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Disability Support Services

Yes. Centurion University provides a dedicated personal assistant, sign-language interpreters and trainers, scribes in examinations, mentoring, peer support and counselling, assistive technologies, disability-specific scholarships, and vocational training that has trained and placed 650+ differently-abled youth to date. In 2025 these services supported 60 students and 2 employees with disabilities, and 107 people took part in the University's World Disability Day programme.

Centurion University maintains a structured support system so that people with disabilities can take part in academic, social and professional life on the same footing as their peers. Support goes beyond accessible buildings: services are tailored to each person's needs and cover personal assistance, communication, examinations, emotional well-being, technology, finance, and skills training leading to employment.

1. How the University Meets Indicator 10.6.8

Area	Support provided	Section
Personal assistance	Dedicated personal assistant for differently-abled students.	2.1
Communication	Sign-language interpreters and trainers in lectures, seminars, meetings and cultural programmes.	2.2
Examinations	Scribes for students with visual impairments or other disabilities that affect writing.	2.3
Well-being	Mentoring, peer-support groups and counselling by trained professionals.	2.4
Technology	Text-to-speech software, screen readers, braille software and voice typing.	2.5
Financial support	Disability-specific government and NGO scholarships.	2.6
Skills and employment	Sign-language-based instruction, residential training and placement support; 650+ differently-abled youth trained and placed; 30 trained in 2024–25.	3
Awareness and inclusion	World Disability Day 2025, 107 participants.	4

2. Support Services

2.1 Dedicated Personal Assistant

A dedicated personal assistant supports differently-abled students across campus with day-to-day needs, movement between facilities and access to University services.

2.2 Sign-Language Interpreters and Trainers

Sign-language interpreters are provided for students with hearing impairments during lectures, seminars, meetings and cultural programmes, so that they can take full part in academic and extracurricular activities. The University also offers training in sign language.

2.3 Scribes in Examinations

Under the University's scribe provision rules, scribes are provided during examinations for students with visual impairments or other disabilities that affect writing, so that every student has a fair opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and abilities.

2.4 Mentoring, Peer Support and Counselling

A mentoring programme pairs students with disabilities with mentors for academic and personal guidance, and peer-support groups give them a space to share experiences and receive emotional and practical support. Trained professionals, including at the Health & Wellness Centre, provide counselling focused on resilience, stress management and coping strategies.

2.5 Assistive Technologies

Students with disabilities have access to assistive technologies, including text-to-speech software for visually impaired students, screen readers, braille software and other digital tools for learning and communication, and are trained in tools such as voice typing. Details of all support services are published on the University's Disability Support Services page: cutm.ac.in/disability-support-services.

2.6 Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities receive targeted financial support through government and NGO scholarship schemes. The Saksham Scholarship Scheme, an AICTE and Ministry of Education scheme, is reserved for students with at least 40% disability pursuing technical education.

Table 1. Scholarships for students with disabilities, 2023–24 and 2024–25

Year	Scheme	Source	Students	Amount (₹)
2023–24	Post Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities	Government	2	3,00,000
2024–25	National Scholarship – Disabilities	Government	1	90,000
2024–25	Saksham Scholarship Scheme (AICTE, via Vidyasarathi)	NGO partner	1	20,000

3. Skills Training and Employment

The University's Apparel Manufacturing Unit, including the AUSSIE enterprise, was established in 2014 at Paralakhemundi, and expanded to Bhubaneswar in 2016, to bring rural, tribal and hearing- and speech-impaired youth into formal employment. It supports trainees with disabilities through sign-language-based instruction and non-verbal workplace systems, and provides residential training, mobilisation and placement support for youth from remote and underserved areas. Around 70% of its differently-abled trainees are women, many of them from tribal communities. The programme's retention rate of around 75% has challenged industry assumptions about the employability of differently-abled people, and industry partners now increasingly seek to recruit and retain differently-abled workers.

Across its vocational programmes, the University has trained and placed 650+ differently-abled youth to date in wood engineering, apparel and the Centurion Coffee Connect unit. In 2024–25, 30 students with disabilities were trained at the Gram Tarang training centre. Training is also delivered at the LTIMindtree-supported centre for training of differently-abled people at the Jatani (Bhubaneswar) campus.



Trainees at work in the Apparel Manufacturing Unit.





Trainees and staff in the Apparel Manufacturing Unit ("Stitching Inclusion" programme).

4. World Disability Day 2025

The University observed World Disability Day on 3 December 2025 at the Apparel Centre of Excellence (ground floor), Jatani campus. The programme included a cake-cutting ceremony, a quiz competition, an address by the University President, a rangoli competition and evening sports. 107 people took part.





World Disability Day 2025 at the Apparel Centre of Excellence, Jatani campus.



Celebrating World Disability Day 2025 at the LTIMindtree-supported training centre for differently-abled people.

5. People Served

In 2025, the University supported 60 students and 2 employees with disabilities, with the number of employees with disabilities doubling from 1 in 2024.

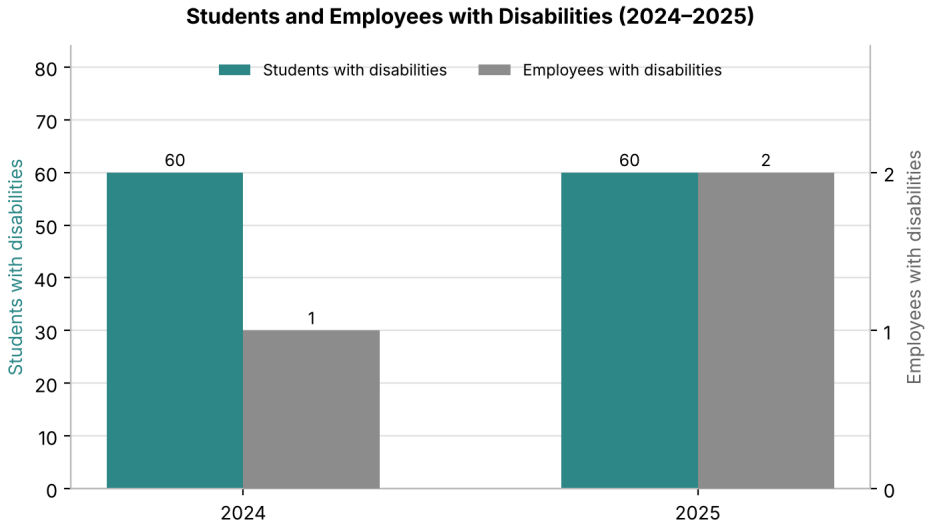


Figure 1. Students and employees with disabilities, 2024–2025.

6. Conclusion

Centurion University supports people with disabilities through a dedicated personal assistant, sign-language interpreters and trainers, scribes in examinations, mentoring, peer support and counselling, assistive technologies and disability-specific scholarships. Its vocational training has trained and placed 650+ differently-abled youth to date, and its World Disability Day 2025 programme brought together 107 participants. In 2025 these services supported 60 students and 2 employees with disabilities, in line with the aims of SDG 10.