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SOLUTIONARIES FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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# Redefining the Built Environment

The built environment is everything that is human-made in the natural world. In the ongoing Anthropocene era, our environment is overwhelmed and outweighed by the material output of human activities. As evident in cities across the globe, we are facing a crisis which requires a cadre of solutionaries - revolutionary thinkers with a bias towards innovation and action. Solutionaries who can learn together, work together and solve problems together.

However, cities are more than their buildings and infrastructure. We must also consider the socioeconomic and cultural dynamics of its citizens

when deciding their development strategies. City planning must adopt a multidisciplinary approach where teams reflect a combination of expertise in architecture, planning, design, engineering, social sciences, business, law, politics, sciences and as many other disciplines as possible.

Anant Fellowship, the flagship programme at the Anant National University, endeavours to train and empower a new generation of thought leaders and critical thinkers to rethink and redesign the built environment as redefined today.







"I personally believe that for youth who love to solve complex problems there is no field today which is as exciting as the built environment."

**Mr Ajay Piramal**

President, AnantU

Chairman, Piramal Group

## Objective

While studying at the Anant Fellowship, Fellows can expect to develop:

A composite, well rounded understanding of the built environment

Capacities in critical thinking, entrepreneurship and research design

Collaboration skills and work with diverse teams to attain common goals

## About Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment

A global programme that prepares and empowers solutionaries to design, build and preserve an equitable built environment. Since 2017, this one-year residential programme has trained more than 160 Fellows from across 6 continents and 18 countries. This Fellowship was designed by experts in academia and industry practitioners to provide Fellows with a hands-on experiential learning environment.

The curriculum is a dynamic combination of disciplines such as urban development and sustainability, art and culture, philosophy, social sciences, science and technology, design thinking, gender studies among others. Over the course of the year, Fellows are challenged to identify, research, design and implement a practical solution to a real-life problem in their local communities.

**AnantU is located in the World Heritage City of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, in western India. The city has a long tradition of rich heritage, design and architecture.**





“AnantU is emerging as a shining example of an inclusive educational space bringing together students, faculty and community in an act of learning and designing solutions for our problems. Our pedagogy integrates tradition and contemporary development and sustainability, the individual and the collaboration. It defines who we are, what we do and how we learn.”

**Dr Anunaya Chaubey**  
Provost, AnantU

## Anant Fellowship

Starts  
**September**

Ends  
**August**

Language of Instruction  
**English**

Degree Awarded  
**Post-Graduate Diploma in Built Environment**

\*All degrees are awarded by Anant National University,  
a University Grants Commission recognized university

Mode of delivery

**On campus - Full time**



# Multidisciplinary Curriculum

8 Terms      6 Weeks Each

36 Multidisciplinary Modules

30 Fellows      6 Tracks

The multidisciplinary curriculum offers learning opportunities that widen the perspective of the Fellows and help build relevant skillsets, regardless of their past educational backgrounds and their future goals. The curriculum introduces concepts in the fields of design, architecture, technology, liberal arts and management amongst others.

## 1 Society and Culture

Understanding the built environment through the lens of history, anthropology, ecology, finance and gender

## 2 Fundamentals of the Built Environment

Essential concepts in architecture, urban design and urban planning

## 3 Language & Methodology

Techniques of mapping, analysis and communication in built environment studies

## 4 Design for Development

Understanding the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within the domain of the built environment

## 5 Self Growth & Leadership

Exploring values and strengths in leadership, empathy and critical thinking

## 6 Live Action Project (LAP)

Applying classroom learnings to develop innovative solutions to real life problems concerning the built environment



"I have gained multiple experiences with unique individuals who have different perspectives. The journey has helped me push my boundaries, work on my vulnerabilities and be aware of the social complexities".

**Chintagunta Lavanya**, Urban Planner, Anant Fellow '19

# Academic Modules



Anant Fellowship builds key capacities in critical thinking, research design and entrepreneurship to enable Fellows to work within the built environment space. The modules at the Fellowship are taught by expert academicians and practitioners from across the world. Each module is designed to engage Fellows through thought exercises and robust discussions.

