

# NITK Surathkal academic calendar back to normal after pandemic

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**Mangaluru:** The academic calendar of the National Institute of Technology Surathkal, Karnataka, which was disrupted due to the pandemic, is back to normal this academic year. The institute will welcome freshmen this week, starting with a week-long orientation programme.

So far, more than 1,000 candidates have taken admissions into the technical institution. The admission process is still going on and is expected to be completed in another week. According to the spokesperson of NITK, the academic year, which usually starts in August, was affected by the pandemic until the last year. The last academic year (2022-23) started in mid-November, whereas in 2021-22, it started in December.

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"From this year on, the academic calendar is back to pre-pandemic days," the spokesperson added.

Sources shared that so far, 1,000 students have taken admissions through the Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA-2023) or Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB-2023). There are admissions done through Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA).

After the pandemic, the institution stopped physical reporting of candidates and switched to online reporting. As there was fear of the spread of Covid-19, the students

were not called to campus for a year, and classes as well as examinations were held online. It was switched to physical reporting last academic year.

Meanwhile, the freshmen will not have the option of a branch change, as NITK has decided to abolish that option starting from this academic year (2023-24). For many years, the branch change was an option for students who clear first-year BTech. Those with the highest CGPA were eligible to apply. They were able to move out of their course to another one after the first year if vacant seats were available in other branches.

## **Class starts on Aug 28**

There will be a one-week orientation programme from August 21, both for students and parents. The classes will begin on August 28.