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# **ADAPTING EDUCATION INTO INNOVATION**

## **Visiting the Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi Campus**

### **OFS PROBATIONERS-2024 BATCH**

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## About Centurion University of Technology and Management

Centurion University of Technology and Management is a prestigious institution renowned for its unique contributions to higher education. Its distinctive educational approach emphasizes practical, skill-oriented pedagogy. The university provides a wide array of programs that seamlessly combine technology and management, equipping students with a comprehensive and versatile skill set.

Centurion University, equipped with cutting-edge infrastructure and a team of experienced faculty, offers a supportive environment that fosters both academic and personal growth. Committed to holistic education, the university prioritizes not only academic achievement but also the comprehensive development of its students.

The university's core strength lies in its robust industry collaborations, providing students with valuable exposure to real-world challenges and opportunities. This practical approach ensures that graduates are fully equipped to meet the demands of the world. Furthermore, Centurion University strongly emphasizes social responsibility, inspiring students to make meaningful contributions to society.

As such, Centurion University of Technology and Management serves as a shining example of quality education, empowering its students with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to excel as professionals and contribute as responsible citizens.

## A Visit to Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi Campus

The initiative, "Adapting Education into Innovation: Visiting the Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi Campus by OFS Probationers," offered an exceptional opportunity for OFS Probationers to immerse themselves in the realm of innovative education. Their visit to Centurion University's Paralakhemundi Campus provided valuable first-hand insights into diverse facets of the educational skill-based ecosystem. Beyond the University, the Probationers also explored other famous places and spots of the region, further enhancing their overall learning experience.

During their visit, the OFS Probationers also embarked on a journey to the nearby Tribal village, immersing themselves in the local community. This visit exposed them to the vibrant culture and lifestyle of the tribal people residing there. Interacting with the locals allowed the Probationers to witness the different lifestyle and learn about their traditional means of warfare and hunting ways. During this visit, they also visited the tribal museum, where they saw various displays of the traditional hunting weapons used by the tribals.

The officers also had an extended interaction with Dr Anita Patra, the Registrar of the CUTM and Prof Durga Padhi, the senior Director, Administration on the third day of the visit.

Additionally, the Probationers explored the famous Jirang Monastery which is the largest Buddhist monastery in Eastern India. They got to view the impressive Tibetan architecture, featuring intricate carvings and vibrant murals. The monastery, helped deepen their spiritual knowledge of the Probationers, who got to view the practitioners' way of life.

Overall, the program not only allowed the OFS Probationers to delve into the realm of education through their interactions at Centurion University but also provided them with a holistic experience by immersing them in the cultural, culinary, and artistic aspects of Paralakhemundi. This diverse exposure undoubtedly broadened their horizons and enriched their understanding of the multifaceted nature of education and its impact on communities.



**A bird's eye view of the Centurion University of Technology and Management campus at Paralakhemundi**



# Objective of the Program

## The Objectives of the tour are:

- To familiarize the OFS Probationers with the campus infrastructure and facilities.
- To understand the skill-based approaches being undertaken related to academic training initiatives.
- To view and understand the research and innovation initiatives being undertaken by Centurion University, Paralakhemundi Campus.
- To gain insights into the local craftsmanship, traditional art forms, and the lifestyle and economic ways of tribal villages.

# Outcome of the Program

- The Probationers were able to gain a thorough understanding of the campus functioning, plantations, academic buildings, laboratories, libraries, and enjoyment facilities for students and faculty available at Centurion University, Paralakhemundi Campus.
- The OFS Probationers viewed the Buddhist monks' way of life, viewing the Buddhist religious scriptures and ideas and understanding their way of life.
- They were able to gain insights into the cultural significance and impact of the tribal people on our society and realize the importance of their presence in our society.

## About Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi Campus

Centurion University's Paralakhemundi Campus is widely recognized for its dedication to academic excellence and comprehensive development. Situated in the Gajapati district, with Paralakhemundi as its headquarters, the campus provides a vibrant learning atmosphere that fosters student growth and prepares them to become future leaders. Equipped with cutting-edge facilities and a team of highly skilled faculty, Centurion University guarantees students a high-quality education within a supportive and stimulating environment.