## Art and Historical Perspectives

**Dr Anunaya Chaubey**

Provost, AnantU  
PhD in English Literature, Patna University  
Salzburg Global Fellow

## Building Habits, Careers and Environments

**Dr Pramath Raj Sinha**

Founding Provost, AnantU  
Founder and Chairman, Harappa Education; Founding Dean, ISB

## Safeguarding Intangible Heritage / Sustainable Heritage Development

**Dr Amareswar Galla**

PhD in Asian Studies, Australian National University  
Salzburg Global Fellow

## Game Design

**Akshay Roongta**

MA in New Media, Aalto University, Helsinki

## Design Thinking

**Amit Gulati**

M.Des in Industrial Design, National Institute of Design

## Financial Perspectives

**Ankur Kulshrestha**

Doctoral Fellow, IIM Rohtak

## Netflix and the Art of Design Writing

**Aparna Piramal Raje**

MBA, Harvard University

## Research Design

**Dr Ashima Sood**

PhD in Economics, Cornell University

## Art in Everyday Life Spaces

**Dr Bindu Bhadana**

PhD in Transcultural Studies, University of Heidelberg

## Emerging Leaders Programme

**Gagan Sethi**

MSW, MS University, Vadodara

## Explorations in Life Space, Life Roles and Identity

**Dr Indira Parikh**

PhD, Gujarat University  
Former Dean, IIM-Ahmedabad

## Reflective Practices for Designers

**Kartikeya Shastri**

MEng, Cornell University

## Vulnerability In the Built Environment

**Dr Renu Desai**

PhD in Architecture  
University of California, Berkeley

## Internet of Things (IoT)

**Dr Rodolphe el-Khoury**

PhD, Princeton University

## Media and Visual Communication

**Sanjeev Chatterjee**

MA in Fine Arts, Brooklyn College of the City University of New York

## Philosophy and the Built Environment

**Dr Sundar Sarukkai**

PhD, Purdue University

## Gender, Women and Changing Society

**Urvashi Butalia**

Masters in South Asian Studies, University of London

## Sustainable Architecture Design

**Dr Benny Kuriakose**

PhD, IIT, Madras

## Cultural Tourism

**Dr Vanessa Gaitree Gowreesunkar**

PhD, University of Technology, Mauritius

## Sustainable Business

**Dr Miniya Chatterji**

PhD, Sciences-Po

## Writing for the Built Environment

**Snehal Nagarsheth**

Masters in Urban Design, CEPT University

## Drawing for the Built Environment

**Anubha Kakroo**

M.Arch Industrial Design, School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi

