

NITK to give highest no. of PhDs this year

126 Doctorates To Be Awarded At Convocation

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Mangaluru: For the first time in the history of NITK Surathkal, the institute will award a total of 126 PhD degrees, at the 20th annual convocation, scheduled on Saturday.

Vidya Shetty K, dean, (academics), NITK Surathkal, told reporters on Thursday, that the highest number of PhD degrees will be awarded during the convocation this year. Minister of education Dharmendra Pradhan will be the chief guest.

"The number of PhD degrees to be awarded has increased to 126 this year, from 120 given last year. For the first time, NITK is also conferring BTech (honors) degree during the convocation," she said.

Nine BTech students and 30 postgraduate students will be receiving the institute's gold medals, and medals sponsored by various agencies during the convocation, for securing the highest CGPA. In total, 1,787 candidates will graduate, which includes 126 PhDs, 817 PGs, and 844 BTech students. As many as 249 BTech students will also be conferred minors in other disciplines, along with their BTech degree.

7 NITK faculty, 2 from KMC, among top 2% int'l scientists

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Mangaluru: A total of seven faculty of NITK Surathkal have figured among the 2% of global scientists list-2022, curated by Stanford University, USA.

The names of NITK faculty in the list are, DKrishna Bhat, professor, department of chemistry; Jeyaraj P, associate professor, department of mechanical engineering; Subhashandra Kattimani, associate professor, department of mechanical engineering; Mrityunjay Doddamani, assistant professor, department of mechanical engi-

neering; Prabu Krishnan, associate professor, department of electronics and communication engineering; Arun M Isloor, professor, department of chemistry; Shashidhar G Koolagudi, associate professor and HoD of computer science and engineering.

Dr B Unnikrishnan, dean; Kasturba Medical College, Mangaluru and Dr Prasanna Mithra, additional professor of community medicine, KMC, Mangaluru, have found a place among 2% of global scientists' list, for their contribution to public health and community medicine.

Yajnanarayana, an alumnus of the 1973 batch of NITK Surathkal, and managing director, Sona Group of Industries, Bengaluru, and Milind Baride, an alumnus of the 1981 batch of NITK Surathkal, and vice-president, India Region, Maire Tecnimont, Italy, will be the guests of honour.

During his visit, Union minister Dharmendra Prad-

han will also inaugurate the newly constructed 'Central Research Facility (CRF) and School of Interdisciplinary Studies (CoEs) building', built at a cost of Rs 48 crore, and lay the foundation stone for the construction of lecture hall complex in Block-D. It will come up at a cost of Rs 54.76 crore, said Narendranath S, dean of student affairs, NITK Surathkal.