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FELLOWSHIP
SOLUTIONARIES FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



Anant Fellowship Class of 2018

Anant Fellowship is a one-year full-time post-graduate program designed as a multi-disciplinary immersion to introduce young practitioners and students to new ideas, knowledge, and skills to question, evaluate, invent, and redefine the Built Environment.



Picture Credit: Vivek Rakotu | Anant Fellow 2018

AN EXCITING TIME TO REDEFINE THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Built Environment refers to all human-made structures constructed in place of the natural environment. Without our even knowing, our Built Environment exerts considerable impact on our accessibility, efficiency, productivity, well-being, moods, social and cultural structures, as well as the ecosystem.

Rapid population increase, global warming, depleting resources, and unprecedented migration in human history are some critical realities that our world is facing. India faces the additional challenges of exponential urbanization, an expanding middle-class, alarming levels of pollution, and catering to the variegated needs of its population – challenges which are exacerbated a billion-fold owing to its sheer size. A 2010 report by McKinsey Global Institute, projected that 700-900 million square meters of space, the size of the whole city of Chicago, needs to be built in India every year.

As we think about these, it is important to also consider some of the more nuanced implications at play. What kind of cities and infrastructure should we aim to develop? Should these hundreds of new ‘Chicagos’ all resemble one another or, for that matter, Chicago? What kind of implication should they have on the environment, on ecology? Can our Built Environment be designed to be inclusive, equitable, resource-efficient, safer, more representative of local heritage and context? Can they facilitate social cohesion and a healthier lifestyle? Can the development of these be crowd-sourced, open-sourced, so that not only are they built faster but also naturally incorporate the needs and inputs of those who will ultimately use them?

By bringing together architects, designers, planners, policy makers, engineers, social scientists, psychologists, economists, environmental practitioners, and management professionals the Anant Fellowship aims to raise hundreds of such questions and unearth new solutions to these complex, multi-faceted problems.

We believe this is a rare opportunity to design innovative Built Environment solutions that are socially, culturally, environmentally, ethically, and economically appropriate.

What India and the world need today are **revolutionaries** who generate inventive **solutions** for our Built Environment.

We need **solutionaries**.



THE ANANT FELLOWSHIP MISSION

The Anant Fellowship prepares and empowers solutionaries who design, build, and preserve a more equitable and sustainable Built Environment in India.

The Anant Fellowship

Anant Fellowship is the flagship program of Anant National University, a leading private university with design and sustainability at its core.

The Fellowship is open to students and practitioners from all professional and educational backgrounds with a preference to those from the disciplines of architecture, design, planning, environmental science and engineering, civil and construction engineering, IT, social sciences, and humanities.



As an Anant Fellow you can expect to:

- Enhance your technical and core skills in architecture, design, and planning
- Be trained to think broadly and deeply across topics like Green Urbanism, Earth Based Construction Techniques, Transportation, Anthropology, Sociology, and Economics, among others
- Gain a deeper understanding of yourself and others and develop imaginative empathy
- Collaborate with like-minded individuals from diverse disciplines and take up a Built Environment challenge with an opportunity for real-life impact
- Become purpose-driven leaders who contribute to the larger society by creating unique Built Environment solutions

In essence, you will be equipped with skills widely accepted by thought leaders as essential skills of the future – Empathy, Collaboration, Creative Problem Solving, and Leadership.

"When an inner flame ignites it can illuminate the world."

M.K. Gandhi

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OUR COMMITMENT

At Anant Fellowship we are committed to provide an environment that nurtures creative leaders who combine entrepreneurial skills and a human-centred approach to develop contextual and systemic solutions to current and future problems in the exciting spheres of architecture, planning, design, and sustainability.

Lasting, transformative, and effective external impact has its roots in a deep resolve to work on the self and equally critical efforts to relate to others and the world outside. We shape you to be an effective solutionary by honing your ability to empathise and influence others without authority, by enabling you to master the art of unlearning and listening, and by preparing you for continuous action and reflection. The Live Action Project is a space where you can practice these skills, learn from first-hand experience, test new ideas, and kickstart your lifelong journey of making a difference to the world's Built Environment.

To enable this, in addition to bringing world class faculty we have partnered with Gandhi Fellowship, one of India's most respected Fellowship programs.

