



**A Report
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**Event Report: Anant Participates in Shilp Startup Fest 3.0 as
Incubator Ecosystem Partner
Organized by
Anant National University**

**Held on
20th December 2025**

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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, through its **Aarambh Incubation Centre**, actively participated in the **Shilp Startup Fest 3.0** as an **Incubator Ecosystem Partner**. Organised by the **Snehshilp Foundation**, the event served as a dynamic platform to bring together startups, mentors, industry leaders, and ecosystem enablers to foster innovation and entrepreneurial growth.

The fest facilitated **founder–mentor interactions, knowledge sharing, ecosystem collaboration, and startup acceleration**, enabling early-stage ventures to gain valuable insights and strategic direction. Anant's participation reflects its continued commitment to strengthening the startup ecosystem and supporting innovation beyond the academic environment.

Prof. Yash Pandya, Assistant Professor and Director – Projects, Grants and Funds at Aarambh Incubation Centre, represented Anant as an **Ecosystem Partner** and contributed actively to the mentoring programme.

4. Objectives

- To strengthen collaboration within the startup and incubation ecosystem
- To provide mentorship and strategic guidance to early-stage startups
- To facilitate knowledge exchange between academia, industry, and entrepreneurs
- To support startup growth through expert-led mentoring sessions
- To enhance Anant's engagement in national-level innovation platforms

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

- Exposure to diverse startup ideas and sectoral innovations
- Insights into real-world startup challenges and solutions
- Understanding of mentoring strategies and startup acceleration processes
- Knowledge of funding pathways, innovation frameworks, and scaling approaches
- Enhanced networking with founders, mentors, and ecosystem stakeholders
- Strengthened strategic thinking and entrepreneurial ecosystem awareness

6. Key highlights of subject:

- Participation as **Incubator Ecosystem Partner** at Shilp Startup Fest 3.0
- Representation by **Prof. Yash Pandya** from Aarambh Incubation Centre
- Conducted **one-to-one mentoring sessions with 10+ startups**
- Focus areas included:
 - Strategic direction and business model refinement
 - Innovation frameworks and product development
 - Funding pathways and investor readiness
 - Overall ecosystem preparedness

■ Enabled **collaboration, knowledge sharing, and startup acceleration**

Event Details

Topic: Participation in Shilp Startup Fest 3.0 as Incubator Ecosystem Partner

Date: 20th December 2025

Modality: Offline – Gujarat University

Number of Attendees from Anant: 10

Event coordinate by:

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

Post Link - <https://www.instagram.com/p/DSfOlWrDw6M/>

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

6. Photos taken during students :



