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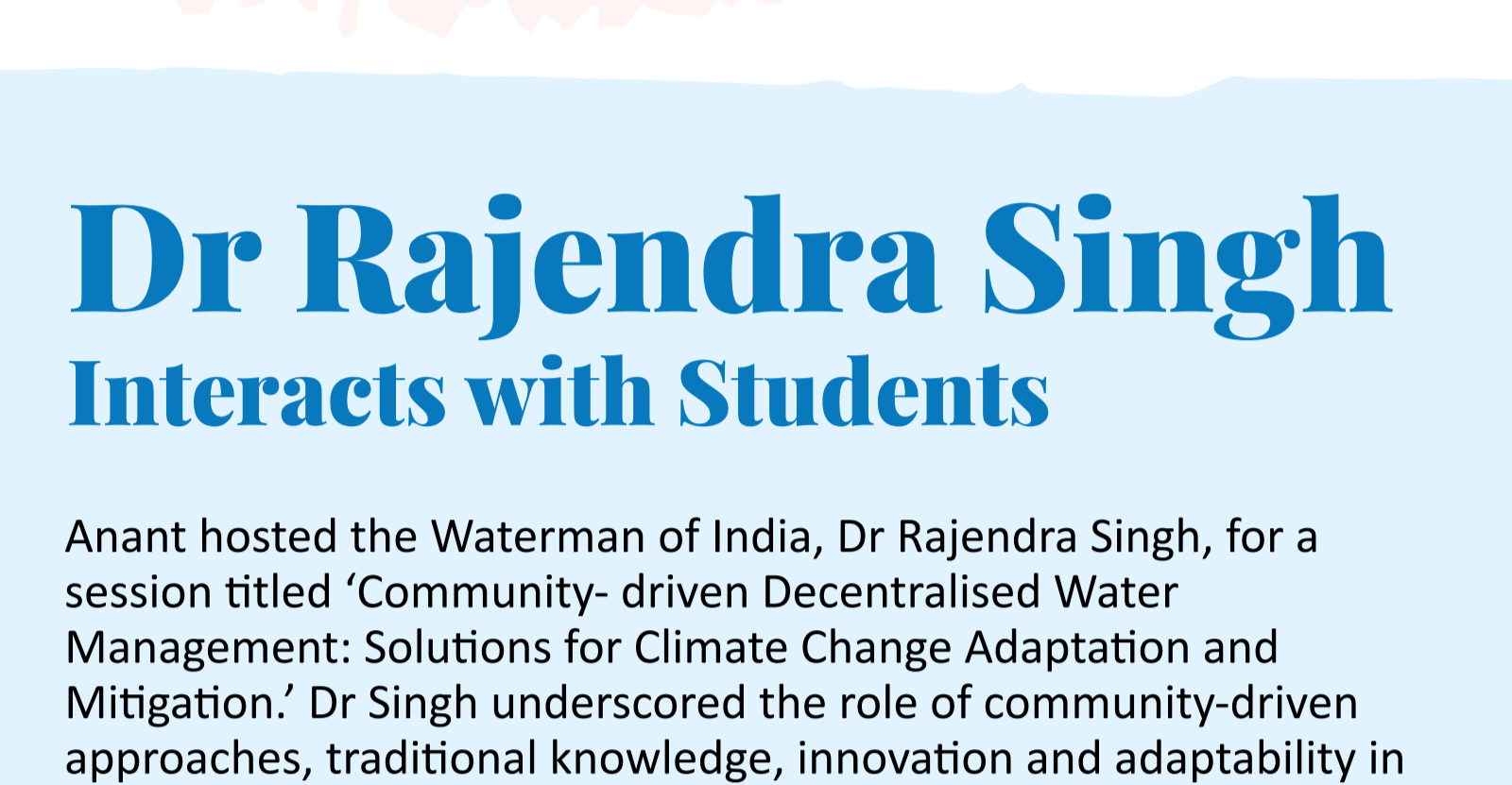
The months of September and October were all about festivities as Anant's diverse community celebrated different festivals. Meanwhile, Mr Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Vice-Chairman, Bharti Enterprises, and Mr Ajay Piramal, President, Anant National University, visited Anant and interacted with Anant students and innovators/start-ups incubated by Aarambh Incubation Centre.

