

# Anand Balakrishnan

## Product Designer

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I'm focused on creating meaningful experiences through **technology and design**

### Experience

#### Founder | Beet

January 2022 - Present in Bangalore, India

Beet is a rural commerce platform. My primary focus is on talking to users and improving the core product experience for New internet users.

#### Lead Product Designer | Paytm

January 2020 - January 2022 in Noida, India

I was leading product design and research initiatives for New Internet users. Worked iteratively to design, refine and validate solutions for Passbook, Money Transfer, Recharges & few pilot projects.

#### Experience Design Intern | Adobe

June 2019 - January 2020 in Noida, India

Worked with Document Cloud team, my focus was on capturing user intent efficiently and creating intelligent interfaces that will dynamically adapt according to user intent. Final concept selected for US Patent submission.

#### Product Owner | Agrima Infotech

July 2016 - June 2017 in Kochi, India

Worked with Recipebook team to envision the product, determine features, user flows, design and development of Interfaces. Recipebook is the first app to win google play editor's choice tag in India.

#### Co-founder | RentMe

June 2014 - July 2016 in Kochi, India

We built 'RentMe', a fin-tech platform for rent payment and tenant screening. Won best student startup Award from Hon's Chief Minister of Kerala.

### Awards

Best startup award - Beet, EO Kerala 2022  
Best student startup, Kerala Startup Mission 2016  
Best outgoing student, SNGCE Batch of 2016  
Youngest hacker, AngelHack Bangalore fall 2013

### Education

Master of Design in New Media Design  
National Institute of Design, Gandhinagar  
2017 - 2019

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science  
MG University, Kerala  
2012 - 2016

### Skills

#### Design Research

Ethnographic study  
Experimental research  
Interview & surveys  
Usability & concept testing  
Quantitative analysis methods

#### Design

UX, ideation & workflows  
Interaction & UI design  
Motion graphics  
Figma, XD & Framer  
Adobe Creative Suite

#### Prototyping

Applied Machine Learning  
Node js, HTML/CSS, Javascript  
Arduino, Raspberry pi  
3D printing & laser cutting

#### General

Ownership, Proactive  
Collaboration, Adaptability  
Empathy

### Roles

CEO, Beet, Social Commerce Startup  
Chairman, Student Council 2015-16, SNGCE  
University Union Councilor, MG University 2014-15  
CEO, Rentme, a fin-tech startup  
CTO, BootCamp, startup incubator  
Convener, Fugeniz 6, National Level Techfest  
Secretary, ACM Student Chapter