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IQAC NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM *Team IQAC*



The 4th Quarter IQAC Newsletter proudly captures a vibrant phase of *academic excellence, innovation and institutional growth* at Centurion University of Technology and Management. This quarter witnessed significant milestones including the *13th Convocation Ceremony, remarkable progress in global rankings, impactful national and international conferences, strategic MoUs, faculty and student research achievements, capacity-building programmes, skill-based trainings, community health and social outreach initiatives, innovation- and entrepreneurship-driven workshops and commendable sports and co-curricular accomplishments*. These achievements, along with many other academic, research and extension activities showcased in this issue, reflect the collective dedication of our leadership, faculty, staff, students and partners. Team IQAC extends sincere appreciation to all stakeholders for their unwavering commitment to quality enhancement, continuous improvement and excellence, as we continue to strengthen CUTM's journey towards national relevance and global recognition.





13TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Centurion University of Technology and Management proudly hosted its *13th Convocation Ceremony* in December 2025, celebrating academic excellence, achievement and the successful culmination of students' educational journeys.

A total of **3,059** students from the 2025 graduating batch (PhD - 39, PGD - 95, PG - 705, UG - 1,720, Diploma - 500) and 183 students from earlier batches were declared eligible for the award of degrees. Among them, 1,699 + 01 (ITI) students registered for the convocation, 1,581 + 01 (ITI) reported and 1,573 + 01 (ITI) proudly received their final degree certificates.

The ceremony was further enriched by the conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees upon **Dr. B. K. Das, Director General (ECS), DRDO, Government of India** and **Dr. V. Narayanan, Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman, Space Commission & ISRO, Government of India**. In recognition of outstanding academic performance and research excellence, the University awarded **21 Gold Medals, 33 Merit Certificates** and **01 Vice Chancellor's Best Thesis Award**.

The Convocation was graciously presided over by **His Excellency Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha and Visitor to CUTM**, in the esteemed presence of distinguished dignitaries, members of the Board of Governors, Academic Council, Deans, Directors, Faculty, Staff members and Media representatives, making the occasion truly memorable and inspiring.



13th Indian Social Work Conference (ISWC)

Centurion University of Technology and Management successfully organized the 13th Indian Social Work Conference (ISWC 2025) from 6th to 8th November 2025, providing a vibrant national platform for dialogue, reflection and collaboration among social work professionals and academicians. The conference was centered on the theme *“Technology, Innovation and Society: Challenges and Opportunities for Ecosocial Work and Sustainable Development,”* which highlighted the evolving interplay between technological advancement, social innovation and human responsibility in shaping inclusive and sustainable societies.



The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of **523 delegates** from 29 States and Union Territories, including **281 women and 242 men**, reflecting the diversity, unity and collective strength of the social work fraternity across India. Through engaging discussions and knowledge exchange, the conference emphasized the need to harmonize digital transformation with social equity and sustainability, reinforcing Centurion University’s commitment to socially responsive education, research and nation-building.



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**9TH IN TOP 50 STATE
PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

**1ST IN TOP 15
SKILL
UNIVERSITIES**

**5TH IN TOP 10 PRACTICE-
INTEGRATED
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
UNIVERSITIES**

Outlook

ICARE RANKING 2025

**6TH IN TOP 10
MARITIME
UNIVERSITIES**

**10TH IN TOP 10
FISHERIES
UNIVERSITIES**

**5TH IN TOP 10 VETERINARY
UNIVERSITIES**



**Times
Higher
Education
2026**

**Ranking
301-350**

Interdisciplinary Science

Centurion University of Technology and Management has achieved a significant milestone in the Times Higher Education (THE) Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026, advancing from the 501-600 band in 2025 to the **301-350 band** in 2026—a remarkable jump of nearly 200 ranks within just one year of first-time participation.

**2026
301-350 Global Band
and 24th Rank in India**

**2025
501-600 Global Band
and 48th Rank in India**



This notable global recognition reflects the University's growing strength in interdisciplinary research and collaborative academic practices. The achievement is a direct outcome of the sustained efforts of faculty, researchers and support teams, with special appreciation to the SDG team for the timely and effective submission of data. In the Indian context, CUTM now proudly stands at **24th position**, a significant rise from 98th last year, reinforcing the University's upward trajectory and its clear vision to enter the top 100 globally within the next two years.



Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings

Centurion University of Technology and Management has further strengthened its global standing by securing a place in the **301–400 global band** among **2,526 institutions worldwide**, while achieving an impressive **10th rank** in India among **130 participating institutions**. This outstanding performance reflects the University's growing academic credibility, impactful research culture and strong institutional commitment to quality and excellence, reinforcing CUTM's position as a leading institution on both the global and national higher education landscape.



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THE VETERANS INDIA
PRIDE OF NATION AWARDS

NATIONAL IDE BOOTCAMP FOR PM SHRI SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS



Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha, played a pivotal role in advancing innovation-led school education by hosting Capacity Building Programmes on **Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship (IDE)** during November and December 2025, in collaboration with AICTE, the Ministry of Education Innovation Cell (MIC) and with academic support from the Wadhvani Foundation. A **two-day workshop** held on 20–21 November 2025 brought together **70 senior education officials, including District Education Officers, DIET faculty, SCERT members and OSEPA representatives from across Odisha**. The programme emphasized **design thinking, innovation frameworks and entrepreneurial mindsets aligned with NEP 2020** and featured expert-led technical sessions, hands-on activities and policy-level perspectives from eminent dignitaries and university leadership.



Further strengthening its national engagement, CUTM hosted a **three-day IDE Bootcamp** from 17–19 December 2025 for over **190 Principals and Teachers from PM SHRI Schools across Odisha**, as part of a nationwide initiative across 25 States and 2 Union Territories. The bootcamp focused on **experiential learning, design thinking, and entrepreneurial skills, equipping educators with practical strategies to nurture innovation in schools**. Addressed by national leaders, senior academicians and state dignitaries—including the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha—the programme concluded with a strong commitment to building future-ready, innovation-driven school ecosystems.

THE Educator CONCLAVE



Conclave

The **School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences (SoPLS)**, **School of Allied and Healthcare Sciences (SoAHS)** and **School of Nursing (SoN)**, Centurion University of Technology and Management, successfully hosted an **Educators' Conclave** on 7 December 2025, bringing together around **50 distinguished educators** from schools, colleges and universities across Odisha. The conclave highlighted CUTM's experiential, skill-integrated learning ecosystem, with insightful addresses by the Pro Vice Chancellor (Academics), Director, Centurion University, and senior academic leadership, whose constant support and faculty engagement made the event impactful. School-level presentations showcased strengths in hands-on learning, research and community engagement, fostering meaningful academic dialogue and collaboration. The visiting educators expressed highly positive feedback, appreciating CUTM's innovative pedagogy, vibrant campus ecosystem and strong academic culture, making the conclave a truly enriching and collaborative academic experience.



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AIM-Q 2025: GLOBAL CONFLUENCE ON AI & SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION



Centurion University of Technology and Management successfully hosted the *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Sustainable Innovation: Next Gen Management in the Quantum Era (AIM-Q 2025)*, drawing an enthusiastic global response with over **150 abstracts and 84 paper presentations** from academicians, researchers, and industry professionals across Germany, France, Malaysia, the USA, Australia and multiple Indian states. Guided by the visionary leadership of the President, Vice President and Vice Chancellor, the conference featured distinguished inaugural, keynote and invited speakers from premier global institutions and industries, fostering rich interdisciplinary dialogue at the intersection of AI, sustainability and next-generation management. AIM-Q 2025 stood out as an intellectually enriching platform, reinforcing CUTM's growing global academic footprint and commitment to future-oriented research and innovation.

IEEE Day 2025

PARALAKHEMUNDI

The School of Engineering and Technology (SoET), Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi Campus, successfully celebrated **IEEE Day 2025** on 16 October 2025, commemorating the global spirit of IEEE and its mission of advancing technology for the benefit of humanity. The event featured an engaging inaugural session followed by a series of insightful technical talks by distinguished experts from academia and research organizations, fostering a culture of innovation, research excellence and professional collaboration among students and faculty.



