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# **OPTCL's Training at Centurion University**

**Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha**

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Step into a world where innovation knows no bounds, where learning transcends traditional boundaries, and where excellence is not just a goal but a way of life. Welcome to the transformative training programme conducted by Centurion University of Technology and Management in collaboration with the Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL), spanning from 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



Nestled amidst the picturesque landscapes of Odisha, Centurion University of Technology and Management stands as a beacon of educational excellence. Boasting state-of-the-art facilities and a nurturing environment, the campus offers more than just academic rigour. From lush greenery to modern infrastructure, every corner of the university exudes serenity and inspiration. With a commitment to holistic development, the University nurtures not just minds, but also hearts and souls. At Centurion University, we believe in fostering a culture of creativity, critical thinking, and practical application, and this programme was no exception.

For fifteen exhilarating days, the corridors of the university echoed with the buzz of creativity and the fervour of learning as employees of OPTCL were immersed in an unparalleled learning experience, where conventional norms took a backseat, and out-of-the-box thinking became the norm.



***Inaugural Ceremony: Mr. Sanjeev Mishra (Sr. General Manager, Projects, GTET), Prof. Jaganath Padhi (Director CUTM), Prof. KVD Prakash (Dean HRD & IIE) and Dr. Pallab Das (Dean School of Law, CUTM)***

Imagine a training ground where theoretical knowledge meets real-world challenges head-on, where learning isn't confined to textbooks but is brought to life through immersive activities and hands-on experiences. From problem-solving workshops to interactive seminars, each day was designed to push the boundaries of traditional learning and ignite the spark of innovation within every participant.

From the outset, the program aimed high—to cultivate not just knowledge, but a mindset that thrived on innovation. The program kicked off with an invigorating campus tour, where participants immersed themselves in the sprawling grounds of the university. Led by visionary coordinators Mr. Sanjeev Mishra, Prof KVD Prakash, Dr. Deepti Mishra, and Mr. Abhinay Mishra the journey commenced with a campus tour at the breathtaking BBC Garden. Surrounded by nature's beauty, they found inspiration in the tranquility of their surroundings, further fueling their passion for learning and growth. This was more than just sightseeing; it was an opportunity to witness excellence firsthand, setting the tone for the days ahead.

The days were a whirlwind of activity and engagement, with a perfect blend of structured sessions and informal gatherings. Workshops sparked creativity, pushing participants to think beyond the conventional. From the realms of technology to the depths of psychology, the external resource persons of OPTCL bring a wealth of expertise and experience to enlighten and inspire the participants. Speakers don't just impart knowledge; they ignite passion, spark curiosity, and ignite the flames of inspiration within each listener through a variety of topics like inventory valuation and accounting standards, tax filing and compliance, cost audits, terminal benefits (NPS, PF), gratuity procedures, budget preparation, finance functions in the zonal office, and audit functions in OPTCL.



***Mr. Abhijit Das Behari (OPTCL OFFICER) and CA Swapnabrata Dash are delivering lectures on Inventory Valuation and Accounting Standards***



***Mr. Sambit Samanta (OPTCL Officer) is delivering lectures on Tax filling and Compliance Cost Audit in OPTCL***



***Terminal Benefits- NPS, PF, Gratuity Procedure by Damodar Mishra (OPTCL Officer) and Finance Functions in Zonal Office of OPTCL by Pramod Kumar Kuanar (OPTCL Officer)***



***Mr. Tribhuban Sahoo is delivering a lecture on AUDIT Function of OPTCL***

As the days progressed, the training sessions seamlessly blended formal learning with informal interactions. Group activities became the heartbeat of the program, igniting creativity, collaboration, camaraderie, and problem-solving skills among the participants. This intellectual adventure, guided by the wisdom and passion of Centurion's internal faculty members, who are not just educators but visionaries, thought leaders, and innovators delivered lectures on Labour Laws and Statutory Compliance, Management Essentials, Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association, Gender Sensitisation, RTI Act Essentials, MS EXCEL and its Applications. Each activity was meticulously designed to foster out-of-the-box thinking, which also included perception and personality games, and digital communication and personal etiquette, challenging individuals to push beyond their limits and explore new horizons.



***Labour Laws and Statutory Compliance by Professor Mallanookaraju***



***Management essentials by Professor KVD Prakash***



***Team Building and personal etiquette by Dr. Swetalina Mishra***



*Perception and Personality games by Dr. Deepti Mishra*



*Gender Sensitisation by Dr. Pallab Das*



*RTI Act essentials by Neha Chaturvedi*



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***EXCEL and its applications by Janmejaya Sasmal***



***Memorandum of Association & Articles of Association by Prof. Upasana Singh***

But it wasn't all work and no play. Amidst the intense learning sessions, moments of relaxation were savoured, breathing life into the evenings. Participants indulged in music and dance sessions, letting loose and bonding with their peers in a light-hearted atmosphere. These moments of respite were crucial, recharging their spirits for the adventures yet to come. The lush greenery of the BBC garden provided a serene backdrop for reflection and rejuvenation, a sanctuary amidst the bustling cityscape. The allure of the Butterfly Garden captivates the senses, a testament to nature's transformative power. Once a barren expanse, it now flourishes in a kaleidoscope of hues, a testament to resilience and stewardship. Amidst the delicate dance of ornamental fishes, cactus, flowers, and fluttering wings of colourful butterflies, trainees witness the symphony of life, as if nature herself orchestrates a masterpiece. It's a sanctuary where the tireless dedication of our gardener's blooms into a living tableau, showcasing the harmonious coexistence of diverse species. From the melodious chirping of birds to the industrious buzz of honeybees, every corner teems with vitality, inviting guests to immerse themselves in the beauty of creation.



As the sun cast its golden glow over the final day, anticipation filled the air for the grand finale—the valedictory ceremony on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Gathered under the expansive canopy of Centurion University, participants and organizers alike awaited a culmination of their shared journey. The atmosphere crackled with excitement as the Director of OPTCL graced the occasion, lending his wisdom and encouragement to the aspiring innovators. It was a moment of pride and achievement, celebrating not just the completion of a training program, but the birth of a new breed of forward-thinkers.



***Valedictory Ceremony: Mr. Debasis Panda (CFO, CUTM), Mr. Raghunath Pratihari, (Director HRD, OPTCL) and Prof. Dr. Supriya Pattanayak (Vice Chancellor, Centurion University), Dr. Chinmaya Kumar Dash (Dean School of Management, CUTM)***



***Valedictory Ceremony: Awarding Certificates to candidates of OPTCL in presence of Mr. Debasis Panda (CFO, CUTM), Mr. Raghunath Pratihari, (Director HRD, OPTCL) and Prof. Dr. Supriya Pattanayak (Vice Chancellor, Centurion University),***

As the curtains drew to a close on this remarkable chapter, the legacy of innovation forged during those fifteen days lived on. For the employees of OPTCL, it was more than just a training session—it was a catalyst for change, a spark that ignited a passion for thinking outside the box.

In the corridors of Centurion University, seeds of innovation were sown, destined to blossom and shape the future of Odisha's power landscape. And as the participants dispersed, carrying with them newfound knowledge and inspiration, they left behind a ripple of transformation—a testament to the power of training and the potential of human ingenuity. Innovation knows no bounds, and with programs like these, the journey towards a brighter tomorrow is well underway.

