‘SKILL SHORTAGE IMPACTS ON GROWING ECONOMY’
CHALLENGE LIES IN PROMOTING QUALITY EDUCATION: GOVERNOR

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The contest for the pre-eminence in the 21st century will be won on the campuses of the world’s universities, said Odisha Governor Dr S C Jamir.

Addressing the fourth convocation of Centurion University of Technology and Management, the Governor said, the challenge now lies in concentrating and promoting quality education, research and innovation strongly in our universities.

A day hardly goes by without discussing on the serious shortage in skills that our country experiences and how this impacts on our abilities to deliver the services or meet the demands of our growing economy, he observed.

“Some are blaming the curriculum and career offerings in our schooling system and universities. Some blame the inability of our workplaces to plan for future needs of the skills. In the process, new definitions such as priority skills, growth skills, critical skills and so on have emerged and added to the confusion,” said the Governor.

In the context of these developments, it is badly needed to develop appropriate strategies to deal with problems of acute skills shortage, said the Governor.

Delivering the convocation address, Anthony Bohm, Founding Partner, Pangaea Impact Investments, Australia, 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 revolutionised the way we communicate and learn,” he added.

“It is important to set the goal early because you figure out your purpose in life, the more fulfilling your life can be,” said Ram Sarvepalli of Ernst and Young (India) as the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Haribandhu Panda, president, Centurion University; Muktikanta Mishra are among others who spoke on the occasion. Degrees were awarded to successful students.

Centurion University has been in the news throughout the year for its efforts in integrating skill training with higher education degrees. The NITI Aayog in the “State Forward: Best Practices from our States” has the Centurion University named as the only reference point in theOdisha.

1,150 graduates of various disciplines were awarded degree in the convocation. 12 students have been awarded gold medals and 5 scholars were confirmed Ph.D degree.

The 10 students who were conferred gold Medals were Susanagita Bose, Santosh Kumar Srichandan, Ayushi Singh, Tapasi Parka, Sagar Kumar Bala, Sarthak Soumya Mishra, Sourav Patra, Nirupama Giri, and Jeevan Jyoti Samantaray.

The president, Prof. Muktish Mishra, said “Our conviction regarding Integrated, Inclusive, Aspiration and Competency Linked Education Model is slowly and steadily getting vindicated and valued.”