

Press Release

Dr Anunaya Chaubey, Provost, Anant National University, Leads Interactive Sessions on Design Thinking and Innovation with School Students and Educators in Patna

Ahmedabad, 24 April: During a four-day visit to Patna from 24-27 April 2025, Dr Anunaya Chaubey, Provost, Anant National University, conducted engaging sessions on Design Thinking and Innovation across multiple educational institutions, including St Michael's High School, St Xavier's High School, St Karen's High School and various government schools. Dr Chaubey also held a special online meeting with 'Teachers of Bihar', a dedicated platform and community working to enhance the quality of education in Bihar.

These sessions encouraged students to look at design as a powerful tool to develop sustainable solutions to contemporary problems while inspiring them to think beyond textbooks and engage with real-world issues. The students were also encouraged to hone their entrepreneurial skills without limiting their aspirations to traditional career paths and to become job creators rather than job seekers.

During these sessions, Dr Chaubey highlighted Anant's pioneering approach to design education, sustainability and innovation. He emphasised how design is a mega discipline that combines humanities, commerce and science and prepares students to become solutionaries – revolutionary thinkers with a solution-oriented mindset.

These workshops, organised by the Centre of Design Education for Schools (CODE) at Anant National University, are in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which advocates inculcating design pedagogy in schools to foster critical thinking and innovation.

One of the key focuses of Dr Chaubey's visit was to highlight Anant National University's unique offerings in design education. Anant's interdisciplinary curriculum, practical and multidisciplinary pedagogical approaches, strong industry-academia connections and focus on community immersion prepare students to become adept problem solvers. By combining theoretical expertise with hands-on engagement, Anant National University ensures its graduates are equipped to tackle the complex challenges of today's world.

Dr Chaubey's visit to Patna was part of his broader initiative to introduce school students and educators across India to Design Thinking, sparking meaningful discussions around design education and sustainable problem-solving. As part of this effort, he previously visited Kashmir and Punjab, among other states, and continues his mission to inspire young minds and educators nationwide. Through his engagements, Dr Chaubey also solidified Anant National University's role as a leader in offering world-class design education.

About Anant National University

Anant National University, India's first DesignX university, is dedicated to training students to devise solutions for global problems. The X in Design X is the symbol drawn from mathematics, representing enhancement. This new learning approach multiplies traditional design pedagogy with liberal arts disciplines, emerging technologies and knowledge drawn from hands-on community experiences to help understand our world better and to devise impactful solutions.

Our multidisciplinary undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes in design, architecture, climate action and visual arts harness knowledge from various disciplines and traditional practices to integrate it with cutting-edge technology to address diverse challenges. We train our designers to become solutionaries — revolutionary thinkers with a solution-oriented mindset.

Anant National University has been awarded the prestigious '5-Star Rating' in the category of Architecture and a '4-Star Rating' in the University category in Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework (GSIRF) 2023-24. This recognition reinforces our commitment to creating a world-class institution of great eminence and excellence.