

## IN BRIEF

**No power supply**

MANGALURU

There will be no power supply to some areas in the city on February 25 from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. The areas are Nanthoor, Aadu Maroli, Tarethota, Bajjodi, Jayashree Gate, Jayanagara. It is for maintenance works.

**Yogeshwar's tour**

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The Minister for Tourism, Environment and Ecology C. P. Yogeshwar will arrive in the city on February 26. He will plant saplings on the banks of Bairadi Kere at Padil and later visit the New Mangaluru Port and MRPL. He will hold a meeting with officials in the office of DC.

**Sports Minister coming**

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Minister for Youth Empowerment, Sports, Planning and Statistics Narayana Gowda will tour Dakshina Kannada and Udupi on February 26. He will hold a meeting in the office of Deputy Commissioner here and attend a foundation stone laying function in Hotel Ocean Pearl in the forenoon. He will visit Kaup in Udupi district in the afternoon and later hold a meeting in the office of Udupi DC

# KEONICS will set up IT park in city, says Deputy Chief Minister

Detailed project report will be submitted to govt. for approval: MD

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MANGALURU

The Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Information Technology, Biotechnology, Science and Technology, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood C.N. Ashwath Narayan said here on Wednesday that the government will set up an Information Technology Park at Derebail in the city.

Speaking to presspersons on the sidelines of Mangaluru Innovation Conclave, organised by Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd (KEONICS) and the Centre for Contemporary Issues, Bengaluru, the Minister said that the KEONICS will set up the park on its 3.25 acres in the city. There is about four-acre government land adjacent to the KEONICS land. It will also be taken into possession to develop the park.

The Minister said that earlier it had been proposed to develop the park on a public-private-partnership (PPP) model. Since no private party has come forward to develop it, now it has been decided to develop the



The audience at the inauguration ceremony of the Mangaluru Innovation Conclave in Mangaluru on Wednesday. • H.S. MANJUNATH

park through the KEONICS. S.N. Siddaramappa, Managing Director, KEONICS, said that a detailed project report (DPR) on the proposed project will be submitted to the government soon for its approval. It would require about ₹60-crore investment to construct the building at the proposed site and about two years are required to complete it.

Speaking at the conclave, the Minister said that the government is giving incentives to those Information Technology companies who set up their units outside

Bengaluru. The government has stopped providing incentives to companies which set up their units in Bengaluru.

E.V. Ramana Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Electronics, IT, BT and Science and Technology, said that the incentives included funding up to ₹3 crore, rental reimbursement, stamp duty exemption, and the like.

K. Harikrishna Bantwal, chairman, KEONICS, said that about 50,000 students passed out from colleges in Dakshina Kannada every

year. Of them about 15,000 students found jobs in Mangaluru and Udupi. The remaining went out in search of jobs. Setting up of an IT park will create job opportunities.

Nalin Kumar Kateel, MP, said that the software business in Mangaluru is expected to touch to ₹7,500 crore by 2023.

Steven David, chairman, Centre for Contemporary Issues spoke.

The MLAs D. Vedavyasa Kamath, Y. Bharat Shetty, Rajesh Naik U., and Umamath A. Kotian were present.