

## Coastal conclave held at NITK

**MANGALURU, DHNS:** About 30 CEOs and representatives of various organisations located in Mangaluru and the surrounding region participated in the Coastal Conclave at the National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal recently.

The conclave is a new initiative of NITK to bring the local institutes, industries, and communities on a common platform. It was organised by Science & Technology Entrepreneurs' Park (STEP), headed by Prof Subray Hegde, and the Institute Innovation Council (IIC), headed by Dr K Suprabha. The focus of discussion was how to build the coastal ecosystem and economy driven by technology while preserving the nature and culture of the region and aligning with the relevant national missions such as Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan and Sagar-mala.

Prof B Ravi, Director of NITK said the goal of the conclave was to enhance the research, innovation, and entrepreneurship ecosystem in the coastal Karnataka region with the active support of interested partners.