



‘ESDM facility could help Hubballi become next electronic hub of K’taka’



An entrepreneur interacting with Union Minister Anant Kumar Hegde and others at Deshpande Foundation's Sandbox Startups in Hubballi on Saturday

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THE presence of Electronic System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) facility could help Hubballi to become the next electronic hub of Karnataka, said Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Anant Kumar Hegde.

He was interacting with entrepreneurs at Deshpande Foundation's Sandbox Startup here on Saturday. The minister said there is great scope in the fields of artificial intelligence, electronics and block chain. Those who are looking for owning an enterprise in these fields need a high dimensional approach.

While addressing the students at Deshpande Educational Trust (DET), the Union Minister said, "Students should be passionate and confident to succeed in their desired fields. The DET is helping them to acquire required skills. In case you fail to secure a job, never get disappointed. Instead, think of a startup, which will make you

employed and at the same time, you can offer jobs to others also."

K P Krishnan, secretary of Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said there are 15,000 ITIs in India, which need to be transformed like DET as each student should be able to get the required skills through practical learning and industrial exposure. The Union government is planning to improve the quality of Skill India Mission and setting a good approach to reach out to aspirants, he added.

Deshpande Foundation's founder Gururaj Deshpande appealed to students of DET to make optimum use of the opportunities come in their way and keep climbing the ladder by acquiring different skills which are in demand.

Dr Kattesh V Katti, director of Institute of Green Nanotechnology, and director of Cancer Nanotechnology Platform at University of Missouri, Sushil Vachani, former director of IIM-Bengaluru and Vivek Pawar, CEO of Deshpande Foundation, were present.