

Jagannath Institute for Technology and Management

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Facilities	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long-term bank facilities	-	-	Reaffirmed at CARE BB+; Stable and Withdrawn

Details of facilities in Annexure-1.

Rationale and key rating drivers

CARE Ratings Ltd. has reaffirmed and withdrawn the outstanding ratings of 'CARE BB+; Stable' [Double B Plus; Outlook: Stable] assigned to the bank facilities of Jagannath Institute for Technology and Management (JITM) with immediate effect. The above action has been taken at the request of JITM and 'No Objection Certificate' received from the bank that has extended the facilities rated by CARE Ratings Ltd.

The rating assigned to bank facilities of JITM continues to remain constrained by its debt funded capital expenditure for setting up of educational infrastructure, elongated collection period on account of collection structure and intense competition and regulated nature of the industry.

The rating, however, derives strength from experienced management team with long track record in education industry, status of private University with diverse course offering and experienced faculty with satisfactory student-faculty ratio. The rating also takes into consideration the improved financial performance in FY25 (Prov.) (refers to the period April 01 to March 31) and satisfactory capital structure and debt protection metrics.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Outlook: Stable

CARE Ratings believes that the entity shall sustain its moderate financial performance, with ongoing capex not having significant impact on the credit risk profile over the medium term.

Detailed description of key rating drivers:

Key weaknesses

Debt funded capital expenditure for setting up of educational infrastructure

The trust has continued to invest in infrastructure towards hostel and academic blocks, along with modernization and development of ancillary infrastructure. The trust is undertaking capital expenditure for the School of Veterinary amounting to ₹32 crore (revised from ₹27 crore) which is expected to be funded out of term loan of ₹17 crore (already sanctioned) and balance out of internal accruals. The trust has drawn term loan amounting to ₹10 crore till November 30, 2024 and given sufficient accruals, the management will decide on whether to draw down the balance term loan or fund it through internal accruals. The trust has already expended ₹15 crore till November 30, 2024, and balance amount is expected to be expended over a period of two-three years.

Apart from the cost to be incurred on the veterinary school, the trust expects to incur around ₹5 crore of additional capex in all campuses each year.

Elongated collection period on account of collection structure

The tuition fees for the courses are collected in two instalments during the academic year from July to June. The first instalment of 50% is due in June and July, while the second instalment of 50% is due in January and February. Every year, around 20% of the student pay the instalment due in January-February in the months of April-May. This results in higher year-end receivables, leading to average collection period of 110 days in FY25 (124 days in FY24).

Intense competition and regulated nature of the industry

Despite the increasing trend of privatization of education sector in India, regulatory challenges continue to pose a significant risk to private educational institutions as they are highly susceptible to changes in regulatory framework. Centurian University of Technology and Management (CUTM), although a private university, is required to follow regulations regarding course offerings, curriculum, examinations, seat allocation, selection criteria, etc. The affiliations have to be renewed each year and delay in doing so might affect execution of expansion plans. This limits the scope of these colleges and schools in terms of growth in capacity and therefore its revenue.

¹Complete definition of ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com and other CARE Ratings Limited's publications

Key strengths

Long operational track record with experienced management team

The trustees, Professor Mukti Kanta Mishra and Professor D.N. Rao have over 25 years of experience in the education and development sectors, and a vast network across NGOs and gram panchayats. The trust carries out skill programs, bringing in industry partnerships for joint skill programs, qualification pack (QP)/national occupational standards (NOS) alignment with sector skill councils (SSCs) & skills integration with CUTM program implementation such as mobilization, centre setup, training, placement, post placement support, etc.

Status of private University with diverse course offering

CUTM, a private state university, was formed by an Act of the Odisha Legislative Assembly in 2010. The status of being a private university makes the management relatively free to take vital decisions like curriculum, fees, capacity, etc.

JITM manages four colleges and offers engineering, management, commerce, mass media, pharmacy, agriculture & bioengineering, fishery, veterinary and polytechnic courses. All the courses are affiliated to CUTM.