Mr Rakesh Bharti Mittal @ Anant



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A total of 12 student innovators/start-ups presented their cutting-edge ideas, with four already having registered their start-ups.



Talking to the students, Mr Mittal shared, "I am delighted to witness the level of innovation happening at Anant. India is brimming with opportunities, and you are set to be a part of this revolution. So, pursue your passion, think big, and do big."

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Chaubey, said, "I thank Mr Mittal for his support. His active involvement in our initiatives and projects speaks volumes about his commitment to our mission."

As a parting gift, Anant presented Mr Mittal with a specially tailored shirt made using Kora Khadi, an unbleached and undyed fabric woven on handlooms by a group of skilled weavers in a small village in Tamulpur, Assam.

Dr Rajendra Singh Interacts with Students

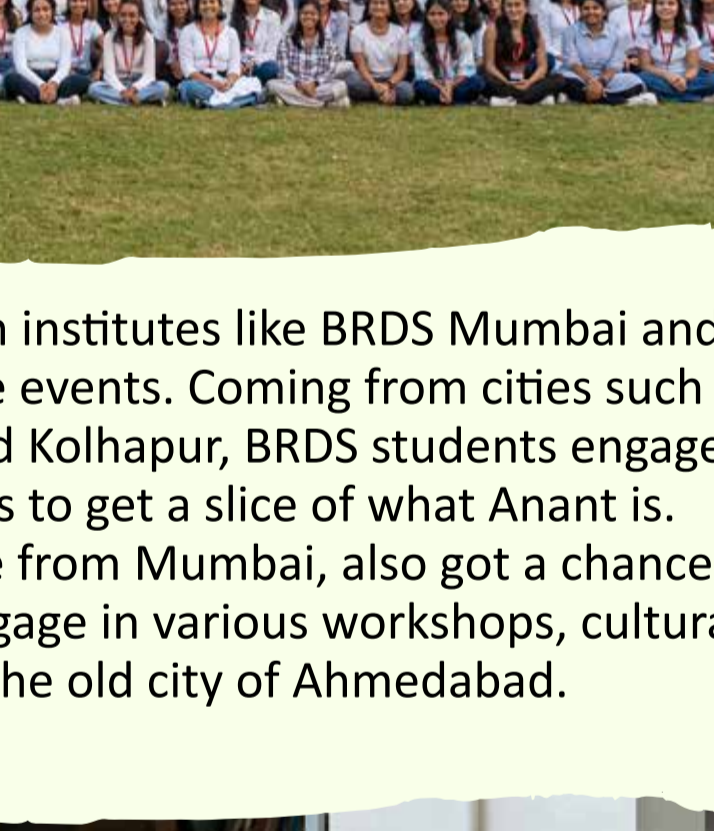
Anant hosted the Waterman of India, Dr Rajendra Singh, for a session titled 'Community- driven Decentralised Water Management: Solutions for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.' Dr Singh underscored the role of community-driven approaches, traditional knowledge, innovation and adaptability in addressing water scarcity and climate change. He also emphasised that the water crisis is a global issue, but the solution is local and collaborative efforts are required to fight it.



