

# **Governance Guidelines Document**

**2015-16**

**National Institute of Technology  
Karnataka, Surathkal**

## **1. Institution**

National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) Surathkal, formerly known as Karnataka Regional Engineering College (KREC) Surathkal, was established in the year 1960 at Srinivasnagar, Mangalore, Karnataka State. Sri U. Srinivasa Mallya, a visionary and a philanthropist was instrumental in the establishment of this Institute and hence the campus is named after him as "Srinivasnagar". KREC made a small yet significant beginning with 3 Departments offering BE programs in Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. Since then KREC grew from strength to strength and set unprecedented records in the field of technical education in the country. Initially the College was affiliated to the University of Mysore but in 1980 the affiliation was transferred to the Mangalore University. With every passing batch of students who went on to conquer unexplored domains in the service of humanity, the stature of KREC grew and the world recognized and applauded. So much so, 'Surathkal' is synonymous with high quality engineering education. In 2002, the Government of India decided to grant full autonomy and accordingly the College was elevated to the status of Deemed University and renamed as the National Institute of Technology Karnataka. Subsequently, the National Institute of Technology Act, 2007 was enacted by the Parliament of India to declare India's National Institutes of Technology as Institutes of National Importance. The Act received the assent of the President of India on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 and became effective from August 15, 2007. The Institute is governed by the rules and statutes of the NIT Act.

The Institute has established itself as a premier center engaged in imparting quality technological education and providing support to research and development activities. The Institute has a long tradition of research for several decades in both traditional and modern areas of engineering and sciences in all departments. The Institute has been actively involved in applied research in looking at and resolving problems faced by the society in several areas. NITK attracts students from all over the country and abroad. NITK graduates are sought after by top industries/companies and the Institute has been rated as one of the best Institutions in the country with regard to student placements. Many of its alumni occupy coveted positions both in India and abroad and are a source of pride and inspiration to the Institute. NITK is consistently rated among the top engineering and technological institutes in India. Today, the Institute offers nine B. Tech programmes, 27 Post graduate programmes and Doctoral programmes in all its fourteen Departments and is making significant advances in R&D and outreach activities too.

### **1. Vision and Mission**

#### **Vision:**

To facilitate transformation of students into good human beings, responsible citizens and competent professionals, focusing on assimilation, generation and dissemination of knowledge.

**Mission:**

- Impart quality education to meet the needs of profession and society, and achieve excellence in teaching-learning and research.
- Attract and develop talented and committed human resource, and provide an environment conducive to innovation, creativity, team-spirit and entrepreneurial leadership.
- Facilitate effective interactions among faculty and students, and foster networking with alumni, industries, institutions and other stake-holders.
- Practice and promote high standards of professional ethics, transparency and accountability.

**2. Governing Body/ Council****2.1 COUNCIL OF NITs**

1. Minister of HRD, Government of India	Chairperson
2. Education Secretary, Ministry of HRD, Government of India	Member
3. Chairperson of National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal	Member
4. Director of National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal	Member
5. Chairman, UGC	Member
6. Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education	Member
7. Director General, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research	Member
8. Secretary, Department of Bio-Technology, Government of India	Member
9. Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India	Member
10. Secretary, Department of Information Technology, GOI	Member
11. Secretary, Department of Space, Government of India	Member
12. Not less than three but not more than five persons to be nominated by the Visitor, at least one of whom shall be a women, having Special knowledge or practical experience in respect of education, Industry, science or technology	Member
13. Three members of Parliament, of whom two shall be chosen by the House of the people and one by the Council of States	Member
14. Two Secretaries to the State Government, from amongst the ministries or departments of that Government dealing with technical education where the Institutes are located.	Member
15. Financial Adviser, Ministry of HRD, Government of India	Member
16. Joint Secretary (Technical)/Additional Secretary (Technical), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, GOI	

**2.2 Governing Body****Roles and Responsibility****Chairperson:**

The Chairperson ordinarily presides at the meetings of the Board and at the Convocations of the Institute. It is duty of the Chairperson to ensure that the decision taken by the Board is implemented.

