

# Oath Taking & White Coat Ceremony of Nursing Students on World Hepatitis Day

## Organized by:

**School of Nursing**, Centurion University, Bhubaneswar Campus

**Date:** 28th July 2025

**Venue:** Seminar Hall, Aryabhata Building

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## I. INTRODUCTION

On the occasion of **World Hepatitis Day**, the **School of Nursing, Centurion University, Bhubaneswar Campus**, hosted a dual event—**White Coat & Oath Taking Ceremony** and a **Seminar on Hepatitis Awareness**. The event aimed at not only initiating nursing students into the professional journey with dignity but also equipping them with updated knowledge on Hepatitis, a major global health concern.

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## II. OBJECTIVES

- To administer the professional oath to the newly admitted B.Sc. Nursing students.
  - To symbolize the transition into the medical profession through the White Coat Ceremony.
  - To raise awareness about Hepatitis (A-E), its prevention, management, and public health significance.
  - To promote student engagement through poster presentations and educational activities.
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## III. DETAILED PROGRAM REPORT

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### SESSION I: Oath Taking & White Coat Ceremony

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 01:00 PM

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## 1. Welcome Address

**Speaker:** *Prof. (Dr.) Sakuntala Sahani*, Principal, School of Nursing

**Key Highlights:**

- Warmly welcomed dignitaries, faculty, students, and guests.
  - Highlighted the importance of ethics, empathy, and dedication in nursing.
  - Stressed the value of ceremonies like the White Coat as a rite of passage into the healthcare profession.
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## 2. Lighting of the Ceremonial Lamp

**Conducted By:** *Chief guests and faculty*

**Significance:**

- Marked the auspicious beginning of the event with prayers and lighting by dignitaries.
  - Symbolized the light of knowledge and purity in healthcare.
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## 3. Saraswati Vandana by Students

**Performed By:** *First-year B.Sc. Nursing students*

**Essence:**

- A devotional performance seeking blessings of the Goddess of Knowledge.
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## 4. Felicitation of Guests

**Conducted By:** *Faculty and students*

**Details:**

- Honoring all invited dignitaries and speakers with tokens of appreciation, *uttariya* & momentum.
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## 5. Speech by Pro Vice Chancellor

**Speaker:** *Prof. (Dr.) Biswajit Mishra*, Pro VC, Centurion University

**Message Highlights:**

- Commended the School of Nursing for organizing a dual-purpose event.

- Spoke about the vital role of nurses as frontline caregivers.
  - Emphasized the need for continuous learning and professional integrity.
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## **6. Oath Taking & White Coat Ceremony**

**Administered By:** *Prof. (Dr.) Sakuntala Sahani*, Principal, SoN

**Details:**

- Students were presented with white coats as a symbol of professional responsibility.
  - The Nursing Oath was solemnly taken, pledging compassion, service, confidentiality, and dignity in nursing care.
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## **7. Video Presentation on Florence Nightingale**

**Presented By:** *Nursing Students*

**Content Summary:**

- A brief documentary tribute to Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.
  - Emphasized her life, work during the Crimean War, and influence on nursing ethics and hygiene.
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## **8. Speech by Chief Guest**

**Speaker:** *Dr. Umakanta Satapathy*, Addl. Director, DME&T, Odisha

**Key Points:**

- Highlighted the evolution of nursing in Odisha and nationwide.
  - Stressed the growing scope for nurses in public health and global health diplomacy.
  - Encouraged students to serve with humility and scientific temperament.
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## **9. Speech by Chief Speaker**

**Speaker:** *Mrs. Sucharita Das*, Nursing Superintendent, Apollo Hospitals Bhubaneswar

**Message:**

- Shared real-life experiences from her career to inspire students.
- Stressed the importance of time management, documentation, and patient-centered care.

