

1981 NITK alumni batch reunites to celebrate 43 years of memories

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A reunion of the 1981 batch alumni of the National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) Surathkal was held in the campus on July 27.

Prof. Saidutta, a prominent '81 batch alumnus, who held several senior administrative positions in NITK, highlighted the collective accomplishments of the batch and dedication to their alma mater. Their support has enabled Biogas plant for kitchen waste processing, E-Mobility and Solar projects, Hydrogen production research, SEARCH facility for disaster management, and many other projects. The batch also donated funds to Kannada Medium Primary School and High School in NITK campus.

Padmanand Warriar, another illustrious alumnus of '81 batch dedicated the HEART Hub to the memory of his parents U.K. Warriar and Bhagyalakshmi Warriar. He said, "HEART is an acronym for



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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, and prioritise human needs over technological advancements."

Prof. B. Ravi, Director of NITK Surathkal, extended his heartfelt thanks to the alumni for returning and reconnecting with the Institute. He praised them for setting high standards for engaging with the Institute, and inspiring

other cohorts. The Director also released the book 'Once Upon a Time in KREC,' a collection of cherished recollections and stories written and edited by Padmanand Warriar.

An MOU between Warriar Foundation and NITK was also signed. The Foundation will start supporting two sustainability projects - AquaWise for Water Management, led by Dr. Pruthviraj, and Waste Management, led by Dr. Vasudeva Madav.

A. S. Karanth, an alumnus from the 1970 batch, graced the event as the Chief Guest.