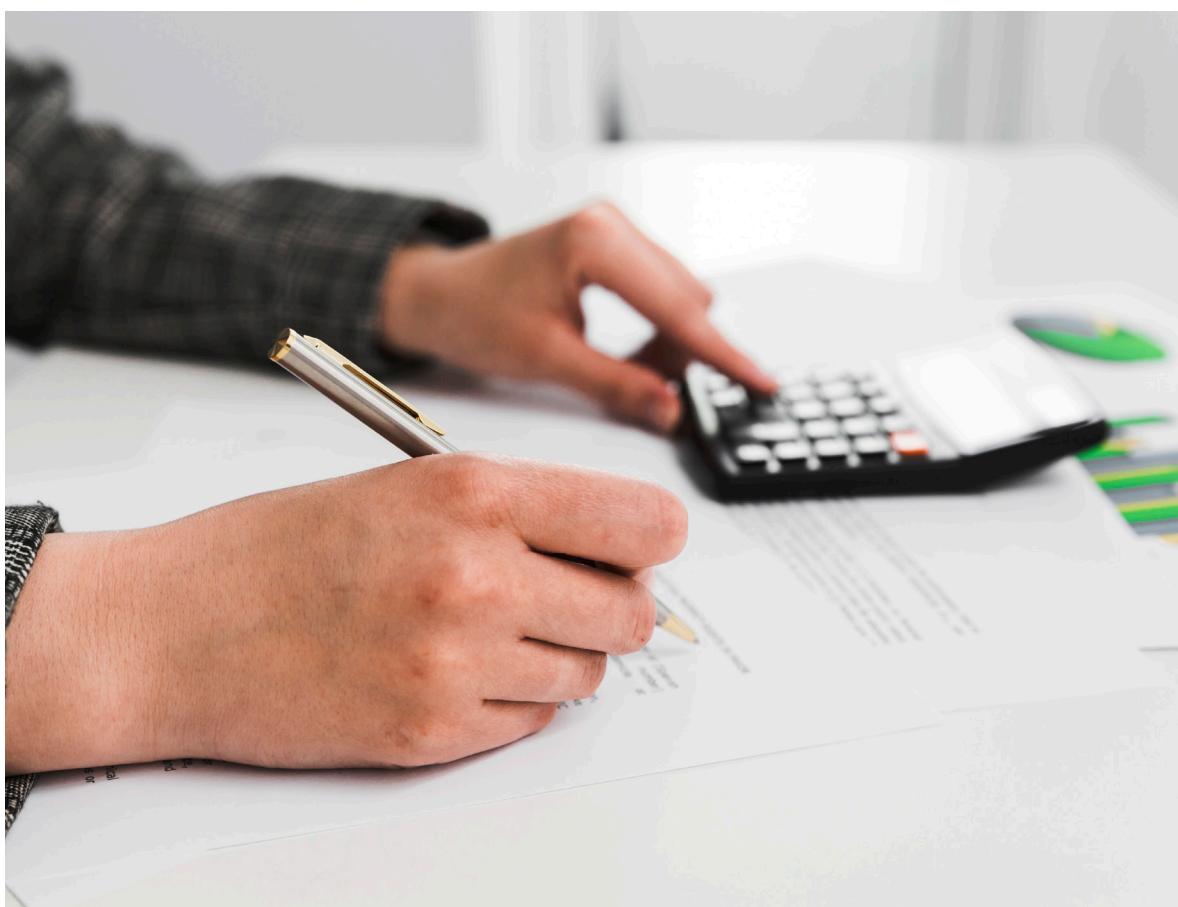
Financial Aid

Anant offers need-based financial aid, and all incoming students are eligible to apply for full and partial scholarships. In the academic year 2024-25, 20% of students in the UG programme received financial aid. A total of 294 students were scholarship recipients. An amount of Rs 3,76cr was given by way of financial aid to undergraduate and postgraduate students during the academic year.

Rs **28.76Cr**
Since inception
financial aid awarded

1142
Students receiving
aid to date

At Anant, we look beyond financial barriers. Our commitment is to transform potential into possibility, ensuring talented students can pursue their passion and be solutionaries. We break down economic obstacles through our need-based and merit-based financial aid, empowering students to shape their future without compromise.



Partnerships and Collaborations

Anant has collaborations with academic institutions, the Government, NGOs and industries to make design education in line with the needs of the world.



7 New Collaborations in Academic Year 2023-24



Academic Alliances



- Anant signed an MoU with **Vilnius Academy of Art, Lithuania**, to foster student and faculty exchange, applied research, joint programmes, festival exchanges, joint publications and more.
- Anant and **Whitecliffe Group (New Zealand, Germany, Australia)** signed an MoU to establish a collaborative framework to enable global exchange, innovation and excellence in design, creative arts and education.
- An MoU was signed between **Anant and Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem (Israel)** to establish an exchange of academic staff, joint research, student exchange and the organisation of academic events of mutual interest.
- Anant signed an MoU with **FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO), Ahmedabad Chapter**, to empower women from Sahaay NGO through training in surface ornamentation.
- Anant entered into an MoU with the **Omysha Foundation** to collaborate on impactful climate action and sustainable citizenship programmes for school students aged 12 to 18 years.

Capstone Collaborations



Partners Projects

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)



Anant and Virginia Commonwealth University signed an MoU to collaborate on initiatives that support community immersion and innovation for a global impact. Prominent dignitaries from VCU present at the ceremony were Michael Rao, President, Jill Blondin, Associate Vice Provost for Global Initiatives and Garret Westlake, Associate Vice Provost for Innovation, Executive Director and Professor, da Vinci Center for Innovation, along with Anunaya Chaubey, Provost, Anant National University, Milind Chitale, Associate Professor, School of Design and Director, Makerspace and Dhara Thakore, Head of Aarambh Incubation Centre and Office of Career Services.

Garret Westlake conducted a faculty development programme titled 'Design Thinking and Innovation' and a student workshop titled 'Lego Serious Play Workshop', which used LEGO bricks to facilitate creative thinking and problem-solving.



Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, Israel

Anant collaborated with Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, Israel, for an engaging project, where students explored cultural heritage and co-created innovative strategies for preservation and future narratives.



Industry-Academia Interaction Series with ASSOCHAM

Anant's Aarambh Incubation Centre, in collaboration with ASSOCHAM, organised a session of the Industry-Academia Interaction Series. Rajendra Shah, Chairman, Harsha Engineers International Limited and Milind Chitale, Associate Professor, School of Design and Director, Makerspace, chaired the session.



Sekhar Mukherjee, Professor and Programme Lead, Moving Image, was invited to the ERASMUS International Staff Week.



Gintarė Valevičiūtė and Margarita Valionytė from the Vilnius Academy of Art conducted a 4-day masterclass for the Moving Image students on memory film.

As part of the continued collaboration between Anant and Somaiya Kala Vidya, 7 Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design students from the Class of 2026 participated in a peer learning session at the SKV Campus, Anjar.

Community Initiatives

Design | Document | Develop



As part of the Community Immersion course, 572 Foundation year students and 18 faculty engaged with 10 peri-urban villages and 4 industrial regions to understand community dynamics shaped by urbanisation and industrial growth. The course was designed to foster key values in design education, including empathy, critical thinking and problem-solving.

18
faculty members

10
peri-urban villages

572
students

4
industrial regions



BDes students conducted an interactive workshop at Anant School of Excellence, Ahmedabad, engaging school students in fun, hands-on design activities. The session introduced them to the fundamentals of creative thinking and problem-solving.

Orientation 2024

The beginning of the academic year 2024-25 brought a lot of excitement to the campus. While Anant welcomed its largest BDes class so far, new PhD scholars and Bachelor of Technology in Climate Change, Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Visual Arts students also began their academic journeys at Anant as their orientation programmes began.

More than 600 new Anant members, pursuing a wide range of courses Anant offers, had the campus buzzing with enthusiasm.



Academic Activities

Workshops | FDPs | Guest Lectures | Projects
Celebrations | Exhibitions

Snapshots

1. Workshops and Seminars

TEDxAnant National University

Anant National University hosted TEDx on the theme Solutionaries, which celebrated revolutionary thinkers with a solution-oriented mindset.





Kamala Devi led a session titled 'Black Pottery' at Anant, where participants explored Manipur's Thongjao pottery through hands-on techniques.

Shashi Enarth, Graduate Director, School of Public Policy, University of British Columbia, delivered an insightful session titled 'Researching Vulnerability.'

Research Dissemination Workshop Sponsored by ICSSR for the Sponsored Research Project.

Gaurav Dante, Training Specialist at EBSCO Information, conducted a session titled 'Advanced Search for Your Research.'

Viren Brahmbhatt, Architect, Urban Designer, and Founder-Principal of de.Sign Studio, New York City, delivered a session titled 'Transforming the Godavari Riverfront and Cultural Precincts in Nashik, India.'

2. Faculty Development Programme

Indira Parikh, Founder and President, FLAME University, led the FDP on Mentoring, which equipped 47 faculty and staff members with tools, insights and reflective practices to build meaningful mentoring relationships that support both academic and emotional growth of students.



3. Guest Lectures

Aarati Kanekar, Professor at DAAP, University of Cincinnati, USA, conducted an engaging session on 'Narrative and Spatial Sequence.'

Javier Cruz, Professor and Senior Designer, School of Visual Arts, New York, led a thought-provoking session on 'Volvox – New Media Art Studio'.

Jill Blondin, Associate Vice Provost for Global Initiatives, Virginia Commonwealth University, conducted a special session with the Bachelor of Visual Arts students.

Anant National University hosted an insightful trend forecasting session by Worth Global Style Network (WGSN), titled 'Future Forward – Decoding Design Trends.'

Srikanta Paul, a distinguished printmaker and Associate Professor, Centre for Visual Arts, conducted an engaging illustrated talk.

