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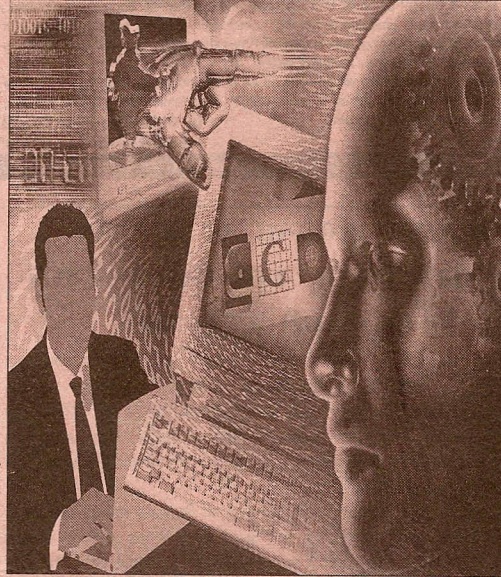
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**BANGALORE** will soon have an Institute of Nano Science and Technology. The Rs 100-crore centre would be set up under the guidance of JNCASR through a grant by the Union government from the budgetary provision of Rs 1,000 crore for the nano science and technology initiative.

Work on the proposed institute is likely to commence in the next couple of months even as the Karnataka government plans to come up with a nano park and incubation centre.

At the inaugural of the Bangalore Nano 2008 conference here on Saturday, vice-president of India Hamid Ansari said that public funding for scientific and technological research and development should aim at enhancing public welfare and economic development.

"The government is aware that capacity building in this upcoming area of research will be of utmost importance. Last year, the nano mission was launched as an umbrella programme for capacity building which envisages the overall development of this field of research and to tap some of its applied potential for the nation's development," he added.

The vice-president further said that as part of the nano mission, research on fundamental aspects of nano science and training of manpower would receive prime attention, adding that "It will also strive for development of products and processes for national development, especially in areas of national relevance like safe drinking water, drug delivery."

He said that the mission would seek to forge linkages