

# JANUARY 2025

As the temperatures dipped in Ahmedabad, the months of December and January brought a lot of excitement and accolades to Anant National University. From Anant getting the prestigious '5-Star Rating' in the category of Architecture and a '4-Star Rating' in the University category in GSIRF, engaging Winter School 2024 and beginning of the New Year, a lot unfolded this month.

## Remarkable Achievement of a 5-Star Rating in GSIRF 2023-24

Anant National University was honoured with the prestigious '5-Star Rating' in the category of Architecture and a '4-Star Rating' in the University category. This recognition reinforces our commitment to creating a world-class institution of great eminence and excellence. Congratulations to our entire community for this achievement!



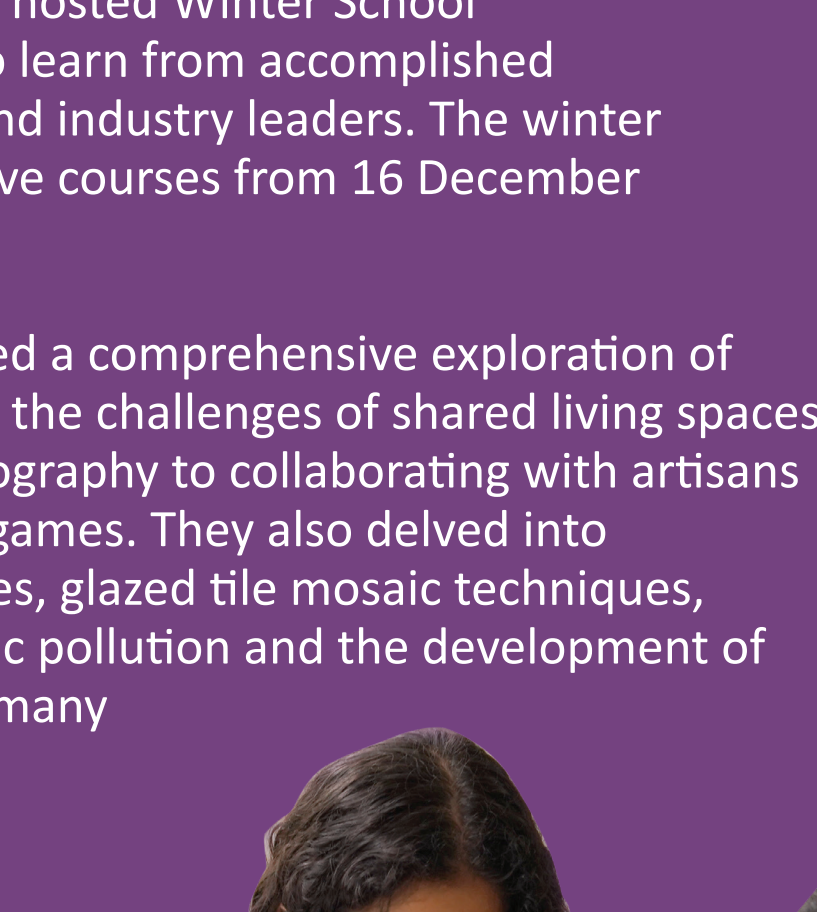
Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework (GSIRF) is a partnership between the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG) and the India Centre for Academic Rankings and Excellence (ICARE), India's most trusted institution, Ranking and Rating Authority. The framework assesses higher education institutions using the same parameters as the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

•• Universities secured 5 star rating in all the three consecutive GSIRF ratings have been awarded with 5 star+ rate in GSIRF-2024

9	Dharmabai Anantoni Institute of Information and Communication Technology (DA-ICT)	5	University
10	Ganpat Technological University	5	University
11	Ganpat University	5	University
12	Junagadh Agricultural University	5	University
13	Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar	5	University, Research
	Ganpat National Law Uni	5	University
	Ganpat National University	5	University, Research, Culture
	Sanjivani University	5	University, Culture



## Anant Winter School 2024



The Office of Academic Affairs hosted Winter School 2024, an enriching platform to learn from accomplished designers, artists, architects and industry leaders. The winter school offered 9 diverse elective courses from 16 December 2024 to 10 January 2025.

These elective courses provided a comprehensive exploration of various subjects, ranging from the challenges of shared living spaces and storytelling through photography to collaborating with artisans and blending traditional card games. They also delved into fundamental robotics principles, glazed tile mosaic techniques, sustainable solutions for plastic pollution and the development of essential career skills, among many other topics.

These insightful courses were conducted by Prof Dhaval Monani, Prof Sharadbala Joshi, Prof Bharat Choudhry, Dr Subhalaxmi Mohapatra, Dr Dhara Thakor, Sharvari Mehta, Dr Bindu Bhadana, Prof Garima Ponia, Prof Nisar Momin, Prof Avnie Garg, Prof Shivani Agarwal and Dr Vyasa Mani Sharma.



