

# NITK to adopt 3-language policy in campus signages

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**Mangaluru:** The signboards and name plates at the National Institute of Technology, Surathkal, will have Kannada apart from the existing Hindi and English languages. The decision to make amendments to the current signboards was taken after the director of NIT Calicut, Prasad Krishna, took charge as the director (additional charge), NITK Surathkal, a few months ago. As per the plan, Kannada will be placed first, followed by Hindi and English. All the boards across campus will be changed by mid-December.

Shyam Lal, assistant professor of department electronics and communication engineering and faculty advisor (incharge) of Hindi Association, who has been shouldered the responsibility of changing the boards, said for the last six decades institution had signage and

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other names boards only in English and Hindi. In total, the majority of the boards and nameplates were written in English compared to Hindi. However, the public, including students, found it difficult to read them. “When Prasad Krishna took over, he decided to adhere to the campus’s trilingual policy. The changing of the boards with three languages has already begun and will be completed by mid of December,” said Lal, adding that the cost will be borne by each department fund. The change will also include the name boards of professors.

Lal also added that this is also one of the guidelines from the Ministry of Educa-

tion to promote regional languages on the campus.

Faculty from the technical campus welcomed the move and said locals and others from Karnataka who visited the campus found it difficult to locate departments or offices due to signboards in English and Hindi. “This is a good development and will come in handy for those who can only read Kannada,” said a senior faculty.

## **Blood donations to support shortage**

The students and faculty of NITK, Surathkal came to the support of the hospitals grappling with an acute blood shortage. A blood donation camp organised by the NSS Unit of the institute witnessed collection of more than 200 units of blood. Through this donation, they lend support to the blood shortage of three hospitals at Mangaluru - KMC Hospital, Wenlock Hospital, and Lady Goschen Hospital.