- Advocated for empathy as a core nursing value.
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## **10. Speech by Guest of Honor**

**Speaker:** *Mrs. Bharati Sahoo*, Matron, DHH Khordha

### **Highlights:**

- Spoke on the significance of discipline and communication in hospital settings.
  - Recalled her early nursing days and how the profession has transformed with technology.
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## **11. Speech by Director, SoN**

**Speaker:** *Prof. Sunil Kumar Jha*, Director, SoAHS & SoN

### **Remarks:**

- Congratulated the students and faculty on a well-coordinated event.
  - Urged students to balance academic excellence with ethical behavior and compassion.
  - Highlighted future career paths and higher education opportunities in nursing.
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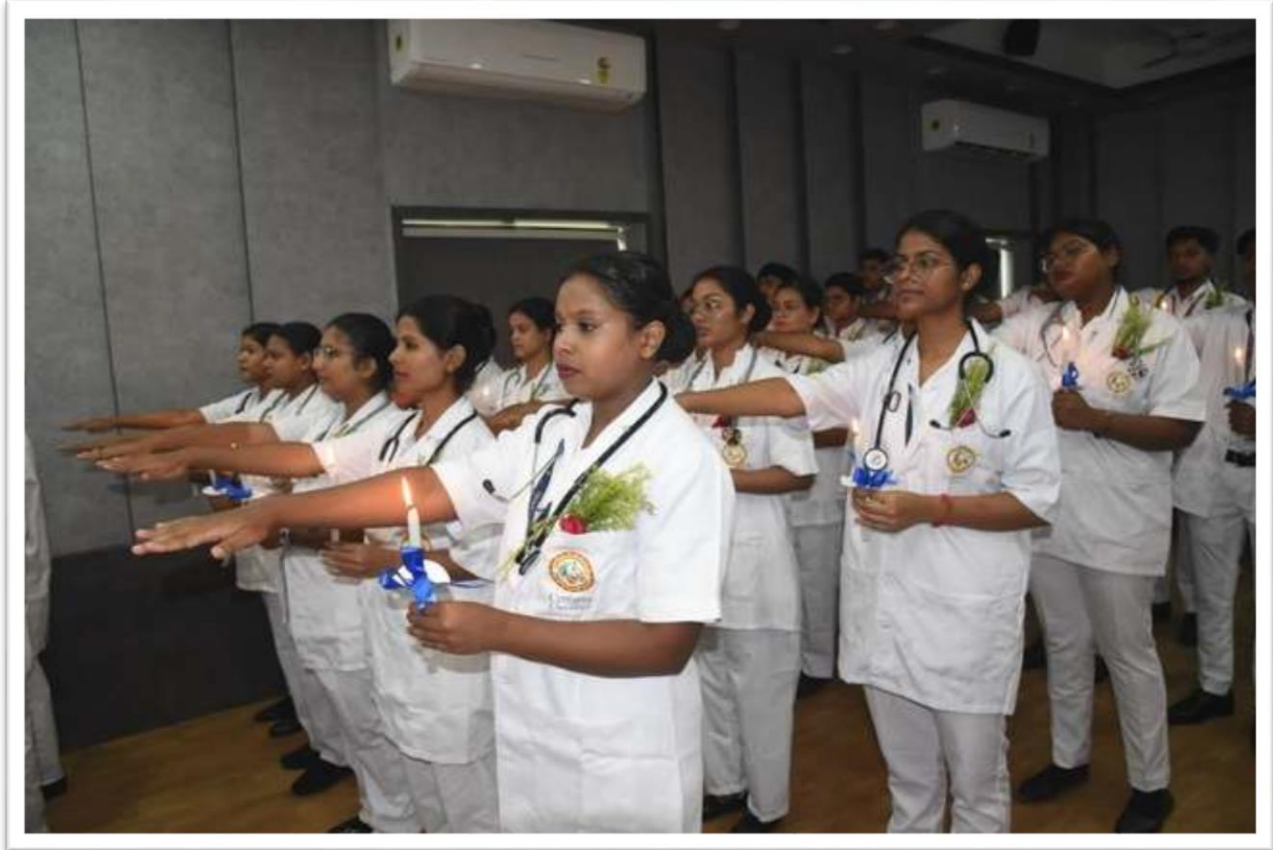
## **12. Prize Distribution**

