

FEBRUARY 2024



February is packed with exciting events, seminars and more at Anant. The new semester has begun and classes have resumed. The first few weeks saw our students engaged with new materials and methods in an **outdoor classroom set-up**. Outside the traditional classrooms, our campus greens became their studios. As we proceed further into this semester, here is a quick look at what we saw this February and what is in store in the next few weeks.

ADEPT

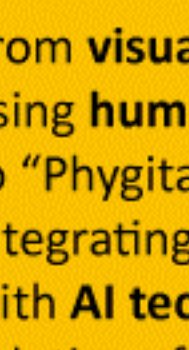
ANANT DESIGN ENTRANCE & PROFICIENCY TEST

ADEPT Round 1

Paper, Situation Test, Personal Interview

The **Anant Design Entrance and Proficiency Test (ADEPT)**, formerly known as Design Entrance Test (DET) is designed to evaluate the candidate's **design aptitude, creativity, problem-solving and logical skills** together with general awareness. ADEPT is one hour long and conducted in English, soon to be available in **multiple languages**.

ADEPT Round 1 was conducted on 25 January. Prospective students, from **200 different cities**, across **1,000 different schools** attempted the test. After the intensive stage of the ADEPT paper, the applicants appeared for the **situation test** wherein they were tested on their capacity to present ideas constructively through writing and sketching. The following week, the applicants appeared for their **personal interview** with our faculty. Based on all three stages their results will be released this week. We wish all our applicants the best of luck and encourage others to start applying for the **next round scheduled to be conducted on 7 April**. Please reach out to us for any queries at admissions@anu.edu.in.



Calling all design aspirants to apply!



THE MONSOON THAT WAS

MONSOON SEMESTER 2023 WORKS ON DISPLAY

9 - 18 FEB 2024 COURTYARD

Held from **9 to 18 February** - The Monsoon That Was - is an **exhibition showcasing the best of our students' work** from the last semester from all disciplines.

From **visual arts** to products using **human-centred design** to "Phygital" products integrating **medical devices** with **AI technology** to scientific solutions for **climate action** will be on display - the exhibition epitomises the **university's pedagogy** and the diverse talents emerging from various programmes.

The exhibition will see curated works of students from **Foundation Year**, the **Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment**, the **School of Architecture**, the **School of Creative Practices and Entrepreneurship**, the **School of Climate Action** and the seven majors at the **School of Design - Product, Space, Interaction, Communication, Sustainable Fashion and Textiles, Moving Image and Transdisciplinary design**.

Visit us this week to meet our budding solutionaries and see their work!



architecture for all : call of the future

What and how should the architecture of the future be? **From 23 to 25 February**, Anant is hosting the **International Symposium on 'Architecture for All: Call of the Future'** - which will attempt to ponder this question through **academic exchange and dialogue**.

The symposium will see key-note speakers from across the globe -

Madhura Prematilleke
Team Architrave
Colombo, Sri Lanka

Marina Tabassum
Marina Tabassum Architects
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Peter Rich
Peter Rich Architects
Johannesburg, South Africa



40 papers will be presented over the **three days** of intense academic exchange with international participants from esteemed universities across countries like **Portugal, Canada and the United States of America**.

The symposium will see academic papers that explore themes at different intersections like **architecture and politics, identity, society, climate, well-being, ecology, technology, inclusion, economy and other contexts**. The symposium promotes the concept of a new world of architectural practice embracing influences from multiple fields and disciplines.

POLICY Compendium Launch



On **30 January** Centre for Public Policy at Anant (CPPA) **launched the first edition of the Policy Compendium**. This compendium presents the most significant public policies in the compendium environment space. It is an invaluable **resource for policymakers, urban planners, architects, designers** and all those passionate about shaping the future of our built environment. This will also be a **practical guide for our students and faculty** as they continue to shape our built environment with creativity, compassion and a commitment to the common good.

Annotation:

Centre for Public Policy at Anant (CPPA) is a first-of-its-kind initiative set up in collaboration with Communeeti, a Delhi-based not-for-profit entrepreneurial venture on public policy. The Centre works towards training architects, designers and climate activists of the future in how policies are designed, implemented and measured. The Centre strives to equip them with the knowledge and tools to analyse policies, advocate change and nurture them as future policy professionals.

DEPARTMENT FOCUS - CLIMATE ACTION

Generating Clean Power at the Climate Lab

Have you visited the **Climate Lab set up by India's first climate school**? The lab's modern infrastructure includes a wide range of equipment and the latest software solutions. We **successfully generated clean power** at the Climate lab by harnessing solar energy.

Visaka Industries donated to the lab an **ATUM-integrated solar roof system** that can generate 22 kilowatts of electricity. Additionally, the lab is constructed using Vnext Panels - lightweight, prefabricated wall panels filled with EPS concrete in their core, offering thermal and acoustic properties that enhance energy efficiency. We thank Visaka for their support and commitment towards climate solutions.

STUDENT FOCUS - CHANDRANEEL SEN

"Anant is the best thing to happen to me."

Chandraneel, a Product Design major at Anant, hailing from a humble background inherited his interest in design and craft from his father, who was an **idol sculptor from Jamshedpur**. He was awarded a **full scholarship** to study at Anant 2020 and began his journey at the university in the School of Design. An **intern at Aarambh Incubation Centre** with experience working with the **Office of Student Services**, Chandraneel feels Anant has equipped him for the larger world.

Chandraneel has a deep interest in fine arts and Anant has played a **pivotal role** in helping him explore this passion. "I have received **immense support** from **accomplished and renowned faculty and mentors at Anant** who have always been there for me. The vibrant student life has helped me blend in with people from all across the nation and the world. **Anant is the best thing to happen to me.**" shared Chandraneel.

STAFF FOCUS - SHIVANI PATEL

Meet Shivani Patel, a crucial part of the Administration Office at Anant.

Shivani **joined Anant in 2019** as a part of the Admissions team. Soon after she transitioned to a role in the admin team aligning better with her **interests and management skills**. From handling the **travel desk** to being in charge of the **student housing**, Shivani's journey at Anant has been a colourful and fulfilling experience.

Born and brought up in Baroda, Shivani now resides in Ahmedabad, on campus. Her studio apartment at Student Housing 1 often becomes a **bakery** when the mood or demand strikes. "**Cooking has always been my passion**. It is a stressbuster for me." The monthly birthday celebrations of staff and faculty at Anant culminate in Shivani's delicious creations. "In departments as well, if they have some celebration they order my food." Her identity at Anant is **beyond her role as a hostel warden, she is a baker, a mentor and a mother**.

UPCOMING Events

Leap of Joy: a day where students from Prabhat and Anant come together for workshops, events and fun.

WITH Festival: an event in collaboration with Media for Change and the University of Miami to celebrate media, media-makers and enthusiasts.

More information in the next edition of the Anant Newsletter.

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