

Access for Underrepresented Applicants

Centurion University is deeply committed to equity and inclusivity in higher education. Recognizing that access and representation are essential for social justice, the University has instituted robust mechanisms to **measure and track applications and admissions** from underrepresented and potentially underrepresented groups—including ethnic minorities, low-income students, non-traditional learners, women, LGBT students, persons with disabilities, and newly settled refugee students.

Admissions Process and Accessibility

Admissions are merit-based, conducted primarily through the *Centurion University Entrance Examination (CUEE)*, with online options available for international applicants. The admission process is free of charge and widely publicized through national and regional media outlets, university brochures, and the official website (www.CenturionUniversity.ac.in). This ensures that students from diverse social and economic backgrounds, both domestic and international, are well informed and encouraged to apply.

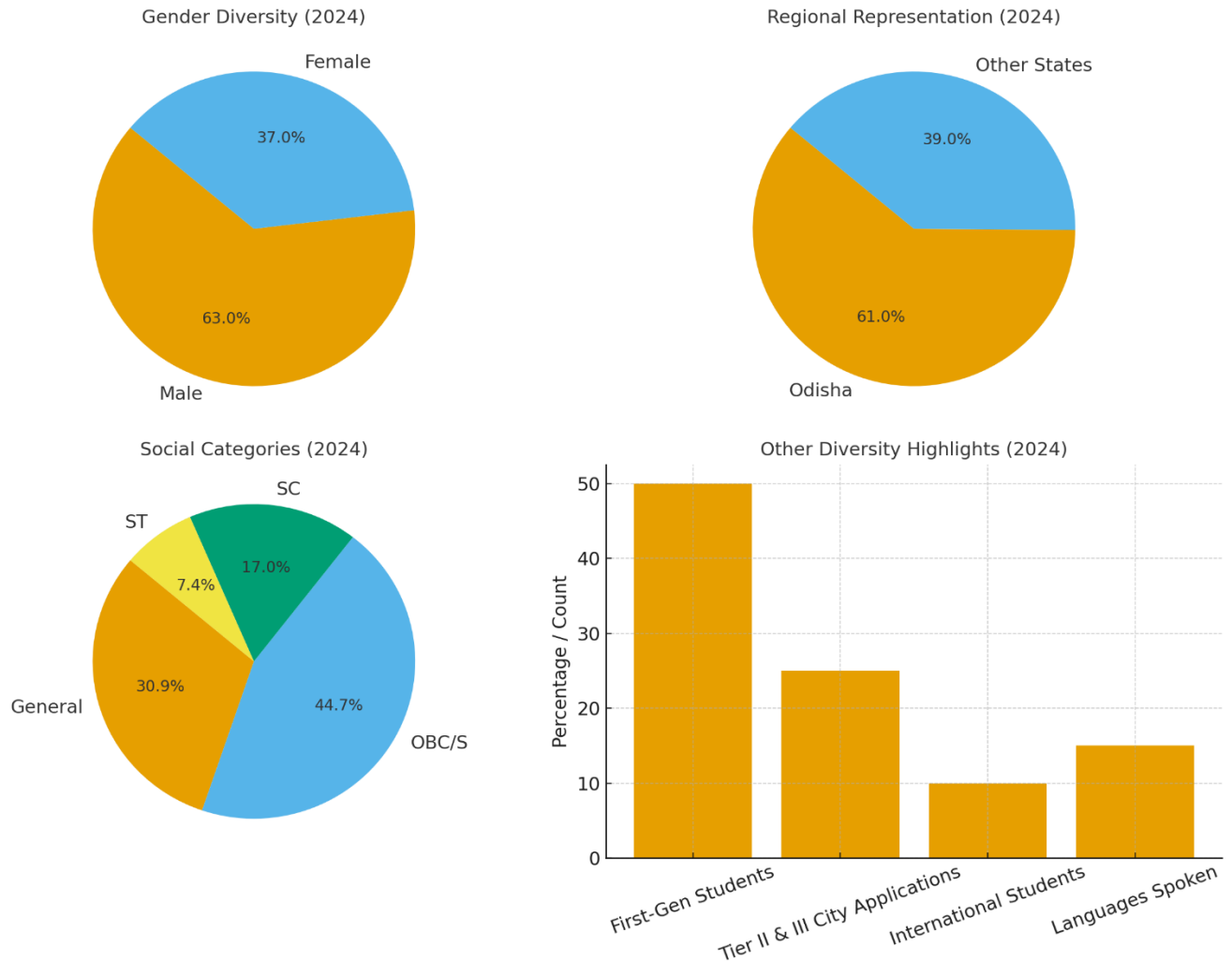
Data Collection and Monitoring

The University has developed a **comprehensive data collection and analysis system** to monitor the demographic profile of applicants and admitted students. Annual reporting allows us to track trends, identify gaps, and implement corrective measures to advance inclusion. For 2024, student diversity indicators demonstrate positive progress:

- **Gender:** Male 63%, Female 37% (a 6% increase in female enrollment compared to 2023).
- **Regional Representation:** Odisha 61%, Other States 39%.
- **Social Categories:** General 30.9%, OBC/S 44.7%, SC 17%, ST 7.4%.
- **First-Generation Learners:** Nearly 50% of the incoming class
- **Geographic Reach:** Applications from Tier II and III cities increased by 25%.
- **International Students:** 300 students (≈10%) from low- and middle-income countries including Afghanistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sudan, and Uganda.
- **Linguistic Diversity:** Over 15 languages represented on campus.

These statistics underscore Centurion University's growing role as a hub for **inclusive, multicultural, and socially diverse education**.

Centurion University Diversity & Inclusion Snapshot (2024)



Awareness and Outreach Initiatives

To improve participation among underrepresented groups, Centurion University actively conducts **awareness campaigns and outreach programs**, often in collaboration with community organizations and foundations. Key initiatives include:

- **Scholarships:** Chandrika Scholarship for underrepresented women, PRERANA Post-Matric Scholarship (SC/ST/OBC & SEBC), Sasakawa Scholarship for children of leprosy-affected parents, Jindal Foundation Scholarship, and government welfare scholarships.
- **Community Engagement:** Targeted campaigns, including a state-level awareness program in partnership with the Sasakawa Foundation, led by the University President, to support children from marginalized backgrounds.

Support and Retention Programs

Recognizing that equitable admissions must be matched with equitable support, Centurion University has created **student success pathways**:

- **Academic Bridge Programme** for smooth transition into higher education.
- **Capability Enhancement Schemes** to strengthen employability and confidence.
- **Earn While You Learn initiatives** to support financially disadvantaged students.
- **Specialized Mentorship and Counselling Services** for women, first-generation learners, and international students.
- **Accessibility Services** for students with disabilities, ensuring inclusive learning environments.

Continuous Commitment

By systematically tracking applications and admissions, providing financial and social support, and cultivating a welcoming and inclusive culture, Centurion University ensures that access to quality education is not limited by social, economic, or cultural barriers. The increasing **Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) in 2024** highlights the positive outcomes of these sustained efforts.