

National Foundation to be set up to promote research in science

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THE CHAIRMAN Board of Governors of IIT and scientific advisor to the President, Dr CNR Rao said that the government has decided to set up a national foundation to promote education and research in different disciplines of science.

Talking to newsmen here on Friday, Dr Rao said that the proposal was under serious consideration of the government and it would be materialised soon. He further said that two more centres of Indian Institute of Sciences would be set up in Central India and North India to promote research in science. In addition to it, a task force would be constituted for promoting interest of women in science and technology.

Referring to IIT-K, he said it was doing extremely well in science and technology and efforts were afoot to strengthen the scientific teaching at MSc level. He said research avenues would also be enhanced in the wider interest of the students. Besides new fellowships would be introduced to encourage foreign experts in sciences to join here and impart science and technological



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CN Rao, scientific advisor to President APJ Abdul Kalam, addressing a press conference, in Kanpur on Friday.

education to the students, Dr Rao said.

Earlier, Dr Rao delivered his expert lecture on the recent developments in Nano Science. He informed that new scanning electron

microscope and atomic force microscope have been developed with which the minute particles could be studied and examined. This was not possible earlier with the help of existing microscopes.