The inaugural session began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing knowledge and wisdom and included addresses by **Dr. Debendra Kumar Sahoo**, **Dr. Prafulla Kumar Panda**, Dean, SoET, **Prof. (Dr.) Anita Patra**, Registrar and **Prof. (Dr.) Supriya Pattanayak**, Vice Chancellor, CUTM. The highlight of the programme was the special address by **Shri H. K. Ratha**, former Director, Integrated Test Range (DRDO) and Advisor & Past Chair, IEEE Bhubaneswar Section, who emphasized IEEE's pivotal role in shaping future technologies and inspiring innovation-driven research. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by **Prof. Prabhat Kumar Patnaik**, marking the celebration as a meaningful academic and professional engagement.



FACULTY INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Sashmita Kumari Pradhan successfully presented her research paper at the **2nd International Conference held in Lima, Peru**, from 14–17 October 2025, marking a notable academic achievement and enhancing the University's global research presence. The conference provided a valuable platform for interaction with international researchers and enriched her research perspectives. She gratefully acknowledged the constant support and encouragement of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Director, Associate Dean, Head of the Department and faculty members. Special appreciation is extended to ANRF for the travel grant, which enabled her participation and contribution at this prestigious international forum.



POWER PLAY HACKATHON

Centurion University of Technology and Management successfully conducted the **Power BI Hackathon – "The Power Play"**, a 28-hour experiential learning event held on 3rd–4th November 2025 at the Bhubaneswar Campus, with active participation from 184 students of the School of Management across the Bhubaneswar, Paralakhemundi and Vizianagaram campuses. The University sincerely appreciates the support of senior management and the dedicated efforts of the administrative and hospitality teams in ensuring the event's success. **Cash prizes worth ₹21,000** along with gifts, sponsored by the **FICCI FLO Bhubaneswar Chapter**, were awarded to the winning teams—1st: Bhubaneswar (MBA); 2nd: Bhubaneswar (BBA); 3rd: Paralakhemundi (BBA); 4th: Vizianagaram (BBA); 5th: Bhubaneswar (BBA)—highlighting CUTM's strong focus on innovation, skill development and experiential learning.



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered at Raipur, Chhattisgarh on the 10th day of December 2025 (hereinafter called MoU) between the Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha (hereinafter referred to as First Party) and State Forensic Science Laboratory, Chhattisgarh (hereinafter referred to as Second Party) to promote academic and research interaction and cooperation between the two institutions.

Whereas,

Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha

A NAAC A+ Grade accredited and UGC notified multisector Private University and Centre of Excellence by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India created by Act No. 4 of 2010 of State Legislature of Odisha State University as with its constituent campuses in Jatni, Paralakhemundi, Rayagada, Chattarpur, Bolangir, and Balasore. Hereinafter, are referred as "CUTM" represented through its Authorized Signatory (which



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THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is being entered on 03.11.2025 by and Between

FICCI FLO, the women wing of the federation of Indian chamber of commerce and Industry (FICCI), an all India forum for women entrepreneurs and professional and having its headquarters in New Delhi and active chapter in Bhubaneswar, Odisha (hereinafter referred to as "FICCI FLO" on "First Party", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning hereof, be deemed to include its successors and permitted assigns" of the First part.

And

Center for Commercialization of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CCIE) of Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM), NAAC A Grade & UGC Sec 12b notified private state University of Odisha, having its registered office at, HIG-4, Floor 1&2, Jaydev Vihar, Bhubaneswar 751013, Khordha, Odisha (herein referred as "CUTM CCIE" which expression unless repugnant to the context shall include its successors and assignees) of the Other part.

FICCI FLO and CUTM CCIE shall be hereinafter individually be referred as "Party" and collectively as "Parties"

MOUS

During the **4th Quarter**, Centurion University of Technology and Management strengthened its **academic-industry and institutional collaborations** by signing **five MoUs**, with **three key MoUs highlighted** in this newsletter, reflecting the University's strong focus on **applied learning, research and employability**.

