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Rs 100-cr nanotech institute to be set up in Bangalore

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The Karnataka government has allotted 14 acres of government land for setting up the 'Nano-institute' — Institute of Nano Science and Technology — in Bangalore. The centre will be set up under the guidance of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), with a Rs 100-crore grant from the government of India from its budgetary provision of Rs 1,000 crore for nanotechnology initiatives. The state government is further planning to develop a Nano Park and Incubation Centre, Karnataka home minister V S Acharya, said here during the weekend.

He was speaking on the occasion of the second edition of Bangalore Nano where Vice-President M Hamid Ansari, governor Rameshwar Thakur, C N R Rao, chairman, Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, and Ajit Sapse, group president — Research & Technology, Reliance Industries Ltd, decided to call Bangalore the "Nanocity of India".

The theme of 2nd Bangalore Nano is 'Nanotechnology in India's future'.

The Karnataka government has promised to take every possible measure to encourage research and development in nanoscience and nanotechnology, create opportunities for the commercialisation of



D Chakravorty of Indian National Science Academy, C N R Rao, chairman, Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Aravind Jannu, director, IT&BT and MD, KEONICS, and Pulickel M Ajayan of Rice University, Houston, Texas, at the 2nd Bangalore Nano 2008, in Bangalore BS PHOTO

nanoscience and facilitate development of small, medium and largescale industry committed to nanotechnology.

Vice-President Hamid Ansari said it is now globally accepted that nanotechnology is dramatically changing the face of industry and economy and will be a transformative force in the future of India and the world.

"Bangalore Nano has encouraged budding entrepreneurs with business ideas by

bringing them face-to-face with industry professionals and venture capitalists on a common platform to facilitate networking and business interactions. We need more such platforms in the country for various industry and research sectors," Ansari said.

V S Acharya said the Karnataka government has taken the lead in exploring priority areas of nano scientific research and technology.

C N R Rao said India could

be a nanotechnology leader if it taps young talent, particularly from rural India. "Nanotechnology, with its own challenges, promises an exciting future for Karnataka and India," he said.

Rao conducted a special session 'Nano for the Young', attended by over 300 students, professors and young scientists from colleges like Mount Carmel, JNC, Acharya P S, MVJ Medical, Dayanand Sagar and GKVK.