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His Excellency, **Sri. Haribabu Kambhampati**, the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha and the Visitor of Centurion University of Technology and Management;

Guest, Dr. V. Narayanan, Secretary, Department of Space, Chairman Space Commission and ISRO, Government of India

Guest, Dr. B.K Das, Director General (ECS), Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO

Distinguished Members of the Governing Board;

President, Vice President, Honorary Provost, Registrar;

Members of the Academic Council, Board of Studies, Pro Vice Chancellor, Directors, Deans, Faculty and Staff of the University, Parents, Distinguished Guests, Representatives of Electronic and Print Media and most importantly our Graduating students, Ladies and Gentlemen.

As Vice Chancellor, I extend a warm welcome to you all to the 13th Convocation of the Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha.

On this most glorious and auspicious day, I would like to share briefly the trajectory of the University. At the outset, I would like to affirm Centurion Universities commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and the National Education Policy 2020. The University's SDG rankings in the Times Higher Education (THE) Social Impact Ranking has seen a great leap from last year under the mentorship of Western Sydney University (WSU, World No 1 for two years consecutively). In the Interdisciplinary Science Ranking the University has moved from the band 501-600 in 2025 to 301-400 in 2026 globally. Centurion University was recognized as "Highly Commended" in the 'International Green

Gown Awards (Awarding Sustainability Excellence) – Nature Positive' for our entry 'Pollinators Paradise'. We were also a finalist in the 'Next Gen Skills Category'. The Green Gown Awards are administered by the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC) and supported by the UN Environmental Program (UNEP) and other organisations. Further, Centurion University is recognised in Outlook iCare: 9th in Top 50 State Private Universities, 1st in Top 15 Skill Universities, 5th in Top 10 Practice-Integrated Multidisciplinary Universities, 6th in Top 10 Maritime Universities, 10th in Top 10 Fisheries Universities, 5th in Top 10 Veterinary Universities.

Centurion University's proposal for a Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and Higher Education Institutions (FIST) Grant, Department of Science and Technology was approved. Further, Centurion University also received the NABL accreditation for the Food Testing Lab established in its Paralakhemundi campus. The University received a subsidy of approximately Rs.3crores from Govt of India for the same.

Centurion University serves students, mainly, from Odisha and neighbouring states like Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh through its six campuses located at Paralakhemundi, Bhubaneswar, Rayagada, Bolangir, Chhatrapur and Balasore (Gopalpur). Focused on tribal, under-privileged and rural areas, the aim is to empower students with quality education for their employability and self-reliance, higher studies and entrepreneurship, thereby contributing to reducing inequality in society.

The Centurion University has several social outreach enterprises under the umbrella brand, “Gram Tarang” to train economically weak and tribal students, to provide work integrated skill training and apprenticeship across several states totalling about 8.5 lakh candidates skilled since inception, enable financial inclusion,

manufacture drones and provide services using drones, produce high quality spice extracts, Oils and Oleoresins and support local value addition, local market creation, market linkage for farmers. Presently, there is also a focus on industry relevant and future skills (as aligned with the Govt of India and Govt of Odisha's vision) such as Dassault tools, AWS, Unity, Speed breeding, Tissue culture, etc. The focus of the University is to create knowledge economy, employability and entrepreneurship through skill integrated higher education system and product-oriented outcome. The University's research program is facilitated through 26 research centres, 11 Centers of Excellence and over 30 Live Labs. The Faculty have published 648 articles in national and international journals, 169 books and book chapters, and 79 conference proceedings; further over 111 patents and copyrights have been published. At present, there are a total of 370 active scholars. In the last year, 45 students have registered in the doctoral program. This year 40 candidates are being awarded PhD. The Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship has provided support to 79 incubated companies and 31 startups which also figure on the MSME platform of the Government of Odisha, 32 of these are faculty led enterprises.

The degree, diploma and certificate courses of the University are designed to educate students about developing sustainable solutions to real life problems for a better future. The classroom teaching is augmented by hands-on, action learning and relevant field work. At present, the University offers 288 Certificate, 09 Diploma courses, 48 under-graduate and 37 post-graduate and doctoral programs with a student strength of 13236 as on November 2025. Presently 85 skill courses are being offered to 12032 students. Likewise, 40 domain specialisations are being offered to students across the University based on their choice. 4240 students have registered for 111 unique courses on the Swayam platform. 3204 students have registered for 98 unique courses on the NPTEL platform. The University has made the provision of creditization of

the above courses. Further, the University also promotes project based learning and learning from production units.

A Food Testing Laboratory (FTL) established at Paralakhemundi campus with support from Government of India has received NABL Accreditation. Since the establishment of the RPTO, the University has completed Remote Pilot Certification of over 133 candidates during the last year. Further, the University got approval for establishment of RPTO in its Bhubaneswar campus as well. The University has set up a new state-of-the-art laboratory i.e. Genetic Engineering and Genomics lab to carry out cutting edge research like gene editing and gene sequencing.