Marie Julia Bollansée, a Belgian Artist, led an interesting discussion on art and more during the Artist Talk.

Anoop Panicker, a celebrated sculptor, conducted a session during the Artist Talk.

Illustrated Talk by **Chintan Upadhyay**, a visual artist, engaged Anant students on various thought-provoking topics.

Dayanita Singh, a renowned bookmaker and a photo architect, participated in the Artist Talk series, bringing fresh insights.

A Glasgow-based artist, **Riel Noir**, presented an illustrated talk titled 'Contradictory Connections.'

Artist **Akshaj Kilewala** conducted a session as part of the Illustrated talk, discussing engaging and relevant topics with students.

Sekhar Mukherjee, Professor and Programme Lead, Moving Image, School of Design, delivered an online lecture to Gaming and Animation students at Chung Ang University, Seoul, South Korea.

Parasharan Chari, Co-founder of Medkart, delivered a guest session on 'Entrepreneurial Leadership: Turning Ideas into Reality,' inspiring students to translate innovative ideas into impactful ventures.

Beena Santosh Modathi conducted an Expert Lecture on 'Cultural Surface Practices' for 6th-semester Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design students, offering them hands-on knowledge into traditional and contemporary surface design approaches.

Bala Mahajan, President, ADI and Principal Designer and Co-Founder, Ticket Design, led a guest lecture titled 'Ticket Design – Lessons in Creativity and Innovation,' sharing valuable insights on design thinking and creative leadership.

Anant School for Climate Action at Anant National University hosted Professor **J K Garg**, an expert in geospatial technologies and wetland conservation, for an informative session on 'Understanding India's Wetlands for Climate Change Adaptation.'

4. Anant Colloquium

A platform to share your explorations with the Anant community.

Naga Chaitanya, Assistant Professor, School of Climate Action and **Risha Roy**, Associate Professor and Lead, Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design, opened the first session of the Anant Colloquium, themed 'Sustainable Practices.' The discussants included Rajeev Kathpalia, Chair Professor, School of Architecture, Sharadbala Joshi and Sangram Singh Parmar, Associate Professor and Lead, Space Design.

Vyas Mani Sharma, Assistant Professor, School of Design, **Nisar Momin**, Assistant Professor, Makerspace, School of Design and Vinay Chippa, Teaching Assistant, School of Design, presented their papers on 'Materials in Making.' The discussants for the session included Rajeev Kathpalia, Chair Professor, School of Architecture, Bhaviya Rana, Associate Professor, School of Design and Milind Chitale, Associate Professor, School of Design and Director, Makerspace.

Dhara Dave, Assistant Professor, School of Architecture and **Prayas Abhinav**, Assistant Professor, Interaction Design, School of Design, headed the discussion on Art Unbound, with Rajeev Kathpalia, Chair Professor, School of Architecture, Sekhar Mukherjee, Professor and Programme Lead, Moving Image, School of Design and Aditi Vashisht, Assistant Professor, School of Design as discussants.

Sangram Singh Parmar, Associate Professor and Lead, Space Design, School of Design and **Foram Bhatt**, Assistant Professor, School of Architecture, chaired the session on Creative Processes and Learnings. Rajeev Kathpalia, Chair Professor, School of Architecture, Sharmila Sagara, Associate Professor, Centre for Visual Arts and Lalon, Associate Professor, School of Design, were the discussants.

Sreejit Datta, Assistant Professor, School of Creative Practices and Entrepreneurship and Foundation Studies and **Piyush Thakkar**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Visual Arts, chaired the session on Contours of Aesthetic Dialogue with Rajeev Kathpalia, Chair Professor, School of Architecture, Vijay Sekhon, Associate Professor and Lead, Interaction Design, School of Design and Falguni Patel, Associate Professor, School of Design as discussants.

5. Live and Research Capstone Projects

Highlights of the projects undertaken by students

Aswin KA, a BDes student of the Class of 2025 with Space Design as major and Visual Arts as minor, worked on a project titled 'Between Steps (adavus) and Silence: The Transactional Spaces in Bharatanatyam.'

Nandini Bhansali, a BDes student of the Class of 2025 with Space Design as major and Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design as minor, worked on a project titled 'Underwater Living: Adapting Habitats for Rising Sea Levels.'

Vidhi Gangani, a BDes student of the Class of 2025 with Space Design as major and Furniture Design as minor, undertook the project 'Transient to Thriving: Affordable, Dignified, Modular Housing for Migrant Workers.'

Harsh Jangid, a BDes student of the Class of 2025 with Space Design as major and Furniture Design as minor, used electro-magnetism for his project 'Fusion of Forces: Sculpting The Invisibles.'

Manya Parekh, a BDes student of the Class of 2025 with Space Design as major and Graphic Design as minor, designed a climate-responsive, bio-mimicking façade retrofit to address the Urban Heat Island effect.

Research Capstone Projects

Notion of a modern home in a globalised society; Exploring Western influences on evolving aesthetics of Mumbai's homes, by **Aanya Jain**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Space Design as major and Furniture Design as minor.

Understanding the role of seating configurations in libraries of higher education by **Aarya Modh**, a BDes student of the Class of 2025 with Space Design as major and Graphic Design as minor.

Exploring the role of liminal spaces in public buildings, by **Krina Jain**, a BDes student of the Class of 2025 with Space Design as major and Furniture Design as minor.

Developing climate-responsive exterior cladding elements to reduce urban heat island effect, by **Manya Parekh**, a BDes student of the Class of 2025 with Space Design as major and Graphic Design as minor.

Exploring 'lived' identity through study of informal urban spaces: a case of tea stalls in Ahmedabad, **Bhavesh Suthar**, a BDes student of the Class of 2025 with Space Design as major and Graphic Design as minor.



6. Celebrations

WITH Festival | 3rd Edition

Anant hosted the 3rd edition of the WITH Festival 2025, themed 'Borderless - Global Indigenous Futures,' celebrating Indigenous storytelling through contemporary media. More than 40 artists from across the globe put up captivating traditional performances.



Realtime graphics for background done by IxD students using Touch Designer and Resolume.

12 performances
8 workshops
40+ artists
500+ attendees
4 keynote speakers



7. Exhibitions and Presentations: Celebrating Students' Work



Fellows (Cohort of 2024-25) from the Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment, Mishal Desai and Gopika Rao, and Faculty, Priyamwada Singh, participated the Singapore International Water Week 2024. The event was organised by our academic partner, Pratt Institute, in collaboration with SUTD, Pace University, and Universidad del Desarrollo.

Pradarshani: Fellows (Cohort of 2023-24) from the Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment organised an exhibit showcasing their unique and diverse cultural heritages, and building connections throughout the university.

Faculty

Global Visiting Faculty



James Hegarty
Professor, Cardiff University
SCoPE Scholar, Anant



Rudolphe El Khoury
Dean, School of Architecture, University of Miami
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Philip Ellis
Scholar-Practitioner, University of Pennsylvania
SCoPE Scholar, Anant



Peer Sathikh
Associate Professor, Nanyang Technological University
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Sanjeev Chatterjee
Professor, School of Communication, University of Miami
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Bindu Bhadana
Artist
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Dinie Van Den Heuvel
Creative Director, Infantium Victoria
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Anubha Kakroo
Former Dean, Faculty of Architecture, DIT University
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Amit Gulati
Co-founder, Incubis, Visiting Faculty, Anant



Tapan Chakravarty
Architect
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Sameera Fernandes
Chief Growth Officer, Polynome Group
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Sundar Sarukkai
Philosopher, Author
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Takbir Fatima
Director, DesignAware
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Ali Vaughan
Artist
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Manuel M de las Heras
Co-Founder, LocalxSociety
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Gintarė Valevičiūtė - Brazauskienė
Associate Professor, Vilnius Academy of Art
Visiting Faculty, Anant



Margarita Valionytė, Animation Instructor, Vilnius Academy of Art
Visiting Faculty, Anant

