

Professorial Chair position backed by Hutti Gold Mines at NITK

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THE National Institute of Technology Karnataka, (NITK) Surathkal, has created a Professorial Chair position in the Department of Mining Engineering, supported by The Hutti Gold Mines Limited with a grant of Rs 6 crore.

A press release said since its establishment in 1984, the department has emerged as one of the top mining institutes in India. It offers a B.Tech course in Mining Engineering and has nearly doubled the number

of seats to 60 now. More than 900 students have graduated, including several girls. They hold prestigious positions in India and overseas, and contributing to this field. The department also offers Masters, Ph.D and continuing education programmes, and has well-equipped laboratories, including a realistic mock-up of an underground mine. Most of the faculty members provide high value consulting services to government and private agencies. This collaboration with The Hutti Gold Mines Limited presents a unique op-

portunity to NITK for integrating industry expertise into the curriculum, and providing students firsthand insights into real-world challenges.

The Chair position is expected to advance research and development at NITK, fostering innovative solutions to industry-specific issues and promoting knowledge exchange. This partnership will also strengthen NITK's ties with the industry, leading to joint research initiatives and the co-development of new technologies, added the release.