

NITK's Kindle library to promote reading among budding engineers

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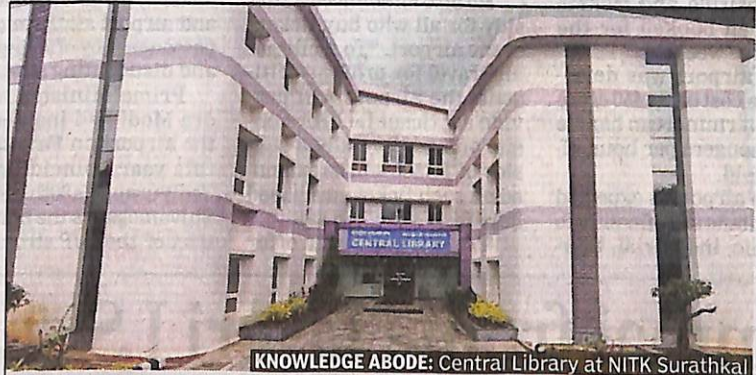
Mangaluru: In order to encourage reading habits among budding engineers and faculty members, NITK Surathkal is now setting up a dedicated Kindle Library.

The proposed Kindle Library will be housed on the second floor of the e-library complex, with a dedicated area of 250sq ft, and is likely to be launched by October.

The facility was donated by the 1986 batch of NITK Surathkal, who have contributed Rs 5.1 lakh towards the initiative.

Mallikarjun Angadi, librarian, Central Library, NITK, said that when it comes to reading, the interest among the young generation has gone down, compared to previous years. Last October, a survey was conducted among the students by the library, to seek their opinion about the proposed Kindle Library facility. More than 250 students responded positively, and expressed their intent to use it to the maximum extent. "This made us go for the Kindle Library, and support reading habits among budding engineers and faculty members," said Angadi.

The Central Library subscribes to a lot of digital content in the form of e-books, e-journals, databases, and others. It is expected that this Kindle Library service will help the



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BENEFITS

- Kindle Library will offer patrons greater access to information and learning resources, whenever and wherever they need them.

- By providing access to e-books and digital resources, the need for physical resources can be reduced, freeing up valuable space in the library, and reducing the cost of acquiring and maintaining print resources.

- Will offer more environmentally friendly alternatives to traditional print materials, reducing the need for paper and ink, and helping to conserve natural resources.

library increase the use of these e-resources. Initially, 15 Kindle devices will be purchased, and the number may be increased, depending on the use and future demand. "The work of creating a dedicated space in the Kindle Library is almost 50% complete, and device procurement is in progress," Angadi added.

The facility will have comfortable seating arrangements with a

modern look. "Bean bags, sofas, and cane sofas will be available for seating. It is to make sure that one reads in the utmost comfort, and enjoys it. Currently, devices are allowed inside the Kindle Library. In future, we may allow it to take place anywhere inside the library facility. There is also a plan to extend this service to the schoolchildren on the NITK campus," shared Angadi.