Highlights of Anant Fellowship

We focus on the external, so you can fortify the internal



Holistic learning encompassing technical, environmental, socio-cultural and economic perspectives



Year-long Live Action Project for hands-on learning



Globally reputed faculty and inspirational mentors



Full and Partial Scholarships for 2018-19



Eclectic cohort of creative problem solvers

A Year to Expand Your Horizons and Impact



To broaden perspectives and aid empathetic solutions

Anant Fellowship has been carefully curated and structured to prepare you to make exponential change within yourself, to the country, and to the world. Academic rigor and intensity have been combined with first-hand, experiential discovery to create an equitable balance between theory and praxis, between instruction and experimentation, and between paced-learning and open-ended discovery.

- **Academic Instruction:** The first component of Anant Fellowship is designed to kindle learning from pioneering ideas, thoughts, and an expansive pluri-disciplinary understanding of myriad spheres. A fourth of your time in the year will be spent on discussion-based classroom interactions in the two thematic clusters: Domain and Technical, Societal and Cultural. Delve into courses ranging from Interactive Design, to Participative Urban Planning, Anthropology, and Gender Perspectives.
- **Self Discovery:** In the second component of Anant Fellowship you will learn from your own and your peers' first-hand experiences, and from your own values, beliefs, mindsets, and constructs. Spend a third of your time discovering yourself through intensive leadership journeys, team sports, reflection sessions, hands-on learning through field visits, workshops, and research.

- **Live Action Project:** The third and most important component of the Anant Fellowship is the Live Action Project where you work in teams through the duration of the year to solve a real-life challenge in close association with local administrative bodies and community stakeholders. Along this journey, coaches and mentors will propel your discovery and solution process by guiding your research, inquiry, and insights.

Through the course of the year you would be expected to work towards developing and implementing innovative ideas that perceptibly enhance local knowledge, climatology, and user lifestyle.



Reputed Faculty and Inspirational Mentors



To guide, push, inspire, and encourage you

Some of the world's best educators, scholars, and thinkers will guide, push, inspire, and encourage you to extract principles from experience and excel in your professional responsibilities. They will expose you to macro and micro perspectives, and the capacity to make scrupulous judgements so that you can uplift the standard of our Built Environment.

Some of our visiting faculty and mentors include:

Neera Adarkar, Principal, Adarkar Associates; Academic Researcher

O P Agarwal, CEO, World Resources Institute

Seema Anand, Prashant Dhawan, Co-Founders, Biomimicry India

Peeyush Chitlangia, Founder, FinShiksha

Michel Danino, Historian; Padma Shri Awardee

Amareswar Galla, Executive Director, International Institute of Inclusive Museum

Sourabh Gupta, Principal, Archomm Design Studio

Shimul Jhaveri Kadri, Principal, SJK Architects

Renu Khosla, Director, Centre for Urban and Regional Excellence

Rodolphe el-Khoury, Dean, School of Architecture, University of Miami

Vikram Lall, Principal Architect, Lall Associates; Author

Steffen Lehmann, Professor, University of Portsmouth

Ashok Malhotra, Co-Founder, Sumedhas The Academy for Human Context.

James Mathews, Founder, ElevateX

Rahul Mehrotra, Principal, RMA Architects; Professor, Harvard Graduate School of Design

Ankon Mitra, Co-founder, Hexagramm Design



Aaron Mendonca, Director, Corinthian Consortium

Madhusudan Mukherjee, Associate Prof. English, S.L.U. College

Abhimanyu Nohwar, Founder, Kiba Design

Sameep Padora, Principal, sP+a

Bimal Patel, President, CEPT University

Indira Parikh, Founder President, FLAME University; Former Dean, IIM-A

Aparna Piramal Raje, Author and Design Expert

Sonal Shah, Urban Planning, ITDP India

Preeti Shroff, Dean, MICA

Priyamwada Singh, Founder, common Ground practice LLP

Preeti Singh, Founder, My Satori Path; Communications Consultant

Shreyasi Singh, Author and Communications Expert

Pushkar Sohoni, Associate Dean, Anant National University

Chitra Vishwanath, Principal, Biome Environmental Solutions

Kashikar Vishwanath, Associate Professor, CEPT University

Full and Partial Scholarships for 2018-19



Anant Fellowship believes that talented and bright students may belong to any social or economic strata. To make it possible for all deserving applicants to avail this opportunity, we offer need-based scholarships that cover, in full or in part:

- Tuition Fees
- Boarding and Lodging

So you can exclusively worry about expending your time and energy in solving some of the key challenges facing the 21st Century.