Women constitute

36% senior leadership

39% full-time faculty

49% staff

49% overall

Geographical diversity

22 Indian states and UTs

Faculty

Anunaya Chaubey	Debashis Mohantay	Jitendra Solanki	Parthiv Sharadbhai
Abhishek Choubey	Deep Godhania	Joel Fernando	Shah
Aditi Vashisht	Deepak Dadheech	Kabya Shree	Parvinder Singh
Advait Patel	Deepshika Garg	Kabyashree Borgohain	Patel Reema Samir
Akash Gaur	Devanshu	Kamala Devi	Piyush Thakkar
Akshaj Kilewala	Brahmakshatriya	Kapil Agarwal	Poonam Jolly
Alexandra Vaughan	Devesh Waghela	Kartik Vora	Poonam Trambadia
Aman Thanaram	Dhananjai Sinha	Kavan Purohit	Pragati Goyal
Amishi Bajpai	Dhanashree Manohar	Kavita Pradhan	Prakash Patel
Amit Gulati	Dhara Dave	Khushnu Mody	Pranshu Chaudhary
Amit Kumar	Dhara Rao	Koral Adenwala	Prasad Modak
Amitabh Pandey	Dhara Thakore	Krishna Mashruwala	Prayas Abhinav
Amruta Namjoshi	Dharmik Thakkar	Krithick	Prerit Jain
Anant Pillai	Dhaval Monani	Kushboo Shah	Preyan Mehta
Ananya Parikh	Dhaval Raval	Lalon	Priya Narayanan
Anirudh Shankar	Dhruv Jani	Lester S. Silveira	Priyal Shah
Anjali Lohia	Dhruv Mehta	Maharishi Thula	Priyam Parikh
Anjali PS	Dhruv Saxena	Mahendra Patel	Priyanka Dave
Ankur Jyoti Dutta	Dhruv Shah	Mansi Christi	Priyanka Kundu
Ankur Kulshrestha	Dhruvi Thakkar	Mansi Shah	Probal Banerjee
Anoli Ruia	Dikshita Mehta	Manuel M De Las Heras	Prosenjeet Ganguly
Anoop Panicker	Dinie Van Den Heuvel	Meena As	Prosenjit Ganguli
Anubha Kakroo	Dipak Raghvani	Milind Chitale	Puneet Chhikara
Anurima Chatterjee	Diti Vyas	Milind Patel	Puneet Kumar
Aparna Kapoor	Divij Shukla	Mishal Dodia	Radhika Gupta
Apoorva Prashant	Rajeswar Mishra	Mohik Acharya	Rahul Soni
Shah	Falguni Patel	Mohik Pankajbhai	Rajan Sitapara
Apurva Neeraj Pandey	Foram Nareshbhai Bhatt	Acharya	Rajeev Kathpalia
Archana Baghel	Garima Poonia	Mona Prabhu	Rajendra Singh
Arunita Paul	Gauri Bharat	Monalisa Thakur	Rajesh Sagara
Arvind Chudasama	Gautam Chakraborty	Shishir Jha	Rajula Shah
Arvind Patil	Gia Singh	Mrinal Bhatt	Ramesh Patel
Ashima Sood	Girish Rathod	Mritunjay Baruah	Ramneek Majethiya
Ashish Shakuniya	Hameersinh Rana	Mrugen Rathod	Rashida Taybjee
Ashish Tiwari	Hansa Thapliyal	Avni Joshi	Ratna Patel
Atreya Bhattacharya	Harshang Tholkar	Sameera Fernandez	Ravi Mistry
Avni Sethi	Hemang Anglay	Vasudha Saraogi	Ravi Raj
Avnie Garg	Hemin Pansera	Naga Chaitanya Kavuri	Risha Roy
Ayushi Motiwala	Het Shah	Namrata Sah	Ritu Goenka
Bharat Choudhry	Hetal Shrivastav	Nandakumar S S	Rohan Dutta
Bharath Murthy	Himali Gor	Nandkishore Tatar	Rohit Pansare
Bhargav Padhiyar	Himanshi Chichgar	Narayan Parasuram	Roshni Bais
Bhavi Jasani	Himanshu Ghosh	Navjit Gaurav	Ruchi Sharma
Bhavik Mehta	Hitesh Desai	Neeraja Desai	Ruchie Kothari
Bhavin Shukla	Imon Raza	Neha Nair	Ruchita Shah
Bhaviya Rana	IP Gautam	Neha Vin	Rudolphe- El-Khoury
Bhavya Goenka	Irena Romendik	Nipun Prabhakar	Rukminee Guha
Bindu Bhadana	Jaai Kakani	Nirali Parekh	Thakurta
Binil Mohan	Jagat Vyas	Nirukt Dave	Rutvi Ashar
Binoli Shah	Jaimini Mahida	Nisar Momin	Sachin Muley
Brajesh Dhiman	Jainil Mehta	Nishant Jonathan	Sagar Prabhakar
Burzin Unwalla	Janki Shah	Nishita Kedia	Sananda Banerjee
Cedric Serpes	Jasmine Gohil	Ojas Mali	Sandeep Khatik
Chandra Nath Tripathi	Jay Merja	Palash Dhara	Sandeep Paul
Chaula Patel	Jayesh Gohel	Pallak Gupte	Sangita Khalsa
Dadhichi Patel	Jazer Chand	Pallavi Mukesh Jain	Sangramsinh
Darpil Harsh Shah	Jigar Patel	Parag Sarma	Juwansinh Parmar
Darshil Trivedi	Jinal Patel	Parth Atulkumar Shah	Sanjay Rajwar
Dasharha Sevak	Jinal Sangoi	Parth Raval	Sanjeev Chatterjee

Sanya Jain
Sarthak Tapasvi
Satish Poludas
Satyajit Dave
Sekhar Mukherjee
Shaili Patel
Shalin Shah
Sharat Acharya
Sharmila Sagara
Shart Acharya
Sheel Thakore
Shilpi Kapur
Shivangi Singh
Parmar
Shivani Agarwal
Shrenjee Dudhaiya
Shreya Kaul
Shreya Khandekar
Shreya Parikh

Siddhartha Koduru
Smit Prajapati
Sneha Puri
Snehal Jani
Snehal Kashikar
Snehal Nagarsheth
Soha Trivedi
Sreejit Datta
Srikanta Paul
Stuti Shah
Subhalaxmi Mohapatra
Subir Das
Sudhir Kuduchkar
Sudipto Kundu
Suhas Suresh
Toshniwal
Sundar Sarukkai
Sunil Mistry
Sunny Bansal

Suruchi Sharma
Susheel Punekar
Swati Gupta
Swati Mangrulkar
T. Suriyavarsha
Takbir Fatima
Tanmay Srivastava
Tapan Chakravarty
Udit Bhattacharya
Ujjwal Dawar
Umang Mankodia
Umesh Shurpali
Urvi Desai
Vaibhav Bhavsar
Vadehee Patel
Vaishnavi Naga
Varun Shashni
Vidhi Naik
Vidhu Bansal

Vijay Arya
Vijayendra Singh
Sekhon
Vikranth Volli
Villoo Mirza
Vimarsch Pandya
Vinod Ka
Viransh Shah
Vivek Chondagar
Vyas Mani Sharma
Winona D'Souza
Yash Pandya
Yawar Wani

Welcoming a Multitalented Pool of Faculty

Anant National University is proud to welcome a vibrant pool of faculty, each an accomplished academic in their field and many with remarkable achievements beyond the classroom.

Among the new joinees are trained classical vocalists and dancers, passionate advocates of community-driven initiatives, a gold medallist in Vastu Shastra, a popular TV art show host, styrophiles, bibliophiles, high-altitude trekkers, vintage motorcycle enthusiasts and even the Waterman of India himself.

This eclectic mix of expertise and passion reflects Anant's belief that education thrives at the intersection of disciplines, cultures, and lived experiences. We welcome them all.



Convocation 2024

Anant National University hosted the 6th Convocation, conferring degrees on 293 students from the Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Design and Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment. Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri awardee, Member of Parliament – Rajya Sabha, Founder of Infosys Foundation, Chairperson of Murty Trust, author and philanthropist, Sudha Murty, was the Chief Guest. Ajay Piramal, President, Anant National University, Anunaya Chaubey, Provost, Anant National University, Pramath Raj Sinha, Founding Provost, Anant National University and the members of the board were present during the convocation. Swati Piramal, Vice Chairperson, Piramal Group, also attended the ceremony.

The ceremony also recognised 32 exceptional students across 10 categories spanning all programmes, including Academic Excellence, Outstanding Academic Performance, Best Innovation, Best Graduation Project, Best Thesis, Best Live-Action Project and Best Student.

Chief Guest



Sudha Murty

Founder of Infosys Foundation

Author, Philanthropist and Chairperson of Murty Trust

Message to the Graduands

"You are all creative individuals—creators, like Lord Brahma. Through design, you express your emotions and ideas. What truly stands out to me is how you connect with communities through your projects. In my experience, many young people today struggle to build meaningful connections, but that is not the case at Anant. This unique quality sets you apart".



Notable Accomplishments

University | Faculty | Students

I. University Accomplishments



Anant National University was honoured at the inaugural IPR Conclave 2024. Dhara Thakore, Head of Aarambh Incubation Centre and Assistant Professor and Milind Chitale, Associate Professor, School of Design and Director, Makerspace, received the award by Unnat Pandit, Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, Government of India, at the conclave organised by ASSOCHAM, Gujarat Council.



Anant's Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design, led by Risha Roy, Associate Professor and Lead, Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design, School of Design and Anoli Ruia, in collaboration with SFTD students Disha Chandak and Kavya Menda, designed the Academia Regalia for NAMTECH's first convocation. The designs embodied Anant's core values of sustainability and innovation.



Anant National University was awarded as one of the Top Three Universities in the Western Zone for Innovative Initiatives at the Institution Innovation Council (IIC) regional meet organised by the Ministry of Education Innovation Cell and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).



Anant National University was felicitated at the ET Industry Leaders Gujarat 2025 as the Centre of Excellence for Design Education by Balvantsinh Rajput, Cabinet Minister for Industries, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Cottage, Khadi and Rural Industries, Civil Aviation, Labour and Employment, and actor Rahul Roy.



Anant's Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design (SFTD) developed the convocation stoles in-house, symbolising the spirit of collaboration and collective achievement.



The Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design students Aishwarya Gehlot, Sanyukta Gupta, Asmi Lala, Smriti Nair, Ananya Sharma, Aayushi Choksi and Kashvi Patel, under the mentorship of Bhaviya Rana, Associate Professor, School of Design, represented Anant National University at Ahmedabad Fashion Week 2024, showcasing their latest collection, 'All Eyes on Us.'



During Ahmedabad Fashion Week – 2025, SFTD students presented their latest collection based on the theme 'Enigma of the Lost World'. Mentored by Associate Professors Bhaviya Rana and Falguni Patel, and overseen by Risha Roy, Associate Professor and Lead, Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design, School of Design, the collection stood as a compelling expression of conscious creativity.

Congratulations



Most Preferred Workplace

"Anant National University was conferred with the 'Most Preferred Workplace 2025-26' award by Marksmen Daily during its 5th Edition held on June 27, 2025, in Mumbai. This recognition reaffirms our human-centric ethos, where people, purpose, and progress remain central to a thriving workplace culture. It further underscores Anant's enduring commitment to fostering an inclusive and progressive work environment that prioritises employee well-being, encourages innovation, and upholds excellence."

