

# Slew of programmes mark NITK's 66th Foundation Day

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The National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal, celebrated its 66th Foundation Day on Wednesday by paying homage to its founding father Ullal Srinivas Mallya. Director Prof B Ravi hoisted the institute's flag and garlanded the founder's statue at the entrance gate of the campus.

The children of the NITK staff members, who achieved academic excellence in Classes X and XII, were awarded prizes during the event. Two merit scholarships instituted by the 1981 batch alumni were also conferred. Two staff members, who completed 25 years of service at NITK, were felicitated.

Air Marshal B U Chengappa

(PVSM and AVSM), an alumnus of NITK (1969 batch), inaugurated the showcase of an advanced turboshaft engine provided by the Indian Air Force. This is a part of the NITK Academy for Defence Adventure and Leadership (NADAL) initiative, aimed at encouraging students to become thought leaders. He, along with the director, also unveiled an RFID-based smart library system for booklending and return.

Reminiscing his enduring connection with the institute, Air Marshal Chengappa said, "Every time I return to my alma mater, I feel a renewed sense of 'Urja' - inspiration and pride. This institute laid the foundation for our lives, and it is our responsibility



**Dignitaries with the advanced turboshaft engine provided by the Indian Air Force at NITK Surathkal.**

to give back."

Prof B Ravi appreciated the love of the alumni for their alma mater, and highlighted their contributions, such as

the AI Centre of Excellence supported by Padmanand Warriar (1981 batch) and Rs 1 crore endowment for student scholarships, instituted by Sub-

banna Chenna (1967 batch).

The alumni batches of 1974 and 1999, along with the Alumni Association had supported the creation of a rainwater harvesting reservoir called NITK-ere. It is situated in a 2.5-acre area in the North-East side of the campus, and has a capacity of 30 million litres, which was also inaugurated on the occasion.

The NITK Alumni Association also held the Central Governing Council Conclave and the annual general meeting, coinciding with the Foundation Day. More than 50 alumni converged from different parts of the country, to chart the future roadmap of the association for enhancing their contribution to the institution and the nation.