## SDGs & Built Environment

**Zeenat Niazi**

M.Arch, McGill University

## Cultural Economics and Entrepreneurship

**Dr Subhalaxmi Mohapatra**

PhD in Health Economics, Utkal University, Orissa

## Interpersonal Dynamics

**Amit Kumar**

MSc in Computer and Information Science, Cleveland State University, Ohio

## Unbuilding Architecture

**Priyamwada Singh**

M. Arch, Columbia University, New York

## Sustainable Agriculture

**Dr Aditya Parekh**

PhD in Cancer Biology, IIT Kharagpur

## Emerging Concepts in Housing

**Dhaval Monani**

MBA in Finance and Entrepreneurship, IESE Business School

## Climate Change and the Built Environment

**Ruchie Kothari**

MSc. in Sustainable Design, Carnegie Mellon University







# Live-Action Project

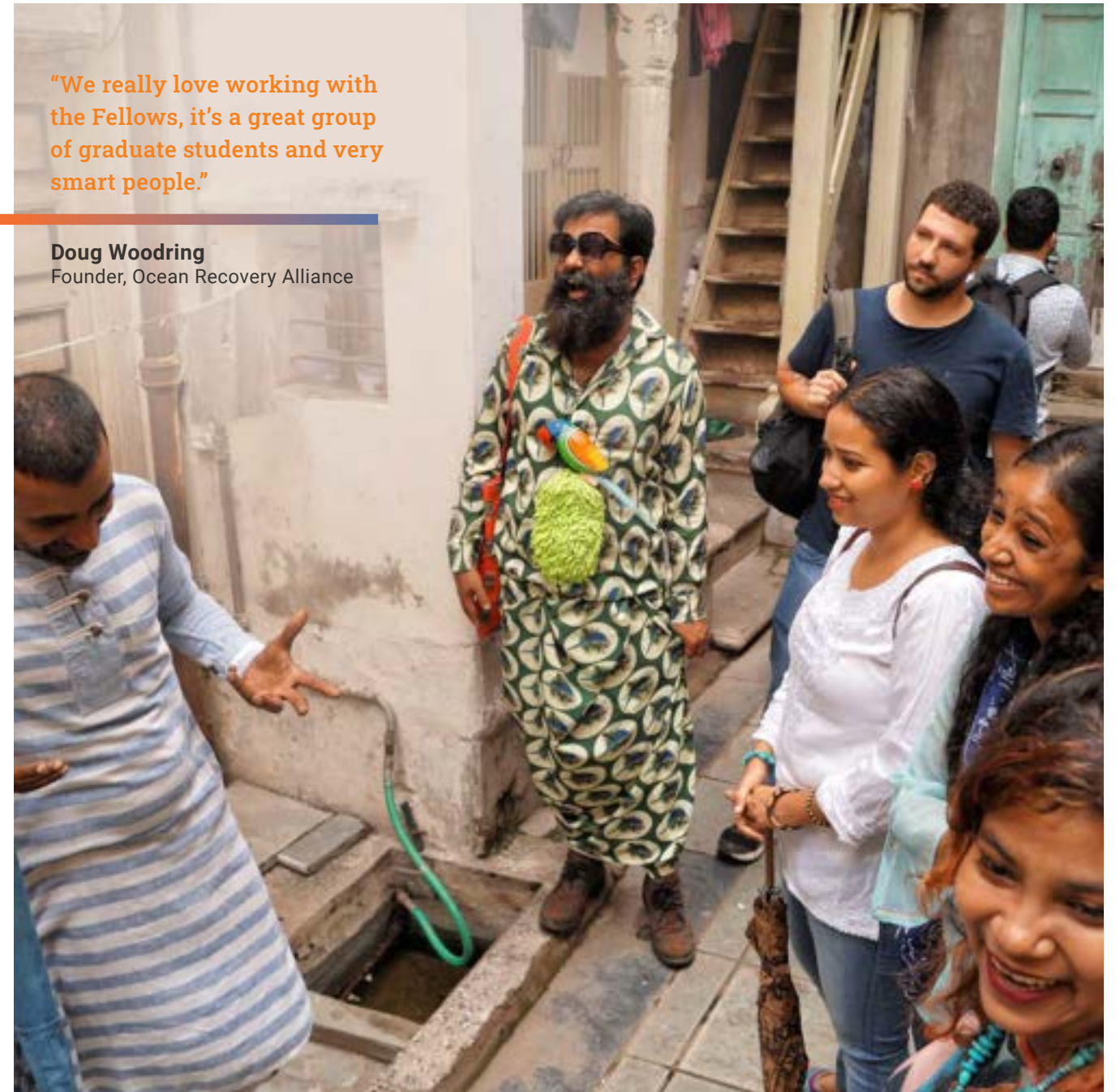
The Live-Action Project (LAP) is an eight-month long experiential track offered at Anant Fellowship. Here, the Fellows work in teams to propose an innovative, equitable and sustainable solution to a built environment problem. LAP is curated by the programme team, AnantU faculty, external clients and experts.

"Anant Fellowship is not a normal course of study. It is about giving a 360 degree perspective to the Fellows, as a result we get well rounded professionals in this sector."

**Manikandan KP**  
Institution Builder, Indian Housing Federation

"We really love working with the Fellows, it's a great group of graduate students and very smart people."

**Doug Woodring**  
Founder, Ocean Recovery Alliance





## Sustainable and Indigenous Centre for Collaborative Arts (SICCA) LAP 20-21



SICCA is a self-designed Live-Action Project by Fellows, which works with off-urban art centres and artists, especially with the last generation practitioners of their craft. Deeply rooted in traditional arts and architecture practices, the project organises artist residencies and experiential learning courses- along with documenting the artists and their work.

## Untold Stories of Ahmedabad LAP 21-22



The project researches on unexplored cultural aspects of the heritage city and presents an impact assessment on their significance to tourism economy, society and environment. It aims to create a documentary film about people and places that embody the city through its untold stories.

**“There is always more than meets the eye in a world perceived through tangible material culture and edifices. Untold Stories of Ahmedabad World Heritage City through its intangible heritage provide for reanimation and experiential learning of the invaluable built environment.”**

**Professor Dr Amareswar Galla**  
UNESCO Chair on inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development, AnantU

## Sustainable Farming Project LAP 21-22



Conventional methods in agriculture are not sustainable. This project aims to understand different implications of agriculture and explore alternate processes and methods which are beneficial to both, people and environment.

## Creating Child Friendly Cities LAP 21-22



A joint project with Janaagrah Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, the aim is to ensure that the youth's voice is included in city planning. The team will collect inputs from children, analyse and present their findings to the local government for action.