Sponsored Projects

Title - Sustainable wire arc additive manufacturing: Utilizing recycled waste steel for large-scale production

PIs/Mentors: Vyas Mani Sharma

Funding Amount: Rs 70,88,115/-

Sponsored Agency: ANRF, DST, Govt of India

School: School of Design

Title - Development of Microbial Strains to Support On-Campus Waste Water Management Systems

PIs/Mentors: Naga Chaitanya Kavuri

Funding Amount: Rs 10,00,000/-

Sponsored Agency: Anant National University

School: Anant School for Climate Action

Title - Design of Moss-Based Indoor Air Filter

PIs/Mentors: Riya Gupta, Rohan Dutta

Funding Amount: Rs 2,50,000/-

Sponsored Agency: SSIP, Govt of Gujarat

School: Anant School for Climate Action

Title - Design of Decentralised Refuse Derived Fuel system for Waste to Energy transformation

PIs/Mentors: Srijan Sahane, Rohan Dutta

Funding Amount: Rs 2,50,000/-

Sponsored Agency: SSIP, Govt of Gujarat

School: Anant School for Climate Action

Title - Design, fabrication, and implementation of an Upflow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket (UASB) reactor intended to treat wastewater

PIs/Mentors: Naga Chaitanya Kavuri

Funding Amount: Rs 2,50,000/-

Sponsored Agency: Anant National University

School: Anant School for Climate Action

Title - Solar Desalination System at Community Scale

PIs/Mentors: Rohan Dutta

Funding Amount: Rs 2,14,000/-

Sponsored Agency: Anant National University

School: Anant School for Climate Action

Title - Investigating Impact of Digital India Initiative on Urban and Rural Youth in Gujarat, Sponsored Minor

PIs/Mentors - Subhalaxmi Mohapatra, Diti Vyas and Subhadip Roy, Professor, IIM Ahmedabad.

Sponsored Agency: ICSSR

Project Sanctioned Amount - Rs 9,26,000/-

II. Faculty Accomplishments

International Journal and Conferences

Ankur Jyoti Dutta

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Diti Vyas

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Kavita Pradhan

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Rohan Dutta

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Ashima Sood

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Ankur Jyoti Dutta

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- Dutta, A. J. (2025, February 21–23). Indigenous wisdom in urban conservation: A case of revitalization of the Delhi Ridge through cultural and ecological restoration [Paper presentation]. International Conference on Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices: Designing Sustainable Futures, Anant National University, Ahmedabad, India.

Foram Bhatt

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Neha Nair

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- Nair, N. (2025). Design – Pedagogy and practice: Experiments in design education to bridge the gap [Paper presentation]. Metagreen Dimensions 4.0: Biennial Conference on Value by Design, College of Architecture, Trivandrum, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India.

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Shreya Parikh and Archana Baghel

- Parikh, S., & Baghel, A. (2025). Evaluating women's access and participation in Ahmedabad's public parks: Insights from spatial and societal analysis [Conference abstract presentation]. RSPWP 2025 National Conference on Reimagining Spatial Planning from Women's Perspective, Sri Sri University, Cuttack, Odisha, India.

Subhalaxmi Mohapatra

- Mohapatra, S., & Vyas, D. (2025). Can a small handicraft business increase engagement through social media? A case study of Karan Handicrafts using the Honeycomb model [Paper presentation]. 5th International Conference on Management Research (ICMR 2025), KIIT School of Management (KSOM), Bhubaneswar, India.
- Mohapatra, S., & Vyas, D. (2025). Empowering digital competence in India: An empirical study of the Digital India initiative [Paper presentation]. 4th Pritam Singh Memorial (PRISM) Conference, School of Leadership and Management, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, Faridabad, India.
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- Mohapatra, S. (2025). Stronger together: A case study approach to understand the woman entrepreneur and its network during pandemic times [Paper presentation]. Connection, Communication, and Collaboration (3Cs) to Foster Women Entrepreneurship Seminar, Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad, India.

Invitations and Awards

Aditi Vashishth

- Invited to present the curriculum to be adopted as a guide and advisory for Interior Design Programs in India

Ankur Jyoti Dutta

- Best Paper Award for the research paper titled Indigenous Wisdom in Urban Conservation – A Case of Revitalization of the Delhi Ridge through Cultural and Ecological Restoration at Anant National University, Ahmedabad.

Ashima Sood

- Invited as expert panelist at CEPT Research Symposium and National Law School University of India/ INET Young Scholars Initiative Inclusive Development Conference: Housing and Urban Land Management in an Unequal World.

Dhara Dave

- Curation work at Abhivyakti city arts project.

Diti Vyas

- Delivered a guest session on Managerial Communication and a workshop on Business Storytelling at IIM Sambalpur.
- Delivered a guest talk on Interpersonal Skills for Nursing Managers at the IIT, Gandhinagar.
- Invited as a speaker for the Communicating in Teams Pre-engagement Workshop at the Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar.
- Editorial Board of Anthem Young Adult and Children's Literature Anthem, an imprint of Wimbledon Publishing Company.
- Delivered a guest talk on Engaging Others and Achieving Results: Communication Competence for Doctors at the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar.
- Chaired a session on Eco-imaginaries at Tilburg University, the Netherlands.

Falguni Patel

- Invited to the PDKF's Artisan Collective. A 3-day celebration of women artisans & their crafts from across India.
- Contributed a 3000-word research article in the latest edition of the Coffee Table Book - Shirtopedia, by the Images Group.

Neha Nair

- Invited as Speaker at Heritage and Us, an online forum by IESCOA, Mumbai and Department of Architecture & Interior Design, National Yunlin University of Science & Technology, Taiwan.
- Awarded Runner-up at IIID Inscape Photography Competition - Theme 'Yards'.

Nirali Parekh

- Invited for an FDP on Design and Management in Ahmedabad under the aegis of IID.

Risha Roy

- Invited to speak at Ahmedabad Parlons 4.0 by Ahmedabad School of Public Policy (ASPP) at Alliance Francaise d' Ahmedabad.

Sanjay Rajwar

- Work selected for Abhivyakti city arts project, Ahmedabad, to display a sculpture, Childhood Memories.

Sekhar Mukherjee

- Invited for a talk on comics and its growing importance as a tool for future academic material at IIT Gandhinagar's Comics Conclave 3.0.

Sharmila Sagara

- Invited as an external juror at the Department of Sculpture, Faculty of Fine Arts, MSU Baroda.

Snehal Nagarsheth

- Invited to represent the School of Architecture at the IID Education Council Meeting.

Subhalaxmi Mohapatra

- Invited as a Resource Person to conduct a one-day MDP on Nudge and Behavioral Economics in the Pharma industry at Mankind Pharma.
- Invited as an Expert External Evaluator for the Research Degree Committee (RDC) of the Doctoral Students at GLS University, Ahmedabad.
- Invited as a session chair for मंथन 2024, GLS University Doctoral and Faculty Research Colloquium.
- Invited as mentor, Behavioural Lab, KIIT School of Management, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar.

Sukamal Deb

- Awarded Certificate of Reviewing by Science Publishing Group, NY, USA.
- Honorary appointment as National Project Director, North East India, Save Earth Mission.
- Recognised as a reviewer for the International Journal of Sustainable Development Research of Science Publishing Group, USA.
- Awarded the Certificate of Excellence by The Journal of Scientific Research and Reports, London

III. Student Achievements

Innovations and Higher Education Pathways

- Ananya Sharma**, a BDes student of the Class of 2025 with Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design as major Graphic Design as minor, secured an international capstone project with a zero-waste clothing brand in Belgium.
- Anushka Talele**, a BDes student of the Class of 2026 with Communication Design as major and Product Design as minor, submitted an identity design for the Department of Tourism, Prayagraj, as a nationwide entry and was shortlisted.
- Jhankrita Chauhan**, a BArch student of the Class of 2025, secured an All India Rank 103 in GATE 2024 and received offers from IIT Kharagpur and IIT Roorkee to pursue MArch with a scholarship.
- A team of Interaction Design students received SSIP-supported grants through the Aarambh Incubation Centre for their innovative IPR projects.
- Dheya Pandya and Meet Bhatt for Pankh and Goonj; Diya Shah** for Fossil VR; Abhineet Kumar, Gauri Tsering Sharma, Riya Khattri and Nidhi Taleda for MagDash.
- Rahul Tiwari**, a Fellow of the Cohort of 2024-25 from the Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment, and a visual artist, completed prestigious art residencies in Italy and France.
- Jahanvi Patel**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2025 with Space Design as major and Visual Arts as minor, secured admission for MFA in Interior Design at Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA, USA.

Scholarly Achievements

- Jhankrita Chauhan**, a BArch student of the Class of 2025, presented the research paper titled Exploring the Spatial and Socio-Economic Fabric of Ajrakhpur: A Craft-Centric Settlement, at the National Conference on Creative Economic Geography of Artisanal Crafts at NIT Rourkela.
- Jhankrita also presented a paper under Track II: A Crafted Place: Craft-led Local Socio-economic Development of a Place, co-authored by Sunny Bansal.
- Anoushka Mahajan**, Mansi and Riya Gupta, BTech students of the Class of 2026, presented a paper on Development and Demonstration of the Nocturnal Cooling Effect in Dry and Cold/Hot Climatic Regions at the International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology 2024.

- **Amrita Goyal**, a BArch student from the Class of 2025, was offered a Research Fellowship at The Charles Correa Foundation.
- Anant's BTech in Climate Change students, Divyansh Singh, Aarvika Singh, Yash Choudhary and Dhruv Bhatt, attended Villars Symposium 2025 held at Villars Institute, Switzerland.

Recognitions

- **Dhruv Bhatt and Shaleen Guleria**, BTech students of the Class of 2026, were selected for the 3rd National Youth Parliament 2025.



- **Snehasri Sundaresan**, a Fellow of the Cohort of 2024-25 from the Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment, was awarded the Sevai Chemmal Award by the Tamil Nadu Volunteers Association for her outstanding work in disaster relief and social impact.

