



## ANANTU - UPENN COLLABORATE FOR FUTURE OF LEARNING

AnantU and the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education, USA, launched the Future of Learning collaborative to address critical challenges and devise plausible solutions to deliver high-quality education. Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt of India, inaugurated the forum in the presence of Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman of the UGC and 28 delegates from five continents, including Europe, South America, North America, Middle East, and Asia. The three-day conference (28th - 30th March) comprised thought leaders, academics, policymakers, practitioners, innovators and entrepreneurs coming together to design better learning environments for future generations. Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat, presided over the concluding ceremony. [Know more](#)

## UNIVERSITY HOSTS WITH FESTIVAL

Live performances, movie screenings, inspirational keynotes and culinary delights infused the two-day With Festival with energy. The globally distributed fest, inaugurated in Ahmedabad at AnantU campus, saw performances by the Saz Trio, Pandit Tanmoy Bose, Himmat Mahila Band, drummer Manish Chauhan, the team of Street to Kathak and Dharavi Dream Project. Keynotes by Kim Grinfeder and Jaime Abello Banfi, Director, General Gabriel Garcia Marquez Foundation and screening of award-winning films of the short-film competition made the fest a success. [See photos](#)



## DR TEEJAN BAI PERFORMS AT ANANTU

Participants explored various aspects of storytelling through performances by Padma Vibhushan, Dr Teejan Bai and Dastangoi artists Poonam Girdhani and Rajesh Kumar. Prof. James Hegarty from Cardiff University; Dr Eric Miller, Director of World Storytelling Institute; Ami Ganatara, author; Dr Madan Meena, artist folklore researcher and Director of Adivasi Academy at Tejgadh, Gujarat introduced attendees to stories from religion, history, epics and many more. The demonstration by the kids of Vasantshala, the crafts bazaar, workshops and paper presentations made event a success. [See photos](#)



## CYBERSAFE MISSION SYMPOSIUM

Harsh Sanghavi, MoS Home, Industries, Transport, Youth and Sports, inaugurated Cyber Safe Mission Symposium at AnantU. The symposium marked the announcement of collaboration between AnantU and Ahmedabad Police to strengthen the state's cybersecurity systems, inauguration of Earthlink 2372 - a new lab dedicated to advancement of AI technology and hyper-visualization and launch of Cyber Safe Hackathon. The initiative aims to support police in fighting cybercrime through developing awareness programmes and creating a student community network to promote cybersecurity. [Read more](#)



## B.DES. STUDENTS WIN HACKATHON FINALE

Abhinaba Paul and Kavya Patel (B.Des. students) won the final round of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Hackathon 2022. They competed against 2087 teams at the regional level and 461 in the finale. The winning team addressed the issue of developing online games using IT tools in the Toy Innovation Challenge department. Their innovation included the implementation of VR technology to enhance tourism experiences.



## PH.D. SCHOLAR FELICITATED

Ph.D. scholar Mala Arora felicitated as Women in Education/Academics for outstanding contribution in the sector 2022-23 at #SheRise, a flagship event by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Indian Women Network - Gujarat.



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Prof. Vanessa GB Gowreesunkar gave the keynote speech at 4th International Conference on Tourism, Hospitality and SDGs, at National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Hyderabad. AnantU students also presented at the conference.



## FIELD TRIP: BHUJ

Fashion design students visited craft clusters in Bhuj for a field immersive research study on indigenous artisan groups and traditional crafts practices of Kutch, including Rabari and Kutchi embroidery, Khatri Bela and Ajrak printing.



## DANCE WORKSHOP WITH JAINIL MEHTA

AnantU community explored and experienced art through a unique interaction on 'Passion, Expression and Appreciation' and the movement workshop with celebrated dancer and choreographer Jainil Mehta. An Instagram sensation Jainil Mehta is known to break the barriers of gender categorization through dance. A former company dancer with New York-based Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, he teaches, creates and performs across the United States. He has also been featured widely for his initiative to break the gender stereotype, especially within the Indian community.



## IDEA CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The third edition of the idea contest will help convert 12 winning ideas into a reality. These projects range across sectors, including healthcare, agriculture, defence, consumer durables, safety accessories, robotics, gaming and sanitation, among many others. Approximately 11.5 lakhs has been disbursed in the first tranche of the contest. This edition received nearly 90 entries of which 42 were shortlisted and 12 were announced winners. The contest is a unique initiative by Aarambh, AnantU's incubation centre, to foster the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship among AnantU community.

"Learning to design for smart cities is important as it's connected with sustainability and cultural heritage. It is important for students as they relate both to the history of the locality of a place, look at the issues of sustainability and visions concerning the futures through technology."

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## FACULTY SPEAK