**“Through LAP, we aim at bridging the divide between the built and natural environments. Additionally, we learn methods, mindset and tools to harness nature's genius and make more sustainable and resilient designs.”**

**Dr Jamie Miller**  
Founder, Biomimicry Frontiers



## Global Network

Anant Fellowship brings together kind, committed and passionate critical thinkers from diverse backgrounds to solve built environment challenges. Since its launch in 2017, Anant Fellowship is now in its sixth edition with more than 150 Fellows across the globe. Their varied backgrounds and specialisations have enabled a rich cross-flow of ideas, experiences and effective approaches to solving global built environment problems.

160+ from 50+ of 18+  
Fellows Cities Countries

INDIA | JAMAICA | BRAZIL | BANGLADESH | MOROCCO | KENYA NIGERIA  
| CANADA | UNITED KINGDOM | EGYPT | SRI LANKA | IRAN AFGHANISTAN  
| GHANA | MALAWI | ETHIOPIA | RWANDA | SIERRA LEONE

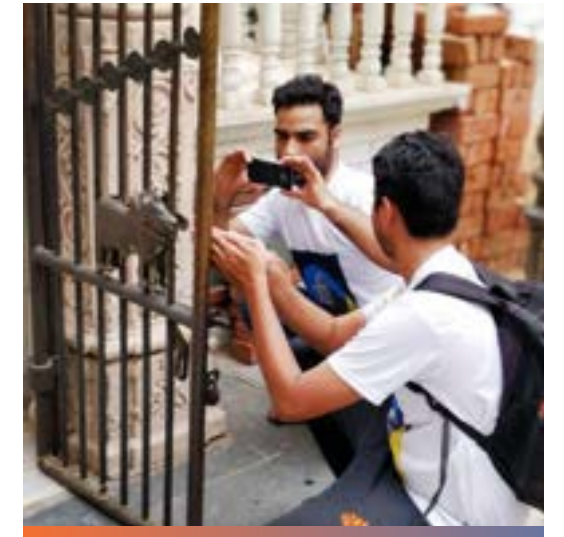
## UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development



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Chair on Inclusive  
Museums and Sustainable  
Heritage Development

The UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development at Anant National University is the first on Museums in the Asia Pacific region. It is second worldwide after Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris. Serving as a think tank and bridge-builder between academia, civil society, local communities, research and policy-making, this Chair promotes and supports the development of museum policies in the region.

UNESCO Chair offers two flagship courses on Safeguarding Intangible Heritage and Sustainable Heritage



Development through the Anant Fellowship programme. These modules introduce the Fellows to new perspectives through UNESCO standard-setting instruments. They are interdisciplinary and delivered with capacity building/professional development approaches, given the diverse disciplinary backgrounds of the Fellows.

**Centre Director, Professor Dr Amareswar Galla is the UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development, anchored in the ICICL at Anant National University.**

**It is the first such UNESCO Chair on Museums in the Asia Pacific and the second in the world after Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris.**



# Future Endeavours

Anant Fellowship has a rigorous career services and placement process designed to help Fellows find a pathway post the Fellowship. Fellows have gone on to pursue **higher education**; secure **job placements** with leading corporates and social sector enterprises; and begin their **entrepreneurial** journey.

## M.Sc in Sustainability and Built Environment

At the end of the first year, Fellows can opt for an extended year focused on enabling innovative solutions for cities through technical expertise and critical thinking.

### Higher Education



### Top Recruiters



# Alumni Community

Anant Fellows keep coming back to the Fellowship and contribute to shaping it further. They support and collaborate with the ongoing cohort through networking, mentorship and workshops.

“It was an exploratory experience! Collaboration with peers, tutors and industry experts helped me develop new approaches to think and design”.

Arun Biswanath, Architect, Anant Fellow '20





## Become an Anant Fellow



### Admission Process

1. Complete your application online and submit before the given deadline
2. Successful applicants will be invited for 2 rounds of interviews
  - a. Telephonic interview
  - b. Panel Interview (On campus/Online)

### Eligibility

1. Undergraduate degree in any discipline
2. Commitment to improving the built environment

### Programme Fee and Financial Aid

Tuition:  
INR 5,00,000\*

Accommodation:  
INR 1,75,000 to 2,50,000\*  
(subject to availability)

Total:  
INR 7,50,000

### Scholarship

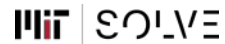
Need-based scholarships are offered to deserving candidates.

\* Applicable for the AY 2024-25 cohort

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## Partnerships



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PhD, Australian National University

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lon University

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