The Paralakhemundi Campus offers an extensive selection of diploma, undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctorate programs across various fields, including pharmaceutical, law, media, agriculture and vocational education. By delivering a comprehensive curriculum and industry-focused courses, the university prepares students with the essential skills and knowledge to excel in their careers. Moreover, the campus places a significant emphasis on research and innovation, inspiring students to push boundaries and make meaningful contributions to societal advancement as has been said in the motto- *Shaping lives, Empowering communities*.

In addition to academics, Centurion University's Paralakhemundi Campus cultivates an inclusive and lively community. A variety of extracurricular activities, clubs, and events allow students to explore their interests, develop their talents, and build lasting friendships. The campus also emphasizes social responsibility, actively participating in community development projects to make a positive difference.

In summary, Centurion University's Paralakhemundi Campus provides a transformative educational journey, combining academic excellence with holistic development to prepare students for success in the constantly changing global environment.

## A Brief Report on the Tour to Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi Campus

As the OFS Officers stepped onto the expansive campus of Centurion University, they were immediately immersed in an environment brimming with energy and intellectual enthusiasm. The state-of-the-art infrastructure left a lasting impression, featuring well-equipped classrooms, advanced laboratories, and specialized facilities that catered to a wide array of academic disciplines.

During the campus tour, they were particularly impressed by the Engineering and Technology Labs, which highlighted the university's strong emphasis on practical learning. The commitment to experiential education was evident through interactive learning spaces designed to foster hands-on engagement. Engaging in dynamic discussions with students and faculty, the officers gained valuable insights into their academic journeys and passion for learning.

Another aspect that stood out was Centurion University's strong industry collaboration. With established partnerships across various industries, the university provides students with real-world exposure and hands-on training. The officers were inspired by student experiences, including participation in industry projects, internships with leading companies, and their subsequent success as professionals.

They were deeply impressed by the university's steadfast commitment to social impact. Centurion University's dedication to empowering marginalized communities through education and vocational training programs left a lasting impression on the officers. They observed firsthand the transformative effect of the university's initiatives in improving the lives of underprivileged individuals and fostering positive societal change.

The next day, the Probationers along with the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr Ajay Kumar Nayak, visited the Jirang Monastery and the Khasada waterfall. The monastery provided an informative insight to the probationers on the rich Buddhist history of Odisha, the

land from where the great ruler Ashoka propagated and spread the message of peace and fulfilment of this religion. Despite it being a rainy and cloudy day, the Probationers enjoyed the trip to the waterfall and were spellbound by the beauty and grace of the tranquil atmosphere at the waterside.

The day continued with a trip to the Rocky Beach afterwards. Here, the serious and studious OFS Probationers seem to turn into playful children while enjoying in the sand and sea. A couple of them even enjoyed camel rides, as if refreshing their childhood memories from fairs.

After they came back to campus from the day trip, the Probationers were invited to visit the nearby tribal village to get to know about their lifestyle and how different the tribals' lives are from our own day-to-day hectic life. They also visited the Tribal Museum where they were hosted by Mr Srinivas Gomango, who showed the guests the photos and weapons of the Saura tribe. Mr Gomango was so impressed by one of the Probationers, Mr Dinesh K Mishra that he gifted him an 'ektara', a traditional weapon of the tribe, as a keepsake.

In the evening, an informal function was held which was graced by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr Ajay Nayak, and CUTM faculty Dr Rajani Agarwalla, Dr Jyotirmayee Sahoo, Dr Pramod Patjoshi and Mr Abhinay Mishra. The menu was prepared courtesy of the Probationers, who also held a fun-filled dance and enjoyment session around the firepit, ending the evening on a high note.

The next day, the OFS Probationers visited the Gonda Hathi waterfalls where they all enjoyed playing in the water. They were astounded by the beauty of the water from such heights and clicked lots of pictures to share with their family back home. After coming back to the campus, they met the esteemed registrar, Dr Anita Patra, who had an extremely informative and interactive session with them.

