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the undergraduate, postgraduate and research courses and claims to have more than 35,000 engineers as its alumni since its establishment in 1962.

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## Use nature as a laboratory to teach, says Kalam

Staff Reporter

**BANGALORE:** Teachers should use nature as a laboratory to teach students, instead of blaming lack of lab facilities, the former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam told science teachers on Thursday.

Dr. Kalam was speaking here after inaugurating the Galaxy Forum India 2011, organised jointly by the Bangalore Association for Education and International Lunar Observatory Association.

### Innovative learning

Active teachers, interactive classrooms and a good environment would make children active, he said, citing the example of a young teacher in a village in Andhra Pradesh who used the moon in the sky to teach children basic astronomy.

Though the school was not well-equipped, the teacher made students sit on the floor during full moon and taught them about it.

Recalling his own school-days, he said teachers took his class to the Rameshwaram seashore to demonstrate bird

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flight. This was the best way to use nature in study, Dr. Kalam said.

He also stressed the need for green fuels to protect the environment, underscoring the need for solar energy and biofuel.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda said that the Government intends to build planetariums at Nandi Hills near here and Pilikula in Mangalore.

A sum of Rs. 7 crore had been earmarked to set up a vision group comprising experts to train science teachers.

Chairman of Bangalore Association for Science Education (BASE) U.R. Rao and Minister for Science and Technology Anand Asnotikar spoke.

### Inaugurates meet

Later in the afternoon, Dr.

Kalam inaugurated the Project Management National Conference 2011 hosted by the Project Management Institute.

### Aim

The three-day conference seeks to provide a common networking platform for thousands of professionals across all industries to participate actively in nation-building.

### Dreams realised

Meanwhile, it was a dream come true for many children with learning disorders at Insight Academy when Dr. Kalam dropped in to interact with them.

### 'Greatness of knowledge'

The former President emphasised the importance and greatness of knowledge, and quality education.

## Night bus services to Mangalore, Kundapur from city extensions

Staff Reporter

**BANGALORE:** Starting Thursday, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation launched night bus services — that were leaving daily from Kempe Gowda bus station — to Mangalore and Kundapur from various locations in the city.

According to a KSRTC release, the timings, nature of service and place of departure

follows: Jayanagar 7 p.m. and J.P. Nagar 7.30 p.m. (ultra deluxe); R.T. Nagar 8.15 p.m., Koramangala 9.30 p.m., Vijayanagar 9.30 p.m. and Shantinagar 9 p.m. (Volvo).

Following are the details of buses leaving for Kundapur: Katriguppe 6.30 p.m. (Carona sleeper); J.P. Nagar 7.15 p.m. and Yelahanka 7.30 p.m. (ultra deluxe); Koramangala 9.30 p.m., J.P. Nagar 7 p.m., and Jayanagar 7.30 p.m. (Vol-

## Policemen facing graft charge still 'untraceable'

Staff Reporter

**BANGALORE:** Amruthahalli Police Station Inspector Ratnakar Shetty and Constable Suhail have remained untraceable even 24 hours after their alleged escape from the station following a raid by Lokayukta officials Wednesday evening. Senior officers of the city police are now planning to seek public help by issuing lookout notices for the two