- **Simran Lakhwani**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Communication Design as major and Visual Arts as minor, won the 2024 Typo-day award for her Logo Design.

- **Krina Jain**, a BDes student of the Class of 2025 with major in Space Design and Furniture Design as minor, won the West Zone round and was shortlisted for the National grand finale of 'Ethos Transparency' interior design competition.

- A short film, Everywhere, created by Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design students for the module Evolving Fashion Expression in Monsoon 2023, was shortlisted at the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF - 2024).

- **Divya Manwani**, a BArch student of the Class of 2027, was awarded the Gold Medal for her exceptional tenure as Unit Secretary at NASA India.

- **Shreyas Munavalli**, a BArch student of the Class of 2028, received the Student of the Year Trophy in the 2nd Year Category for his remarkable performance.
- **Malhaar Bhatt**, a BDes student of the Class of 2028 with Moving Image as major and Graphic Design as minor, won the 1st prize in Pixellence at Mood Indigo.
- **Jay Thindiyath**, a BDes student of the Class of 2028 with Interaction Design as major and Moving Image as minor, and Yogesh Chander, a BDes student of the Class of 2028 with Product Design as major and Immersive Design as minor, won 2nd and 3rd prize, respectively, in Avatarest at Mood Indigo.
- **Bhavya Agarwal**, a BDes student of the Class of 2028 with Communication Design as major and Moving Image as minor, secured 1st position in a story writing competition at Mood Indigo.
- **Atharv Karkare**, a BVA student of the Class of 2027 with Integrated Media as major and Moving Images as minor, displayed his sculpture Unfiltered Rest at Abhivyakti.
- **Divyom Mehta**, a BVA student of the Class of 2027 with Transdisciplinary Design as major and Visual Arts as minor, exhibited his installation at Abhivyakti.
- **Kranti Gagdekar Chhara**, a BVA student of the Class of 2027 with Painting as major and Communication Design as minor, was chosen by Netflix India to create five customised artworks for its recent project, 'Frame of Love'.
- **Aditya Pund**, a BDes student of the Class of 2027 with Moving Image as major and Visual Arts as minor, registered a production company Kathalok.
- **Shakthishri**, a BDes student of the Class of 2027 with Moving Image as major and Visual Arts as minor, initiated a contemporary, idea-led museum venture that explores intangible heritage titled Museum of Material.
- **Arya Kulkarni**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2024 with major in Interaction Design and Graphic Design as minor, and Niranjana Sunil, a BDes student of the Class of 2027 with major in Moving Image and Graphic Design as minor, took up travelogue publication to document diverse culture of India.
- **Vaishnavi Kulal**, a BDes graduate from the Class of 2024, with Communication Design as major and Visual Arts as minor, developed a brand identity for

an IT and OT security startup XIoTz & CYBERimp, under the mentorship of Devesh Waghela, Assistant Professor, School of Design.

- **Suhani Solanki**, a BDes student of the Class of 2026 with Communication Design as major and as minor, developed Signl, an app for emotional support, mentored by Devesh Waghela, Assistant Professor, School of Design.
- Sustainify – a circular economy app was developed by for by **Sonu Mehta**, a BDes student of the Class of 2026 with Communication Design as major and Product Design as minor, mentored by Devesh Waghela, Assistant Professor, School of Design.

Sports



• **Vishruti Trivedi**, a student of the Class of 2027 with Space Design as major and Entrepreneurship as minor, represented India at the 24th FSKA World Cup Martial Arts Tournament in Goa, winning a Gold Medal in Kata and a Silver Medal in Kumite (Fight).

• **Arya Parmar**, a Foundation Year student of the Class of 2028, completed two Half Ironman 70.3 in Bahrain and Warsaw, Poland, representing both India and Anant National University.

- Team VBFC, comprising players from Anant National University and Vijayi Bharat Foundation, won the ADFA 3rd Division Championship.
- Anant Frisbee team won the Spirit Award at the NCUC 2025 Tournament, held on 6-7 April 2025.



Alumni Achievements

Start-ups

- **Shuchi Bihani**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2023 with Space Design as major and Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design as minor, started her own design firm "NOOKS AND CORNERS" in Ludhiana.
- **Om Patel**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2023 with Space Design as major and Furniture Design as minor, launched his own firm, 'Moxello Design,' in Ahmedabad.
- **Prachi Patel**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2023 with Space Design as major and Furniture Design as minor, started her venture 'Reflect Studios'.
- **Reeva Shah**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Communication Design as major and Product Design as minor, created the full brand identity for Nou, a men's footwear company.

Higher Education

- **Ayushi Sodagar**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2023 with Space Design as major, secured admission for the Master's in Architecture, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York.
- **Srinivas Ilango**, a Product Design Graduate of the Class of 2023, with Graphic Design as minor, successfully earned admission to TU Delft, Netherlands, for a Master's programme in Strategic Product Design.
- **Riya Patel**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2023 with Space Design as major and Furniture Design as minor, secured admission for the Master's in Design (Interior Architecture) at the University of South Australia, Adelaide.
- **Paaraj Desai**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2023 with Space Design as major and Urban Design as minor, secured admission for MArch (postgraduate taught course) at the University of Sheffield, UK.
- **Shrishti Dharap**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2023 with Space Design as major and Graphic Design as minor, secured admission for MA in Interior Design at the University of Creative Arts, Canterbury, UK.

- **Devanshi Patel**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2023 with Space Design as major and Furniture Design as minor, secured admission for MA in Product and Furniture design at Kingston.
- **Drashty Adwani**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2022 with Space Design as major, secured admission for the Master's programme in Project Management at RMIT University, Melbourne.
- **Gunikaa Agrawal**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Communication Design as major and Moving Image as minor, was accepted into the MS programme at Arizona State University.
- **Aditi Patel**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2023 with Space Design as major and Furniture Design as minor, secured admission for the Master in Architecture programme at Oxford Brookes University, Headington campus, UK.
- **Oleena Chaudhuri**, a Fellow of the Cohort of 2021-22 from the Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment, earned a fully funded PhD at York University, Canada (2025), focusing on gender-responsive migration policy.
- **Sadam Ashraf**, a Fellow of the Cohort of 2023-24 from the Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment, got admission to the Master's programme on Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the London School of Economics and Political Science.
- **Rafsana Yeamin**, a Fellow of the Cohort of 2023-24 from the Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment, secured admission to Iowa State University, USA, for a Master's in Community and Regional Planning Programme.
- **Gokulram**, an Anant Fellow of the Cohort of 2018-19 from the Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment, went on to pursue a Master's in Industrial Ecology from Leiden University and TU Delft, Netherlands.
- **Dhwani Dabhi**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Space Design as major and Furniture Design as minor, secured admission for the Master's programme in Landscape Design at CEPT University.
- **Ishika Jain**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2023 with Space Design as major and Furniture Design as minor, secured admission for Masters in Heritage Management at Ahmedabad University.

- **Shivam Aggrawal**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Space Design as major and Graphic Design as minor, secured an AIR 2 for the Master's in Transportation and Automobile Design programme at the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad.
- **Kanisha Mahajan**, a BDes Graduate of the Class of 2024 with Space Design as major and Sustainable Fashion Design as minor, co-authored a paper with Kavita Pradhan on exploring the role of people's emotions and their perception of space.

Recognitions

- **Shivani Shah**, a Fellow of Cohort of 2020-21 from the Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment, won 3rd place in the Sensory Spaces Essay Competition 2024, an international contest on sensory architecture hosted by Archiol Competitions, with 63 global entries.

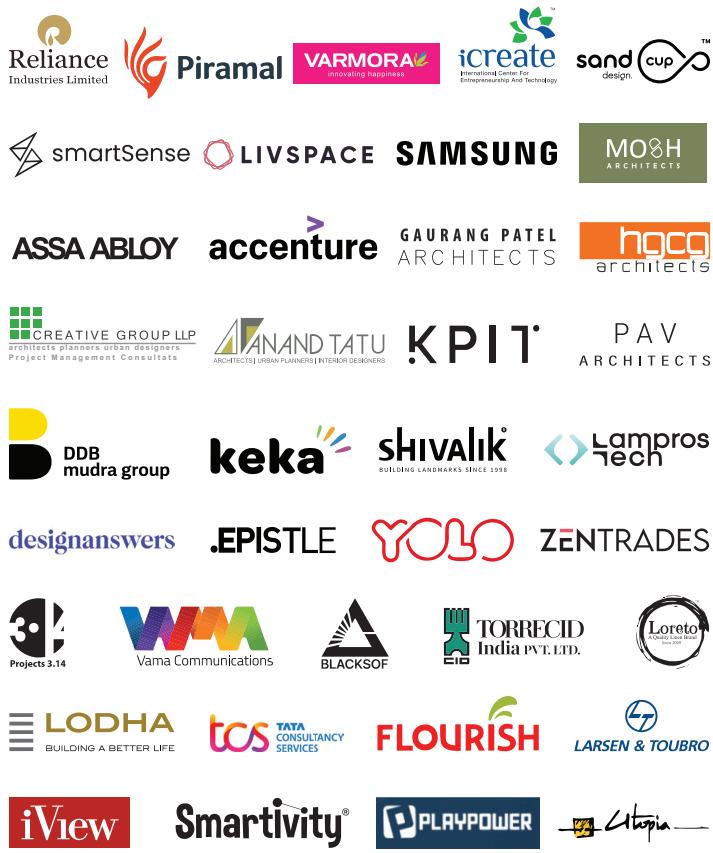


Career Services

Training | Recruitment | Higher Education



Prominent Recruitment



The Office of Career Services at Anant National University organised a series of thoughtfully curated events to ensure career readiness in students. From a hands-on workshop on Portfolio Building and Industry Readiness to alumni-led sessions, soft skill training, and industry visits, each initiative was designed to equip students with the tools, confidence and exposure they need to thrive in the real world.

