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Vice President of India Hamid Ansari (centre) presents the Bangalore Nano National Award for 2008 to Prof Dipankar Chakravorty at the Nano Technology meet as Prof C N R Rao applauds

Rs 100-cr nano hub for city

Centre will grant funds for setting up Institute of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

BANGALORE MIRROR BUREAU

The government will set up a Nanotechnology Vision Group outside Bangalore, which will be a hub for nanotechnology, Karnataka chief secretary Sudhakar Rao has said. It will be headed by Prof C N R Rao, chairman, Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister.

Speaking at the 2nd Bangalore Nano here on Saturday, he said a nanotechnology park will be set up for development of entrepreneurs. "Nanotechnology is a young science in India. But to develop this science, talent should be tapped in rural India," said Prof Rao, who is also the chairman of Vision Group on Science & Technology and Nanotechnology, government of Karnataka.

Vice President Hamid Ansari said new technologies come with new threats so a code of conduct should be developed for nanoscience and nanotech-

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The state government has declared Bangalore as 'Nanocity of India'. Following this declaration, Karnataka will encourage R&D in nanoscience and nanotechnology and create opportunities for commercialising nanoscience and facilitate development of small, medium and large-scale industries in nanotechnology.

nology. Chief minister B S Yeddyurappa could not attend the meet as he was away in the US.

Home minister V S Acharya said 14 acres of land has been earmarked for setting up Institute of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology. The Centre is granting Rs 100 crore for the purpose.

Prof D Chakravorty, Emeritus professor and Indian National Science Academy honorary scientist, was presented with the Bangalore Nano Award.