Mining Engineering: Professorial Chair position set up at NIT-K

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The collaboration with The Hutti Gold Mines Ltd. presents an opportunity to NIT-K to integrate industry expertise into the curriculum, and provide students firsthand insight into realworld challenges. The position is expected to advance research and development NIT-K. at fostering innovative solutions to industry-specific and promoting issues knowledge exchange. The also partnership will strengthen NIT-K's ties with the industry, leading



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to joint research initiatives and the co-development of new technologies, a release from the NIT-K said on Tuesday.

Since its establishment in 1984, the department offers a B.Tech program in Mining Engineering, and has nearly doubled the number of seats to 60 today.

Over 900 students have graduated, including several women. They hold

prestigious positions in India and overseas, and are contributing to this field. The department also offers Masters, PhD and continued education programs, and has well-equipped laboratories including a realistic mock-up of an underground mine. Most of the faculty members provide consulting services to government and private agencies, the release said.