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Second edition of Bangalore Nano meet in December



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(From left) Principal Secretary Ashok Kumar Manoli, Minister for IT, BT and S&T Anand Vasant Asnotikar and Prof. Ajay Sood at a meeting on second Bangalore Nano at ITC Windsor, in Bangalore on Wednesday.

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MINISTER for Science and Technology and Fisheries Anand Asnotikar on Wednesday, set the ball rolling for the second edition of the Bangalore Nano conference, which will be held in December.

The prestigious event will be held from December 12 to 14 at Hotel Grand Ashok, focusing on issues relating to Nanotechnology research and development, innovation, policy, investment, commercialisation and global opportunities. The conference, which is to be held under the theme, 'Nanotechnology in India's fu-

ture', will be a platform to bring together nano scientists, industrialists and government agencies on one platform to discuss and create a roadmap on how Nanotechnology can be a catalyst in India's future growth.

The sessions to be held during the three-day conference will spell out the role and impact of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology in the areas of industry and manufacturing, energy and environment, health and pharma, ICT and electronics, chemicals and nanomaterials, food and agriculture etc. The conference is expected to attract government officials, business lead-

ers, investors, venture capitalists, scientists, engineers and academia.

The Minister said that the State Government would explore the possibility of extending budgetary support in the area of Nanoscience and technology. "The Centre had allotted Rs 100 crore to set up the Institute of Nano Science and Technology in Bangalore. The other institutes will be set up in Kolkata and Mohali," he said. The Centre had also made a budgetary allocation of Rs 1,000 cr for 'Nano Mission', to carry out research and development and to make the country a hub for nanoscience and technology, he added.