

# Kindle library inaugurated at NITK

**MANGALURU, DHNS:** A state-of-the-art Kindle library, a technologically advanced digital lab facility and the newly established 'Akshara' cafeteria at Central Library, were inaugurated at the National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) in Surathkal here recently.

NITK Board of Governors Chairperson Vijay Sankeshwar inaugurated the Digital lab facility and 'Akshara' Cafeteria located at the Central Library. Kindle Library, funded by donations from the NITK 1996 alumni batch, is a significant addition to the Central Library.

The alumni have donated 15 Kindle devices to kickstart this initiative. Kindle Library will provide patrons with access

to a vast collection of e-books and digital resources, enabling them to read and learn on the go.

The Digital lab is designed to be used by students and for workshops. This facility is expected to increase the usage of e-resources, as the library subscribes to a lot of digital content in the form of e-books, e-journals, databases and so on. Centre for System Design (CSD) NITK donated an electric two-wheeler to Central Library, further enhancing the facilities available to students and staff.

Librarian Dr Mallikarjun Angadi expressed his gratitude and said, 'Library is deeply indebted to the alumni of the 1996 batch, whose significant financial contribution

has been instrumental in the project's fruition.'

Central Library at NITK Surathkal is committed to staying at the forefront of technology and innovation. With an annual budget of around Rs five crore, the library boasts a rich and diverse collection of more than 87,000 print books, 23,776 e-books, 69 print periodicals, 11,094 full-text e-journals, 16,357 bound volumes, 2,453 CD ROMs, 700 plus Ph.D. e-theses and 26 databases.

The establishment of a Kindle Library at NITK library is a major step forward in providing the patrons with the latest technology and resources to support their learning and growth, said NITK Director Prof B Ravi.