

NITK Surathkal 1973 batch offers funds for synthetic tennis court

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Mangaluru: As a token of gratitude to their alma mater, the alumni of the 1973 batch of NITK Surathkal, has decided to refurbish the institution's existing tennis court, and upgrade it to a synthetic acrylic tennis court, to mark their golden reunion.

The batchmates met to celebrate the golden reunion in the first week of February. There were a total 73 former students, including one woman, the only female student in the entire batch of 1973. About 35 of them had come along with their spouses.

They also staged the KREC/NITK graduation ring ceremony, and the golden 50 reunion commemorative ring was presented. The alumni, from different parts of the country, shared the fondest memories of their college days.

"The 1973 batch had a total of 190 students. Out of them, we could reach out to 124, and 73 persons attended," said Dayanand Shetty Surathkal, an alumnus of the 1973 batch.

The batch of graduates from the civil, mechanical, electrical, metallurgy, chemical, electronics, and communication departments, took part in the event. Shetty said that during the reunion, they discussed how they could contribute to the institution.

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GIVING BACK: Alumni from across the country met to celebrate the golden reunion of the KREC 1973 batch with deans, HoDs and former professors earlier in February

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bring life to the old tennis court, by refurbishing it, he said. "The old tennis court is not being used for several years. The court will be upgraded to a synthetic acrylic tennis court, as per the latest specifications of the International Tennis Federation (ITF). The groundbreaking ceremony was performed two days after

the reunion," he said.

The alumni group has raised nearly Rs 23 lakh for the tennis court project, and work will begin on March 6, and is expected to be completed by May 15. "The ITF classifies surfaces into one of five categories, for tennis court pace rating. Our aim is to obtain a pace-4 (medium fast) rating, and later intend to go for a star-1 rating," Shetty said.

P Prasad Krishna, director (additional charge), NITK Surathkal, said that it is wonderful to see the alumni coming together and contributing to the development of the institute. We look forward to more such initiatives, he said.