### **Details:**

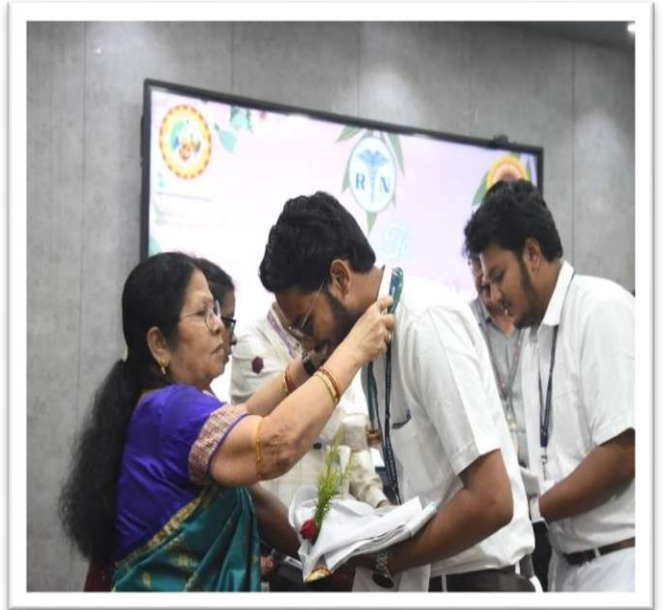
- Certificates and awards were distributed to meritorious students, volunteers, and participants.
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## PHOTOGRAPHS









## **SESSION II: Seminar on World Hepatitis Day**

**Time:** 02:00 PM – 05:00 PM

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### **1. Keynote Address on Hepatitis Awareness**

**Speaker:** *Prof. (Dr.) Debasis Sahoo*, MD (Microbiology), Managing Director, SUM Hospital-II

**Speech Summary:**

- Delivered an in-depth session on types of Hepatitis (A–E), modes of transmission, symptoms, and prevention.
  - Shared latest WHO statistics and India-specific challenges in Hepatitis elimination.
  - Urged students to be community health advocates and participate in national Hepatitis control programs.
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### **2. Academic Presentation**

**Speaker:** *Ms. Rasmita Priyadarsani Samal*, Asst. Professor, Dept. of MHN

**Topic:** Psychological Impact of Chronic Hepatitis

**Points Discussed:**

- Emotional and mental health burden on long-term Hepatitis patients.
  - Counseling strategies and the nurse's role in psychosocial support.
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### **3. Academic Presentation**

**Speaker:** *Mr. Aakash Deep Sahoo*, Asst. Professor, Dept. of MSN

**Topic:** Theme of this year Hepatitis Day

**Points Discussed:**

- Briefly discussed about the theme of the year, Hepatitis: Let's break it down.
  - Emphasis on universal precautions, isolation care, and vaccination protocols.
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### **4. Academic Presentation**

**Speaker:** *Mr. Yogendri Mohini Mohapatra*, Tutor, SoN

**Topic:** Prevention Strategies and Community Role

**Highlights:**

- Focused on mass awareness, screening camps, safe injection practices, and health education at community level.
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## 5. Poster Presentation

**Conducted By:** Nursing Students

**Details:**

- Displayed creative and research-based posters on topics such as:
    - Transmission cycle of Hepatitis
    - Importance of Hepatitis vaccination
    - Symptoms and early diagnosis
    - Role of diet in Hepatitis care
  - Judged by a panel of faculty and external guests.
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## IV. OUTCOMES

- **Induction Completed:** The students ceremoniously inducted into the profession.
  - **Enhanced Knowledge:** Students gained updated knowledge on Hepatitis prevention and management.
  - **Inspiration from Role Models:** Guest speeches motivated students to uphold the values of compassion, care, and professionalism.
  - **Student Participation:** Active involvement in poster and video presentations improved confidence and academic engagement.
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## V. FEEDBACK SUMMARY

- Overall positive feedback from students and faculty.
  - Guest speakers appreciated the hospitality and student discipline.
  - Suggestions:
    - Include interactive workshops in future events.
    - Conduct Hepatitis screening as a practical extension.
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## **VI. CONCLUSION**

The combined event served as a meaningful convergence of professional ethics and public health education. The White Coat Ceremony inspired a new generation of nurses, while the Hepatitis Seminar reinforced the importance of evidence-based, preventive, and community-oriented care. The IQAC commends the School of Nursing for organizing a value-driven, educational, and motivational event.

The event came to a close with the solemn singing of the National Anthem.