

## 20th annual convocation of NITK Surathkal today

**MANGALURU, DHNS:** The 20th convocation of the National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal, will be held at its New Sports Complex on October 15 at 10.30 am.

Addressing reporters in Mangaluru on Thursday, Dean (Faculty welfare) Prof Mohan Kumar said that Union Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will be the chief guest.

NITK alumnus of 1973 batch and Sona Group of Industries, Bengaluru, managing director Yajnanarayana and NITK 1981 batch alumnus and Maire Technimont, Italy, India Region vice-president Milind Baride will be the guests of honour.

A total of 1,787 candidates will be graduated during the convocation. This includes 126 PhD, 817 PG and 844 B Tech students. A total of 249 B Tech students are also being conferred with minor in other disciplines, along with the B Tech degree.

The B Tech (Honours) degree will be conferred for the first time. Nine B Tech students and 30 PG students

will receive the Institute Gold medals and medals sponsored by various agencies during the convocation for securing the highest CGPA.

The minister will also inaugurate the newly constructed Central Research Facility (CRF) and School of Interdisciplinary Studies (CoEs) building built with a total area of 10,394 sqm at a cost of Rs 48 crore.

He will also lay foundation stone for the construction of the Lecture Hall complex - Block D with a built up area of 1,1246 sqm with a cost of Rs 54.76 crore.

He said that NITK Surathkal has secured the 10th position in National Institute of Ranking framework (NIRF) 2022 in the Engineering category and 27th rank in the overall category.

The NITK will introduce B Tech programme in Computational and Data Science from 2022-23.

Dean (Academics) Prof Vidya Shetty said that 93% of the undergraduate and 74.3% of postgraduate students were recruited during the campus placements during 2011-22.