



It's our pleasure and we feel immensely proud to share that Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha has successfully organised the "**3rd AIU Women Student Parliament 2024-25 - Empowering Voices, Shaping Futures: Viksit Bharat**" at **Paralakhemundi Campus** from **02 - 04 April 2025**. We have organized and witnessed an event of this stature where teams from 16 different states of India gathered under one roof creating a Mini India Inside our university. We have welcomed teams from **Manipur in the East - Gujarat in the West and Jammu in the North - Tamil Nadu in the South** to our university for the celebration of the grand culture of Parliamentary Values of a Democratic Republic of India.

A total of 29 teams registered and 27 teams reported and participated in the preliminary rounds of the competition. From which 20 teams were promoted for the Quarter Final rounds. 10 Teams were further promoted for the Semi Final round. Two teams were selected to compete in the Grand Finale of the competition.

### **Detailed report is as follows:**

#### **31st March and 1st April, 2025 - Arrival of Teams:**

- Teams from other universities started arriving at our university campus in the early morning of 31st March 2025. The first team we received was from Gujarat Technological University and the last to arrive was IILM University, Gurugram, which reached around midnight on 1st April 2025.
- The participating teams were welcomed with flowers by the Convener along with members of the Organising Committee and dedicated volunteers. Each team was provided with a welcome kit along with refreshments.
- Several teams arrived during early morning and late-night hours, and our volunteers ensured smooth coordination and hospitality throughout.

#### **Inauguration of 3rd AIU National Women Student Parliament:**

- The inaugural session started with the arrival of His Excellency Honorable Governor of Odisha, Dr. Haribabu Khambampati and other dignitaries to the stage.
- The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Sangram Keshari Swain (Convener, 3rd AIU Women Student Parliament 2024-25 and Dean, Examinations & Students' Welfare, Centurion University Odisha). He emphasized the event's theme of empowering young women to shape a more inclusive and developed India. He highlighted Odisha's cultural heritage, challenges in tribal regions and Centurion University's efforts to deliver quality education in under-served areas. He further extended his gratitude to dignitaries and supporting institutions for fostering women's leadership and educational empowerment.
- The 3rd AIU Women Student Parliament 2024-25 - Empowering Voices, Shaping Futures: Viksit Bharat was inaugurated by His Excellency, Dr. Khambampati Haribabu, Honorable Governor of Odisha on 2nd April, 2025 through unveiling of Event Souvenir and Winning Trophies in presence of all the Guest, Dignitaries, Jury Members, Team Managers, Participants, Faculties, Staff and Students of our university.
- Dr. Supriya Pattanayak (Vice chancellor, Centurion University, Odisha) welcomed guests to the 3rd AIU National Women Student Parliament. She spoke about the importance of women's leadership and empowerment in shaping a more inclusive society. Highlighting the university's commitment to inclusive education, skill development, and social transformation, she encouraged participants to engage fully, challenge norms and drive change. Her speech celebrated collaboration, dialogue and the transformative power of youth voices, urging attendees to make this parliament a landmark step toward gender equality.

