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Your Excellency, Shri Ganeshi Lal, Governor of Odisha,
 Shri Pradeep Singh Kharola, Secretary, Civil Aviation,
 Prof Mukti Kanta Mishra, President, Centurion University,
 Prof D.N.Rao, Vice-President, Centurion University,
 Dr. Supriya Pattanayak, Vice Chancellor, Centurion University,
 Senior Faculty Members of Centurion University,
 Members of the Media,
 Parents, my dear students,
 Ladies and gentlemen,

Namaskar!

I am indeed very happy and feel privileged as I address you at this very important milestone in your life. And not only yours, it's an important milestone for your parents and rest of the families too.

I congratulate both you and your parents and you for achieving this recognition. Besides the academic achievement, it is also a significant step towards fulfilling your dreams and aspirations. Some of you may have already got jobs, decided to pursue higher education and perhaps even a start-up idea of your own.

तुम मानंकर एही मान्यता प्राप्ती पाईं मुँ तुममानंक तथा तुम मानंकर माता पीता कुं हार्दिक अभिनंदन जणाउछि। शैक्षिक उपलब्धि ब्यतित ए कृति तुमर उच्च आकांक्षा एवं उच्चभिलासा प्रति दिगरे एक महत्वपूर्ण पदक्षेप हुएत तुम मानंक् मध्यरु अनेकंकु नुआ चाकिरीर चिठी मिलिथिब अबा केतेक उच्च शिक्षा पाईं प्रस्तुति करुथिबे किंबा आउ केतेक नुआ ऊद्दोग वाणिज्य प्रतिस्थानर जोजना करुथिबे।

Irrespective of what it is, it is most important that you do it with utmost sincerity and give it your best and more. It is not the result, your mark sheets or your medals that matter in the long run; it is the core values and discipline that matter and how you see through ups and downs of life. Each one of us goes through this at various points of times in our lives and careers. Embrace whatever it is that comes your way, do it right and do it well.

A lot will change as you step out of the student life and into the world from your lovely and protected campus. I am sure there are already new expectations and soon new responsibilities. You will be seen differently as an independent individual. Expectations of learning capacity being on time, expectations of delivering specific outcomes under pressure, take decisions for the family and soon start your own. All that and even dress differently.

However, if there is one thing that won't change – its that you will still need to be a student, albeit in a different way. You will need to continue to learn and experience new things. If there is one more piece of advice that I can share with you, it is this – Keep Learning.

I have known Centurion University for a while now and have always been fascinated by its skill-integrated education delivery approach. This approach doesn't just exist on paper but it's practically evident as one walks-through your campus. Each and every aspect, the way its designed, the labs that exist, your faculty and so on are all designed to prepare you in every way for the next episode your life, whatever it is you have embarked upon.

But more important than the content you may have learnt, its this quest for new knowledge, continuous learning and not just learning about what exists, also innovate and create new knowledge.

Your own University is a prime example of that. From where it started as a rural campus in Paralakhemundi to five campuses and 40 outreach skill centers across India, your impact on community is immense. Seeing industry, enterprise and education go hand in hand is great.

In the end, I will share a Shanti Mantra from Upanishad – SahaNa vavtu. This is the motto of the institution that I did my Ph.d in the middle of my career from namely IIM Bangalore

ॐ सह नाववतु।

सह नौ भुनक्तु।

सह वीर्यं करवावहै।

तेजस्वि नावधीतमस्तु, मा विद्विषावहै।

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

It means:

Om, May God Protect us Both (the Teacher and the Student),

May God Nourish us Both,

May we Work Together with Energy and Vigour,

May our Study be Enlightening and not give rise to Hostility,

Om, Peace, Peace, Peace

I am sure that all you are very proud and rightly so for graduating from here.

Congratulations!

Dr. K. P. Krishnan, IAS

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Born on 29th December 1959.

He subsequently obtained, in 2002, his Ph.D in economics from Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore.

He Joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1983 and has served in various field and secretariat positions in India in the Government of Karnataka and Government of India. Among the posts he held are Deputy Commissioner, South Canara District Mangalore, Secretary Finance and Secretary Urban Development in Government of Karnataka.

Dr. Krishnan also served as Adviser to the Executive Director (Dr. Bimal Jalan), World Bank during 1994-97. He was Joint Secretary (Capital Markets), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance during 2005-10. He served as Secretary, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister from July 01, 2010 till 13th August, 2012.

Before joining Government of India as Director General (DoC) and Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance on 12th July, 2013, he was with the Government of Karnataka as Principal Secretary (Coordination), DPAR in Karnataka Bhavan, New Delhi for about an year.