## ADEPT

Anant Design Entrance and Proficiency Test

**26**  
January 2025

In this year's edition, Anant National University announced that Anant Design Entrance and Proficiency Test (ADEPT), India's first and only multilingual design entrance test, to be conducted in 10 languages: **English, Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Bengali, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Punjabi**. This initiative underscores Anant's unwavering commitment to inclusivity and democratising access to design education, ensuring aspiring designers from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds have equal opportunities.

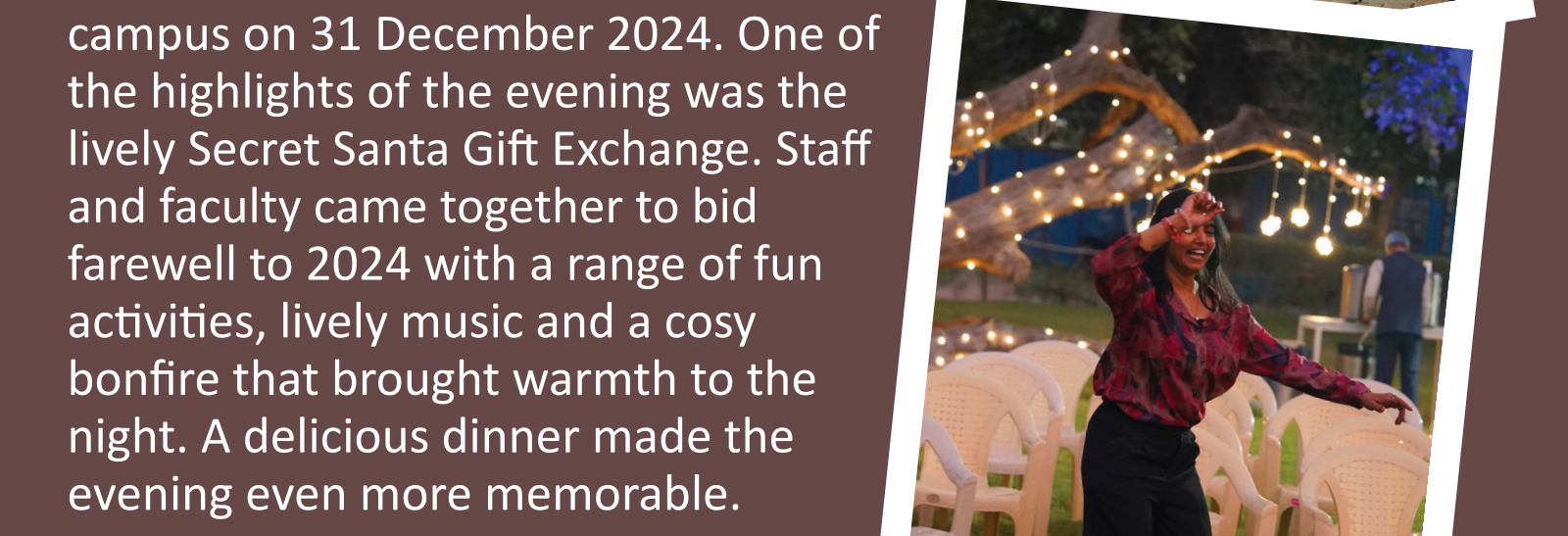
**ADEPT will be held online on 26 January 2025!**

Last year, Anant set a ground-breaking precedent by introducing ADEPT in five languages. The success was evident as the BDes Class of 2028 became the largest in the University's history, bringing together 478 students from 4 nationalities, 30 Indian states and 283 cities.

## Swaastha Demo Day

Anant National University hosted the Swaastha Healthcare Accelerator Demo Day on 14 December 2024. Shri M Nagarajan, IAS, Collector and District Magistrate of Mehsana, was the Chief Guest of this event. The event was attended by a diverse group of investors, including Mr Jatin Lal, Head of Mergers and Acquisitions, Piramal Pharma, representatives from India Accelerator, Cognoscent Ventures, ICICI Bank, IDFC, Shurup, as well as Angel Investors and Incubation Centres. In total, there were 20 prospective investors present at the event.