The University undertakes several initiatives towards advancing the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, the University tries to ensure the sustainability of biodiversity of the campuses through establishing the pollinators paradise and conducting regular surveys of flora and fauna, the waste water of the University is completely recycled and reused in the playgrounds, the plastic waste (which is minimal as it is a plastic free campus) is recycled in the manufacturing of paver blocks, the waste fabric and paper is recycled in the handmade paper unit and the food waste is recycled as compost.

We believe in inclusiveness of population from all sectors. Thus, the under privileged students are supported through various scholarships. Few new courses are developed to train and empower the disadvantaged communities from remote tribal areas, which in turn facilitate the basic health care to the population living in remote areas. The University in collaboration with LTI Mindtree CSR is providing safe housing in three tribal villages of Gajapati district of Odisha. In 2025, 17 MoUs were entered into by the University.

The Centurion University creates awareness, shapes and sensitizes the young minds for a responsible behavior, inclusiveness and

innovation. Thus, students undertake various social responsibility activities. The students conducted several awareness campaigns in the form of street plays, flash mobs, marches and displays on various social issues. Community visits to Childrens homes, Old age homes, Blind schools, Shelters for the mentally ill, etc are regularly organised such that students learn respect and empathy. Further, the University organised four mega blood donation drives, where over 1000 donors voluntarily donated blood. Other significant days observed are the World Radiology Day, World Fisheries day, Engineers' Day, GIS Day, Vigilance Awareness Week, Forensic Science Day, National Sports Day, Teachers' Day, National Unity Day and International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction among many others. Observing these days helps students gain broader awareness, appreciate the relevance of different disciplines, and develop a deeper sense of social, professional, and civic responsibility.

This 13th convocation celebrates the graduation of total 3059 students including 39 PhD awards, 800 post graduates, 1720 under graduates and 500 Diploma. 33 students are recipients of merit certificates and 17 of Gold medals (1 of who is from ITI). This year, one new medal has been instituted, a commemorative gold medal in the name of Late Sri. Debendra Pradhan for the best graduate in Allied Health Care Sciences. The University conducts about 217 regular semester examinations for 53 programs in a year in which approximately 89986 answer-books are evaluated for 2358 subjects.

The University celebrates the achievements of students, where students get every opportunity to showcase live projects on cutting edge technologies like AR/VR, IoT, Multispectral/ Hyperspectral imaging, VLSI, Renewable energy, EV, and BIM technology. The University has conducted several conferences, seminars and workshops of national and international significance.

The university is very conscious about educating women to address gender equality, fulfil the national agenda of “Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao” and to cultivate the future generation through educated women for sustainable future. This is illustrated by the total female students graduating as a percentage of total students, which is approximately 33%, however 92% of the female students have passed as a percentage of total female students, whereas it is 83% in the case of male students. Of the total gold medallists, 63% are women. Women, at 54%, have fared better as toppers in various disciplines. We continue to provide scholarships to female students pursuing programs where they are under-represented. Overall, our efforts are being rewarded and hopefully we shall be able to ensure equality in near future.

The placements are the most awaited results by the students and the university. This year, a total of 150 companies offered 2823 jobs to our students. Of this, 1693 were unique placement offers. It is with great joy and pride that I would like to inform the audience that out of the 732 students opting for higher education, 20 students from the School of Agriculture qualified for Junior Research Fellowship and 3 students from School of Pharmacy qualified GPAT in 2025.

As you step into the world beyond this university, I encourage you to carry forward the values and principles nurtured by your families and reinforced by our institution. You have been privileged to receive an education of high quality – one that integrates practical exposure with advanced technologies, preparing you for purposeful work that strengthens the economic well-being of your families and contributes to sustainable development. Yet, we must remain mindful of the many children who still lack access to education and opportunity.

I urge each of you to use your knowledge, skills, and compassion to support those who are underprivileged and marginalized, especially women and children, wherever your journey may lead.

Uphold the distinguished legacy of Centurion University by reaching out to those in need. In doing so, you will enrich your own lives while bringing pride to your families.

At the same time, continue to question the status quo and pursue excellence in all your endeavors. Even the smallest acts have the potential to advance sustainability and social progress. Remember that every drop contributes to the vast ocean of change. Together, let us aspire to build a society grounded in inclusion, equity, and sustainability.

Allow me to conclude by affirming that, as we navigate an era of rapid transformation and complex challenges, Centurion University remains committed to transforming adversity into opportunity. By cultivating innovative thinking, fresh perspectives, and a profound sense of social responsibility, we seek to make a meaningful contribution to a sustainable and just future.

My heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all graduating students, and my sincere thanks to everyone present for their continued support.

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Vice Chancellor

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Dr. Pattanayak comes with over 25 years of experience both in the development sector and academia like Department for International Development (DFID) India; Deakin University, VIC, Australia, Policy and Strategic Planning Unit, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Odisha; Center for Youth and Social Development, Odisha; RMIT University, Australia; MahilaSamakhya, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India; Voluntary Health Association (Delhi); United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, New Delhi and Institute of Applied Language Sciences, Mysore.