The Probationers' tour ended with a visit to the BN Palace, which is a food unit of GT Foods, an initiative by the University.

## SOME GLIMPSES OF THE TOUR

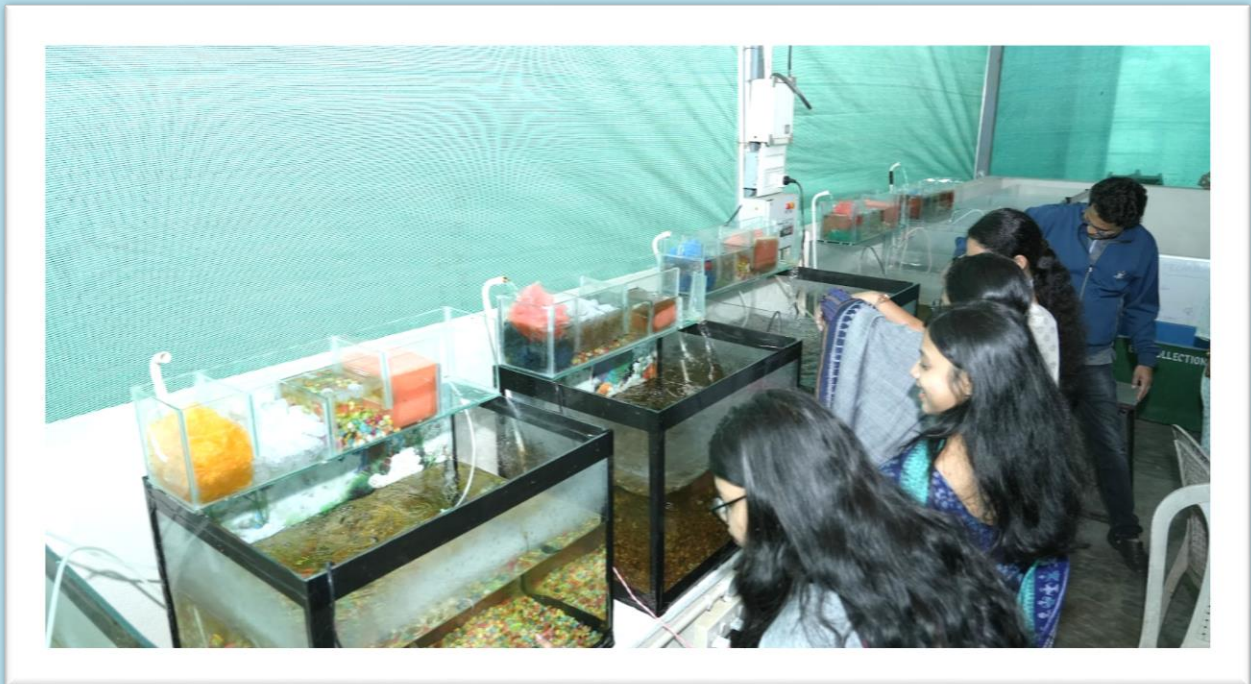


**Warm reception ceremony and salutations to Probationers of OFS at CUTM, Paralakhemundi.**



**Visiting and reviewing the farming technologies and flowering practices at CUTM, Paralakhemundi.**





**Visit to the Vanilla plantation and Ornamental Fish rearing at CUTM, Paralakhemundi.**



**Visiting and getting to know the implementation and practice of Hydroponic farming technologies practiced at CUTM, Paralakhemundi**



**OFS Probationers interaction with Registrar Dr Anita Patra at Conference Room, CUTM, Paralakhemundi**



**OFS Probationers at the Khasada waterfalls**



**OFS Probationers with Registrar Dr Anita Patra and Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr Ajay Nayak at CUTM, Paralakhemundi**



