

GATE not mandatory for PhD: NITK

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Mangaluru: The National Institute of Technology Surathkal has announced that the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) score is no longer a mandatory requirement for its PhD programmes from this academic year. This change aims to encourage more aspirants to join these courses and pursue higher education.

Those who have a GATE score can also apply. However, for all PhD admissions under

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all categories scholarship and non-scholarship, candidates must qualify for the national level written test and a technical interview, both

conducted by the respective Departmental Research Programme Committee (DRPC) of the concerned departments in physical mode at NITK Surathkal.

Dwarakish GS, dean (academics) at NITK Surathkal, said that GATE scores were mandatory for applying for PhD and other postgraduate courses at the institution in previous years.

However, to attract and accommodate more candidates, the mandatory GATE score requirement has been remo-

ved. He explained that last year, a total of 140 vacancies were available for PhD across its 14 departments at NITK Surathkal, out of which only 50 were filled. The hindrance was the GATE score.

"A lot of candidates step back from applying for PhD as they don't appear for GATE. As a result, they cannot apply," shared Dwarakish. After the relaxation, the institution has seen a two-fold increase in applications for 180 PhD vacancies for this academic year.