

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

India being at the threshold of global transformation is signatory to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) that visualises a more developed, equal and secure world by 2030. The idea is to move away from the focus on economic growth alone. The government of India is strongly committed to the SDG agenda and the principle of universality 'Leave No One Behind' which converges well with "*sabka saath sabka vikas*" (*Development with All and for All*). Both the Central and State government's approach to sustainable development is geared towards achieving the 17 goals in the backdrop of interconnected nature of the SDGs across economic, social and environmental pillars. Unlike the Millenium Development Goals, the SDGs are focused on the 5 Ps (People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership). The **NITI Ayog** is playing a critical role to put in place the right institutional mechanisms in achieving the SDGs.

The targets cover critical areas of action such as poverty, hunger, education, health and well-being, gender equality, water and sanitation, energy, economic growth and decent work, infrastructure, industry and innovation, reducing inequalities, sustainable cities, consumption and production, climate action, ecosystems, peace, justice and partnerships.

Educational institutions like Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha being a leading skill University in the country through its education, research and innovation, is poised to play a significant role in achieving the SDGs. Teachers and students together in partnership with citizens and the public and private sectors, constructively engage in co-creating knowledge that can produce sustainable solutions. The purpose of students' engagement with SDGs is to make them responsible citizens of the country.

The aim of the conference on Sustainable Development Goals is to bring to the table a range of ideas from various stakeholders on selected themes aligned with the goals. They are – Quality Education; Gender Equality; Industry and Innovation; Reduced Inequalities, Good Health and Well Being; and Building Partnerships. The outcome of the two-day conference is to create awareness on the complexities and targets of the above SDGs, and also to discuss doable strategies, including the right actors and institutional mechanisms required to meet the SDGs.

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On

# ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN ACHIEVING SDGs

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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The journey of CUTM began in the year 2005 by a group of ambitious academics with aspirations to provide high quality education both nationally and internationally. The first step in this direction was to take over an ailing engineering Institute, the Jagannath Institute for Technology and Management (JITM) in one of the most challenging tribal Ggajapati district of Odisha and one which was considered to be a left-wing extremist affected area. Subsequently, JITM was transformed into Centurion University of Technology and Management in August 2010, through an Act of Odisha Legislative Assembly. It became the First Multi-Sector State Private University in Odisha.

The University has different campuses (located at Paralakhemundi, Bhubaneswar, Rayagada, Balangir, Chatrapur and Balasore) and a number of social entrepreneurial outreach wings that, along with collaborating institutions and networks, form its ecosystem. From the inception, Centurion University's has its Moto in "Shaping lives and empowering communities". The University has focused on 'hands-on', 'experience based', 'practice oriented' learning that makes a difference through appropriate and relevant innovation and action research.

While promoting Nano, Mini and Micro Enterprises, the University works toward learning experiences that are 'quantifiable', 'sustainable', 'scalable' and 'replicable'. Centurion University is redefining the learning platform through:

1. Skill integrated, domain linked, teaching and learning;
2. Industry and community partnerships;
3. Creating and co-creating enterprises;
4. An eco-system approach which includes community, enterprise, industry and educational institutes.

## JOIN WITH US IN THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE:

### DAY-1 Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89449634237?pwd=cEV3TnZkZ2R4VDhPLzJyOVQ0aHhJUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 894 4963 4237

**Passcode:** 960978

### DAY-2 Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81767607000?pwd=ZmFLN2lOQzdrNVZFTUNCd1NQdjJUZTU09>

**Meeting ID:** 817 6760 7000

**Passcode:** 494086

## CONFERENCE YOU TUBE LINK

**DAY-1 You Tube Link:** <https://youtu.be/SizNSGfjsHM>

**DAY-2 You Tube Link:** <https://youtu.be/IAme5230xWE>

## THEME DETAILS

DAY -1, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2021

**INAUGURATION SESSION**  
10.30 – 11.15 am

**Welcome Address:** Prasanta Mohanty

**Setting the Context:** Supriya Pattanayak

**Keynote Address:** Omkar Nath Mohanty

**TECHNICAL SESSION-1**  
11.30 am – 12.30 pm

**Speakers:** Debi Prasanna Pattanayak  
Haribandhu Panda  
Lalita Patnaik

### Theme: Quality Education

The aim of SDG 4 is to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all". Government's pronouncements in the National Education Policy 2021 are still a far cry from being achieved and its efforts at providing education for all is far from what is desired. The efforts of Universities also lack focus and remain unsystematic. This session focuses on identifying ways of moving away from quantity to quality of education at all levels and for all peoples.

**TECHNICAL SESSION-2**  
1.30 – 2.30 pm

**Speakers:** Suchitra Pradhan  
Smita Mishra Panda

### Theme: Gender Equality

The aim of SDG 5 is to "achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls". India has made progress over the last decade. The target is to end all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls. In education, there is some parity between females and males in primary, secondary and tertiary education, but there are several areas like political leadership where women still lag behind. Growing violence against women and girls both in the private and public spheres, remains a concern. This session focuses on the complexity of issues impacting the lives of women and ways to overcome these and empower them. It will also focus on the role Universities can play in addressing these issues.

**TECHNICAL SESSION-3**  
2.45 – 3.45 pm

**Speakers:** Mukti Kanta Mishra  
Sangram Keshari Lenka

### Theme: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

The aim of SDG 9 is to "build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation". India has made progress in this SDG through many of its programmes such as 'Make in India', 'Start Up India' and several skill development interventions. The advantage of the current demographic dividend has great potential to play a role in achieving the target. The role of Universities in promoting Incubation Centers, Centers for Innovators and Entrepreneurs, etc and the outcomes of such efforts will be the focus of this session.

## THEME DETAILS

DAY -2, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2021

**TECHNICAL SESSION-4**  
10.30 – 11.30 am

**Speakers:** Biswajit Das  
Upasana Sikkri

### Theme: Reduced Inequalities

The aim of SDG 10 is to "reduce inequality within and among countries". In that the focus has been on efforts to address income inequality alone and not social inequality resulting from exclusion. The bottom percentile of the income earners need to be empowered in ways that they could not only improve their incomes but also, their social position in society, especially in a country where sizeable numbers are living below poverty levels, belonging to ST and SC groups. The focus of this session is to identify whether universities are preparing citizens for the future for a world that is more equal.

**TECHNICAL SESSION-5**  
11.45 am – 12.45 pm

**Speakers:** Abha Mishra  
E Venkata Rao

### Theme: Good Health and Well Being

The aim of SDG 3 is to "ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages". Although India has made significant progress in reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, fighting HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases, there is a long way to go to ensure that it covers the entire country. With the Covid 19 pandemic, it is increasingly evident that emphasis on public health is paramount, with supporting research and development on vaccines. How can Universities support this agenda will be the focus of this session.

**TECHNICAL SESSION-6**  
1.30 – 2.30 pm

**Speakers:** Ambika Prasad Nanda  
Sukhman Randhwa  
Vikash Verma

### Theme: Building Partnerships for SDGs

The aim of SDG 17 is to "strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnerships for sustainable development". The success of SDGs, requires partnerships between governments, private sector and civil society. Emphasis on financing development, connecting people through IT networks, international trade flows and strengthening data collection and analysis, is the order of the day. What are the partnerships that Universities can aspire for and what facilitation will they require for the same will be the focus of this session

**VALEDICTORY SESSION**  
2.45 – 3.15 pm

**Synthesis of the Sessions:** Chhayabrita Majhi

**Vote of Thanks:** Anita Patra