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Chief Guests of the Convocation,

**Dr. K.P. Krishnan**

Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship  
and

**Shri Pradeep Singh Kharola**

Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation

President of the University **Prof. Mukti Kanta Mishra**

Vice President, **Prof. D. N. Rao**

Vice-Chancellor, **Prof. Supriya Pattanayak**

Registrar, **Prof. Anita Patra**

Pro Vice Chancellors, Invitees, Faculty Members, Staff,

Graduating Students, their family members,

Media Persons, Dear Students, Sisters and Brothers ...

It gives me immense pleasure to be in your midst today and preside over the seventh Convocation of Centurion University of Technology and Management in my capacity as the Visitor of the University.

I convey my good wishes to Dr. K.P. Krishnan and Shri Pradeep Singh Kharola, the Chief Guests on this august occasion who have just delivered their address. Being the Secretary of two key ministries of Government of India, both Dr. Krishnan and Shri Kharola are taking forward the vision of the Government in building a New India with significant initiatives and contributions from their ministries. I am sure that their enlightening address would be highly inspiring and motivating for students and faculty members to excel in their professional and personal life and dedicate themselves to the cause of the nation.

Convocation is an important milestone for both students and University. It acknowledges the achievements of the new graduates. It also acknowledges the significant contribution of teachers who have worked hard to create an enabling environment for students to succeed. I congratulate the graduating students on their achievement and also thank their teachers, friends and family members who have been constant source of support and inspiration.

Dear Students, graduation is not the end of the road rather it marks a new journey. You are graduating at a time when the world is moving faster and more significantly than ever. A world of possibilities opens up before you with plethora of choices. The competitive world which you are set to enter looks for new ideas and new leadership. You will move from a protected environment to an environment where patient listening and continuous learning will be the mantra for success. You might not be successful at times. Recognize you have failed, learn from it, build on it, and move forward. Embrace failure. Failure may be seen as a sign of experience. You are going to have long careers, you are going to have many failures – personal and professional. Always be willing to take risks on the way to innovation. Just use your failure and unsuccessfulness as a building block to your next success. I urge upon you to be effective and committed to the profession you choose hereafter. Work hard with passion and conviction. You must always remember that there is no substitution to hard work.

I take this opportunity to urge upon our young men and women to remember that it is the warmth of love for self and other that fetches us the bliss of true spirituality. This sensitivity towards self and others make you more modest, grounded and truthful. You have to surpass the boundaries of ego and hate, thus uplifting the purpose of humanitarian concerns. When you access the inner space beyond the stress and fear, it becomes easier to deal with life challenges, as the perception of your life changes. Quality of life rises dramatically, allowing space for new opportunities, wonderful relationships, meaningful activities and much more. Finding spirituality in every walk and talk of life is what will lead you to live a full and satisfied life. Inclusion in place of seclusion should be the chief mantra for you to practice. Finding meaning and purpose in life instead of regretting your materialistic existence will help you attain the light of truth.

You should remember to utilise your education and potential to lead a meaningful life and also bring meaning to others' lives. Be empathetic towards your fellow citizens. Live your life with integrity. Practise the values of shaping lives and empowering communities that Centurion University stands for.

Optimism is a key to everything. Positivity of mind brings positive events and gives confidence to life. You are the only person who can

build and rule your destiny, and it is only up to you what your life will be like and no one else. Start from yourself: clear your mind, believe in yourself, do not doubt in yourself, do not copy others, be true to yourself, set the right goals, dream big and go for your dreams, and you will make everything happen. Always stay positive, and do not let anyone say what you can or can't do, because you are the only person who knows. Your destiny is in your hands – remember this and you will achieve the unachievable. It is your ability to imagine, and a desire to pursue your dreams, that will set you apart. Just remember that your opportunities are limited only by your imagination.

Youth constitute the heart and aspirations of future society. The vitality of nation is in the vitality of youth and they must be prepared to shoulder their responsibilities. It is the young people like you who are the key agents for social change, economic development and technological innovation. We live in times witnessing tremendous growth aided by technology and innovation but there is a larger need to focus on nurturing human mind with more wisdom. When you access the inner space beyond the stress and fear, it becomes easier to deal with life challenges, as the perception of your life changes. Quality of life rises dramatically, allowing space for new opportunities, wonderful relationships, meaningful activities and much more. Connecting to your divinity that is within you would make your life a vibrant, joyful, fulfilling and powerful experience.

The world is full of opportunities for people who are prepared to take on difficult problems and develop innovative approaches and solutions. You are future leaders, the change makers and the problem solvers. This country needs you to be innovative and see big problems as opportunities to solve. The opportunities are yours to participate in creating a better future for yourself and the country.

Today's global scenario mandates the colleges and universities to promote the public good through providing opportunities, fostering global development, increasing awareness such as clean air, clean water, clean energy, clean environment, fairness, peace and harmony; and in being efficient and optimal in use of resources for the well-being of mankind. Or students should aspire to be responsible citizens and nation builders. Mahatma Gandhi said “Education is the realisation of the best in man – body soul and spirit. Education must be based on Ethics and Morality

Centurion University is a pioneer in implementing action-learning with 'hands-on-knowledge', 'practice-linked pedagogy' and 'experience-based learning' while ensuring the ecosystem to be integrated, inclusive and aspirational. Active involvement of Centurion University and its Gram Tarang Group of Social Enterprises in the national and state missions of Skill India, Make in India, Startup India, Startup Odisha, Digital India, Financial Inclusion and Swacch Bharat Abhiyan is highly commendable. Digital India envisages making India a leader in digitally delivering health, education and other essential services. Our goal is to harness new technology to improve governance. At the end of the day, new technology promises to change the life in both rural and urban India. We all should emphasis on careful harnessing of technology to prevent any hazardous effect on ecology, thus creating a more sustainable world.

The effort of this University in providing national and international exposure to its student is praiseworthy as it reaffirms its existence and growth through a network of quality educational institutions, industries and social entrepreneurial outreach. The University has also opened its doors to international students for the first time. In all the pursuits, the faculty has sought excellence in teaching, training, and research and set an example for students to emulate. I wish Centurion University to further excel in the path of contextual, appropriate, skill based and meaningful higher education in the Country. With these words, I wish the graduating students all the success in life and the University to attain new heights in coming days.

Jai Hind.

**His Excellency**  
**Prof. Ganeshi Lal**  
**Governor of Odisha**

Prof. Ganeshi Lal was sworn in as Hon'ble Governor of Odisha on 29th May 2018.

Prof. Lal was born at Sirsa, Haryana on 1st March, 1942 and holds a degree in English Honours. He further went on to gain a post-graduate degree in Mathematics. He was brilliant in studies and stood First Class First in FA, BA and MA Class and was a Gold Medallist.

After completing his education, he joined academic profession and served as Professor in different Government Colleges in Haryana between 1964 and 1991. Since 1962 Prof. Lal is actively associated with Rastriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and held posts in Hisar, Rohtak Wing of RSS.

On his political assignments Prof. Lal was associated with grassroots organisations of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He is a former State President of Haryana BJP, a former Chairman of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Haryana and former National President of BJP Disciplinary Committee.

During Emergency period in the country in 1976 Prof. Lal was sent to jail. He also actively participated in Ram Janmabhoomi Movement.

Regarding his Executive and Legislative Position, Prof. Lal was elected as MLA from Sirsa constituency in 1996, and became a Minister in the Haryana Vikas Party (HVP)-BJP Government in Haryana from 1996-99.