- Dr. Mamta Rani Agarwal (Additional Secretary, Association of Indian Universities) addressed the gathering about the critical role of youth, especially young women, in shaping India's democratic future. She highlighted that youth activism and women's voices have been instrumental in driving societal change, citing movements. She encouraged participants to channel their passion and knowledge strategically for lasting change, stressing the importance of responsible activism, especially in today's digital world. She concluded by quoting renowned figures, calling on youth to embrace their potential as change agents in society, while also urging educators to join in shaping future leaders who embrace inclusivity, diversity, and excellence.
- Dr. G S N Raju (Chancellor, Centurion University, Andhra Pradesh) spoke about the critical need to enhance women's participation in politics and other sectors. Despite making up nearly 50% of the population, women's representation in Parliament, assemblies and professions like engineering, law enforcement and the military remains disproportionately low. Using detailed statistics, the speaker called for systemic efforts to close gender gaps and empower women across all domains to help India emerge as a global leader by 2047.
- Dr. Geetanjali Dash (Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University, Odisha) addressed the gathering, extending congratulations to AIU for its centennial and emphasizing the importance of women's active participation in leadership and the democratic process. The speaker highlighted India's vision for 2047 as a "Viksit Bharat", with a focus on inclusion, particularly of women, who make up 50% of the population. The speaker also praised Centurion University for its contribution to skill-based education and its leadership in promoting women's representation. Noting the progress in women's involvement in democratic processes, especially after the 73rd and 74th Amendments, the speaker stressed the need to remove barriers that hinder women's participation in governance. They called for an all-encompassing effort from governments, institutions and individuals to foster leadership, engagement, and empowerment for young women, underlining that empowering women is critical not just for fairness but for societal progress.
- Dr. Amiya Kumar Rath (Vice Chancellor, Biju Patnaik University of Technology) addressing the National Women's Student Parliament, emphasized the importance of women's leadership in shaping India's future. He spoke about the significant role women play in education, governance, science, and social reform, while recognizing the challenges such as gender biases and workplace inequalities that women continue to face. The speaker urged young women to fearlessly pursue knowledge and leadership roles, advocating for policies that promote equality and inclusivity.
- His Excellency, Dr. Haribabu Khambampati, Honorable Governor of Odisha and Visitor, Centurion University, Odisha addressed various themes in the course of his speech such as leadership, democracy, and the importance of women's participation in governance and education. Key points from the speech include:
  - The significance of women in leadership roles and their potential in shaping India's future, particularly in political and academic spheres.
  - A call for more women to engage in democratic processes and leadership positions, including Parliament.
  - The role of student unions and youth participation in fostering leadership qualities.
  - Recognition of progress in women's participation in various fields, especially in education and the workforce.
  - The importance of creating a gender-inclusive society through initiatives like the Nari Vandan Adhinyam, which ensures greater representation of women in political leadership.
- All the guests on the dias were felicitated by Dr. Supriya Pattanayak (Vice Chancellor, Centurion University, Odisha) as a token of gratitude from our university.
- The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Anita Patra (Registrar, Centurion University, Odisha). She expressed her gratitude to all the dignitaries, including Guests on the dias, Officials of AIU, Jury Members and Senior Leadership of Centurion University. She also thanked the participating universities, organizing committee members, student

volunteers, faculties, and staff as well as district administration and media for their cooperation. She offered gratitude to the Almighty for bringing everyone together and wished all participants a fruitful and memorable experience over the three days of the event.

### **Interactive Session by Dr. Mukhtikanta Mishra (President, Centurion University)**

- Dr. Mukhtikanta Mishra (President, Centurion University) addressed the gathering by challenging the audience to rethink education, not as a path to degrees, but as a means to become responsible and productive human beings.
- He emphasized that being educated means giving more to the world than we take. In an impassioned discussion on environmental accountability, he asked, "How can we call ourselves productive citizens if we consume oxygen but plant no trees?" Citing our university's zero-waste innovations, he urged students to live sustainably and act consciously.
- Women's empowerment took center stage, framed through personal stories of loss and deep respect. He advised everyone to talk to their inner voice about being a surplus citizen or just a consumer.
- In his final insight, he addressed the difference between humans and animals isn't emotion or strength - it's our ability to pass knowledge and evolve with intention. And while we all suffer from the "weakness of will," acknowledging it is the first step to rising above it.
- He concluded by saying "Blessings: aren't just given. They're shared. When you give someone a blessing, you receive one too."

### **Round-1 Preliminary:**

- Each team debated on The Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill, 2024 - "One Nation One Election".
- Roles were divided as Prime Minister (2 mins), President (3 mins), and Whip (3 mins).
- Government and Opposition sides were decided by draw of lots in the Team Managers' Meet.
- Top 20 teams were shortlisted based on performance for the Quarter Final round.
- Judging was based on Time Management, Articulation, Innovation, Demeanour, and Content, each worth 20 marks.