- The university signed a strategic MoU with **Medi-Analytiq Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.** to promote **digital healthcare, wellness initiatives, mental health support, skill development and international placement opportunities** for **Allied Health and Nursing students**, jointly coordinated by the **School of Nursing, Paralakhemundi** and the **School of Allied & Healthcare Sciences, Bhubaneswar**.
- The **School of Management** entered into an MoU with the **FICCI FLO Bhubaneswar Chapter**, aimed at **enhancing mentorship, internships, industry exposure, professional development and women empowerment, thereby strengthening academia-industry linkage**.
- Additionally, the university signed an MoU with the **State Forensic Science Laboratory, Chhattisgarh**, to foster collaboration in **forensic education, training, research, and hands-on practical exposure, reinforcing the University's commitment to specialized skill development and professional excellence**.

HEALTHCARE ON WHEELS LAUNCHED AT CUTM BOLANGIR CAMPUS

HEALTHCARE ON WHEELS



Centurion University of Technology and Management inaugurated its **"Healthcare on Wheels"** initiative at the **Bolangir Campus** on 17 December 2025, marking a significant step towards strengthening community health outreach. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sarangi, Regional Director, and commenced its services with a **health check-up** and spectacle distribution programme at Dunguripali, Sonapur, on the very first day. This impactful initiative reflects CUTM's **strong commitment to accessible healthcare, social responsibility and community well-being, bringing essential medical services** closer to underserved populations.



HEALTH AWARENESS INITIATIVES SCHOOL OF NURSING



The School of Nursing, Centurion University of Technology and Management actively championed public health awareness through a series of impactful observances and outreach programmes during **November–December 2025**, reinforcing its commitment to community well-being and experiential learning. Key initiatives included **National Cancer Awareness Day** with free health screenings and awareness activities at Vayalpadu village; **World Radiography Day**, highlighting advances in diagnostic imaging and radiation safety; **World Pneumonia Day** at District Headquarters Hospital, Paralakhemundi, focusing on respiratory hygiene and prevention; **World Immunization Day**, conducted in collaboration with a Primary Health Centre to promote vaccination awareness and cold-chain management; **World Diabetes Day** at Rayagada, emphasizing prevention and lifestyle management; and **World AIDS Day**, marked by large-scale rallies, health education sessions, creative student engagements and human chain formations across **Rayagada and Paralakhemundi** campuses. Through screenings, demonstrations, rallies, skits, posters and interactive education sessions, these initiatives benefited **diverse communities**, **empowered students with hands-on public health experience** and strongly aligned with the **Sustainable Development Goals—particularly SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being)**—reflecting CUTM’s sustained commitment to social responsibility, health promotion and inclusive education.

ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY SKILLS *at CUTM*



Centurion University of Technology and Management continued to strengthen its focus on emerging technologies and experiential learning through two key initiatives in October 2025. On 18 October 2025, the *DGCA-authorized Drone Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO)*, Paralakhemundi Campus, successfully trained *18 B.Tech (Mining) students* from the Jatni Campus, offering *hands-on exposure to drone simulation, RC operations, assembly, maintenance and live flight operations*, culminating in the award of Remote Pilot Certificates by DGCA. Further reinforcing innovation culture, the School of Engineering and Technology hosted *TechUtsav-2025* at the Paralakhemundi Campus on 24–25 October 2025, a *two-day technical fest* inaugurated by senior university leadership. The event provided a dynamic platform for students to showcase *creativity, compete in technical events and explore emerging technologies*, reflecting CUTM's strong commitment to skill development, innovation and future-ready education.



Expert-Led Training & Innovation Initiatives at CUTM



Centurion University of Technology and Management reinforced its commitment to skill-based education and experiential learning through a series of impactful initiatives across campuses in October 2025. On the occasion of **World Trauma Day**, **Prof. Mark Heald (Australia)**, **Mentor-at-Large and Professor of Practice**, conducted engaging CPR and trauma-response training sessions for nursing students at the **Paralakhemundi** and **Rayagada** campuses, emphasizing **DRABC**, **CAB** and **Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS)** protocols through hands-on demonstrations.



