Governor stresses strategies to deal with skill shortage

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Expressing concern over acute shortage of skilled manpower to meet the demand of our growing economy, Governor Dr SC Jamir today underscored the urgency to develop appropriate strategies to deal with the issue.

“A day hardly goes by without discussing the serious shortage in skills that our country experiences and how this is impacting our abilities to deliver services or meet the demands of our growing economy. Some blame the curriculum and career offerings in our schools and universities while others blame the inability of our workplaces to plan for future needs of the skills. The situation has become more complicated with introduction of new definitions such as priority skills, growth skills, critical skills and so on. So, in the context of these developments, it is badly needed to develop appropriate strategies to deal with problems of acute skills shortage,” the Governor said while addressing the 4th Convocation of Centurion University of Technology and Management here today.

Addressing the students, Jamir said life is like a large piece of marble and the students are the sculptors. “As the mind, will and skill of a sculptor decide the shape of the marble, your mind, will and skill will help shape your life. So, do not allow circumstances to restrict your dreams,” he said.

“Learning does not end when one leaves the institution. You must strive to improve and excel, no matter which pathway you are going to take, the Governor advised the students.

The Governor also released the newly published report “Role of Higher Education in Creating Sustainable Livelihoods and Social Enterprises” by Ernst & Young which showcases as a Case Study the Centurion University’s integrated and aspirational skill training education model as a reference point.

Delivering convocation address, Founding Partner of Australia’s Pangea Impact Investments Anthony Behm said in a world where things change quickly, attitude is important. “Mindset has a big impact on motivation and persistence. We live in a time of tremendous change. Technology has revolutionized the way we communicate, engage consume, learn and transact,” Behm said.

“It is very hard to remain focused and committed if you do not truly believe in what you do,” he added.

Ram Sarvepalli of Ernst & Young (India) who also spoke on the occasion said, “It is important to set goals early because you figure out your purpose in life, the more fulfilling your life can be.”

Centurion University President Multikanta Mishra said, “It is not an easy path we are walking on, especially in the face of immense challenges of the times we are living in and region we are working but at Centurion while we think and do action out-of-the-square and out-of-the-circles trails, we are always striving to do things right and right things.”

Degrees were awarded to successful students. 1150 graduates of various disciplines were awarded degree while 12 students got gold medals and three scholars were confirmed Ph.D degree.