**OFS Probationers along with Pro-Vice Chancellor at the Jirang Monastery**

# FEEDBACK

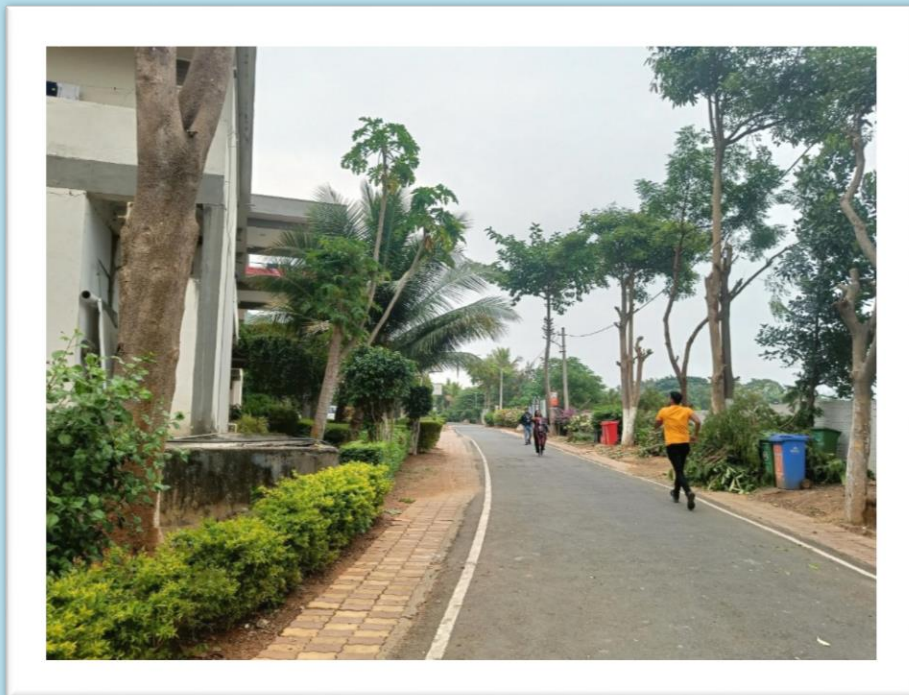
Pranay:



We got to explore Centurion University, Paralakhemundi Campus which is nestled amidst the serene foothills of the Eastern Ghats. It is a haven of academic excellence and innovation.



Spread across 120 acres, this sprawling campus is the only technological university in South Odisha, where we got to see a diverse range of programs in fields like agriculture, engineering, management, and more.



During our campus tour we found that, with its lush green surroundings, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and dedicated faculty, the university provides an ideal environment for students to nurture their intellectual curiosity and realize their full potential. The campus is not just a place of learning but also a vibrant community that fosters holistic development, encouraging students to participate in various extracurricular activities, sports, and cultural events.



I found the **M.S. Swaminathan School of Agriculture**, which is a dedicated institution focusing on various aspects of agricultural science, most interesting and informative.

During our campus tour we came across the state-of-the-art laboratories, greenhouses, and experimental farms which were working toward facilitating practical learning.



By nurturing skilled professionals and promoting sustainable agricultural practices, we believe, the university contributes to the growth and development of the state's as well as nation's agricultural landscape.



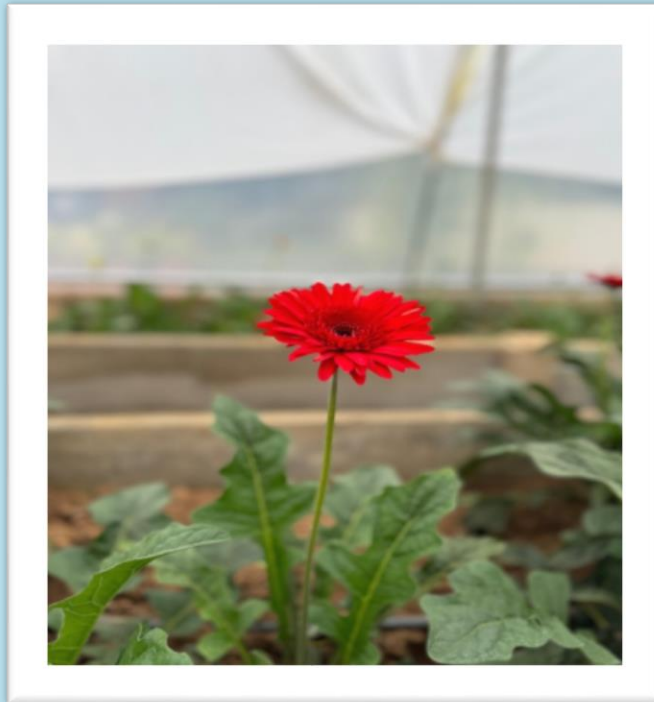
## Dilip Kindo:

