

**Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*) to Alumnus Sri. Suhas Lalinakere
Yathiraj in the 19th Annual Convocation.**

As resolved by the Senate and approved by the Board of Governors, NITK Surathkal will confer the Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*) degree to Sri. Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj in its 19th Annual Convocation to be held virtually on 6 November 2021. Sri. Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj is an Indian professional Para-Badminton player currently ranked World No.2 in Men's Singles and a Silver Medallist in SL4 category in Tokyo Paralympics 2020. He is an alumnus of NITK Surathkal, a B.E. (Computer Engineering) graduate of 2004 batch. Sri. Suhas is also an IAS officer of the 2007 batch of Uttar Pradesh cadre and presently serving as District Magistrate of Gautam Buddha Nagar. He has also served as the District Magistrate of several other districts in Uttar Pradesh, including Prayagraj during the *Kumbhmela*. Sri. Suhas became a National Champion, winning Gold Medal in Men's Singles category at the 2nd National Para-Badminton Championships held in Varanasi in March 2018. The Institute may confer the Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*) award to those who have demonstrated exemplary achievement in any field, a cause to be honoured, as per Sec. 6 (1) (c) of the NIT Act (2007) and as per Sec. 39 of NIT Statutes. Sri. Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj is being conferred the Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*) in recognition of his achievement in the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 and his other multifaceted accomplishments.