

Now, NITK scraps branch-change option from this yr

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Mangaluru: Toeing the line of centrally funded technical institutions, the National Institute of Technology, Karnataka, Surathkal, has also decided to abolish the branch-change option from the 2023-24 academic year.

The reason for the abolition is that BTech engineering courses do not have a common syllabus starting from 2018-19. The branch-change option was available for candidates who passed the first year and those with the highest CGPA only if vacant seats were available. However, the 62nd Senate meeting held on December 23, 2022, resolved to do with the option.

Established as Karnataka Regional Engineering College (KREC) in 1960, the premier institute located in Mangaluru was upgraded into National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) in 2002.

Forty-one students

42 OPTED FOR IT

- ▶ As BTech engineering courses do not have a common syllabus, NITK abolishes branch-change option from this year
- ▶ The branch-change option was available for candidates who passed the first year and those with the highest CGPA only for vacant seats
- ▶ 41 students changed their branches after the first year in the academic year 2022-23

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NITK, Surathkal, dean (academics) Vidya Shetty K said providing branch-changing options became difficult after the common-course policy for all engineering courses changed in 2018.

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