World has moved from industry driven society to knowledge driven society: Govt

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THE world has moved from an industry-driven society to a knowledge-driven society, the nature of capital, resources, processes, structures, etc all underwent a redefinition, said Governor Dr SC Jamir here today.

It is the knowledge and the people who become critical in today’s world. Since knowledge is the principal resource that the university creates and disseminates, its position in this new society becomes all the more important, Jamir said addressing the fifth convocation of Centurion University of Technology and Management.

The Governor said, “We are living in a world transformed by technology. Scientific advances have changed and are changing our offices, our factories, our homes, schools and streets. The smartphone in pocket contains an advanced technology. The new computer models can now map the geography of our minds. Microscopic nanorobots can swim through our veins. Science fiction is turning into science fact. Research is a key aspect of university functioning.”

Among the huge range of prospects and opportunities for outstanding research it is for the University to identify focus areas. We have to encourage and support research that is driven by curiosity, by the sheer desire to understand—at the same time that we pursue discoveries that have immediate measurable impact, the Governor stressed.

Director, Northern Institute Charles Darwin University, Australia Prof Ruth Wallace stressed upon realignment of skills to adopt to the new sustainable growth economy.

Steven Herbert, a former Minister Skill and Training in Australia urged students to make the best opportunities which are available to them in new world.

Herbert encouraged the students to “always focus on the outcomes you wish to achieve” and “Put in the effort of planning your job, your career now, at the beginning, and your journey will not only be easier, but much more successful.”

Vice-Chancellor Prof Haribandhu Panda, President Centurion University Prof Mukti Kant Mishra, Vice president Prof DN Rao, Registrar Prof Anita Patra were among others who spoke on the occasion.

Medals and degrees were presented to successful candidates. In total 1505 graduates of various disciplines were awarded degree in the convocation. 17 students have been awarded gold medals for their outstanding performances in the various disciplines and 25 scholars were conferred Ph.D degree.

The Governor congratulated the new Graduates and appreciated Centurion University for “being pioneer in skill integrated higher education and creating a set of viable social enterprises, both in rural and urban space, that are integral to its unique educational ecosystem.”