

# NITK to enhance disaster preparedness

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**Mangaluru:** National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal has embarked on a mission to enhance disaster preparedness in the region. The endeavor is supported by a CSR grant from Manipal Dot Net Private Limited, Manipal. The grant is directed towards utilizing HAM radio technology to build a resilient com-

munity capable of facing disasters.

The project, 'Enhancing disaster management capabilities through amateur radio communication' is a collaborative effort between NITK's Amateur Radio Club (VU2REC), System for Emergency Assistance, Response, and Communication Hub (SEARCH), and the Mangalore Amateur Radio Club. It aims to set up a reliable communication network specifi-

cally for disaster management. Dr KV Gangadharan (VU2TAO), custodian of VU2REC and coordinator of the Centre for System Design NITK, Surathkal, said the project's scope extends beyond just setting up infrastructure. It also focuses on developing a team of skilled volunteers. These volunteers will undergo comprehensive training to operate amateur radio stations effectively, thereby ensuring continuous communication support during emergencies. In line with the project's goals, a workshop will be held on March 31.