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His Excellency, **Professor Ganeshi Lal, the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha** and the Visitor of Centurion University of Technology and Management;

Chief Guest of the Convocation, **His Excellency, The Australian High Commissioner to India, Mr. Barry O'Farrell, A.O.**

Distinguished Members of the Governing Board;

President, Vice President, Honorary Provost, Registrar;

Members of the Academic Council, Board of Studies, Pro Vice Chancellors, 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 9th Convocation of the Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha.

On this most glorious and auspicious day of the 9th convocation of Centurion University, I would like to share 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. Centurion University serves students, mainly, from Odisha and neighbouring states like Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh through its four campuses located at Paralakhemundi, Bhubaneswar, Rayagada and Bolangir. Focused on tribal, under-privileged and rural areas, the aim is to empower students with quality education for their employability and self-reliance, thereby contributing to reducing inequality in society.

The Centurion University has several social outreach enterprises under the generic name of "Gram Tarang" to train the economically weak and tribal students, enable financial inclusion, extract oils and oleoresins from various spices and provide cutting edge technology solutions. 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 21 research centres. The faculty published over 3000 articles, books, book chapters and conference proceedings, filed 27 patents and 7 copyrights; further the University provided consulting and training of Rs. 17 crores. The Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship has promoted 25 start-ups which also figure on the MSME platform of the Government of Odisha.

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 the hands-on, relevant field work. At present, we offer 32 Certificate courses, 12 Diploma courses, 85 Skill courses, 73 under-graduate courses, 55 post-graduate courses and Doctoral program through 11 schools. Due to innovative curriculum, the Centurion University received the Outlook-ICare Ranking of 15. Our university has been successful in getting two Atal FDPs: Computational Fluid Dynamics and another in the area of Additive Manufacturing. This year also our faculty were successful in securing two SERB projects from Department of Science and Technology and one from Department of Biotechnology.

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 farmers' training is organized to educate them about new, affordable and sustainable pathways of agriculture and aquaculture, which leads to self-reliance and economic upliftment of farmers. We have extended the affordable health care services to the local community through a newly established Community Diagnostic Centre. Massive COVID vaccination drive was also carried out. Our sports facilities are also open to local community around us such that they can protect their health and well-being. To achieve the intended objectives, the Centurion University established partnership and collaboration with various international universities, especially Australian Universities, national government, state governments, industries, research and development entities, non-governmental organizations and local communities. At present, 68 MoUs are active and are regularly reviewed. During the past year, the University signed MoUs with 21 institutions.

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. One such series of Street Plays was under the theme "COVID-19: The Pandemic" with a motto to create awareness among the local community regarding COVID-19. A COVID Warrior student team was formed during the second wave of COVID-19 in India. The team provided 24x7 information support service (as per WHO & Govt. guidelines) to the patient and family members about hospital, bed, medicine, oxygen, food and post COVID precautions. With such responsible, aware and innovative students, the Centurion University is proud of its students.

This 9th convocation celebrates the graduation of total 2153 students including 23 PhD awards, 553 post graduates, 1237 under graduates and 340 Diploma. 46 students are recipients of merit certificates and 15 of Gold medals (2 of who are from ITI). The Pro-Vost of the University has further announced 10 research awards for students. For the first time, the highly positioned Vice Chancellors Best Thesis Award has been announced, Dr. Tapas Bantha is the recipient of the same.

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 around 40%. 26% female students will be admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy this year. The average female enrolment over the years in the Doctoral program is approximately 60%. Of the total gold medallists, 40% are women. Women, at 52%, have fared better as toppers in various disciplines. 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 university. This year, a total of 191 companies offered 1409 jobs to our students. Of this, 150 students' internship were converted to job offers. Here, I take the opportunity to convey message to the outgoing students. You all are the torch bearers of the morals and ethics of our university and your family. You are fortunate to gain the higher education and decent work, which brings economic upliftment and provides sustainability to your family, but there are many children who are deprived of education and coupled provisions. This is my appeal to you all that where ever you are, extend your services to the under-privileged and disadvantaged

children and women and keep the tradition of Centurion University to reach out to the deprived, bring satisfaction to your life and pride for your family. Make the future sustainable through your efforts, howsoever small it may be. Every drop counts for the sustainable society.

With this I add an endnote that in this fast-changing world with challenges, like pandemics, the Centurion University is committed to bring fresh thoughts, perspectives and responsibility towards the disadvantaged for a sustainable future.

Congratulations and best wishes to the graduates and thank you all for your support.

Thank you.

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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.