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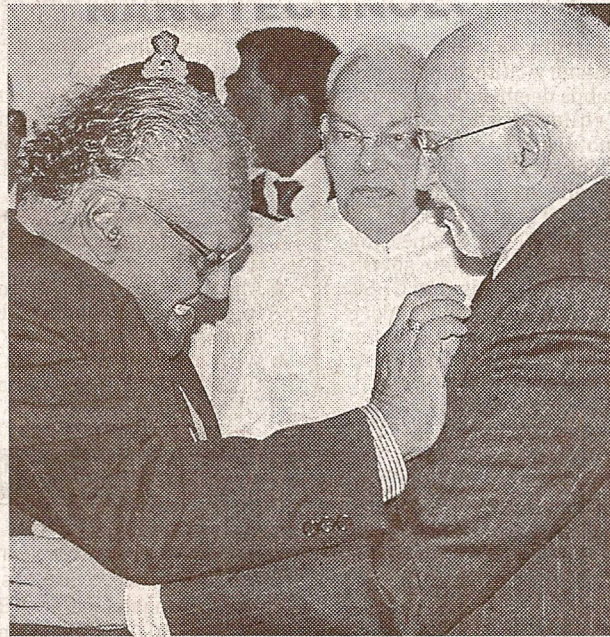
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# Ansari at Nano 2008

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VICE-PRESIDENT M Hamid Ansari emphasised on the importance of focusing on nano science and technology to uplift the social conditions of the masses of the country here on Saturday. While speaking in his inaugural address at the second Bangalore Nano-2008 he said: "With a significant portion of our population dependent on agriculture, we must ask if nano technological applications can improve the efficiencies and output of the sector. In a developing country, can new technologies help provide basic amenities such as clean energy, clean drinking water, affordable health care and low cost housing?"

Ansari said that a country needs development on the technology front that is the bottom-up driven rather than top-down driven. So, all stakeholders, must have a greater say in the development of nano technology, he said. Ansari suggested a code of conduct for nano technologies research and said that promotion of basic research should go hand-in-hand with research on environmental and safety concerns.



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Vice-President Hamid Ansari, professor C N R Rao and Governor Rameshwar Thakur at the Nano 2008 in Bangalore on Saturday