We reached the campus at 1 pm in the afternoon to the newly built Paralakhemundi Railway Station then we were picked up by the Management team and dropped us in our respective places i.e. in the guest house and the Sai International Hotel.



*A pic of the CUTM, PKD campus giving a glimpse of the campus situated in the foothills.*

In late afternoon, we started the tour of the campus with the Garden where various flowers and plants like **vanilla** were grown at an controlled environment. I personally witnessed how the agriculture students were doing research on the *jharbera* flower plants, the research was being conducted to boost production and help the Local Farmers search for new opportunities of earning thus helping reduce the poverty among the Farmers who may not be getting the right compensations and fall on debt traps.



*From the Jharbera flowering plant nursery.*



*Vanilla Modular rotary ecological trellis system*



*Go-Green Agri tech Solutions Precinct*

Then, we reached at **Intensive Fish rearing Unit** of the CUTM PKD campus. The objective of this unit was to provide a platform to the students and researchers to explore fish biology and management practices and to raise finfish and shellfish in the scientific method for commercial productions.



*School Of Fisheries*



*Intensive fish rearing unit is a part of school of fisheries*

While taking the tour of the campus I got to know about the **Solar power project** inside the campus whose installed capacity was of **500kwp/400kw**.



*A board describing in-house production of electricity through solar panels*

**M.S. Swaminathan School of Agriculture**, part of Centurion University, Paralakhemundi, Odisha. It highlights a "Protected Cultivation Unit" that supports objectives such as:



*Board describing about the protected cultivation unit inside CUTM PKD Campus.*

1. Demonstrating cultivation techniques for off-season and exotic crops in polyhouses.
2. Showcasing micro-irrigation methods and mulching techniques.
3. Researching smart agriculture innovations.

### **Linked Goals and Areas:**

- Domain: Smart Agriculture.
- Area: 1.2 acres.
- Courses: Protected cultivation and high-tech hydroponics.
- Target Groups: Students, farmers, interns, NGOs, and officials.

Then during the night we visited the **Saora Tribal Museum** Visit, the institution likely showcased the rich traditions and heritage of the Saora tribe from Gajapati district, contributing to the conservation and awareness of tribal practices. Guided by expert Shri.Srinivasa Gamango ji, the visit enhanced our understanding of **tribal culture, sustainable living practices, and historical preservation of PVTG** like the SAORA Tribe.



*Mr Srinivasa explaining the story behind that painting about the Saora Tribe and culture insights in the Tribal Museum.*



**OFS Probationers along with Dr. Ajay Kumar Nayak, Pro-Vice Chancellor  
Centurion University, at Jirang Monastery**





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## CAMPUSES:

**Paralakhemundi Campus**  
Village Alluri Nagar  
P.O. – R Sitapur, Via- Uppalada  
Paralakhemundi, Dist.- Gajapati  
Odisha, India. PIN– 761211

**Bhubaneswar Campus**  
Ramchandrapur  
P.O. – Jatni, Bhubaneswar  
Dist.- Khurda, Odisha,  
India, PIN– 752050

**Balangir Campus**  
Behind BSNL Office  
IDCO land, Rajib Nagar  
Dist.- Balangir, Odisha  
India, PIN-767001

**Rayagada Campus**  
IDCO Industrial Area  
Pitamahal, Rayagada  
Dist.-Rayagada, Odisha  
India, PIN-765001

**Balasure Campus**  
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