Eclectic Cohort of Creative Problem Solvers



We are committed to diversity and are convinced that truly transformational innovations and opportunities to use Built Environments to improve the lives of people can only be identified when practitioners from a variety of disciplines work together. Anant Fellowship consciously welcomes problem solvers from diverse fields to come together and nudge their peers to think broadly, deeply, and holistically.

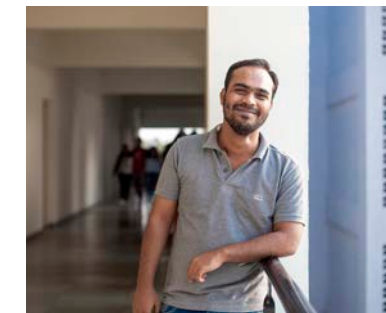
As an Anant Fellow you will spend a year residing, confiding, and collaborating with some of the most passionate young people chosen through a highly competitive selection process. Come experience how, as an architect, your ideas can become more implementable, environmentally-sustainable, inclusive, contextually-relevant, and people-oriented through the perspectives of engineers, environmental scientists, sociologists, anthropologists and others.

In the process, you will form enduring bonds with like-minded people who will become your lifelong go-to supports both professionally and personally.



Meet the Fellows

Anant Fellows are a select group of promising individuals, hand-picked through a rigorous and worldwide search for passionate achievers who are intent on bringing about a positive change to the Built Environment. With an intake of thirty-eight students for the founding year, our first cohort of Fellows come from three different countries including India, Bangladesh and Ghana. Anant Fellows hail from 16 states of India, from Kerala to Ladakh, Gujarat to Sikkim and embody a rich mix of educational, experience, and geographical diversity. From architects to social workers, product designers to writers, and engineers to artists, the rich flow of ideas from diverse streams is invaluable to the peer learning process at the Anant Fellowship.



"Joining Anant Fellowship has been a leap of faith for me and it has helped me unlock potential in me that I didn't know existed. I know that I belong here. Here, each person is a shell of potential which unfurls during the diverse and intense experiences in classes, site visits, LAP and more."

- Shazaman Saiyed, Anant Fellow 2018

Institutions Represented at Anant Fellowship:

SPA | NIT | Delhi University | CEPT University | Academy of Architecture | SRM University | Vastu Kala Academy Of Architecture | BRAC University | Loyola College | JIMS | University for Development Studies, Ghana | SASTRA University | Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University | K.R. Mangalam School of Architecture and Planning | KJSIET | Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology | Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana | RIT Roorkee | Sushant School of Art and Architecture | MAM School of Architecture | MAM School of Architecture | G. C. Patel Institute of Architecture | Marathwada Institute of Technology | KIT | BNCA | Gujarat University Acharya's NRV School Of Architecture



JINAL DOSHI

"The real voyage of discovery of FUTURE lies not in seeking new landscapes but in seeing with new eyes. Through multifariously experienced mentors I am able to learn, question, evaluate, invent and ultimately redefine equitable and sustainable Built Environment. Anant Fellowship offers a space to explore and now I can SEE beyond what the world perceives as the Built Environment."



SANJANA MAHESH

"The thing that excites me the most about this program is how we can understand the problems faced by the environment and tailor a solution suited to its physical, social, and cultural needs. Through learnings from the Anant Fellowship, I have evolved as a better human being with skills of local knowledge to help improve the lives of many."