Student Life

Learn | Explore | Thrive

At Anant, we pride ourselves on fostering a sense of belonging and community, making every individual feel like a valued member of our family. With a warm and welcoming environment, we embrace diversity and celebrate the unique talents and perspectives of each student, faculty and staff member.

Life at Anant is a heady mixture of aesthetic experiences, youthful verve and community living. The campus hosts various events across seasons, from sports tournaments and talent showcases to community celebrations and traditional festivities. Students participate in competitions, artistic performances, food fests and cultural exhibitions, contributing to a rich community life.

On Campus Counsellor

At Anant, we believe true learning thrives when both the mind and heart are nurtured. Alongside academic excellence, we place equal emphasis on the mental and emotional well-being of our students, faculty and staff. Strengthening this commitment, we have partnered with Blue Circle Medi Services to provide professional, on-campus counselling support, ensuring a safe, supportive space for every member of our community.

Residence Life



Health, Wellbeing and Safety



Clubs at Anant

Student clubs at Anant National University serve as dynamic platforms for students to express and explore their passions, pursue interests, learn new skills and connect with like-minded peers. Beyond the classroom, clubs offer countless opportunities to engage in diverse activities and create memorable learning experiences.

- Music Club
- Lifestyle and Fashion Club
- Chitrapat Club
- Origami Club
- Debate and Public Policy Club
- Esports Club
- Theatre Club
- Mavens Club
- MadClap Drama Club
- Photography Club
- Bloom Wellbeing Warriors Club
- Dance Club
- Sports Club
- Nirantar Club
- The Visual Vibe Club
- HUM Club
- Anuvaad Club
- Paws and Claws Club
- The Hungry Hippos Food Club

Co-curricular Activities



Celebrating Cultural Diversity



Mohiniyattam Dance Performance

Anant, in collaboration with SPIC MACAY, hosted a Mohiniyattam dance performance by the distinguished artist Kalaimamani Gopika Varma.



Irroh-Onam @ Anant



Kite Festival @ Anant



Ganeshotsav @ Anant



Kashmiri Delights-A Cultural Celebration: The Office of Student Services organised a special evening celebrating the incredible cultural diversity at Anant. The evening saw a special musical performance by Anant's Artist in Residence, Ravice Rashid.



Vasant Panchami @ Anant



From Diwali lights to Holi colours, from Eid feasts to Christmas cheer, this year at Anant was a tapestry of celebrations. With enthusiasm and fervour, our community came together to honour traditions from across cultures, embracing the spirit of inclusivity and the rich diversity that makes Anant a true home for all.



Holi @ Anant

Fun and Fitness

From energising yoga mornings to the thrill of football tournaments and the joy of our cricket carnival, Anant kept fitness and fun at the heart of campus life this year. With every stretch, sprint, and swing, our community came together to celebrate wellbeing, teamwork, and the spirit of play.



Anant Cricket Carnival

90+ Anant students, faculty and staff participated



Anant Cricket Carnival - Season 2

90+ Anant students, faculty and staff participated



The Interdisciplinary Football Tournament (IDFT '24)

70+ Anant students, faculty and staff participated



International Yoga Day Celebration

Culinary Delights

Community Cookouts at anant, we embrace diversity and celebrate different cultures that bring us together as a community.



Varaverpu | Culinary delights from Tamil Nadu



Bhale Padharya | Traditional Recipes from Gujarat



Malwotsav | Authentic Flavours from Madhya Pradesh



Rangilo Rajasthan | Spicy Specials from Rajasthan

Co-curricular activities



Mahasabha MUN



Accident Se Azadi



6th Anant Blood Donation Drive

194 donated blood from Anant Community



Campus and Infrastructure

Learning | Living | Leisure

78 acre
1,50,000 Sq M

5 Academic Blocks
(Including upcoming)

5 Residential Facilities
(Including upcoming)
Classrooms, Studios, Labs, Quads

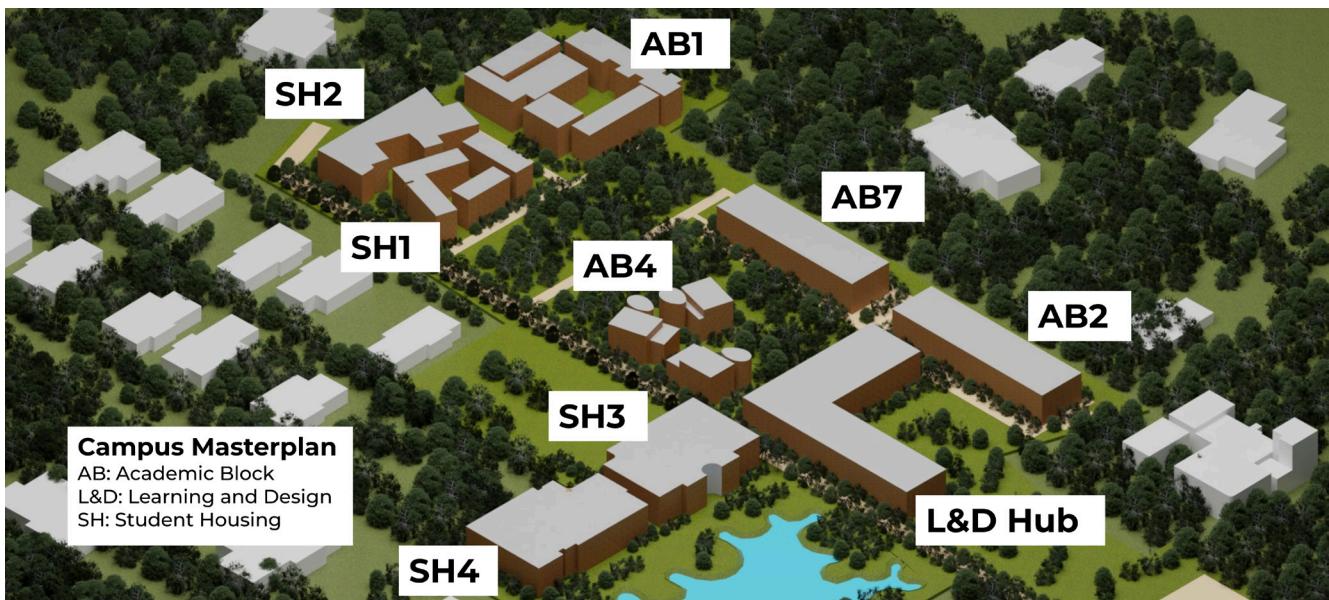
Nature: Orchards and Lakes



Ajay Piramal Inaugurates Student Housing 2 (SH2)

Ajay Piramal, President, Anant National University, along with prominent board members, inaugurated SH2 in August 2024. Designed by Arya Architects, SH2 has a built-up area of 14,000 sq m and a capacity to accommodate nearly 500 residents. It offers world-class amenities, including air-conditioned rooms, well-equipped pantries and lounges to study and unwind.

Phase 1



Sustainable Campus

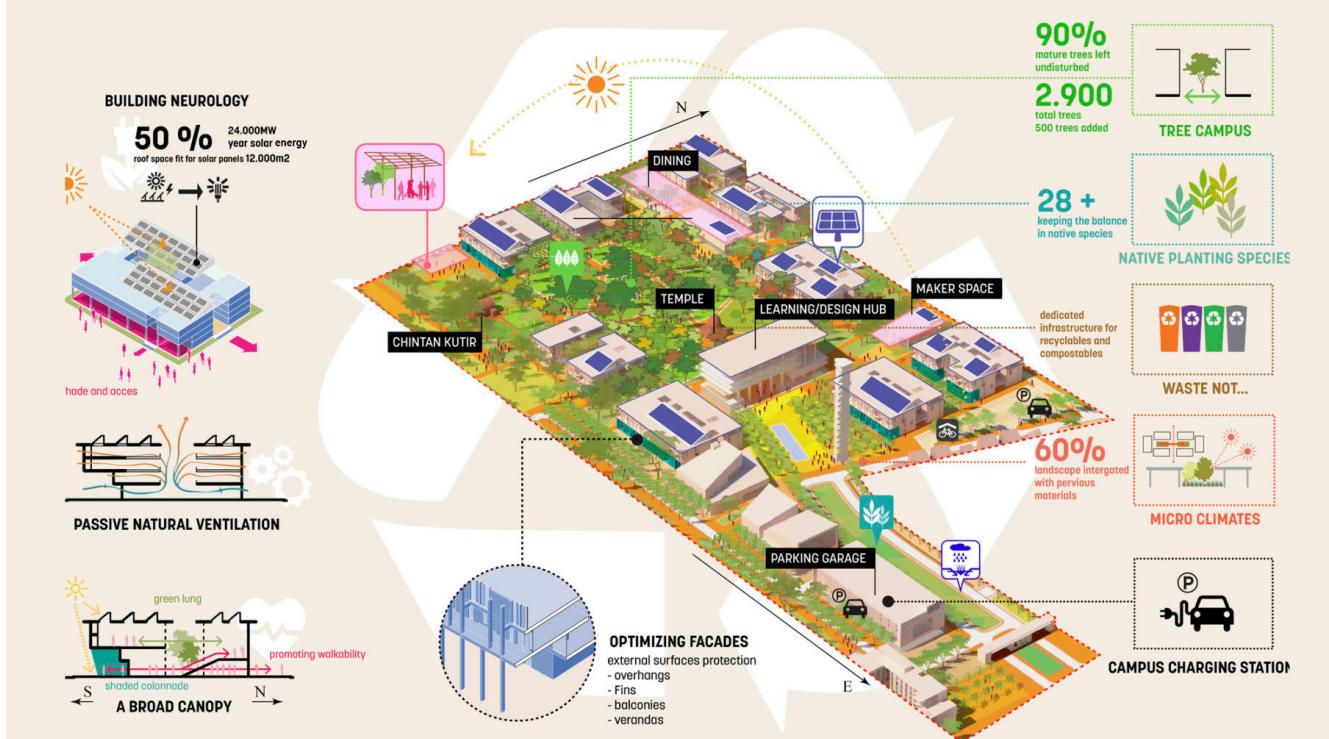
Sustainability is embedded within Anant's operations, research and curriculum. It informs the way the campus is developed and operated, students are taught, and research is undertaken.

