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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
Public Access to Buildings and Heritage

Overview

Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) provides **free public access** to its culturally significant buildings, heritage spaces, campus grounds, shrines, temples, and designated campus facilities across its six campuses in Odisha: Bhubaneswar, Paralakhemundi, Balangir, Rayagada, Chhatrapur, and Balasore. Public fairs, exhibitions, and other designated campus events are also open to visitors free of charge. The University is committed to promoting cultural heritage, community engagement, and inclusive access to its campus spaces for the benefit of the public.

Public access in 2025	Figure
Entry fee for public visitors to the campus shrines, temple and heritage landmarks	None
Free eye check-ups for farmers and villagers at the Utkal Krishi Mela	325
Free spectacles distributed at the Utkal Krishi Mela	320
School and college students at the Anveshana Science & Engineering Fair	170
Villagers screened in village health camps	208
Visiting students in the social immersion programme at Paralakhemundi	417
Farmers from Buguda block trained at the campus agricultural units	25
Volunteers at the Konark and Astaranga beach clean-up	120+

Table 1. Public access and community participation, 2025.

1. Access to Culturally Significant Buildings and Heritage Spaces

The University's heritage landmarks are open to students, visitors and the surrounding community without an entry fee.

- **All-faith shrine:** centred on the deity Jagannath and surrounded by panels representing the world's faiths, including Hinduism and Zoroastrianism, the shrine serves as a shared space for reflection that is open to all visitors.



Figure 1. The all-faith shrine, open to all visitors free of charge.

- **Shrine of Soul:** a landscaped heritage landmark with a Nataraja sculpture, water feature and garden, open to the public as a cultural and contemplative space.



Figure 2. Shrine of Soul with the Nataraja sculpture.

- **Campus temple:** The temple at the Paralakhemundi campus is a focal point for festivals. During its annual illumination, the temple and its surroundings are lit with 100,000 lamps, and residents of around 20 neighbouring tribal villages take part in the celebrations.
- **Rural Technology Park:** The J C Kumarappa Technology Park and Innovation Centre is open to local artisans, entrepreneurs and students, giving the public access to its training spaces, equipment and demonstrations.
- **Heritage Club with INTACH:** On 24 September 2025, the University signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) to set up a Heritage Club at the Paralakhemundi campus, extending heritage education and activities to a second campus.

2. Public Events Hosted on Campus in 2025

Throughout 2025, the University opened its buildings and grounds to farmers, villagers, school students and community members for fairs, exhibitions and health services.

Event	Date	Campus	Participation
3rd Utkal Krishi Mela	7–8 April	Paralakhemundi	Farmers and villagers; 325 free eye check-ups and 320 free spectacles; more than 200 visitors at the nursing health stall; a farmers' quiz, panel discussions and a Sambalpuri folk dance performance
Anveshana Science & Engineering Fair	18–19 February	Bhubaneswar	About 170 school and college students from several states, competing in 25 teams, including underprivileged school students mentored by engineering students
Healthcare on Wheels health camp	13–16 March	Paralakhemundi	57 general check up beneficiaries, 160 eye check-ups and distributed 135 free reading glasses; free eye and dental check-ups; outreach visit to Paralakhemundi Jail
Community health screening	11 and 13 July	Bhubaneswar	Free check-ups and counselling for 115 community members at the Community Diagnostic Centre on World Population Day and World Skin Health Day
Farmers' residential training (NMAET-ATMA)	3–4 September	Paralakhemundi	25 farmers from Buguda block, Ganjam, visited the campus dragon fruit, vermicompost, apiculture, vanilla, mushroom, drone, livestock and aquaculture units
Litfest: The Book Carnival, with INTACH	14–15 February	Paralakhemundi	Book exhibition and sales counter at the Student Activity Centre
Social immersion programme	1–28 February	Paralakhemundi	417 students, including students from three GITAM Business School campuses, in four six-day phases
School visit to Pollinator Paradise	November	Bhubaneswar	65 Students of Mother's Public School toured the campus pollinator garden

Table 2. Public events hosted on CUTM campuses, 2025.



Figure 3. Villagers at the School of Nursing health stall, Utkal Krishi Mela, April 2025.



Figure 4. School students exhibiting projects at Anveshana, February 2025.



Figure 5. Healthcare on Wheels unit at the Paralakhemundi health camp, March 2025.

3. Community Outreach to Heritage and Natural Landscapes

- **Konark and Astaranga beach clean-up:** on International Coastal Cleanup Day, 20 September 2025, CUTM joined the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) and the NGO SPANDAN to clean Chandrabhaga Beach at Konark and Tandahar Beach at Astaranga. More than 120 volunteers, including fisherfolk, local residents, students and scientists, collected about 1,620 kg of waste, including plastic litter and discarded fishing nets, and took part in awareness sessions on marine plastic pollution.



Figure 6. Volunteers and fisherfolk after the beach clean-up, 20 September 2025.

- **Community service (seva) at Gatiswar Temple, Kusumati:** On Independence Day, 15 August 2025, 26 students and three faculty and staff members carried out voluntary service at the Gatiswar Temple in Kusumati, cleaning the temple premises and courtyard alongside the temple elders to help preserve the shrine for worshippers and visitors.
- **Village health camps:** During National Nutrition Week, 1–6 September 2025, University health teams conducted health check-ups in six villages around Paralakhemundi (Dhamunigaon, Ranadevi, Kantragada, 7th Mile, R. Sitapur and Dalimbapur), reaching 208 villagers, including schoolchildren, adolescents and women.
- **Healthcare on Wheels in villages:** The University's mobile health unit provided health check-ups and eye screening in villages around several campuses in 2025. It reached 53 villagers at Binhola village near Paralakhemundi on 4 August and 97 beneficiaries at Behraguda village near Rayagada on 9 September, and visited Gurandi village during Antibiotic Awareness Week in November and the villages of Tarbha, Chudapali, Tushra and Kantamal near Balangir in December.

4. Accessibility for Visitors

Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) is committed to promoting an inclusive and accessible environment for visitors of all abilities. The University strives to provide accessible campus facilities, including ramps, lifts, wheelchair-accessible entrances, and wide corridors, wherever available. Wheelchairs and battery-operated vehicles are provided to assist visitors with limited mobility subject to availability. Accessible washrooms, appropriate signage, and tactile pathways support safe and convenient movement across the campus. The University also facilitates appropriate support, such as scribes, sign-language interpretation, and assistive technologies, for examinations, events, and other activities, as required.

Summary

Questionnaire option	CUTM position
Free access	Selected. The all-faith shrine, Shrine of Soul, campus temple, campus grounds, and public fairs and exhibitions are open to the public free of charge, and health camps offer free check-ups and eye screening.