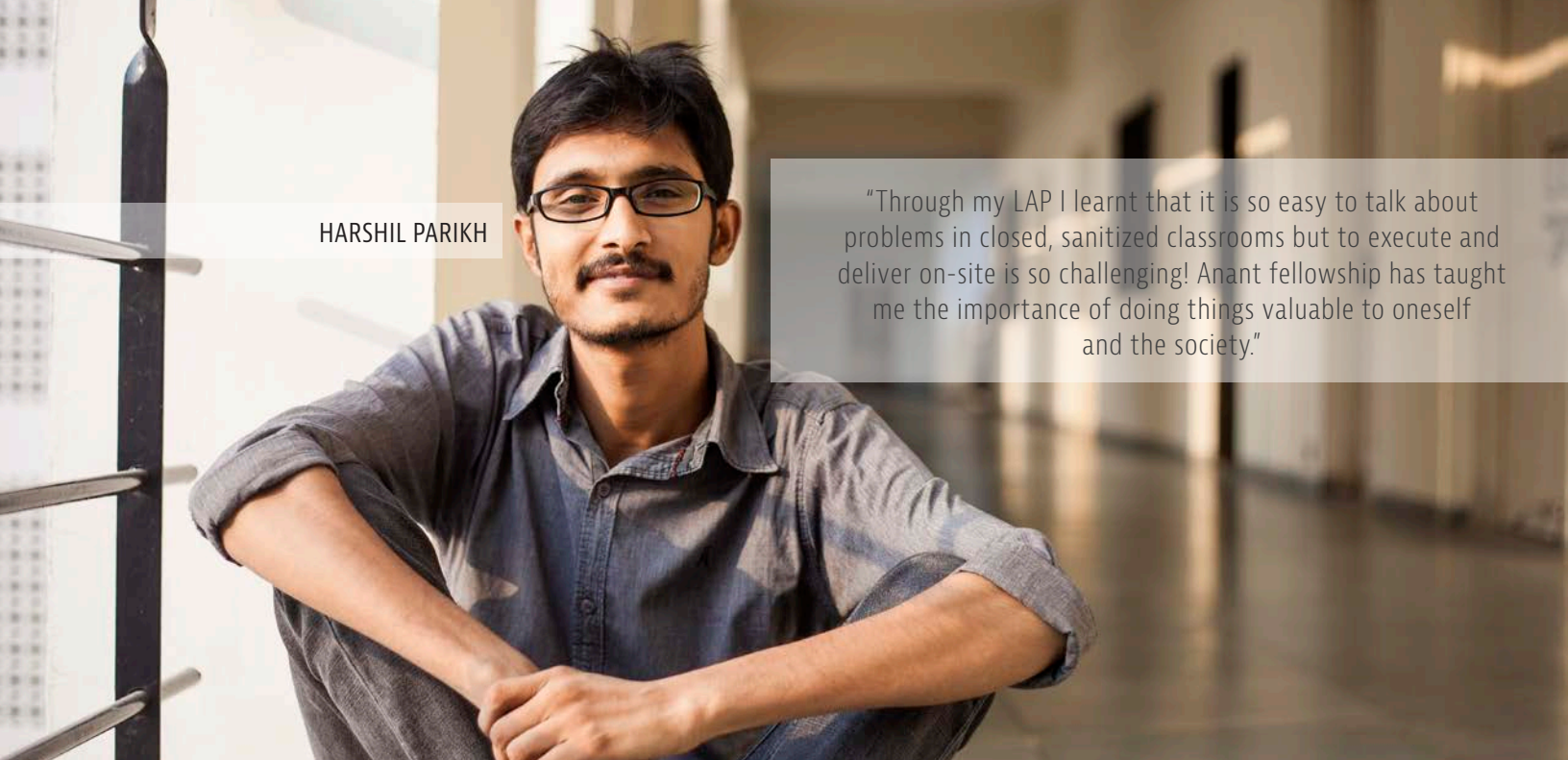
GOKULRAM

"The classroom experience is very collaborative and engaging. We have analysed every weakness in ourselves and learnt to work on them. My favourite class was under Priyamwada Singh where I discovered my true strength in finance and accounting. With LAP, I have gotten the opportunity to interact with various stakeholders at AUDA, ESI and had a first-hand experienced of managing client and official relations."



ADITI GOYAL

"It was never my dream to build for the rich or have a luxurious life. The poor cannot afford an architect. I want to be there for them. We have to strive towards decreasing the inequality in the society. Major percentage of construction is yet to be done in India, we need to control the misdoings before the situation goes out of hand. The revolution has already started in tiny bits and I joined the Anant Fellowship to be a part of it, and ultimately, lead it."