Pre-Placement Talks

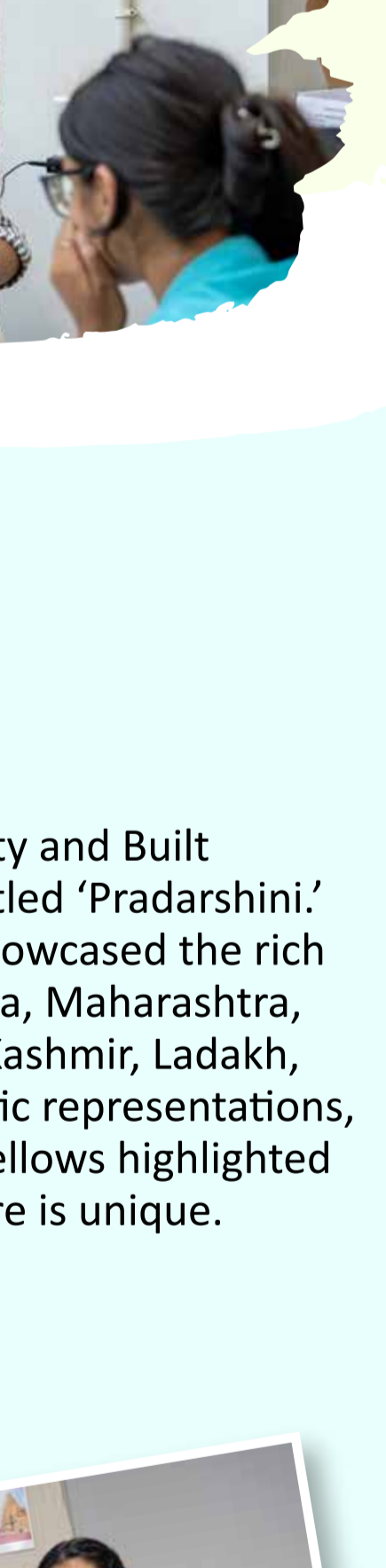
The 7th-semester BDes (Communication Design, Product Design and Interaction Design) students and 3rd-semester MDes (Integrated Product Design) students got a chance to interact with industry experts during pre-placement talks.

Organisations such as Vmukti Solutions Pvt Ltd, Exposit and Zero Gravity Communication conducted interactive sessions with their Founders, Co-founders and HR Executives, engaging with students and providing insights into potential career opportunities within their respective industries.



Festival Vibes

The festive vibes were in the air as the Anant community got together to celebrate various festivals. While Onam celebrations were all about traditional decorations and South Indian dishes, Navratri festivities had the students twirling to garba beats. These celebrations were a reminder of Anant's diverse community coming together and celebrating each other's festivals in unison.



Admission Open Houses

Anant welcomed students from institutes like BRDS Mumbai and Silica for admission open house events. Coming from cities such as Nasik, Aurangabad, Solapur and Kolhapur, BRDS students engaged with Anant faculty and students to get a slice of what Anant is. Students from Silica, who came from Mumbai, also got a chance to go on a campus tour and engage in various workshops, cultural events and a Heritage Walk in the old city of Ahmedabad.



Department Focus

Fellows from Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment organised a unique exhibition titled 'Pradarshini.' Featuring an experiential zone, Pradarshini showcased the rich cultures of various Indian states, including Goa, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Kashmir, Ladakh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Through stories, artistic representations, traditional attire and culinary offerings, the Fellows highlighted what each state represents and how its culture is unique.

Faculty Focus Dr Philip Ellis

Dr Philip Ellis, a scholar-practitioner and Fellow in Democratic Civic Engagement at the University of Pennsylvania served as a Visiting Faculty at Anant. During his tenure, he taught the students at the School of Design and Fellows from the Anant Fellowship for Climate Action and the Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment. In his lectures, Dr Ellis addressed critical topics such as 'Leading Collaborations for the Environment,' 'Solving Wicked Problems,' etc. His curriculum integrated hands-on experiential learning with real-world applications to address society's most pressing problems.

Student Focus Amal Pagag

Amal Pagag, an MDes (Integrated Product Design) student from the 2021 batch, designed a Portable Mosquito Trapper. Developed under the guidance of Prof Parth Shah, Manager, Makerspace, the mosquito trapper is truly portable as it doesn't need to be mounted on a wall for power, like most other repellents. The design combines practicality and ease of use as it operates on a 9-volt battery with a running time of 98 hours.

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