NBA accredits all nine courses of BTech at NITK

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Mangaluru: The National Board of Accreditation (NBA) has accredited all nine BTech courses offered at the National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) Surathkal. Out of 9, seven programmes are accredited for six years, and the rest for three years.

T Laxminidhi, professor in-charge, Analytics Accreditation Ranking System, NITK Surathkal, stated that recently nine eligible BTech programmes of the institution have been accredited by the NBA. All 9 BTech programmes of the institute were evaluated by a team of experts from NBA in two phases, from January 6-8 and February 17-19, under the Tier-I second cycle.

The purpose of the accreditation by the NBA is to promote and recognise excellence in technical education in colleges and universities, at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Out of 9, seven BTech programmes have been awarded accreditation status for six years, and the other two have been awarded accreditation for three years. Programmes that received six-year accreditation are chemical engineering; civil engineering; computer science and engineering; electrical and electronics engineering; mechanical engineering; electronics and communication engineering; and information technology (academic year 2022-23 to 2027-28). Two programmes, mining engineering and metallurgical and materials engineering, were awarded accreditation status for three years (academic year 2022-23 to 2024-25).

The institute applied for the accreditation of these programmes in August 2022, by submitting self-assessment reports (SAR) to the NBA. The results of the evaluation were made available by NBA on April 17, and May 26, 2023, respectively, for the two phases of evaluation.

The previous accreditation status of 9 UG programmes were in place for 6+2 years, with effect from July 1, 2014, up to June 30, 2022, under the first cycle. The NBA accreditation of postgraduate courses is in process at the moment.