Centurion University celebrates its 4th Convocation, Odisha Governor presided the Ceremony
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Report by Odisha Diary bureau, Bhubaneswar: Centurion University, which is emerging as the undisputed leader in skill development training domain, has been in the news throughout the year for its outstanding and path breaking efforts in integrating skill training with higher education degrees. The NITI Aayog in the “State Forward: Best Practices from our States” report released by the Prime Minister in September, has the Centurion University named as the only reference point in the Odisha State.

The youngest NAAC Grade-A Accredited University hosted its 4th Convocation on the 26th of November. The Ceremony was presided by Dr SC Jamir, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha who is the Visitor of the University. The Convocation Commencement Speaker and Chief Guest was Mr Anthony Bohm, Founding Partner, Pangaea Impact Investments (Australia) and the Guest of Honor was Mr
The 4th Convocation has been privy to a number of distinguished guests among whom Mr Vineet Chatwal, Advisory Partner, Performance Improvement & Risk, Ernst & Young, Prof Peter Beech from Deakin University and Prof (Ms) Ragnhild Lund from Norway University deserves a special mention. Also attending the Ceremony were a group of lively and earnest students from Australian universities, such as RMIT, Deakin and Victoria University.

The Chief Guest, Mr Anthony Bohm is an experienced executive and successful entrepreneur. He is currently the Founding Partner of Pangaea Impact Investments - a private investment company focusing on investments in innovative social enterprises. During his address advised the students to aim at leaving the world as a better place than they found it. He spoke about 5 lessons of life that would pave the way to success among which the most important would be “to follow your passion”. While narrating the story of his own life, Anhony Bohm said, “There is a very practical reason to follow your passion. In my experience, success is never easy. It is hard won. There is no such thing as an ‘overnight success’. It is very hard to remain focused and committed if you do not truly believe in what you do.”

The Guest of Honor, Mr Ram Sarvepalli is the Leader - Advisory Services, India & Partner - Emerging Markets Center, Ernst & Young (India). In his address he urged the students to “…go out there and live your dream – not your parents’ or your friends’. Believe in yourself and give it your best shot. And at when in doubt ask yourself only two questions: Am I doing the right thing? And, Am I doing it the right way. If your answer to both questions is an unqualified ‘Yes’ just go for it.”

The Visitor of the University and Hon’ble Governor of Odisha in his very short address to the students said he hoped they would have absorbed some of the social-entrepreneurial fervor of their mentors. He stressed on the importance of skill training and continuous learning as a path to success, “I urge you to plan to become social entrepreneurs, the way the founders of this university have shown in action. You need to maintain the habit of continuous learning. As you move ahead in life, your education must not stop. Do not forget that numerous traditional jobs are being wiped out. There is a need for continuous skill development and remember that the struggle is critical to the learning process.”

In total 1150 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 Visitor congratulated and blessed the ten students who were conferred Gold Medals, i.e. Susangita Bose, Santosh Kumar Srichandan, Ayushi Singh, Tapasi Parida, Sagar Kumar Bala, Sarthak Soumya Mishra, Sourav Patra, Nirupama Giri, and Jeewan Jyoti Samantaray. During the Convocation, the Honorable Governor of Odisha released the newly published report by Ernst & Young titled, "Role of Higher Education in Creating Sustainable Livelihoods and Social Enterprises". The entire report showcases as a Case Study the Centurion University’s integrated and aspirational skill training education model as a reference point. Incidentally, this is the third Global Report on Centurion as a Case in Reference during the current year; the other two having been published by the British Council on May and August 2016.

The President, Prof Mukti Mishra, while commenting on this significant new milestone said, “Our conviction regarding Integrated, Inclusive, Aspirational and Competency Linked Education Model is slowly and steadily getting vindicated and valued. 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-circle trails, we are always striving to do things right and right things and I am happy to see that these convictions are staring to bear fruit.”

The Vice Chancellor Dr. Haribandhu Panda read out the annual report of the University. He has emphasized that the University within a short span of time has brought in skill integrated higher education keeping student centric approach in mind. The University has the uniqueness of closely working with community, Govt., Corporate entity and Civil Society organisations.