

'Bangalore Nano' 2008 in December

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July 16: The second edition of 'Bangalore Nano' — the city's very own event to promote the growth of nanotechnology industry and research — is to be held from December 12 to 14. The event is jointly organised by the state Department of IT and Biotechnology, the Jawaharlal

Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) and MM Activ Scitech Communications Co.

The focal theme of the event this year will be 'Nanotechnology in India's future'. The event will create opportunities for innovators, researchers, academia, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and large business enterprises to showcase the latest advancements

in nanotechnology, the organisers said.

State Science and Technology minister Anand Asnotikar said that the application of nanotechnology in various products is estimated to be US \$ 15 billion currently but is expected to touch a trillion dollars by 2015.

IT Secretary Ashok Manoli said, "The State is geared up to take numerous initiatives for the

growth of nanotechnology sector. It is known for innovation in the IT and Biotechnology sectors and will replicate the same for the growth of nanotechnology. There is a lot of research and innovation done by small companies in India and Bangalore Nano will provide them a platform to showcase the emerging technologies and explore global tie-ups."

Prof. Ajay Sood of the Depart-

ment of Physics, Indian Institute of Science, said: "Nano revolution is already on and almost all countries are making big investments. With a five-year Nano mission and a Rs. 1000 crore outlay by the central government, India has made a beginning. Bengaluru is well placed with active research teams in institutes like the IISc and JNCASR and government initiatives like Bangalore Nano."