

# PM virtually inaugurates 3 hostels at NITK Surathkal

**Under Modi, NITK has received Rs 588 crore, says Kateel**

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday virtually inaugurated three hostels at the National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) campus in Surathkal.

The three hostels – ‘Brahmagiri,’ ‘Shivalik,’ and ‘Godavari’ – were built at a total cost of Rs 132 crore. The PM inaugurated 13,300 crore projects across 37 centrally funded higher education institutions, 44 school educational institutions and two skill education institutions.

At NITK, the PM inaugurated Godavari (girls hostel with 212 rooms with double

occupancy constructed at a cost of Rs 37.88 crore), Brahmagiri (boys hostel with single occupancy having 500 rooms built at a cost of Rs 51.14 crore) and Shivalik (boys hostel with triple occupancy having 200 rooms built at a cost of Rs 43 crore) from Jammu.

Addressing the gathering, MP Nalin Kumar Kateel said Mangalore University had received a grant of Rs 20 crore, under PM-Uchchathar Shiksha Abhiyan (USHA) scheme.

“I have been the MP for the last three terms. During my first tenure as MP, with Manmohan Singh as Prime Minister, Dakshina Kannada district received Rs 4,500 crore for



**Shivalik, one of the hostel blocks of NITK, Surathkal, virtually inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday.** DH PHOTO/FAKRUDDIN H

various development works,” he said.

In the past 10 years under Modi’s tenure, the district has received Rs 79,000 crore, he said and added that NITK received Rs 588 crore for development projects.

Kateel said, “PM Modi has emphasised on ‘Vikas Bharat’ and has given priority to education sector. National Education Policy aims to usher

in reforms in the education sector.” It is a matter of pride that NITK is one of the top 12th engineering institutes in the country, the MP added. “It was the vision of U S Malya that led to the setting up of KREC (presently NITK) in Surathkal,” Kateel remarked.

NITK Director Prof B Ravi said the government had been investing in education, which is the future of the country.

He said that a consortium led by NITK will be presenting its proposal on a “smart sustainable campus” along with 15 to 16 consortiums from various institutions across the country.

During the live streaming of PM’s programme at MU, in-charge Vice-Chancellor Prof Jayaram Amin said that it is a matter of pride that the university has been selected under PM-Uchchathar Shiksha Abhiyan (USHA) scheme. The scheme will help in strengthening the university.

The goal of the scheme was to enhance infrastructure development and soft skill development and improve research capabilities, academic ecosystem and innovation.

The grant will enable Mangalore University to be identified at the national level as a university imparting quality education, he said.