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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
Public Access to Libraries

Overview

Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) promotes public access to knowledge and learning resources through its libraries. Members may apply for permission to access library facilities and read books, journals, newspapers, and other publications within the library premises free of charge, subject to the University's library access guidelines. Library and digital library facilities are available at the Bhubaneswar, Paralakhemundi, Balangir, and Rayagada campuses. The University also supports knowledge sharing and community education by donating old and surplus books to local schools, colleges, and libraries, wherever applicable.

Free access	Paid access
Reading of books, journals and newspapers within the library premises, after application	Specialised research databases
Reference, periodicals and digital library sections during opening hours	Archives and premium journals
National Digital Library of India and Shodhganga resources	Access through permission
Publication in the open-access Centurion Journal of Multidisciplinary Research	Free

Table 1. Free and paid library access for members of the public, 2025.



Figure 1. Library e-resources awareness workshop, Rayagada, 14 October 2025.

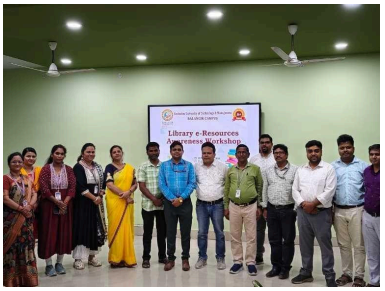


Figure 2. Library e-resources awareness workshop, Balangir, 15 October 2025.



Figure 3. Derwent Innovation Index session, Paralakhemundi, 5 November 2025.

1. Access Policy for Members of the Public

- **Access after application:** The library is open to all public members. Visitors from outside the University apply to the library for permission, and once permission is granted, they may browse and read books, journals and newspapers inside the library free of charge.
- **Paid access to specialised resources:** external users may consult specialised research databases, archives and premium journals on payment of a nominal daily fee, which helps to sustain these subscribed resources while extending their availability beyond the University.
- **Temporary membership:** visiting faculty may be granted temporary membership on request.
- **Open-access publishing:** the Centurion Journal of Multidisciplinary Research is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal with no publication charge, so its articles are freely available to the public.

2. Library Facilities and Opening Hours

Library and digital library facilities are provided at Paralakhemundi, Bhubaneswar (Jatni), Balangir and Rayagada. Wi-Fi across the libraries allows users to access e-resources on their own devices as well as on library desktops.

Section	Bhubaneswar	Paralakhemundi
Circulation (working days)	9:30 am – 5:30 pm	9:30 am – 5:30 pm
Reference	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Open 24 hours
Periodicals and newspapers	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Open 24 hours
Digital library	9:00 am – 9:00 pm	Open 24 hours
Sunday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	9:30 am – 5:30 pm

Table 2. Library opening hours. The library is closed on the second Saturday of each month.

Digital resources

The libraries are registered with the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and Shodhganga, India's national repository of doctoral theses, and provide DELNET (Developing Library Network), Web OPAC, researcher-profile creation on the IRINS and Vidwan platforms of INFLIBNET, and access to CUTM Courseware. Subscribed and curated e-resources include JSTOR, e-journals, e-books, e-theses, e-preprints, e-newspapers, e-courseware, e-databases, subject gateways, IEEE-ASPP, Indianjournals.com, ProQuest ABI/INFORM and DELNET. Reprographic, scanning, printing and barcode services are available. Faculty and PhD scholars have remote access to e-resources, and Turnitin is provided to support academic integrity in research.

3. Library User-Education Programmes in 2025

In 2025, the libraries conducted six workshops across the Rayagada, Balangir and Paralakhemundi campuses to help users find and use print and digital resources. The e-resources awareness workshops were led by the University Librarian.

Programme	Date	Campus	Participants
Library e-Resources Awareness Workshop	14 October	Rayagada	Faculty members

Programme	Date	Campus	Participants
Workshop on Enhancing Awareness and Utilization of E-Resources	14 October	Paralakhemundi	25
Digital Library Mastery: Navigating e-Library Resources	15 October	Paralakhemundi	27
Library e-Resources Awareness Workshop	15 October	Balangir	27
Exploring Innovation Landscapes with Derwent Innovation Index	5 November	Paralakhemundi	36
Maximising Research Impact with IEEE Xplore	10 November	Paralakhemundi	11

Table 3. Library user-education programmes, 2025.

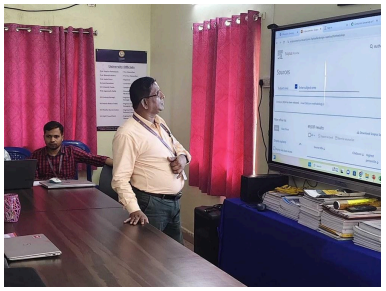


Figure 4. Librarian demonstrating Scopus source search, Rayagada, 14 October 2025.



Figure 5. Participants at the e-resources awareness workshop, Balangir, 15 October 2025.



Figure 6. Participants and resource person after the Derwent session, Paralakhemundi, 5 November 2025.

4. Book Donation to the Community

The University donates old and surplus books from its libraries to local schools, colleges and public libraries, adding to the reading resources of institutions in the communities around its campuses.

5. Inclusive Access

The libraries are designed for users of all abilities. Ramps, tactile guides and a separate lift provide access for users with limited mobility, and computers with accessibility tools and Braille keyboards are provided for visually impaired users.

Summary

Area	CUTM practice
Access route	Access for all after application. Any member of the public may use the library after applying for permission.
Free access	Once admitted, visitors may read books, journals and newspapers within the library free of charge; the NDLI, Shodhganga and the open-access Centurion Journal of Multidisciplinary Research are freely available.
Paid access	Specialised research databases, archives and premium journals are available on payment of a nominal daily fee.

Area	CUTM practice
Reach	Library facilities at Bhubaneswar, Paralakhemundi, Balangir and Rayagada; six user-education programmes in 2025 across Rayagada, Balangir and Paralakhemundi; book donations to local institutions; accessible facilities including Braille keyboards.