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Achievement Report: Anant Receives Academic Partner Award at Vibrant Gujarat Startup Event

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1. Anant National University – An Introduction:

Anant National University is the best design university in Ahmedabad India, aims to equip designers with tools of the digital age and a multidisciplinary approach to bring sustainable solutions to the challenges of the contemporary world. Industries across sectors are seeking designers who possess knowledge of multiple domains and can use their interdisciplinary expertise to create solutions for a better future. At Anant, we aim to mould such designers who possess technical skills, and a holistic understanding of context and are also good communicators, collaborative workers and critical thinkers.

2. The AARAMBH – Incubation Center, Anant National University

AARAMBH is the incubation centre at Anant National University and promotes the entrepreneurship culture in and around the campus by offering various platforms to budding entrepreneurs where they can experiment with their business ideas, get mentorship from recognized entrepreneurs, interact with investors, government as well non-government agencies and create own organization/enterprise.

Launched in 2021, it is aimed at creating startups focusing on the core-built environment with a subset of design, architecture, technology and sustainability. Aarambh aims to facilitate the conversion of research activity into entrepreneurial ventures and thus is actively collaborating with Government, Industry and Academia.

In addition to Anant National University, Aarambh is also supported by the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP), the Government of Gujarat and IIT Kanpur.

3. About the event

Anant National University proudly congratulates **Prof. Yash Pandya**, Assistant Professor and Director – Projects, Grants and Funds at Aarambh Incubation Centre, for being honoured with the **Mentor Award** at the **Vibrant Gujarat Startup Event**.

The event served as a prominent platform where innovative startups showcased and pitched their ideas to investors under the **BHARAT NEXT Accelerator Programme**, an initiative by **NAMO iHub**. It brought together startups, investors, mentors, and ecosystem enablers to foster innovation, collaboration, and entrepreneurial growth.

Prof. Pandya was recognised for his exceptional contribution as a mentor, providing strategic guidance, industry insights, and continuous support to startups participating in the accelerator programme. His mentorship played a crucial role in strengthening startup ideas, refining business strategies, and preparing ventures for investment readiness.

The Mentor Award conferred upon Prof. Yash Pandya is a testament to his dedication towards nurturing startups and fostering innovation. His contribution to the BHARAT NEXT Accelerator Programme reflects Anant National University's strong commitment to

supporting entrepreneurship and building a robust startup ecosystem. Through Aarambh Incubation Centre, Anant continues to empower innovators and create meaningful impact in the entrepreneurial landscape

4. Objectives

- To recognise excellence in mentorship within the startup ecosystem
- To support startups through expert guidance and strategic mentoring
- To promote collaboration between academia, startups, and industry
- To strengthen the impact of accelerator programmes like BHARAT NEXT
- To encourage knowledge sharing and innovation-driven growth

5. Benefits in terms of learning/Skills/knowledge obtained

- Insights into startup mentoring and accelerator programme dynamics
- Understanding of investor expectations and pitching strategies
- Exposure to real-world startup challenges and solutions
- Knowledge of business model refinement and scaling strategies
- Enhanced networking with startups, investors, and ecosystem leaders
- Development of leadership and strategic mentoring capabilities

6. Key highlights of subject:

- **Prof. Yash Pandya awarded Mentor Award** at Vibrant Gujarat Startup Event
 - Recognition for contribution to **BHARAT NEXT Accelerator Programme (NAMO iHub)**
 - Active mentorship to startups in **strategy, innovation, and investment readiness**
 - Startups showcased and pitched ideas to **investors and industry experts**
 - Strengthened Anant's presence in the **startup and innovation ecosystem**
 - Highlights the impact of **Aarambh Incubation Centre's mentorship initiatives**
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Event Details

Topic: **Mentor Award – Vibrant Gujarat Startup Event (BHARAT NEXT Accelerator Programme)**

Date: 23rd October 2025

Modality: Offline, Ganpat University, (Vibrant Gujarat 2025 event)

Number of Attendees from Anant: 5000

Event coordinate by:

Mr Yash Pandya, Director project, Grants and Funds for Aarambh – Incubation Centre.

Ms Dhaval Darjee - Incubation Manager for Aarambh – Incubation Centre.

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6. Photos taken during students :

