

CITY DIGEST



DOWN THE MEMORY LANE:

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Reunion of NITK class of 1999

The 1999 B.Tech batch alumni of the NITK (then KREC) is celebrating a silver jubilee reunion from Dec 22 to 24, at the NITK campus in Surathkal. Over 95 alumni from eight departments attended the event, which was marked by a formal programme on Monday. The reunion was graced by the presence of the deputy director. The batch expressed a keen interest in contributing to the infrastructural development projects of the campus, particularly the 'NITK Mission Water +', aimed at addressing the water crisis in

and around NITK. During the formal event, the alumni batch felicitated retired professors, Prof KR Kamath and Prof Appukkuttan, and current faculty members, Prof Suman David, Prof MS Bhat, and Prof KV Gangadharan, expressing their gratitude and love for their esteemed teachers. A notable aspect of the reunion was the participation of five women alumni. During their study period, the batch had only ten women, making the attendance of five women alumni a significant highlight of the event.

Lost bag with valuables returned to owner

It was a moment of relief and happiness when a passenger at Mangaluru International Airport (MIA) was reunited with his bag containing valuables worth Rs 20 lakh and Rs 1 lakh in cash. Vigilant CISF personnel recovered the bag, which was left behind at an F&B outlet on the arrival ground floor, and handed it over to the terminal manager's office. The team, displaying patience, waited for a call on the phone inside the bag and reassured the owner about the safety of his belongings. The passenger, who travelled

nearly 50km to Udupi, returned to the airport to reclaim the bag. Due to the collaborative efforts of the CISF and the terminal team, all items were intact.

Tigress gives birth to two cubs in Pilikula

A 14-year-old tigress, Rani, gave birth to two cubs at Pilikula Biological Park. The tigress previously set a record by giving birth to five healthy cubs in 2016. She again gave birth to three cubs in 2021. "Rani gave birth to two cubs on the night of Dec 20. The mother and the cubs are healthy," said H Jayaprakash Bhandary, director, Pilikula Biological Park. "The zoo officials are paying special attention to the mother and cubs. Rani was brought from Bannerghatta Biological Park in exchange for a male tiger from Pilikula in 2016. The number of tigers in Pilikula Biological Park has increased to 10. Currently, there are four males and four females; the sex of the cubs will be checked after two months," said Bhandary. "Steps have been taken to provide the tigress with nutritious food. The cubs will be vaccinated after 1.5 months," he added.