

# NIT-K alumni donate funds to develop Kannada-medium schools

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Members of the 1981 batch of National Institute of Technology - Karnataka (NIT-K), (the then KREC-Surathkal), have donated funds for the development of a Kannada-medium primary school and high school on the campus, near Mangaluru.

Saidutta, a retired professor of NIT-K and an alumnus of the 1981 batch, said that a biogas plant for processing kitchen waste generated on the campus was set up with help from the batch. In addition, e-mobility and solar power projects, hydrogen production research, and SEARCH facility for disaster management were accomplished in the campus with the support of the batch.

Padmanand Warriar, another alumnus of the batch, dedicated a HEART Hub in the memory of his



Members of the 1981 batch of NIT-K, Surathkal, during a reunion at the institute. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

parents U.K. Warriar and Bhagyalakshmi Warriar. "HEART is an acronym for Human-centric, Entrepreneurial, Asset developing, Recycling & regeneration, and Technology enablement. The hub will leverage Artificial Intelligence and allied technologies to develop sustainable solutions for the campus," he said.

B. Ravi, Director, NIT-K signed a memorandum of understanding with the Warriar Foundation to support two sustainability projects - AquaWise for water

management, and waste management - at the institute. The Director released a book *Once upon a time in KREC* by Mr. Warriar.

Mr. Ravi praised the batch for setting high standards for engaging with the institute.

The alumni had gathered on the campus for a reunion. A.S. Karanth, an alumnus from the 1970 batch, was the chief guest. R. Krishnamurthy, of the 1981 batch, was instrumental in organising the reunion.