

# NITK to have convocation in two parts

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**Mangaluru:** National Institute of Technology Surathkal, which conducted its convocation ceremony in one go, will now have it in two parts—in morning and afternoon sessions.

The 21st convocation ceremony held a week ago was held in the same manner. According to officials, this new arrangement is done because the number of degree recipients has increased over the years. They are also following other premier technical institutions in the country, which have a similar pattern for convocations.

“The main ceremony cannot accommodate all candidates, and it is therefore split into two. A similar pattern is



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followed in other NITs and IITs, where they have the main ceremony in the morning, and another ceremony in the evening. The morning ceremony focuses on chief guests from Union and state government bodies, including ministers. Till the 20<sup>th</sup> convocation of NITK Surathkal, all events were held

in one ceremony, and it was lengthy. The new arrangement will be part of the system from here onwards,” said an official from the registrar section of NITK.

“During the 21<sup>st</sup> convocation, a total 2,013 candidates were awarded degrees, which included 138 PhDs, 961 post-graduate degrees, and 914

BTech degrees. A total 242 BTech students were conferred with minors in other disciplines, along with their BTech degree. Inviting each student to the stage and awarding them a degree is time-consuming. Each candidate will take a minimum of one minute to complete the process. Therefore, two ceremonies will ease the process,” shared another senior professor.

Vidya Shetty K, former dean (academics), NITK Surathkal, said that in the morning session, only gold medallists will be awarded. Whereas other academic achievers will be given their degrees at the department level, during the ceremony held in the afternoon. It includes PhD degrees too.