**Director:**

The Director is the principal academic and executive officer of the Institute and is responsible for the proper administration of the Institute and for the imparting of instruction and maintenance of discipline therein. He submits annual reports and accounts to the Board.

**Registrar:**

The Registrar acts as the Secretary of the Board and Senate. He exercises such other powers and performs such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Director. The Registrar is responsible to the Director for the proper discharge of his functions.

**3. Appointment**

**Chairperson** and **Director** are nominated/appointed by the President of India who is the visitor of the institute.

**Board Members:**

- Two persons not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India nominated by the Central Government in the areas of technical education and finance.
- Two persons nominated by the Govt. of Karnataka, from amongst persons, who are technologists or industrialists of repute.
- Two persons nominated by the NIT Council, at least one of whom shall be a woman, having practical experience in field of education, engineering or science.
- One professor and one assistant professor of the Institute nominated by the Senate.

**3.1 Current Board of Governors**

Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Managing Director IBM India Private Limited Embassy Golf Links Business Park Block A, Off Gandhinagar Koramangala Intermediate Ring Road Bengaluru – 560 071.	Chairperson
Shri Shashi Prakash Goyal Joint Secretary (TE) Ministry of Human Resource Development Dept. of Higher Education, Technical Education Bureau 122B-C, Shastri Bhavan New Delhi – 110 001.	Member
Ms. Darshana M Dabral Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor Ministry of Human Resource Development Dept. of Higher Education, Technical Education Bureau 120-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi New Delhi – 110 001.	Member
Shri Mudda Kedarnath Advisor – Aditya Birla Group #17, Shankar Nilaya 8th Main , 18th Cross Upper Palace Orchard	Member

Sadashivnagar Bengaluru - 560080.	
Dr. Shanth Averahally Thimmaiah Managing Director M/s. METAMORPHOSIS Project Consultants Private Limited 2nd Floor, 39th main, 4th Cross, Behind silk board, BTM Layout, 2nd stage, Bengaluru – 560068.	Member
Dr. Badekai Ramachandra Bhat Professor & head Department of Chemistry NITK, Surathkal.	Member
Dr. Kumar G.N. Assistant Professor Department of Mechanical Engineering NITK, SURATHKAL.	Member
Director N.I.T.K. SURATHKAL.	Member
Shri K. Ravindranath Registrar N.I.T.K., SURATHKAL.	Secretary

**4. There are three committees:**

- (1) Finance Committee
- (2) Building & Works Committee
- (3) Senate

**5. PRIMARY ACCOUNTABILITIES**

- Governing Body approved the institutional strategic vision, mission and plan-identifying a clear development path for the institution through its long term business plans and annual budgets

**6. OPENNESS & TRANSPARENCY**

- Annual report and Audit Report listing the performance of the institute is published and placed before the parliament. This contains information about Student Admissions, R&D Projects sanctioned, Testing & Consultancy activities, Research Papers Published, Audited balance sheet etc.
- Proceedings of the BOG meetings are uploaded on the institute website. A hard copy of the minutes is also kept in the institute library
- Students are admitted through the JEE main entrance test. The admissions to all NITs are governed by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) norms.

**7. KEY ATTRIBUTES**

- The governing body comprises of members with administrative, financial and techno-commercial backgrounds. In addition, it has representation from the MHRD, senior technocrats from industry and senior faculty members of NITK.

**8. EFFECTIVENESS AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

- The implementation of the strategic plan is regularly monitored by a committee constituted by the Board.

- All Bachelor programmes are accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) with a maximum award of five years and part of the registry of Washington Accord w.e.f July 2014.
- The institution is ranked by various agencies like India Today, The Week, GHRDC and Outlook.

#### **9. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE**

- All educational programmes of the institute are approved by the MHRD
- The fee structure is governed by the fee committee appointed by the Central Government.
- All admissions are governed by the MHRD, Govt. of India.
- All recruitments are governed by the recruitment rules notified by the MHRD.