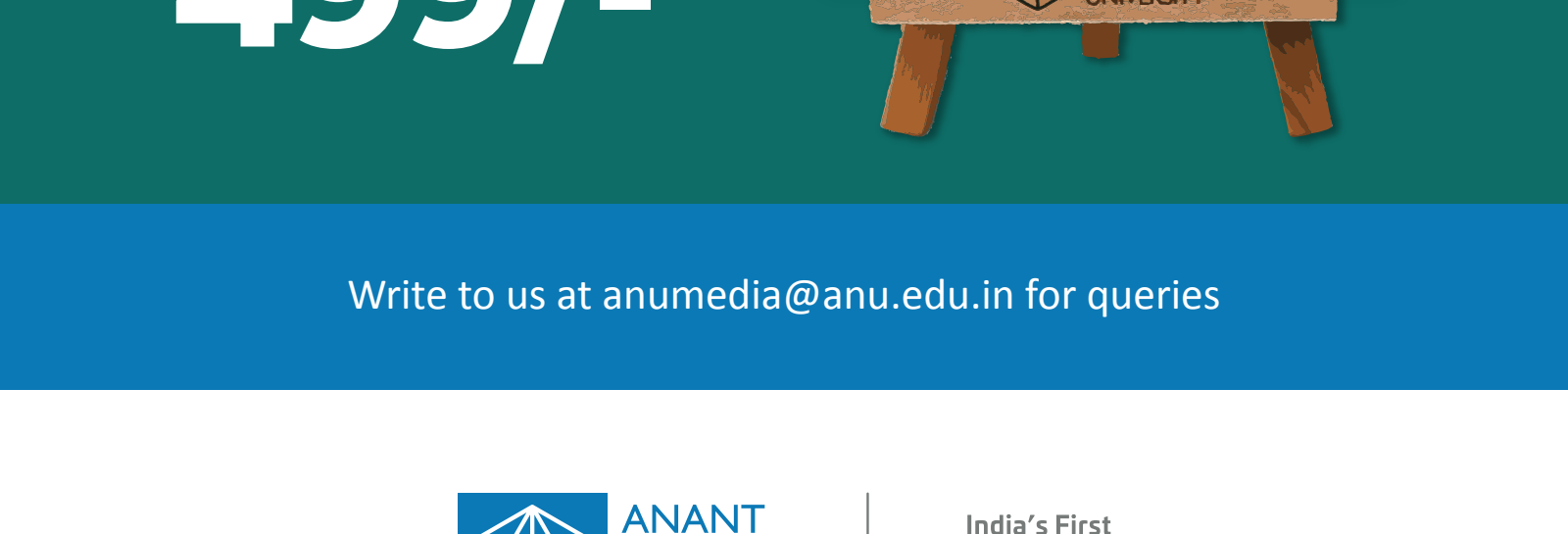
Out of the 180 applications received during the launch of Swaastha six months ago, only 8 startups from across India were selected. India Accelerator announced an investment of ₹53 Lakh in the startup Janitri. Additionally, India Accelerator signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with startups Genesis Biotech Pvt Ltd, Helyxon and Cosmo Ecosystem Care Pvt Ltd to facilitate further business development and scaling.



## Department Focus SOA's Winter Workshop

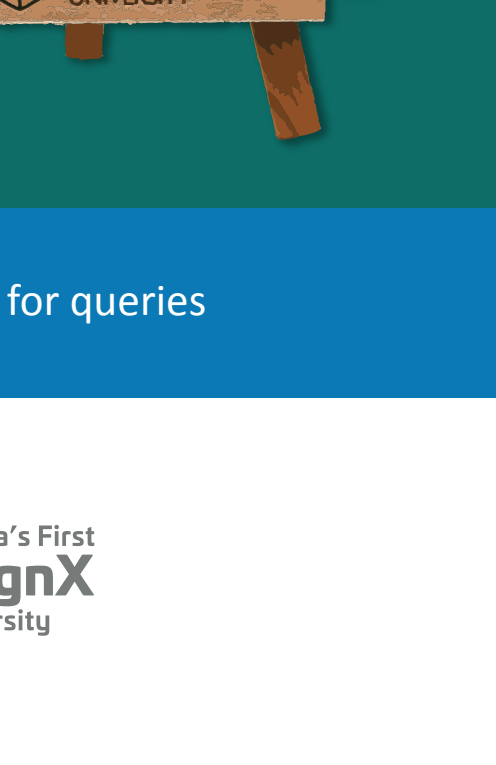
During a recent session organised by the School of Architecture, Dr Rajendra Singh, Professor of Practice, Community Practice and Environment Design and Director, Anant Centre for Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices, and Prof Viren Brahmabhatt talked about Anant's Unique Module – **'Godāvarī - Past, Present and Possible'**. The module was part of Anant's Winter Workshop.

The module was designed to explore and ideate sustainable and innovative solutions for transforming the Godavari Riverfront and its six cultural precincts from Trimbakeshwar to Nashik. Through the module, students gained hands-on, on-the-ground experience in working on pressing societal issues. They will also contribute to the sustainable development of the river.



## New Year Celebrations @ Anant

Anant hosted a vibrant and memorable New Year's Eve celebration on the campus on 31 December 2024. One of the highlights of the evening was the lively Secret Santa Gift Exchange. Staff and faculty came together to bid farewell to 2024 with a range of fun activities, lively music and a cosy bonfire that brought warmth to the night. A delicious dinner made the evening even more memorable.



## Crafting the Biodiversity Calendar 2025

In crafting Anant Biodiversity Calendar 2025, Anant blends art, nature and craftsmanship to inspire a mindful and culturally rich tomorrow. The calendar is a tribute to sustainability, creativity and community effort, celebrating the incredible biodiversity of Anant National University's 78-acre campus, home to 231 flora and 133 bird species, 2 water bodies and a sprawling mango orchard.

Made with eco-friendly plant fibre paper by Koraj Crafts and featuring hand-drawn illustrations by students, faculty and alumni, it highlights innovation and collaboration. The Sustainable Fashion and Textile Lab created the muslin pouch, while the Makerspace team designed the reusable wooden easel, all reflecting our commitment to a sustainable future.



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