Anant views its 78-acre campus as a living laboratory, where ecological restoration, energy and water stewardship, and inclusive community practices offer students a unique opportunity to learn not just from what is taught in the classrooms but also from what they see around them in their campus, as well as contribute to enhancing it.



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SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES





Academic Block 1

Sasaki Associates, Inc | 14,000 Sq M



Academic Block 2 in making

HCP Design



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Walkthrough Video

Campus Resources

At Anant, we blend world-class infrastructure with a nurturing environment, preparing students to become adept problem solvers. Our state-of-the-art amenities, including specialised labs and collaborative classrooms, ensure students acquire the knowledge and skills essential for their professional growth.

- Learning Commons
- Sports Facilities
- Student Housing
- Canteen
- Computer lab
- Makerspace
- Futureshift lab
- Moving Image lab
- Fashion lab
- Textile lab
- Tinkering lab
- Photography lab
- Gymnasium
- Multipurpose hall
- Collaborative classrooms
- Infirmary
- Exhibition spaces
- Amphitheatre
- Counselling centre
- Climate lab
- Graphic lab



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Chair Professor, School of Architecture

Amit Gulati

Eminent Practitioner and Visiting Faculty, Anant Fellowship

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Mandatory Committees

Anti-Ragging Committee Anti-Ragging Squad

Anant National University maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards ragging and strictly prohibits it in all forms on campus and in student residences. Regular monitoring is conducted to ensure a safe, ragging-free environment for all students.

Student Redressal Grievance Committee

Anant aims to provide a fair, transparent, and impartial mechanism for addressing and resolving grievances of students in a timely manner, in accordance with the provisions of the UGC (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations. The committee upholds students' rights, ensure accountability, and foster a supportive and inclusive academic environment.

Internal Complaint Committee

Anant has a zero-tolerance policy towards sexual harassment, recognising it as a grave violation of human rights.



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Financial Summary FY 2024-25

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Name of the Institute :- Anant National University

Provost Name :- Dr. Sanjeev Vidyarthi

Address of the Institute's Office :- Sanskardham Campus, Bopal Ghuma Sanand Road, Manipur, Ahmedabad-382115.

We have audited the accounts of the above named University for the year ended 31/03/2025 and being to report that -

1. The accounts are maintained regularly and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules.
2. Receipts and disbursements are properly and correctly shown in the accounts.
3. The Cash Balance and Vouchers in the custody of the manager or Director on the date of the audit are in the agreement with accounts;
4. Books, Deed, Accounts Vouchers and other documents and records required by us were produced before us.
5. An inventory certified by the manager of the moveable of the Trust has been maintained.
6. The manager / Director appeared before us and furnished necessary information required by us.
7. No Property or Funds of the trust were applied for any object or purpose other than the object or purposes of Trust.
8. The amounts outstanding for more than one year are Rs. Nil and the amount written off is Rs. Nil.
9. Tender were invited for repairs of construction as the expenditure involved did / did not exceed Rs. 5,000/-
10. No money of the University has been invested contrary to the provisions of section 35.
11. No alienations of immoveable property has been made contrary to the provisions of section 36.

We have further of report that,

1. The University Applied "Mercantile Accounting" policy.
2. Investment is valued at cost of acquisition.
3. All debit and credit balance are subject to confirmation.

Place: Ahmedabad

Date :- 09.10.2025

Udin: 25013144BMNSOD7345



Nautam R. Vakil & Co.
Chartered Accountants



Partner

Nautam R. Vakil (Membership No.13144)
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NAME OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION - ANANT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH-2025

SOURCES OF FUND	SCHEDULE	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
CORPUS	1	-	-
GENERAL FUND	2	3,61,40,33,948	1,82,38,81,578
DESIGNATED/EARMARKED FUND	3	-	-
RESTRICTED FUNDS	4		
LOANS/BORROWINGS	5	19,63,68,072	20,26,49,740
SECURED			
UNSECURED			
CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS	6	18,05,04,912	8,60,67,559
TOTAL		3,99,09,06,932	2,11,25,98,877
APPLICATION OF FUND			
FIXED ASSETS	7	3,02,28,14,859	1,40,99,56,229
TANGIBLE ASSETS			
INTANGIBLE ASSETS			
CAPITAL WORK-IN-PROGRESS			
INVESTMENTS	8	15,16,315	35,76,50,687
LONG TERM			
SHORT TERM			
CURRENT ASSETS	9	95,20,09,693	33,38,16,873
LOANS, ADVANCES & DEPOSITS	10	1,45,66,065	1,11,75,088
TOTAL		3,99,09,06,932	2,11,25,98,877
NOTES ON ACCOUNTS	22		

The above Balance sheet to the best of my/ our belief contains a true account of the funds and Liabilities and of the property and Assets of the Trust

Place: Ahmedabad

Date: 09.10.2025

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Anant National University

Authorized Signatory



As per our report of even date

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NAME OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION - ANANT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH-2025

	SCHEDULE	CURRENT YEAR				PREVIOUS YEAR
		UNRESTRICTED FUND		RESTRICTED FUND	TOTAL	
		CORPUS	DESIGNATED FUND			
INCOME						
ACADEMIC RECEIPTS	11	-	-	73,48,97,796	73,48,97,796	45,18,28,128
GRANTS & DONATIONS	12	-	-	1,91,90,09,259	1,91,90,09,259	92,81,04,104
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	13	-	-	3,84,55,041	3,84,55,041	3,48,40,636
OTHER INCOME	14	-	-	43,93,024	43,93,024	47,49,329
TOTAL (A)		-	-	2,69,67,55,120	2,69,67,55,120	1,41,95,22,197
EXPENDITURE						
STAFF PAYMENTS & BENEFITS	15	-	-	29,91,68,393	29,91,68,393	23,56,19,057
ACADEMIC EXPENSES	16	-	-	8,75,60,839	8,75,60,839	5,73,11,538
ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES	17	-	-	7,08,00,971	7,08,00,971	4,55,02,761
TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES	18	-	-	1,29,41,134	1,29,41,134	1,46,53,726
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	19	-	-	17,83,40,097	17,83,40,097	11,81,21,112
FINANCE COSTS	20	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER EXPENSES	21	-	-	25,77,91,318	25,77,91,318	16,62,20,926
TOTAL (B)		-	-	90,66,02,751	90,66,02,751	63,74,29,121
BALANCE BEING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE (A-B)		-	-	1,79,01,52,369	1,79,01,52,369	78,20,93,076
TRANSFER TO/FROM DESIGNATED FUND						-
BUILDING FUND		-	-	-	-	-
OTHER (SPECIFY)		-	-	-	-	-
BALANCE BEING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) CARRIED TO GENERAL FUND		-	-	1,79,01,52,369	1,79,01,52,369	78,20,93,076
NOTES ON ACCOUNTS	22					

Place: Ahmedabad

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Media Spotlight

Anant National University was extensively covered across national and regional media in nine languages, receiving over 1,500 media coverages. These include thought leadership by university leaders, student projects and institutional achievements, underscoring Anant's role in advancing conversations on design, sustainability and social impact nationwide.



Their experiences (Pic: Anant National University)

Opinion

Nurturing resilient coastal communities: Learnings from Diu

Gopika Suraj Rao, Mishal Desai and Sadem Ashraf Parrey

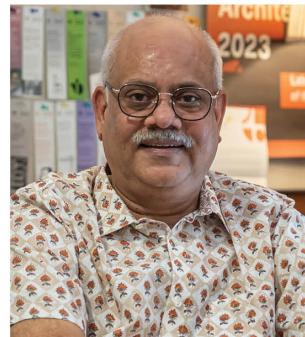
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Balanced learning blends expertise and broad knowledge for today's evolving job market

Dr Sanjeev Vidyarthi, Provost, Anant National University, cited that learning frameworks that integrate entrepreneurial, interdisciplinary, and collaborative approaches ensure graduates develop into subject experts who are also self-driven, forward-thinking, and creative problem solvers.

In what ways can innovative teaching methodologies cultivate critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary for tackling global sustainability challenges?

Addressing global sustainability challenges, which are often complex in nature, requires clever thinking and paying attention to practical details. Innovative teaching methodologies, such as immersive community learning and interdisciplinary workshops, both widely practised at Anant National University, play a vital role in developing these skills. Through these methodologies, students at Anant draw upon learnings and insights from various specialisations such as product design, climate change and architecture to analyse seemingly intractable issues from multiple positions and perspectives, fostering collaborative learning.



Community learning allows students to engage directly with real-world issues communities face, helping them develop contextually relevant solutions. Interdisciplinary workshops

allow learners to co-design solutions that bridge the gaps between technical innovation, environmental sustainability and socio-economic impact.

Importantly, through these approaches, students not only learn from teachers but also from each other, strengthening their ability to break down complex issues into manageable parts for devising practical solutions to problems at hand.

How can Indian higher education institutions foster interdisciplinary learning while ensuring students develop both specialised expertise and holistic knowledge?

Today's evolving global professional landscape demands that educational institutions seek an optimum balance between specialised knowledge and interdisciplinary learning. At Anant, we embrace both approaches, encouraging

INTERVIEW

'Education is What Distinguishes a Human Being'

President of Ahmedabad's Anant National University Ajay Piramal and provost Anunaya Chauhan on the need to account for AI-forward careers and their plans to scale

COLPLAY'S LARGEST EVER
concert, high-octane cricket finals, big-ticket business summits: the city of Ahmedabad is fast gaining prominence on the global stage, for a range of reasons. Located just on the outskirts of India's first DesignX university, which opened doors in 2016, Anant National University began as a traditional architecture college, but felt the need to reinvent soon after to keep up with the changing needs of the world its graduates would come into.

