

State moots Innovation Authority, startups vision group

BENGALURU: A Karnataka Innovation Authority will be set up to support the latest technology and a vision group will be constituted to strengthen the startup ecosystem, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa announced on Thursday.

The Innovation Authority will be chaired by the CM while Deputy Chief Minister CN Ashwath Narayan, who is also the IT&BT minister, will be its co-chairman.

The vision group for startups “will provide insights on strengthening the startup ecosystem, involving key stakeholders from industry and academia,” Yediyurappa said at a breakfast meeting with industry captains that was attended by the likes of Infosys cofounder Kris Gopalakrishnan among others.

Google AI lab in city

Google on Thursday said it is setting up an artificial intelligence research unit at Bengaluru as the tech giant aims to develop products for India and taking them to global markets.

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Karnataka will also announce a revised IT policy in the coming days as part of its mission to promote faster and inclusive growth, the chief minister said.

“The policy will focus on attracting investments and employment to tier-2 and tier-3 cities.”

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