

Press Release

## **Dr Anunaya Chaubey, Provost, Anant National University, Brings Spotlight on Design Thinking and Interdisciplinary Learning During Punjab Visit**

**Ahmedabad, 22 April 2025:** Dr Anunaya Chaubey, Provost, Anant National University, was on a five-day visit to Punjab from 17-21 April 2025 to create awareness amongst students and educators about design thinking and design as a discipline. Dr Chaubey highlighted Anant National University's pioneering approach to design education, sustainability and innovation through impactful workshops and interactive sessions.

During the visit, Dr Chaubey led a series of hands-on workshops at prominent schools, including Sat Paul Mittal School, Ludhiana, Satya Bharti School at Sherpur Kalan, Rauni, Jhaneri, Fattu Bhila and Chogawan. These sessions were designed to introduce students to the core principles of design while nurturing creative and critical thinking skills. They aimed to foster a solution-oriented mindset, empowering students to become job creators rather than job seekers. The sessions also highlighted how design is a mega discipline that combines the humanities, commerce and science and prepares students to become solutionaries – revolutionary thinkers with a solution-oriented mindset.

These workshops, organised by the Centre for Design Education for Schools (CODE) at Anant National University, align with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasises integrating design pedagogy into school curricula 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. The university's interdisciplinary curriculum, practical and multidisciplinary pedagogical methods, 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 that its graduates are equipped to tackle the complex challenges of today's world.

Dr Chaubey's visit to Punjab made a significant and lasting impact on both students and educators, inspiring thoughtful conversations around design education, Design Thinking and sustainable problem-solving. His interactions reinforced 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.