Experienced faculty and satisfactory student-faculty ratio

There are 512 teaching staff at JITM across different streams. The faculties are alumni of reputed educational institutes and are well experienced in their respective fields of study. The institute has a stringent faculty selection criterion, and a minimum of master's degree is required to apply for a position. The student-faculty ratio remained moderate at 18:1 in FY24.

Improved financial performance in FY25

The total operating income (TOI) of the trust has improved from Rs.101.57 crore in FY24 to 109.64 crore in FY25 on account increase in student enrolment along with increase in fees structure. The SBILDT margin has also improved in line with increase in revenue from 23.24% in FY24 to 25.65% in FY25.

Satisfactory capital structure and debt protection metrics

The capital structure of the trust continues to remain satisfactory with overall gearing ratio of 0.64x as on March 31, 2025 (0.64x as on March 31, 2024).

Debt protection metrics marked by TDGCA has improved from 3.50x as on March 31, 2024, to 3.16x as on March 31, 2025, on account of increase in GCA. Interest coverage ratio has remained stable at 4.43x in FY25 (PY: 4.39x). The slight moderation is on account of increase in interest expense.

Liquidity: Adequate

The liquidity profile of the trust is adequate marked by the Trust earning GCA of ₹23 crore as against debt repayment obligations of around ₹5.66 crore in FY25. The cash and bank balance stood at Rs.18.61 crore as on March 31, 2025. Current Ratio stood at 2.20 times as on March 31, 2025.

Applicable criteria

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About the company and industry

Industry classification

Macroeconomic indicator	Sector	Industry	Basic industry
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Services	Other Consumer Services	Education

CUTM, a private State university, was formed by an Act of the Odisha Legislative Assembly in 2010. The university includes School of Management, School of Engineering & Technology, School of Vocational Education and Training, School of Architecture Planning & Design, School of Applied Science, School of Humanities & Social Science, MS Swaminathan School of Agriculture, School of

Media Communication, School of Mines, School of Pharmacy & Life Sciences, School of Paramedics and Allied Health Service, Institute of Knowledge and Societies and PhD courses.

JITM was set up in 1997 as a non-profit organisation. The present trustees Prof. (Dr) Mukti K. Mishra and Prof. Dechiraju Narasimha Rao took over its management in 2006. JITM has an engineering college, which is a constituent of CUTM. The trust also operates three schools affiliated to the Central Board of School Education (CBSE), three junior science colleges affiliated to Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE), Odisha, and Industrial Training Institutes at Parlakhemundi, Rayagada, Bolangir and Chatrapur.

Brief Financials (₹ crore)	March 31, 2024 (A)	March 31, 2025 (Prov.)
Total operating income	101.57	109.64
PBILDT	23.61	28.12
PAT	8.53	10.14
Overall gearing (times)	0.64	0.64
Interest coverage (times)	4.39	4.43

A: Audited; Prov.: Provisional; Note: these are latest available financial results

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: Not applicable

Rating history for last three years: Annexure-2

Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instrument / facility: Annexure-3

Complexity level of instruments rated: Annexure-4

Lender details: Annexure-5

Annexure-1: Details of facilities

Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date (DD-MM-YYYY)	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating Assigned and Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	31/03/2038	0.00	Withdrawn

Annexure-2: Rating history for last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating History			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2025-2026	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2024-2025	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2023-2024	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023
1	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	-	-	1)CARE BB+; Stable (04-Sep-25)	1)CARE BB+; Stable (09-Jan-25)	1)CARE BB+; Stable (27-Mar-24)	1)CARE BBB-; Stable (14-Mar-23)

LT: Long term; ST: Short term; LT/ST: Long term/Short term

Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of rated facilities: Not applicable

Annexure-4: Complexity level of instruments rated

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument	Complexity Level
1	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple

Annexure-5: Lender details

To view lender-wise details of bank facilities please [click here](#)

Note on complexity levels of rated instruments: CareEdge Ratings has classified instruments rated by it based on complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careedge.in for clarifications.

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