

## **Collaboration with NGOs on Climate Adaptation and Environmental Education**

### **Partnership with Different Organizations**

Centurion University has entered into active collaborations with leading NGOs and community-based organizations to advance climate adaptation, sustainable livelihoods, and environmental education. The **Centurion University Climate Action Plan** has been formally shared and supported through MoUs with key NGOs including:

- **CYSD (Centre for Youth and Social Development)**
- **Harsha Trust**
- **SELCO Foundation**
- **SwitchON Foundation**
- **Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF)**

### **Scope of Collaboration**

These partnerships span across:

- **Research and Innovation** – Joint projects on renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and climate-resilient farming practices.
- **Capacity Building** – Training programs for farmers, SHGs, and rural youth on climate adaptation.
- **Community Engagement** – Plantation drives, awareness programs, and clean energy demonstrations in villages.
- **Academic Integration** – Exposure visits, guest lectures, and NGO-led student internships on climate action themes.

### **2024 Impact Highlights**

- **MoU with BRLF and CYSD** facilitated **3 field-based projects** on climate-resilient agriculture and rural livelihoods.
- Collaborations with **Harsha Trust and SELCO Foundation** led to **4 training workshops** on renewable energy and sustainable farming practices, reaching **~350 participants (farmers and SHG members)**.

- **SwitchON Foundation partnership** engaged **over 400 students** in sustainability campaigns and climate literacy sessions.
- **8 community outreach events** were conducted in collaboration with NGOs, directly impacting **~1,200 community members** across Odisha.
- Through joint plantation drives and awareness campaigns, **5,000 saplings** were planted in collaboration with NGO partners and local bodies.

### **SDG 13.3.5 - Collaborations with NGOs on Climate Adaptation Centurion University (2024 Progress)**

#### **□ CYSD & BRLF**

→ 3 field projects on climate-resilient agriculture & livelihoods

#### **□ Harsha Trust & SELCO**

→ 4 training workshops on renewable energy & sustainable farming (~350 participants)

#### **□ SwitchON Foundation**

→ 400+ students engaged in sustainability campaigns & climate literacy

#### **□ All NGO Collaborations**

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□ Recognition: 'Green Pioneer Award' (2024) by SwitchON Foundation  
Acknowledging CUTM's leadership in clean energy, sustainability education, and NGO partnerships.

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## **Recognition**

On 11th September 2024, Centurion University was honoured with the “**Green Pioneer Award**” by **SwitchON Foundation**, recognizing:

- Leadership in **clean energy adoption** (150 kW solar across campuses).
- **Energy efficiency upgrades** in green buildings.
- Integration of **sustainability into 22 UG & PG programs** (1,200 students engaged).
- **Collaborative community projects** with NGOs and local governments, building scalable models for climate resilience.

## **Conclusion**

By combining academic expertise with grassroots partnerships, Centurion University ensures that its climate action goals are both practical and impactful. The measurable outcomes from 2024 demonstrate significant progress in NGO collaboration from 350 participants reaffirming CUTM's role as a hub for sustainable development, climate adaptation, and environmental education.