

# 2,013 candidates graduate at NITK Surathkal convocation

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**G**old medalists at NITK, Surathkal, said hard work and guidance from teachers helped them achieve academic success.

Despite Covid-19 affecting offline classes during the first semester, the gold medalists said they were able to cope with the online classes with the support of their teachers.

Sivananda Pradhan of Orissa, a gold medalist in MTech in Process Metallurgy, said, "Teachers helped clear all doubts. Studying systematically helped me to achieve success."

Along with the institutional medal, Pradhan had won the Sarojini Pillay Gold Medal instituted by Prof TCM Pillay as the student with the best academic record in MTech (Process Metallurgy).

Sneha Sawant Shivaji, who won the gold medal in MTech in power and energy systems, said the core structure of the MTech programme in NITK was designed to suit industries.



**Gold medal-winning graduates during the convocation of NITK, Surathkal.**

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Sneha, who is currently working at Bajaj Auto, said hard work and perseverance helped her to excel. Mayank Dua from New Delhi, an MCA gold medalist and a software developer, said his hard work finally paid off.

He had won Dr Saroja R Hebbar Gold Medal for the student with the best academic record in MCA. In all, 2,013 candidates graduated at the convocation, including 914 BTech, 961 PG students and 138 PhD scholars.

A total of 242 BTech students were conferred with minor degrees in various disciplines along with their BTech degrees. NITK awarded BTech (Honors) degrees to 21 candidates. Nine BTech students and 30 PG students received the Institute Gold medals and medals sponsored by various agencies for securing

the highest CGPA.

## **BTech student secures 10 CGPA**

Siddharth R Iyer of Electrical and Electronics Engineering has secured 10 CGPA in the BTech programme. NITK Director Prof B Ravi said that he is the first BTech student to secure a CGPA of 10 on a 0-10 point scale and has won the Board of Chairman's Award for securing 10 CGPA. He was absent at the convocation.

He has won Prof M R Shenoy Memorial Prize for the student with the best academic record in BTech, Prof KM Hebbar Gold Medal for the student with the best academic record in BTech and the 1986 batch gold medal for the student with best academic record in BTech.