

NITK hosts PM's 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign



Air Marshal B U Chengappa, Prof B Ravi, director, NITK and others at 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign at NITK Suratkal on Tuesday | EXPRESS

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THE National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal, on Tuesday organised the Prime Minister's Plantation Campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' on its campus, promoting environmental sustainability and ecological balance.

The event featured Air Marshal B U Chengappa (PVSM, AVSM, VSM, NITK Alumnus, 1969 batch) as the chief guest and Niranjana Mahbalappa, president of NITK Alumni Association Bangalore Chapter

(MECH-1990), as the guest of honor. Prof B. Ravi, director, NITK, presided over.

Addressing the gathering, Air Marshal B U Chengappa expressed his gratitude to NITK for organising the event in alignment with the Prime Minister's vision of the Plantation Campaign, 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'. He emphasised the importance of forest conservation, warning that neglecting this responsibility could lead to catastrophic phenomena like landslides and extreme weather conditions.

Niranjana Mahbalappa

shared his personal experience and passion for afforestation and planting, inspiring the audience with his commitment to environmental sustainability.

NITK director Prof B. Ravi appreciated Dr Aparna P, Professor In-charge Horticulture, for her innovative concept of 'Vrukshavana' which involves creating Miyawaki forest blocks in the name of incoming batches of students. By the time students graduate, these saplings will have grown into forests, fostering a lasting connection between the students and the environment.