HARSHIL PARIKH

"Through my LAP I learnt that it is so easy to talk about problems in closed, sanitized classrooms but to execute and deliver on-site is so challenging! Anant fellowship has taught me the importance of doing things valuable to oneself and the society."

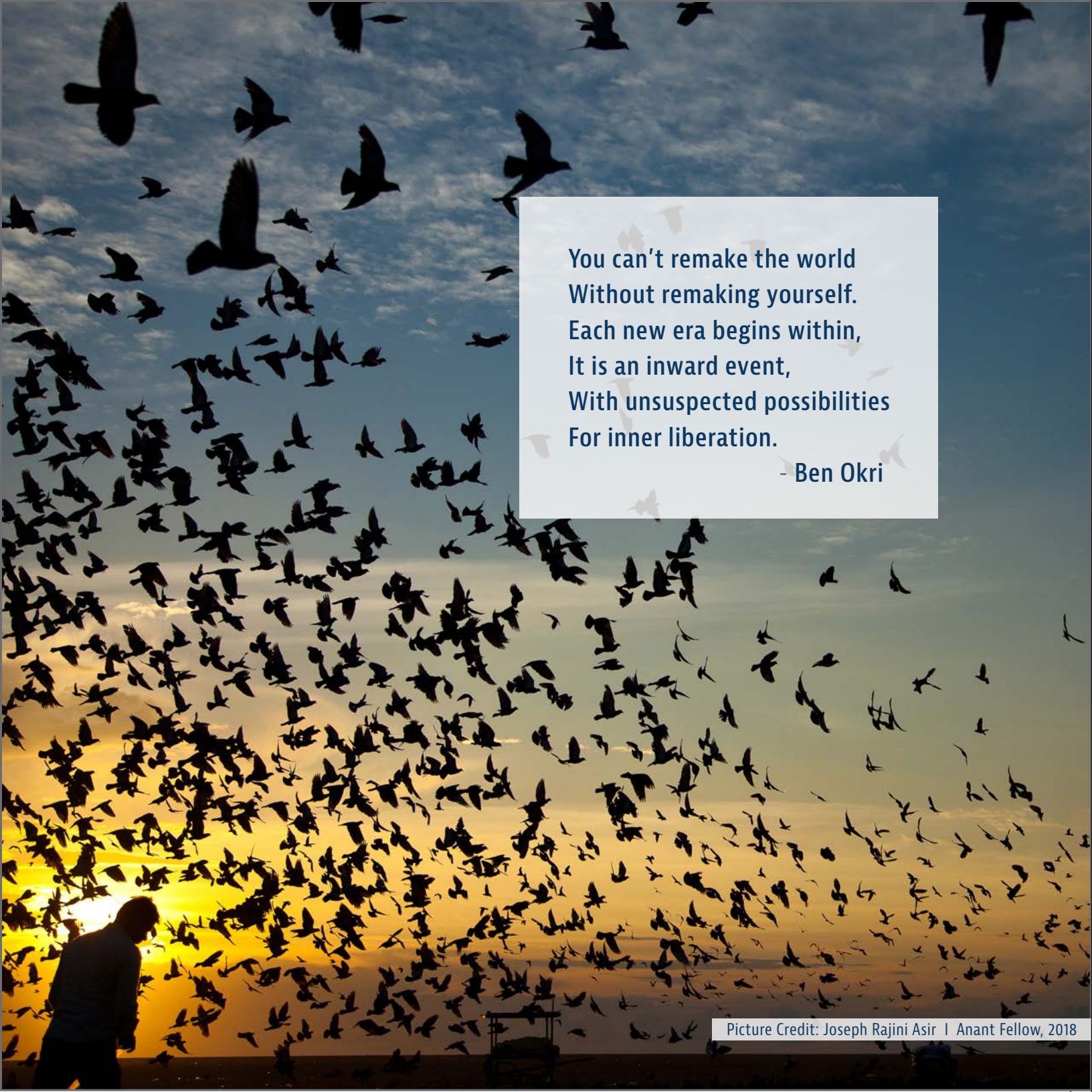


JOSEPH RAJINI ASIR

"The absence of hierarchy in any form at the Anant Fellowship is one of the key values that brings everyone together beyond their diversity. We constantly evolve every day and ask ourselves 'What can I learn today?'"