### **Round 2 - Quarter Final**

- 20 teams competed: 10 as Government, 10 as Opposition.
- Roles were assigned by draw of lots, ensuring a fair and transparent allocation.
- Each team had one speaker given 3 minutes to present their stance.
- Bill Discussed: Uniform Civil Code Bill, 2024 - covering marriage, divorce, succession, and related personal laws.
- 10 teams were shortlisted for the Semi Final.

### **Round 3 - Semi Final**

- 10 teams faced off in pairs (Government vs. Opposition), and pairings were made through a draw of lots announced by the Speaker of the House.
- Each member received 2 minutes, followed by 3 minutes for direct discussion among both the teams.
- Audience (other teams) participated in a Question & Answer round (10 minutes total). They posed questions to either house and bonus marks were awarded for impactful questioning and responses.

### **Felicitation of Team Managers, Participants, Liaison Officers and Student Coordinators:**

- Team Managers of each participating university received their certificate of appreciation and memento as a token of appreciation from our university.
- All the participants received certificates of participation and trophies.
- All the liaison officers, student coordinators and anchors received certificates of appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

**Feedback session:**

- A feedback session was organized to take feedback from the team managers and participants from the participating universities and to share their experience at our university.
- Everyone praised the hospitality they have received in our university, the hard working student volunteers and the organizing committee for all the dedication.
- Some participants expressed themselves through self narrated poetry.
- Jury Members praised the participants for their enthusiasm and passion at this young age. They also thanked Centurion University for bringing all those talented young minds under a single roof.

**Final Round:**

- Followed the same structure as the Semi Final round.
- Finalist roles of Government and Opposition were again decided through draw of lots to maintain neutrality.
- Included an additional Q&A session from semi-finalist teams, judged by the Speaker and Jury.
- Teams that didn't reach the final had the opportunity to earn marks through their questions, with the highest scoring team receiving the Consolation Prize.

**Valedictory session:**

- The Valedictory session was organized as the closing ceremony of the 3rd AIU Women Student Parliament. Smt. Gouthu Sireesha (Member of Legislative Assembly, Palasa Constituency, Andhra Pradesh) graced the occasion as the chief guest of the valedictory session along with Prof. D N Rao (Vice President, Centurion University), Dr. Prasant Kumar Mohanty (Vice Chancellor, Centurion University, Andhra Pradesh), Shri Ajay Bramhe (Jury Member), Dr. Upma Gautam (Jury Member), Ms. Saubhagya Bhadkaria (Jury Member), Dr. Biswajit Mishra [Pro Vice Chancellor (Academics), Centurion University, Odisha] as other dignitaries on the stage. while Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak (President, AIU) and Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal (Secretary General, AIU) joining in the virtual mode.
- Dr. Sangram Keshari Swain (Convener, 3rd AIU Women Student Parliament 2024-25 and Dean, Examinations & Students' Welfare, Centurion University Odisha) addressed the gathering by expressing pride and gratitude for the energy, passion, and ideas shared over the past three days. The event, centered around the theme "Empowering Voices, Shaping Futures: Viksit Bharat", aimed to empower women, promote equality, and foster an inclusive and developed India. He highlighted the importance of the collective effort and the collaborative spirit that has emerged, emphasizing that the discussions were not just about policies but also about building solidarity and inspiring action. The message encourages everyone to continue advocating for change, leading by example, and contributing to a brighter, more inclusive future for India. He concluded with a call to action, urging all participants to stay united in their mission of empowering women and working towards the development of a stronger India.
- Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal (Secretary General, AIU) addressed the gathering by praising Centurion University and the Vice Chancellor for organizing a successful and large-scale student parliament event. She highlighted the important topics debated, such as data privacy and "One Nation, One Election" and emphasized the value of such events in helping students understand parliamentary processes. Sharing a past experience, the speaker admired rural women students who rejected reservation bills, advocating instead for equal opportunities. The speech closed with gratitude and hopes to attend future events in person.
- Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak (President, AIU) appreciated Centurion University for organizing the Women Student Parliament 2024-25 and praised the impressive participation of young women in discussing key national issues like One Nation One Election, UCC, and the CAA. He highlighted the students' ability to think critically, speak confidently, and express fresh ideas, calling them the future of India. He expressed

admiration for the event's impact and celebrated the growing role of women in shaping a stronger, empowered nation.

