

## For Immediate Release

## <u>Anant National University Launches New Undergraduate Degree in Visual Arts</u>

Ahmedabad, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022: Anant National University, Ahmedabad, announced the launch of a new undergraduate programme, Bachelor of Visual Arts. The 4-year undergraduate degree provides students a solid grounding in studio art practices integrating traditional arts and crafts and contemporary creative systems. The students opting for the degree-course can specialise in Painting, Sculpting and Multimedia. The course is offered by Anant National University's Centre for Visual Arts.

The Bachelor of Visual Arts offers students an education that balances thinking and making, academic rigour and experimental play. It exposes and trains students to critical thinking and holistic learning processes, through its unique multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary curriculum necessary to express ideas as artists and future curators.

Aspiring designers and artists will learn visual art concepts, research and studio skills, and critical thinking and practices. Through conceptual exploration, practice, readings, discussions, and critiques in core seminars, students will develop an in-depth understanding of artistic theories and concepts. They will develop essential research, writing, and critical reasoning skills with conceptual foundations for creative inquiry. In the final semester, students will work with two mentors of their choice to build their portfolio and present it to public viewing in the Graduate Show. In addition, students will also write a dissertation on their selected topics where they will work with a mentor.

Commenting on the launch of the programme, **Dr. Anunaya Chaubey, Provost, Anant National University**, said, "The Bachelor of Visual Arts course is perfect for students who possess the ability to think critically, are creative, curious and ready to challenge the boundaries of art and explore the transformative potential of visual arts in the immediate world."

AnantU's well-rounded four-year undergraduate degree in Visual Arts, prepares, trains and equips students in Fine Arts, Art history and Aesthetics through a methodology comprising a combination of tutorials, lectures, seminars, and workshops. The students are then prepared and ready to become future artists, creative practitioners and researchers, academicians, curators and creative directors.

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