Now, students no longer study just interiors for careers. They are called 'solutionaries', and marry design thinking with artificial intelligence (AI), climate tech, economics,

public policy, behavioural science etc. The university's president, Ajay Piramal (chairman of the Piramal Group) and provost Anunaya Chauhan chat with *Forbes India* about their aspirations for the college, why they think this approach is key, and the plans they have for expansion. Edited excerpts:

Q Tell us a bit about the genesis of the university, and why you chose to be involved?

Ajay Piramal: It's not a Piramal university. It's an independent university started in 2016, and I came on board in 2018. When it started, it was a school

of architecture, in the traditional sense of design. As the world was changing, the trustees wanted to expand the horizon of design—that's why we call it DesignX.

Today, design is much more than building interiors or architecture. It's in every part of life. How do you design an experiment? How do you design living conditions for an entire community? It can be an ad, a culture... it's a much bigger and broader subject.

To keep up with that evolution, the whole management was changed. There was a new board appointed, and new faculty, and that's when I came in.

What we offer is not a set lunch, but a menu where you can pick what you want, from multidisciplinary fields, and you can change your mind along the way too, like you can at universities abroad.

Q In recent years, we've seen more evolution here with the NEP (National Education Policy), with international curricula gaining prominence. So could you tell us how you say the idea of the school has evolved from 2016 to now?

Piramal: Exactly. That's the evidence. We now call our students and alumni 'solutionaries'. Some of them may still want to stick to regular interior or fashion design, and that's fine. But that's no longer the only thing involved in building a career in these fields. How do you build a product? How do you create a website? How do you use AI to your advantage? Now

MEENAXI VERMA



उद्योग जगत के दिग्गज एकेश मार्तिमितल और अजय पीरामल ने अनंत नेशनल यूनिवर्सिटी का दैरा किया

अहमदाबाद। भारतीय एंटरप्राइजेज के उपाध्यक्ष श्री एकेश भारतीय मितल और अनंत नेशनल यूनिवर्सिटी के अध्यक्ष श्री अजय पीरामल ने यूनिवर्सिटी कैंपस का दूर किया श्री मितल ने आरंभ इनक्यूबेशन सेंटर में इनक्यूबेट किए गए छात्रों और इनोवेटर्स/स्टार्ट-अप्स से बातचीत की। उन्होंने श्री पीरामल के साथ मिलकर आने वाले अकादमिक



ब्लॉकों का भी दौरा किया, जो अनंत के इंफास्ट्रक्टरल एक्सप्रेशन विस्तार का हिस्सा है, जिसका उद्देश्य अपने छात्रों को विश्व स्तरीय शिक्षा प्रदान करना है। इस अवसर पर अनंत नेशनल यूनिवर्सिटी के संस्थापक प्रोवोस्ट डॉ प्रमथ राज सिंह भी मौजूद थे। शाम का मुख्य आकर्षण

आरंभ इनक्यूबेशन सेंटर के कई छात्र इनोवेटर्स और स्टार्ट-अप्स की प्रस्तुति थी, जिनमें से चार ने पहले ही अपने वैंचर्स रजिस्टर कर चुके हैं। 7 इन अत्याधुनिक नवाचारों ने क्लाइमेट चेंज, वर्कप्लेस सेक्युरिटी और स्वास्थ्य, कल्याण और सुरक्षा सहित विभिन्न दबाव वाले मुद्दों को संबोधित

किया। छात्रों से बात करते हुए, श्री मितल ने साझा किया, यह टूर वास्तव में उल्लेखनीय रहा है। मैं अनंत में हो रहे नवाचार के स्तर को देखकर प्रसन्न हूं। आज के छात्र न केवल नवाचार कर रहे हैं, बल्कि उस उम्र में व्यवसाय भी बना रहे हैं, जब हममें से कई अभी भी अपना रास्ता तलाश रहे थे। मैं छात्रों को बताना चाहता हूं कि भारत अवसरों से भरा हुआ है, और आप इस क्रांति का हिस्सा बनने के लिए तैयार हैं। इसलिए, अपने जुनून का पीछा करें, बड़ा सोचें और बड़ा करें। श्री मितल ने छात्रों को ग्रामीण भारत और उसकी आकांक्षाओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए टिकाऊ और किफायती समाधान विकसित करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया।

CAMPUS CONNECT | कोन्वोकेशनमां राज्यसभा सांसद सुधा मूर्ति, बिजनेसमेन अजयपिरामल, प्रोवोस्ट डॉ. अनुनय यौबेएहाजरी आपी हुं ज्ञपनमां धणीवार निष्ठा थै छुं अनेते जक्षणथी नवी शङ्कात पण्ठा करी छे, ३ क्लाक्मां सक्षणता मात्र किभोमां ज मठे छे: सुधा मूर्ति

अनंत नेशनल यूनिवर्सिटीनो ६४० कोन्वोकेशनप्रोग्राम योजायो

अमादावाद: अनंत नेशनल यूनिवर्सिटीनो ६४० कोन्वोकेशन योजायो। ज्यामा बेयलर और डिजाइन, बेयलर और एक्टिंगर, मास्टर और डिजाइन अनंत नेशनल यूनिवर्सिटी के संस्थापक प्रोवोस्ट डॉ. सुधा मूर्ति ने विद्यार्थी विद्यार्थी वाला करीना, स्वरूप मननी आ ३ टिप्स आपी हता। '१. एक हिवसमां प्रशिद्ध नवी भेणली, प्रशिद्ध विना पाणा अनंत वर्षो काम कर्तु छे। २. युक्तिवालो समानो करी भलोपांची शाया भाई। ३. धोय धोय त्यां सुधी कायदेसर अने नेतिक रीते नवी वस्तुओ शाखामा रहो।' कोन्वोकेशनमां बिजनेस मेन, यूनिवर्सिटीनो प्रेसिडेन्ट अजय पिरामल अने प्रावोस्ट डॉ. अनुनय यौबेएहाजरी उपस्थित रखा हता।



यूनिवर्सिटीना कोन्वोकेशनमां सन्मानित करावामां आपेल लोलर विद्यार्थीहोना प्रतिभाव

हुं अनुभवो करतो रहो छुं तर्मा अनकू भुला पछा थर्छे, परंतु न भुलोनो भे आनंद माझी तेमांथी डिअटिव रिजार्न बनावी छे, ग्राथर्वसिंह योधरी, बेस्ट प्रिस एवोडे

ऐवी धाकी जाहो आवी छे, ज्यारे मै आशा गुमावी छे, परंतु परिवासो हमेशा टेको मध्ये, पछी भवे ते सिनियरो साथे चर्चा ज हो छे, ग्रानाथ लोडाप्पा, बेस्ट स्टूडेंट एवोडे

रोजबरोजना ज्यनमां अनुभवु छुं, तेना पाइण्ड लोकिक शोबु गमे छ, जे लर्निंगमां मददरूप छे, भविष्यमां शोभुनिनी साथ काम करीया, प्रेस्सुअन्नी, अउक्सेनिंग एंड्रोमिक पक्षमस एवोडे

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हेला विद्यार्थीओ गुरुद्वारामां शिक्षा मेजवाका छात्रो अने शिक्षण पूँजी थां बहारानो हुनियामां जतां, त्यारे गुरु तर्मने ३३ महात्मापुँ बालानु राजना राजना क्षेत्रा, अजें तेमांथी हुं तर्मने अमुक भावतो कीदूष, अहीं प्राप्तां विद्यार्थी विद्यार्थी अनेक वर्षो काम कर्तु छे। २. युक्तिवालो समानो करी भलोपांची शाया भाई। ३. धोय धोय त्यां सुधी कायदेसर अने नेतिक रीते नवी वस्तुओ शाखामा रहो।' कोन्वोकेशनमां बिजनेस मेन, यूनिवर्सिटीनो प्रेसिडेन्ट अजय पिरामल अने

माता-पिता ठिक्के छे के, बाजाने बहु ज मजुँ लेहिङे, परंतु बाहेक निरक्षानो सम्भानो कर्वो जोहिङे, कारणु के, ते आपाणु अत्यितन अने प्रणित माटे तत्पर करे छे। पोट्टां जहाजे सलामत रहे छे, परंतु ते माटे जहाजे ने बांधी रापाना नवी। जे लोके सदृक्कर चालता रहे छे, तेअ अकां ता पहांचे छे, तेही लोक्यां चालता रहे। ज्यनमां नवी वस्तुओ अजमावो, जे निष्ठा थर्छ गया तो शुं थयु ज्यन त्यां अटक्कु नथी। लंगेशा कंटक नवु शिखो, निष्ठवाताथी उर्यो नवी। ज्यारे बोस न होय त्यारे वधा लोको काम साथे प्रामाणिक नवी रहेता, परंतु तात्राय ज्यनमां वुँ अधिक्षनी प्रेक्षित करे। आपाणी अबी ज हुँदूराओ पूँजी थाई नवी अने छे ते बहु ज अपेक्षित नवी होतु, तमारे उर्या हुमेशा ऐवो लाई जाए देखिए। 'हुं एक शाश्वत हारी शरुँहुं, पशु युद्ध तो हुं ज जीत्श।' तमे बीजानी मदद माटे तात्राय अपेक्षापैसेला कर्शी तो तेनाथी सुभ अने संतोष परायी। तात्राय ज्यनमां देक्कालोजाने शीधो अने तेनो उपयोग करे, परंतु साथे परंपरा, संस्कृतिने न भुलाशो। जे परिवर्तन श्वीकारयो, ते ज टक्के।



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