- Dr. Biswajit Mishra [Pro Vice Chancellor (Academics), Centurion University, Odisha] expressed gratitude to AIU for selecting Centurion University to host the 3rd National Women's Student Parliament. He acknowledged the contributions of faculty, staff, and student volunteers in organizing the event successfully. He emphasized the importance of such platforms in nurturing leadership and oratory skills among youth and hoped that participants would go on to represent their states and the nation. He wished all the participants the best for the future.
- Ms. Saubhagya Bhadkaria (Jury Member) expressed deep appreciation for being part of the event, highlighting how it offered not just professional but personal growth. She acknowledged the enriching experience of learning through every stage of the sessions and praised Centurion University and AIU for their hospitality and warmth. She spoke about how the event inspired a stronger commitment to contribute positively to society and thanked the organizers for creating a space that felt like home. She concluded by wishing everyone the best for the future.
- Shri Ajay Bramhe (Jury Member) expressed gratitude for being part of the event. He found the experience enriching, praising the students' talent, confidence, and public speaking skills. He reflected on the true purpose of education - empowering rural and underprivileged communities and commended Centurion University for its impactful ecosystem and inclusive approach. He was really impressed by the non-law students' legal knowledge and concluded by thanking the university for the valuable learning experience.
- Dr. Upma Gautam (Jury Member) shared her gratitude for being part of the event and reflected on how it was a meaningful, last-minute opportunity. Drawing from personal experiences, she emphasized lifelong learning, the importance of questioning, and humility in knowledge. She also stressed that success comes with hard work - "there are no free lunches"- and encouraged students to have faith in themselves and a higher power. She concluded by expressing how inspired and enriched they felt by the students and the experience overall.
- Dr. Prasant Kumar Mohanty (Vice Chancellor, Centurion University, Andhra Pradesh) expressed gratitude for being part of the event and praised the high quality of student participation, research and presentation. They highlighted the importance of such platforms in developing critical thinking, leadership, and analytical skills. The speaker emphasized that youth voices are vital for shaping effective policies and a better future for India. They applauded the organizers and noted the inspiring presence of a woman leader as chief guest. The speech concluded with encouragement for continued youth engagement in national discourse.
- Prof. D N Rao (Vice President, Centurion University) greeted the chief guest and highlighted her family's political legacy. He praised the campus's diverse student body and shared the region's rich cultural and historical significance. He discussed the importance of women's empowerment in politics, noting how women are often elected but not able to exercise power. He urged young women to assert themselves and find their own solutions, emphasizing the need to move beyond political divisions in India. He concluded by acknowledging the chief guest's resilience as a woman in a male-dominated political environment and encouraged her to share her experiences.
- Smt. Gouthu Sireesha (Member of Legislative Assembly, Palasa Constituency, Andhra Pradesh) expressed gratitude to the event organizers and attendees, including jury members, participants, professors and experts. She reflects on her personal journey in politics, sharing how her initial failure in 2019 helped her grow stronger. She emphasized that women should not merely rely on their family members but must take responsibility and seize opportunities themselves. Drawing inspiration from political leaders like N. Chandrababu Naidu, she highlighted the importance of women empowerment and the need for women to prove themselves through education and leadership. She acknowledged the support from her mother and mother-in-law, who encouraged her to continue her political career despite hardships. She encouraged other women to create and seize opportunities, setting an example for future generations.