CLASSES AT THE FELLOWSHIP



**You can't remake the world
Without remaking yourself.
Each new era begins within,
It is an inward event,
With unsuspected possibilities
For inner liberation.**

- Ben Okri

Picture Credit: Joseph Rajini Asir | Anant Fellow, 2018

Accelerate Your Future

The population is expanding and along with it demands on habitats and infrastructure, and issues of urbanization, global warming, health and safety, dignity and affordability, access and capacity have become more pressing.

We stand a point of opportunity where young, passionate, innovative problem solvers can create a positive impact on the world.

Whether you want to start your own venture or join an existing organization operating in any domain technical or the social, the Anant Fellowship will expand your vistas.

- Open new career opportunities to work with organisations operating at the intersection of research and praxis, policy and advocacy, and other new-age establishments in Built Environment
- Improve your chances of getting accepted into esteemed universities nationally and internationally
- Assistance to start your own innovative enterprise by providing seed funding for the best three start-up ideas in the space of Built Environment
- Work on government or industry projects or on problems that you feel strongly about, while learning from and with the best

With scholarships to ease out the financial burden on you or your family, the Anant Fellowship provides the most ideal combination of low investment - high return one could hope for.



We invite you to be an Anant Fellow!

If you are convinced that you can both uniquely learn from and contribute to the Anant Fellowship we want to hear from you. Applications for the second class of Anant Fellowship (2018-19) are now open.

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to students and practitioners from all backgrounds. Preference will be given to professionals from the allied fields of architecture, design, planning, environmental sciences, engineering, social science, and humanities
- Applicants must have a sound academic and co-curricular record and should have successfully completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree
- Individuals with a demonstrated commitment to improving the Built Environment and a strong understanding of issues pertaining to the area
- Anant Fellowship is committed to diversity; we invite applications from students and professionals of all age-groups, socio-economic backgrounds, and geographies both in India and internationally

SELECTION PROCESS

The Anant Fellowship follows a rigorous process to identify candidates with a strong and relentless commitment to change. Elements that would be considered to select each Fellow include: Statement of Purpose, Resume, Work Sample, Telephonic and In-Person Interviews, and Recommendation Letters.

Apply online at : anu.edu.in/fellowship

IMPORTANT DATES

- First round of application closes : 20th December, 2017
- Second round of application closes : 4th March, 2018





ABOUT ANANT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Anant National University, located in the sprawling 135 acres of Sanskardham Campus in Ahmedabad, is preparing to be India's leading private teaching and research university with Design and Sustainability at its core.

To be one of top five universities in India with global standing and Indian roots.

ANANT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

- Established as a UGC recognised private University in 2016, by an Act of Legislature of the state of Gujarat
- Current undergraduate student enrollment: 495
- Planned student enrollment: Undergraduate: 4000+ Postgraduates: 1000+
- Three schools: School of Architecture, School of Design, School of Planning
- Accomplished faculty organised around teaching and research axis
- Multidisciplinary curriculum with horizontal linkages across schools
- Bachelor of Architecture programme approved by the Council of Architecture (COA)
- Governing Body of eminent people from academia, business and government

GOVERNING BODY

The university is led by a cadre of eminent people from academia, business, and government, each of whom are leaders in their respective fields.



Ajay Piramal
President, Anant National University
Chairman, Piramal Group and Shriram Group



Abhishek Lodha
Managing Director,
Lodha Group



Akshai Aggarwal
Former Vice Chancellor,
Gujarat Technical University



Dr. Pramath Raj Sinha
Provost, Anant National University
Founding Dean, Indian School of Business (ISB)
Founder and Trustee, Ashoka University



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Chairman, Network 18
Chairman, Quality Council of India
Former Chairman, McKinsey & Co., India



Indira Parikh
Founder President,
FLAME University



Anju Sharma
Government Nominee
Principal Secretary, Higher and Technical
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Govt. of Gujarat



Nathu R. Puri
Founder,
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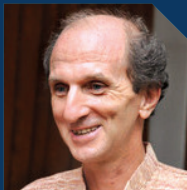
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