Students actively participated and successfully earned **BCLS certification**, strengthening their emergency response capabilities. Complementing healthcare training, the **Centre of Excellence for Smart Agriculture** organized a two-day hands-on programme on **Saffron Cultivation under controlled conditions** at the **Paralakhemundi Campus (23–24 October 2025)**, showcasing CUTM's multidisciplinary approach to innovation, practical learning and real-world skill development.

SKILL-FOCUSED ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS AT CUTM



Centurion University of Technology and Management continued to enrich student learning through high-impact academic and skill-development programmes in October–November 2025. The **School of Management** organized two engaging sessions on 31 October 2025 for first-year **MBA, BBA, B.Com and BMS** students, featuring a **workshop on “Managing: The Unfair Advantage”** by **Mr. Sunit Saraswat**, a seasoned industry leader with over 35 years of experience, followed by an interactive session with **Prof. D. N. Rao, Vice President, CUTM**, offering valuable real-world management insights.

Complementing this, the **Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding**, in collaboration with the **Centre for Genetics and Genomics**, conducted a hands-on training programme on **“Tools in CRISPR-Cas9 Genome Editing”** (3–4 November 2025), where **40 participants** gained practical exposure to advanced genome editing and bioinformatics tools. These initiatives underscore CUTM’s commitment to experiential learning, industry relevance, and research-driven education.





FACULTY SKILL DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY TRAINING AT BALASORE AND BHUBANESWAR CAMPUSES



CENTURION UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT STRENGTHENED ITS FACULTY AND STUDENT CAPACITY-BUILDING INITIATIVES THROUGH TWO FOCUSED TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN OCTOBER 2025. THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND LIFE SCIENCES (SOPLS), BALASORE CAMPUS, CONDUCTED A **ONE-DAY HANDS-ON WORKSHOP ON “MOLECULAR DOCKING USING FREE SOFTWARE”** ON 10 OCTOBER 2025, PROVIDING PRACTICAL EXPOSURE TO COMPUTATIONAL TOOLS USED IN DRUG DISCOVERY, WITH EXPERT GUIDANCE FROM DR. PURUSOTTAM BANJARE.

Complementing this, the *Department of Mechanical Engineering and School of Management* organized a **two-day workshop on Skill Development, Solar Energy, Smart Manufacturing and Sustainability Solutions** (24–25 October 2025) at the Bhubaneswar Campus, engaging **82 participants** through expert-led sessions aligned with the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Together, these initiatives underscore CUTM’s commitment to continuous learning, sustainable technologies and industry-relevant skill enhancement.



NPTEL Recognition for Academic Mentorship



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

is awarded to

SWATILAGNA SAHU

CENTURION UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

PARALAKHEMUNDI, ODISHA

in recognition of his/her role as mentor for the
NPTEL Online Certification course

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PROF. ANDREW THANGARAJ
NPTEL Coordinator
IIT Madras

Mentees Enrolled	Mentees Present	Score (in %)	Certified (Score in %)				
		<40	40-59	60-74	75-89	>=90	Toppers
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Ms. Swatilagna Sahu has been conferred the Top Performing Mentor Certificate by **NPTEL**, in recognition of her outstanding mentoring efforts and dedicated academic support to students. This achievement reflects her commitment to quality teaching and learner success and highlights the University's strong culture of academic excellence and continuous faculty development. Centurion University congratulates her on this well-deserved recognition.

CUTM Kabaddi Team Clinches Championship



Centurion University of Technology and Management's University Kabaddi Team delivered an outstanding performance by winning the **IIG Sports Academy Kabaddi Championship** held at KT Global School, Khurda. Showcasing exceptional teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship, the team emerged victorious by defeating Mahima Sports, Jatani in the final match. This commendable achievement reflects CUTM's strong sporting culture and commitment to holistic student development. Congratulations to the team on this well-earned triumph!



WASTE TO WEALTH



At the Waste-to-Wealth Unit, Bhubaneswar Campus, students are turning sustainability into creativity.

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