- Then all the members of the Organizing Committee were felicitated for their commitment, dedication and hardwork in making the event a grand success.
- Then the most awaited results were announced and prizes were distributed in following category:
  - **Overall Champion:** LOVELY PROFESSIONAL UNIVERSITY
  - **1st Runner-Up:** JIWAJI UNIVERSITY
  - **2nd Runner-Up:** Dr. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY
  - **3rd Runner-Up:** SANT GADGE BABA AMRAVATI UNIVERSITY
  - **Best Speaker of the House:** DIYA TOMAR, LOVELY PROFESSIONAL UNIVERSITY
  - **Best President of the House:** SWASTHIKA SHREE B, LOVELY PROFESSIONAL UNIVERSITY
  - **Best Prime Minister of the House:** ISHA SRIVASTAVA, JIWAJI UNIVERSITY
  - **Best Whip of the House:** DIYA TOMAR, LOVELY PROFESSIONAL UNIVERSITY
  - **Consolation Prize:** MANIPUR UNIVERSITY
- The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Durga Prasad Padhy (Co-Convener, 3rd AIU Women Student Parliament 2024-25 and Director, Administration, Centurion University, Paralakhemundi Campus) by expressing heartfelt gratitude to all dignitaries, including the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, esteemed MLAs, university leaders, AIU officials and jury members for their presence and support. Special thanks were offered to organizers, university staff, students, local administration and security for their tireless efforts. Participants were praised as future leaders and the success of the 3rd AIU National Women Parliament was celebrated. The speech ends with appreciation for everyone's contributions to making the event a memorable success.

On the final day evening student members of different cultural clubs of CSR prepared some cultural performances to showcase to the participants and guests. The performances were appreciated by all. Some of the participants also performed some dance and song performances while everyone was celebrating and dancing to the melodious music.

### **Some important links:**

#### **YouTube video link:**

##### **2nd April, 2025:**

**1st Session:** <https://www.youtube.com/live/uCwNqWDVY04?si=AmCIIJNg2525XAw2>

**2nd Session:** <https://www.youtube.com/live/vvgHVqa18FM?si=MpsT8PaDpTpbSNPi>

##### **3rd April, 2025:**

**1st Session:** [https://www.youtube.com/live/BrSTiSUPu\\_Y?si=dvlwLHSFib6wMjeN](https://www.youtube.com/live/BrSTiSUPu_Y?si=dvlwLHSFib6wMjeN)

**2nd Session:** [https://www.youtube.com/live/ir\\_nGfasc5I?si=JYI4zovNzo\\_kLwRT](https://www.youtube.com/live/ir_nGfasc5I?si=JYI4zovNzo_kLwRT)

##### **4th April, 2025:**

**1st Session:** <https://www.youtube.com/live/EZGnQFKntHI?si=Bj7kfgW0JRSIqQvw>

**2nd Session:** <https://www.youtube.com/live/3LS3KJIZFec?si=sFnzBNTTeCLayRX9>

**3rd Session:** [https://www.youtube.com/live/kYDaHRHiY2s?si=l6\\_5Jd6kS0Pk-bUz](https://www.youtube.com/live/kYDaHRHiY2s?si=l6_5Jd6kS0Pk-bUz)

#### **Photograph link:**

**Photographs of 01.04.2025:** <https://photos.app.goo.gl/o6uQGjxCBvyENyWG8>

**Photographs of 02.04.2025:** <https://photos.app.goo.gl/96FWunJ8sZisNyAUA>

**Photographs of 03.04.2025:** <https://photos.app.goo.gl/LZtTuxMrkhRk2Caq9>

**Photographs of 04.04.2025:** <https://photos.app.goo.gl/EzbnEQZcxjkoU9aT6>

#### **Social Media Videos:**

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DH6OYHgSmCc/?igsh=aGM5MXN4aG81dnh1>

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Let us extend our sincere thanks to all who are involved directly or indirectly making 3rd AIU National Women Student Parliament 2024-25 an astounding success. Special thanks to all the **Participating Universities / Institutions, AIU Team and Organising Team** for their meaningful participation & disciplined cooperation to make the event a success.