

## National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal

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To: Prof. K. Umamaheshwara Rao, Director, NITK Surathkal

Sub.: Achievement -- NITK Surathkal's NIRF Ranking

Dear Prof. K. Umamaheshwara Rao,

Greetings and Good wishes!

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you and your distinguished Faculty, Staff, Students, parents and other stakeholders in achieving 13<sup>th</sup> Rank in NIRF 2020 in the Engineering category rankings for NITK. The institution has moved up by 8 ranks from previous year 21<sup>st</sup> Rank, similarly 33<sup>rd</sup> Rank in the overall rankings category from previously 53<sup>rd</sup> Rank. Indeed, a moment of celebration for all of the NITK fraternity. I place it on record and appreciate the valuable contribution by our esteemed alumni. I am sure that the institute will achieve more laurels for itself under your able leadership.

NITK Surathkal is one of the Premier Institutions in the country (next only to Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, in Karnataka State ranking) as far as Engineering Education and Research is concerned. As you are aware that NITK is a preferred choice among top ranked Students in JEE, this NIRF ranking will further enhance student's intake quality.

This achievement has been possible due to sustained planning, timely BoG decisions, execution, quality of teaching, research, outcome based education, accreditations, high value placements leading to this notable ranking. All of you Professors, Faculty, Staff, Students and Alumni have worked so hard for this outstanding and impressive

achievement. You have the creativity and determination to do whatever you can dream. I hope you feel proud today and confident in your ability to rise to your next challenge. My deep appreciation on attaining this significant milestone by all standards. "You did it. So Proud of You!".

I am confident that under your Directorship, NITK will stretch towards greater heights in terms of benchmarking with best institutions, patents filing, research, entrepreneurship, students pursuing higher education in world's top ranked institutions, best placements and general administration.

"Well Done -- Good show". I commend this great achievement.

It is time to recognize outstanding contributors and celebrate this achievement in a befitting manner, let us do this during my next visit to NITK.

Thanking You, May God Bless You, all!

Bangalore 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (K. Balaveera Reddy) Chairperson, BoG, NITK Surathkal