

Prof (Dr) Mukti Mishra, after a brilliant career in the corporate sector with Fortune 500 companies such as Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (India), Kinhill Engineers Pvt. Ltd. (Australia) and BHP Billiton (Australia) for about 15 years, turned his attention toward teaching. He was associated with Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar (XIMB) as Professor-Marketing and Coordinator Placement until 2005 and Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI), Jamshedpur as Adjunct Professor (Mktg) until 2007.

In 2005, Prof Mishra felt that he was ready to give back to the society and contribute to the lot of the common man in a more direct manner. He has always had the conviction that educational institutions must have an immediate and sustained substantial value based impact on the community/ society it functions within. Fueled by this dream, and encouraged by his like-minded friend and colleague Prof DN Rao, he decided to become an edu-entrepreneur and the first step in this direction was taking over an ailing engineering institute, the Jagannath Institute for Technology and Management in the tribal and naxal affected district of Gajapati, Orissa. Under his missionary zeal and commitment, JITM was turned around into one of the finest engineering colleges in the Eastern India in just one year's time. Within the next three years, JITM became the Mother Institute and part of a consortium of four other distinguished and stand-alone institutions, each one a model of excellence in its own capacity:

- a. *Jagannath Institute of Technology and Management (JITM, Parlakhemundi*, Orissa, now an NBA accredited Engineering College. It has a 100+ acres residential campus which hosts School, +2 Science College, BSc College, ITI, Vocational Training Institute, EDI, BTech and MBA programmes.
- b. *Centurion Institute of Technology (CIT)* has been set up in 2008 on a 40 acre Campus, land which is provided by the Government of Orissa. This is a residential Campus. It runs IL&FS sponsored and Industry Department sponsored vocational training course besides Degree Engineering courses.
- c. *Centurion School of Rural Enterprise Management (CSREM)* established in Parlakhemundi has an EDI established with equity support from Ministry of MSME, Government of India and Industries Dept., Government of Orissa, - a unique and first-of-its-kind achievement of the CGI. CSREM-EDI objective is to alleviate the misguided and misdirected rural youths, mostly the school and college dropouts. It would also act as an embankment or checkpoint for those youths exposed to consumerism without fulfillment leading to criminalization (exposed to naxalite activities).
- d. *Centurion Industrial Training Center (CITC)*- presently JITM runs a number of courses on vocational trades through its Centurion Industrial Training Center under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS). The CITC has operations in Parlakhemundi, Rayagada, Bolangir, Gopalpur and Bhubaneswar.
- e. *Centurion Public School (CPS)* – established in 2006, CPS is an effort to provide high quality basic education to children of Parlakhemundi. This is a need-based intervention as the primary education system in Parlakhemundi and adjoining villages was of poor quality forcing the parents to enroll their children in Andhra Pradesh (neighboring State) schools.

Present engagements of Dr Mukti Mishra:

1. *Chairman* – Centurion Group of Institutions (CGI) – the following institutions come under the umbrella of CGI:
2. *Adjunct Professor*, Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia
3. *Adjunct Professor*, MDI, Gurgaon, India
4. *Adjunct Professor*, BIMTECH, Noida, India
5. *Country Advisor (India)* - Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), Australia
6. *Chancellor* Nominee to Ravenshaw University Senate, India
7. *Advisor* to Vice Chancellor, BPUT for Centralized Placement
8. Independent Director, Governing Board of Orissa State Housing Board (PSU), Government of Orissa
9. Independent Director, Management Committee, Central Electricity Supply Company (CESU)
10. Associate Auditor by the Registrar of Certified Auditors, Quality Society of Australasia - an International body for ISO Auditors.
11. Life member of Quality Society of Australasia
12. Provisional Auditor of the International Register of Certified Auditors (IRCA, UK)
13. Permanent Professional Member of Indian Chamber of Commerce
14. Member of the Utkal Chamber of Commerce and Industries
15. Associate Member at the Institute of Directors, New Delhi