



NITK Director Prof B Ravi, alumnus of NITK A S Karanth, Prof Saidutta and others release 'Once Upon a Time in KREC,' a collection of stories written and edited by Padmanand Warriar, at NITK Surathkal.

1981 batch alumni reunion at NITK

MANGALURU, DHNS: The 1981 batch alumni of the National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal (then KREC), who are now settled in different parts of the world, gathered in the Institute campus for a reunion recently.

A S Karanth, an esteemed alumnus from the 1970 batch, was the chief guest. Reflecting on his time as a student, he praised NITK for its lasting influence on his professional journey and acknowledged the class of '81 for their notable contributions to the institute.

Prof Saidutta, a prominent '81 batch alumnus, who held several senior administrative positions in NITK, highlighted the collective accomplishments of the batch and dedication to their alma mater.

Their support has enabled biogas plant for kitchen waste processing, E-Mobility and Solar projects, Hydrogen production research, SEARCH facility for disaster management, and many other projects. The batch also donated funds to Kannada Medium Primary School and High School in the NITK campus.

Padmanand Warriar, another alumnus of '81 batch

dedicated the HEART Hub to the memory of his parents UK Warriar and Bhagyalakshmi Warriar.

He said, "HEART is an acronym for Human-centric, Entrepreneurial, Asset developing, Recycling & regeneration, and Technology enablement. The Hub will leverage Artificial Intelligence and allied technologies to develop sustainable solutions for the campus, prioritizing human needs over technological advancements."

NITK Director Prof B Ravi presided and lauded the alumni for setting high standards for engaging with the Institute and inspiring other cohorts. The Director also revealed the book "Once Upon a Time in KREC," a collection of cherished recollections and stories written and edited by Padmanand Warriar.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Warriar Foundation and NITK was also exchanged. The Foundation will start supporting two sustainability projects - AquaWise for Water Management, led by Dr Pruthviraj and Waste Management, led by Dr Vasudeva Madav.